

**February 8, 2022**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian W. Vaught, Chair  
 Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair  
 Rolland R. Cook  
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Jesse R. Burnett  
 James D. "Jamie" Smith  
 Stacy A. Terry

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator  
 Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk  
 Matt Hankins, Assistant County Administrator  
 Don Martin, Assistant County Attorney  
 Regina Williams, Finance Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Barry Ayers  
 William & Katherine Conaway  
 Stacy Dixon  
 Charlie Foster  
 Teresa Hagee  
 Rick Hogston

Mark Hutchinson  
 Cody Jackson  
 Gus Kincer  
 Linda Meyer  
 John Thompson  
 Zach Wright

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Terry provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM**

Chair Vaught said that the Board will be adding a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

With no one signed up to address the Board, Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time.

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**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Smith made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 8, 2022, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30111611-30111732 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30111611	01/31/2022	RADHA KRISHNA LLC	\$ 8,510.57
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/31/2022</b>			<b>\$ 8,510.57</b>

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30111612	02/01/2022	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 1,305.67
30111613	02/01/2022	ATMOS ENERGY	114.45
30111614	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30111615	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30111616	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	126.48
30111617	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	145.79
30111618	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	309.86
30111619	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30111620	02/01/2022	CENTURYLINK	4,818.51
30111621	02/01/2022	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	8,484.48
30111622	02/01/2022	US CELLULAR	1,243.27
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/01/2022</b>			<b>\$ 20,098.29</b>

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30111623	02/08/2022	AGA	\$ 105.00
30111624	02/08/2022	AMAZON	1,003.26
30111625	02/08/2022	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECH	460.04
30111626	02/08/2022	BIG WALKER SWCD	2,000.00
30111627	02/08/2022	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,257.00
30111628	02/08/2022	BOXLEY	1,429.00
30111629	02/08/2022	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,884.91
30111630	02/08/2022	BUSINESS CARD	2,204.34
30111631	02/08/2022	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	166.00
30111632	02/08/2022	CARZ R US LLC	64.00
30111633	02/08/2022	CENTURYLINK	51.27

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30111634	02/08/2022	CENTURYLINK	122.98
30111635	02/08/2022	CENTURYLINK	247.34
30111636	02/08/2022	CINTAS CORP NO 2	4.88
30111637	02/08/2022	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30111638	02/08/2022	CLECO CORPORATION	3,500.00
30111639	02/08/2022	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	80,400.00
30111640	02/08/2022	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30111641	02/08/2022	CREATIVE GLASS INC	837.03
30111642	02/08/2022	CROWN AWARDS	755.50
30111643	02/08/2022	CW WARTHEN	1,757.88
30111644	02/08/2022	DC GROUP, INC	7,846.25
30111645	02/08/2022	DEMTECH VOTING SOLUTIONS	42,874.00
30111646	02/08/2022	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	1,250.00
30111647	02/08/2022	DUKE'S PRINTING	828.00
30111648	02/08/2022	DUNFORD, ARLAN B	38.83
30111649	02/08/2022	E.C. PACE COMPANY	34,726.83
30111650	02/08/2022	FARTHING, SCOT S	6,207.50
30111651	02/08/2022	FASTENAL	228.00
30111652	02/08/2022	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	285.52
30111653	02/08/2022	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC	135.00
30111654	02/08/2022	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	24.99
30111655	02/08/2022	HUNGATE BUSINESS SERVICES	338.00
30111656	02/08/2022	HOME DEPOT PRO	895.35
30111657	02/08/2022	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	20.00
30111658	02/08/2022	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	2,000.00
30111659	02/08/2022	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	37,338.08
30111660	02/08/2022	JP COOKE CO	45.70
30111661	02/08/2022	KING-MOORE INC	1,657.50
30111662	02/08/2022	LANE GROUP	1,914.00
30111663	02/08/2022	LEXISNEXIS	740.00
30111664	02/08/2022	LOWE'S	166.51
30111665	02/08/2022	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	1,091.00
30111666	02/08/2022	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	1,227.20
30111667	02/08/2022	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AME	303.80
30111668	02/08/2022	MXN CORPORATION	5,025.00
30111669	02/08/2022	MAILFINANCE INC	474.00
30111670	02/08/2022	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	56,884.28
30111671	02/08/2022	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	40.00
30111672	02/08/2022	ASHLYN N LEHMKUHL	67.15

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30111673	02/08/2022	CAROLYN DUNFORD	22.35
30111674	02/08/2022	DAVID GALLIMORE	30.00
30111675	02/08/2022	DISTRICT III GOV. CO-OP	79.21
30111676	02/08/2022	DONNIE DEAN	30.00
30111677	02/08/2022	JOSHUA M CHARLES	63.71
30111678	02/08/2022	LOIS PATTERSON	30.00
30111679	02/08/2022	MARTY DOWDY	47.65
30111680	02/08/2022	MARY A ROSENBAUM	30.00
30111681	02/08/2022	MARY PAT REPASS	30.00
30111682	02/08/2022	RICKY RIGGINS	119.99
30111683	02/08/2022	ROBERT & ANGELA LAMPKINS	54.21
30111684	02/08/2022	ROBERT E TAYLOR	8.65
30111685	02/08/2022	SHERI J KNOWLES	48.38
30111686	02/08/2022	SUSAN W. STALEY	30.00
30111687	02/08/2022	TYLER HARRINGTON	80.53
30111688	02/08/2022	TYLER HARRINGTON	90.69
30111689	02/08/2022	TYLER HARRINGTON	143.88
30111690	02/08/2022	WALTER KORNDORFER	61.62
30111691	02/08/2022	WALTER KORNDORFER	69.65
30111692	02/08/2022	PAPER CLIP	399.20
30111693	02/08/2022	PITNEY BOWES	161.48
30111694	02/08/2022	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIO	13,499.16
30111695	02/08/2022	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	116.10
30111696	02/08/2022	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	20.00
30111697	02/08/2022	R&R SEPTIC	60.00
30111698	02/08/2022	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	41.34
30111699	02/08/2022	SALEM STONE	253.92
30111700	02/08/2022	SCOT S. FARTHING ATTORNEY	189,548.00
30111701	02/08/2022	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	721.79
30111702	02/08/2022	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	2,510.95
30111703	02/08/2022	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	554.56
30111704	02/08/2022	STICKERS PLUS LTD	99.00
30111705	02/08/2022	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	1,222.25
30111706	02/08/2022	TESSCO INC	100.41
30111707	02/08/2022	THOMPSON TIRE	706.52
30111708	02/08/2022	THRIVE PAYMENTS	2,465.00
30111709	02/08/2022	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	722.40
30111710	02/08/2022	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	250.00
30111711	02/08/2022	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	75.00

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30111712	02/08/2022	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	240.58
30111713	02/08/2022	TUCK, W DOUG	405.26
30111714	02/08/2022	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	55,051.25
30111715	02/08/2022	UNIFIRST CORP	110.43
30111716	02/08/2022	USA BLUE BOOK	796.83
30111717	02/08/2022	V&M RECYCLING	87,469.36
30111718	02/08/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,794.20
30111719	02/08/2022	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	41.17
30111720	02/08/2022	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	711.39
30111721	02/08/2022	VIRGINIA COURT CLERKS' AS	320.00
30111722	02/08/2022	VIRGINIA TECH	8,660.49
30111723	02/08/2022	VITA	168.21
30111724	02/08/2022	VRAV	250.00
30111725	02/08/2022	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	160.29
30111726	02/08/2022	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	219.42
30111727	02/08/2022	WYTHE OIL DISTRIBUTORS	1,262.80
30111728	02/08/2022	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	513.95
30111729	02/08/2022	WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE	82.99
30111730	02/08/2022	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	210.18
30111731	02/08/2022	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	950.00
30111732	02/08/2022	XEROX	18.69

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/08/2022** **\$680,354.63**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/08/2022** **\$708,963.49**

Supervisor Terry seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the January 25, 2022 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the January 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Bear mentioned he has no recommendations at this time.

**FY21 AUDIT ACCEPTANCE**

Mr. Bear said that after Mr. Stone presented the audit report at the last meeting, there should have been a formal vote to accept it.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to accept the FY21 Audit Report prepared by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

**VDH OEMS GRANT**

Mr. Hankins stated that OEMS awarded this grant to the County from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) for the purchase of technology for emergency medical dispatch and the related training. The award amount is \$44,862.82 of which there is an 80/20 split with the County picking up 20%.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to accept the aforementioned grant as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

**LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD ("LMRS") ANNUAL REPORT – CODY JACKSON**

Mr. Cody Jackson appeared before the Board to summarize LMRS's annual report for 2021, a year that posed a challenge for all public safety agencies.

Mr. Jackson reported that call numbers continue to climb, an increase of about 110 calls per year since 2019. Last month alone, they were dispatched to 188 calls and ran 147 of those, with Mutual Aid responding to the remainder.

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Revenue recovery has been very positive since they changed billing companies, and their recovery rate went from about 40% to 62%. From 2020 to 2021, LMRS increased their revenue by approximately \$25k. They were also fortunate to be awarded nearly \$230,000 in grant funding last year that allowed them to replace their ambulance, update their technology, cover increased payroll (due to pandemic) and purchase three state-of-the-art cardiac monitors.

Mr. Jackson said that construction has begun on their building and they anticipate completion in the next few months. In addition, the newly purchased rock boat will allow them to provide rescue services in a safer manner.

Mr. Jackson expressed his appreciation to all the people of LMRS who made it possible for them to move forward and progress in spite of the challenges the pandemic posed. It was a true testament to their success when LMRS was deemed ineligible for provider relief funds from the government due to their minimizing losses and sound financial management.

Mr. Bear noted that a 62% recovery rate is good for our area and they should be commended.

Mr. Jackson said their board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and this Board is invited. Mr. McRoberts and Supervisor Smith regularly attend.

Chair Vaught asked if they expect mutual aid to change once LMRS expansion is complete.

Mr. Jackson responded that it is their goal to hire and fill some of that future space, and that he has been speaking with Mr. McCabe and Mr. Hankins about strategies to best meet the call volume. While they are excited about Blue Star coming, they understand the significant increase in call volume that it will bring.

Supervisor Cook asked if the 30% increase in call volume was due to COVID.

Mr. Jackson said that it's been a steady climb year after year and not entirely related to COVID.

Vice Chair Lawson thanked Mr. Jackson and all of LMRS for their great work.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE AMENDMENT REQUEST**

Sheriff Foster stated that his office is running low on overtime funds, due in part to increased hours/manpower dealing with COVID, ECOs, TDOs, etc. They are averaging approximately \$20k per month in overtime and the transfer of \$100k will get them through this budget year. The Sheriff initially requested to transfer \$40k, but he needs to increase that amount to \$100k. His office has been averaging around 500 hours of overtime per month.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from PAF and amend and appropriate same to 31021-413300.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry
	Jesse R. Burnett	

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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Chair Vaught asked if the TDO (Temporary Detention Order) issue is getting any better.

Sheriff Foster responded that it has not improved, and he hopes that legislation will soon pass to correct the problem.

The Chair received an invitation to the groundbreaking for a new facility for juveniles, but there is still no solution for the adult TDO issue. He expressed concern and said that it's bad not only for the person involved, but it's bad for law enforcement and it's unfair to the citizens of Wythe County.

Mr. Bear commented that there is a bill pending that would fund one new deputy position for Wythe County (based on population).

### **PHOTO ENFORCEMENT – BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS**

Sheriff Foster introduced Mr. Mark Hutchinson from Blue Line Solutions to present his company's True Blue Speed Enforcement program. Legislation passed last year allowing speed enforcement cameras in school zones and work zones in the State of Virginia. Initially, the Sheriff had reservations about the cameras but after learning more about it,



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he found many aspects of the program to be very beneficial. With current staffing, the Sheriff said he can't afford to put a man in every school zone every day. He noted serious safety issues in the Jackson Memorial, Fort Chiswell, and Rural Retreat Elementary areas. True Blue Speed Enforcement cameras are license plate readers so the Sheriff's Office can know every vehicle that enters/exits the school area. Virginia Code states that if this is adopted, there needs to be a County Ordinance.

Mr. Mark Hutchinson, founder and owner of Blue Line Solutions was previously Chief Deputy in Johnson County and has been in law enforcement for many years. Most of his experience has been in either administration or traffic. He learned after a tragic accident that traffic enforcement is the only proactive thing a police officer can do to help save lives. With a passion for traffic safety, Mr. Hutchinson started this company in 2010 and said his company differs from other companies who just want to "write tickets and cash checks". True Blue Speed Enforcement is safety-focused to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in school zones, whereby reducing tickets and citations. He said that roll-out of this program is similar to the roll out of the 'Click-it or Ticket' program (i.e. surveys, public information education, warning and enforcement). Mr. Hutchinson said he expects to see a 60% reduction in speeding before the first ticket is written!

#### **5-DAY SPEED DATA SURVEYS**

##### **Violations for Exceeding 10mph Over Speed Limit**

Jackson Memorial	1,012 violations out of total traffic count of 5,155
Speedwell Elementary	287 violations out of total traffic count of 2,710
Rural Retreat Elementary	1,716 violations out of total traffic count of 8,299
Ft. Chiswell	2,656 violations out of total traffic count of 12,406

#### **24-HOUR SPEED DATA on INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION ZONES**

Interstate 77	37,380 violations in a 24-hour period
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Mr. Hutchinson said that this data clearly illustrates a problem. The True Blue Speed Enforcement program costs absolutely nothing to the County. They provide equipment, infrastructure, everything. Mr. Hutchinson added that an officer from the Sheriff's Office must validate and approve any citation before it gets sent out.

Supervisor Cook asked about the cost of having a deputy certifying the data.

Mr. Hutchinson responded that the time to approve/decline citations is minimal, and with stationary cameras in the school zones, deputies would no longer be required.

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Virginia law does not allow a revenue-share of any kind, and it states that fines can be established up to \$100. Once a deputy approves the citations, True Blue will send them out and collect the fines on behalf of the County. The County will receive a monthly check for all fines received, less a \$15 processing fee for each citation.

Supervisor Horney asked if the Speed Enforcement would only run during school hours or would it operate 24/7?

Mr. Hutchinson believes it would be up to the Sheriff and the Board. In addition, he said that if a deputy writes a ticket today to someone speeding in a school zone, the fine would typically be much higher than \$100. Also, these citations will not go on one's driving record (license and insurance).

Sheriff Foster believes the fine should be \$100 for the citations.

Supervisor Smith likes the tag readers especially around schools that are somewhat remote and/or near the interstate.

Mr. Hutchinson added that not only do the cameras help reduce the number of speeding vehicles, but they have also been instrumental in solving crimes in the camera area.

Supervisor Burnett asked about language that states the County will not receive any proceeds until the equipment investment has been paid.

Mr. Hutchinson responded that the contract will state they request a 24-month period to recoup their cost of the infrastructure. For example, if Blue Line invested \$300k in equipment and in month two the County decides to cancel, then the County would have to reimburse Blue Line for that investment. Mr. Hutchinson added that, to date, it has never happened. In addition to receiving collected fines, the County will also receive, on a monthly basis, a detailed revenue report.

Supervisor Cook added that while there may not be a serious speeding issue at Sheffey, the cameras could help prevent kids from abduction and/or other types of criminal activity.

Sheriff Foster would like to see the revenue invested back into the school system and perhaps fund more of the deputy positions that the County is helping with. In addition, the Sheriff said Dr. Poole seems very interested in the speed enforcement program.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to authorize the County Attorney to draft an ordinance for implementation of the speed enforcement program with a related \$100 fine.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:           Rolland R. Cook                               B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
                  James D. "Jamie" Smith               Stacy A. Terry  
                  Jesse R. Burnett

NAYS:           None

ABSTAIN:      Brian W. Vaught                               Ryan M. Lawson

Mr. Bear stated that the County Attorney will also review the sole source requirements and determine whether Blue Line qualifies.

Chair Vaught would like to see substantial public education associated with implementing this program.

**VACATION RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUEST**

Ms. Michelle Cassell, of the Planning Commission, received a request from Mr. James Bilbry and the Max Meadows Ruritan Club to vacate the undeveloped right-of-way located behind the Ruritan Club building.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize staff to proceed with advertising the proposed vacation right-of-way, and for the County Attorney to draft necessary ordinance.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

**MAX MEADOWS SANITARY SEWER BUDGET**

Mr. Bear reminded the Board of the \$1.2M loan (zero percent interest) discussed at the last meeting for the sanitary sewer project. He requests the Board amend and appropriate \$200k for engineering services, and said the rest of the funding for this project will come out of next year's budget.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to amend and appropriate \$200,000 to 9060-470518 for the Max Meadows Sanitary Sewer project engineering services.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### **PROGRESS PARK LOT 24 SEWER EXPANSION**

Mr. Bear announced that a variety of bids were received for the pipe necessary for the sewer expansion. With the current environment and lengthy turn-around time, Mr. Bear requests Board approval now to amend and appropriate \$400k for the sewer expansion pipe.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to amend and appropriate \$400,000 to 9060-470519.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: James D. "Jamie" Smith

### **911 ROAD NAME REQUEST**

Mrs. Darlene Lang, Director of 911 Dispatch, has requested that a road off of Major Grahams Road be named Martha Bell Isle Road. It was noted that Martha Bell was the name of the wife of Major Graham.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve naming the street off of Major Grahams Road to Martha Bell Isle Road.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

### **LOT 24 PLAT**

Mr. Bear presented the Board with a final plat for Lot 24, now divided in two, establishing Lot 24A and Lot 24B. Approval is requested to proceed with recording the subject plat.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, authorizing staff to proceed with the creation of Lot 24A and Lot 24B in the subject plat.

The motion passed with six ayes and one abstention.

### **WASTEWATER BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Mr. Bear had one additional item for consideration as it pertains to the PER for expansion of the Fort Chiswell Wastewater Treatment Plant. Approval is requested to amend and appropriate \$50k for the treatment plant expansion PER.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to amend and appropriate \$50,000 to 9060-470501 for the Preliminary Engineering Report for Fort Chiswell Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Mr. Bear also said that regarding the PER, last week the County submitted a grant application to ARC for \$700k. Initially, the application was for \$500k but the County was then allowed an additional \$200k toward this construction project.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Clerk of the Circuit Court Grant – Supervisor Terry was contacted by Moe Musser last week who was awarded a \$10k grant but has yet to receive the money, if someone could help him with the issue.



**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

### **COUNTY-WIDE SPELLING BEE**

Chair Vaught took a moment to congratulate the Fort Chiswell Middle School student who won the county-wide spelling bee this evening.

### **RECESS**

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to recess until Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for a work session with VDOT. The meeting will be held in the EOC Conference Room.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

### **RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint work session with VDOT.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian W. Vaught, Chair	Jesse R. Burnett
Rolland R. Cook	James D. "Jamie" Smith

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Stacy A. Terry

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Johnny Kincer, County Engineer

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENT (VIA MS TEAMS):**

Blake Ailor

Pam Heath

Matthew Cox

Cory Osborne

Andy Fowler

**KIMLEY-HORN (VIA MS TEAMS)**

Dillon Lynch

Rob Prunty

Wes Pierce

Alex Shoemaker

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

The Board of Supervisors engaged in at-length discussions with VDOT and Kimley-Horn regarding I-81 Exits 77 and 80 interchange improvements.

VDOT reviewed the options for Exit 77 and Exit 80 and it was recommended that the Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) alternatives, the J-Ramp alternatives, and the J-Ramp with partial frontage relocation be further reviewed for potential Smart Scale application.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair