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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester

Steven T. Willis
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Bortz
Faye Carpenter
Lori Carpenter
G. W. Catron
Tonya Freeman

David Kause
Robert Kegley
Linda Meyer
Jack Rutherford
Eighteen Other Citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice Chair Hale determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jack Rutherford of the Sharon Baptist Church provided the invocation and Vice Chair Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Vice Chair Hale welcomed the citizens present at the meeting and inquired if anyone wished to address the Board.

1. Speedwell Feedlot – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer stated the following:

"I have come here several times talking about our feedlot issue in Speedwell. We have another issue. Let's call it collateral damage from the feedlot. When VDOT put in the new road, there was a house there. They took the house out and that was always a wet area, so it was, let's say a backup area for when the creek floods. Right now and as it has been, as soon as there is any kind of water coming down off of the feedlot area and the road we end up with this. I brought you a sample. This is what we have in there. It is full of microbes, all kinds of parasites, and everything else. It is within 100 feet of two houses right in the center of Speedwell. We would like you to address that contamination and see what we can do about it. It is certainly unhealthy to live within 100 feet of an open sewer and that is what it is. It is pretty messy. It is pretty stinky and has

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been that way and it is getting worse because of the effluent coming from the feedlot. That is a public health issue. We would like you to address it. We would like you to please find out what you can do about that issue and especially the effluent coming from the feedlot. It has been dry for the last few days. We are okay right now, but that gush is still there and it is not very good.”

2. Progress Park Connector Road – Ms. Meyer readdressed the Board concerning the Progress Park Connector Road project and stated the following:

“I had contacted Scott Bortz about Kents Lane, utilizing Kents Lane as an access point for the proposal for Progress Park. He wrote me back a letter. He totally missed the point. He wrote me back about a possibility of a bridge over the railroad tracks on Kents Lane. That is what nobody is interested in. We are not interested in a bridge. We are interested in just a railroad crossing with caution lights, the barrier, gates. We don’t need a grandiose bridge. That has not been addressed. It appears to have been totally disregarded because the information wasn’t forthcoming. When I left here I had specifically written it down as an access point. That is what people were interested in. We would like you to address that and please hold up on anything you might do until further investigation about a normal railroad crossing on Kent’s Lane instead of your proposed access off of Lovers Lane. Thank you.”

3. Patterson Community Center – Faye Carpenter of 107 Brim Lane in Max Meadows addressed the Board on behalf of the Patterson Community Center. Ms. Carpenter questioned if Wythe County owns the old firehouse and Patterson schoolhouse property.

Mr. Bear advised that the property was conveyed from the School Board to Wythe County in 1996.

Ms. Carpenter reported that she took over the Community Center property in 1996. She explained that she has worked to keep the Community Center doors open, but needs help. Ms. Carpenter noted that she believes that if Wythe County owns the property, then they should help maintain it. She requested the County’s assistance to maintain and repair the facility.

Vice Chair Hale asked that Mr. Bear complete a survey of the site and provide recommendations for assistance.

Mr. Bear explained that the Building and Grounds Supervisor had planned to visit the site to assess the basketball court and determine what repairs were needed. He noted that he would also ask the Building Official to visit the property.

Supervisor McRoberts agreed that Ms. Carpenter has done all that she can to maintain the property. He explained that he does not understand how the School Board obtained the property to give to the County, when they had given it to the

community in 1960. Supervisor McRoberts requested that they research this transaction and consider providing the property to the community center group.

4. Patterson Community Center – Lisa Carpenter, Faye Carpenter’s granddaughter, addressed the Board. Ms. Carpenter inquired if the County has an ordinance in place to address the maintenance of properties. She noted that property maintenance ordinances often address the height of grass and yard trash.

Mr. Bear advised that the County recently adopted a property maintenance ordinance. He explained that the ordinance does not address grass height, but does address the cleanliness of properties. Mr. Bear noted that if someone is aggrieved by the appearance of a property, they can file a complaint with the County, which will then be investigated causing the owner to clean the site if in violation.

Ms. Lisa Carpenter stated that if Wythe County is the owner and the property does not meet the necessary standards, would they clean it. She noted that the property is an eyesore, especially in the summer with the overgrowth of weeds and grass.

Mr. Bear explained that the Property Maintenance Ordinance unfortunately does not address grass or weeds. He noted that he would provide a copy of the ordinance for Ms. Carpenter.

Ms. Lisa Carpenter noted that her grandmother is maintaining and paying the utility bills for a property which she does not own. She explained that they had been promised playground equipment, a basketball court, and a tennis net, but have only received the basketball court, which the kids do use. Ms. Carpenter advised that these types of activities are needed to provide area children something to do, and in turn, keep them away from drugs and help them to become productive adults.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if the group pays rent for use of the property.

Mr. Bear explained that the County has never charged rent for the use of the property.

Supervisor McRoberts reported that the citizens purchased the block and constructed the firehouse. He noted that the building essentially belongs to the citizens.

Vice Chair Hale referred the issue to the Building and Grounds Committee for further discussion.

With no one else to address the Board, Vice Chair Hale closed Citizens’ Time.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the March 27, 2017, amended, March 28, 2017, March 29, 2017, and April 3, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the March 27, 2017, March 28, 2017, March 29, 2017, and April 3, 2017, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Joe F. Hale
Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 11, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30097882-30097952 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30097882	04/11/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$2,135.14
30097883	04/11/17	BAKER'S CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.	\$90,630.00
30097884	04/11/17	BARKER, FAYE	\$47.06
30097885	04/11/17	BARREN SPRINGS VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$9,512.00
30097886	04/11/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$13.98
30097887	04/11/17	BUSINESS CARD	\$103.10
30097888	04/11/17	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$27.50
30097889	04/11/17	BW WILSON PAPER CO.	\$638.40
30097890	04/11/17	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC.	\$500.00
30097891	04/11/17	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC.	\$14,375.00
30097892	04/11/17	CENTURY LINK	\$45.04
30097893	04/11/17	CENTURY LINK	\$53.55
30097894	04/11/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30097895	04/11/17	CW WARTHEN	\$1,097.02
30097896	04/11/17	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RETREAT	\$271.00
30097897	04/11/17	EMPIRE SALVAGE AND RECYCLING INC.	\$7,000.00
30097898	04/11/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$421.29

30097899	04/11/17	FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL	\$651.86
30097900	04/11/17	GALLS	\$54.20
30097901	04/11/17	GRANT BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30097902	04/11/17	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY	\$125.01
30097903	04/11/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$315.69
30097904	04/11/17	HUFF FORD	\$208.09
30097905	04/11/17	ID NETWORKS	\$2,317.00
30097906	04/11/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$38,731.16
30097907	04/11/17	JONES, RANDY	\$5,000.00
30097908	04/11/17	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$84.20
30097909	04/11/17	KING-MOORE INC.	\$591.50
30097910	04/11/17	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$405.40
30097911	04/11/17	LAKE NORMAN POOL AND SPA	\$1,875.00
30097912	04/11/17	LEGAL DIRECTORIES PUBLIC CO. INC.	\$8.75
30097913	04/11/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$710.00
30097914	04/11/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$11,799.93
30097915	04/11/17	PITNEY BOWES	\$591.00
30097916	04/11/17	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT.	\$558.00
30097917	04/11/17	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	\$377.35
30097918	04/11/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30097919	04/11/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30097920	04/11/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30097921	04/11/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT WYTHEVILLE	\$5,698.56
30097922	04/11/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT WYTHEVILLE	\$15,905.77
30097923	04/11/17	SEXTON, WILLIAM C JR	\$639.29
30097924	04/11/17	SIMPLEX GRINNELL	\$1,053.62
30097925	04/11/17	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION	\$15,000.00
30097926	04/11/17	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONS. INC.	\$18.50
30097927	04/11/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30097928	04/11/17	TASER INTL.	\$3,961.80
30097929	04/11/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$722.97
30097930	04/11/17	THRASHER GROUP INC.	\$5,440.00
30097931	04/11/17	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP.	\$330.00
30097932	04/11/17	TRIPLE J TREE SERVICE LLC.	\$1,200.00
30097933	04/11/17	TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	\$412.63
30097934	04/11/17	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$5,977.94
30097935	04/11/17	UNIFIRST CORP.	\$62.10
30097936	04/11/17	U S CELLULAR	\$65.10
30097937	04/11/17	U S CELLULAR	\$841.69
30097938	04/11/17	USA BLUE BOOK	\$279.00
30097939	04/11/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$70,318.91
30097940	04/11/17	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$55.11
30097941	04/11/17	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$995.71
30097942	04/11/17	VITA	\$148.41
30097943	04/11/17	VITA	\$200.64

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30997944	04/11/17	WELLS FARGO BANK	\$375.00
30097945	04/11/17	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$65.58
30097946	04/11/17	WORDSPRINT	\$279.20
30097947	04/11/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER	\$18.90
30097948	04/11/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$574.93
30097949	04/11/17	WYTHE GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$76,250.00
30097950	04/11/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,107.16
30097951	04/11/17	XEROX	\$331.29
30097952	04/11/17	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$18.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/11/17			\$457,666.95

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Joe F. Hale
Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2011-01 AMENDMENT NO. 1

County Administrator Bear announced that notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in compliance with the Code of Virginia of 1950 and amendments thereto, will hold a public hearing to receive comments related to the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 2011-1, Supervisors District and Voting Precinct Ordinance. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the matter, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on April 11, 2017, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Bear reported that the Electoral Board had requested a change in location of the Rural Retreat Voting Precinct in the Blacklick District from the Rural Retreat Fire Department to the Rural Retreat Community Center. He noted that the relocation does require amendment of the Ordinance and a public hearing.

Vice Chair Hale opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

Robert Kegley, Electoral Board Chair, addressed the Board. Mr. Kegley advised that following an inspection of all voting locations by the County Building Official in the previous summer, they were able to identify and work to resolve issues discovered.

Vice Chair Hale questioned if the entrance issues have been resolved.

Mr. Kegley advised that they have essentially addressed all entrance issues at the precincts and are in compliance with requirements.

Supervisor Houseman noted that the Rural Retreat voting precinct relocation would most likely be more convenient for the citizens.

With no one else to address the Board, Vice Chair Hale closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Ordinance 2011-01, Amendment No. 1, Supervisors District and Voting Precinct Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Mr. Bear noted that the previous motion did not include an effective date and requested re-adoption of the amendment effective April 12, 2017, at 12:01 a.m.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Ordinance 2011-01, Amendment No. 1, Supervisors District and Voting Precinct Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia, effective April 12, 2017, at 12:01 a.m.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

PROGRESS PARK CONNECTOR ROAD

The Board reviewed and discussed a report prepared by Peed and Bortz LLC detailing Progress Park Connector Road alternatives.

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Scott Bortz of Peed and Bortz LLC addressed the Board and reported the following:

"The four alternatives that are still under consideration are the bridge constructed with the connector road over Lovers Lane, the tunnel with Lovers Lane underneath the new connector road, the cul-de-sacs on either side, and then the at-grade intersection, which we will discuss in length. The cost was the major issue on these. The bridge was going to be at least \$4 million or in excess of that. The tunnel is approximately \$1.3 million and I expect that is a minimum as well. The cul-de-sacs on Lovers Lane approximately \$350,000 additional. It would reduce the paved area and would increase the land acquired by approximately half of an acre. It would obviously separate Lovers Lane on both sides. The at-grade intersection, again these are very preliminary numbers. A signalized intersection would cost approximately \$200,000. That would not have to come initially as it would be just a two-lane road now. Stops signs. Ultimately, when it does become a four-lane road, and necessitates it, it would require that \$200,000. Significant additional land. I will go into that in a little more detail in a minute. The cost of at least \$700,000 for the additional roadwork plus signalization, so ball parking it around \$1 million. These are very preliminary sketches I have pulled together. You can see that the crossing is not actually perpendicular to the new connector road. That would need to be aligned a little bit and obviously, the design on the grading I have just sketched in for now. We would need to tune those up. I am expecting the cost to come in at at least \$1 million or so. This is the at-grade intersection. Obviously with Lovers Lane the connector road on the north portion here. The Shinault property. You can see the blue, the triangle off the Shinault would be the land acquired. Approximately .44 acres, about half of an acre. That land is zoned at about \$14,000 an acre. It would put the road within about 60 feet of the house. The right-of-way within about 25 feet of the house. Obviously, you can see the road is the dark line there. The very bright blue is the land that would need to be acquired. The new right-of-way and then the house sits right about there. It is the closest house, about 60 feet off. I did show the right-of-way extending all the way on the west side down to the existing Lovers Lane because that would kind of be severed off. That parcel probably would not be any value to them, so that is why there is about .5 acre there. I think that you would need to lump that in. That lower piece that is shown as the Ryan's and that is going to come in on the next slide. The total on the Ryan piece, the northern and southern piece would be approximately 2.9 acres. These are high. I am kind of aiming a little bit high on these. In some of these areas, you can see I have extended the right-of-way out significantly. That is based on my anticipated need for some stormwater management, but again approximately 2.9 acres on this one. The house impacts would be pretty insignificant. You can see the one house and I have changed these around for the current property listings on your all's website. This is now listed under Ms. Fowler, who I believe is the daughter of the Ryan father who passed away and I am gathering that this northern parcel has gone to the son. I can't recall his first name. If I am wrong, I apologize, but I believe that is correct. Minimal impact to the house on the Fowler property and obviously no new additional impacts to the Ryan barn or the main house. It is already being impacted by the connector road. There is a potential that VDOT may require improving the existing culvert down near where the road comes back in and ties back in down there. That could cost some additional money. I don't really know what

they require on that one. Then again, the land costs on these properties are approximately \$3,800 an acre. Approximately \$10,000 additional cost for land acquisition if this is the only land that is acquired. I did also put on there the Folden property. There should be minimal to really no impacts. There might be a little bit more additional land that needs to be acquired on that west side and again there shouldn't be any house impacts. Approximately \$3,500 per acre if land does need to be acquired over there, but again I can't say there won't be additional land needed based on a storm facility or if that culvert down there or across the road. That may need to be acquired and get a little bit of land down there. That is really the bulk of the additional information. If there are any other questions that you all have I would be glad to answer then now. The goal obviously is to get direction from the Board and move forward with one of these selections."

Supervisor Houseman noted that he understands that the numbers are preliminary, but it appears that the cost of the tunnel and at-grade crossing options are similar.

Mr. Bortz stated that "Right now with preliminary numbers, yes. The tunnel. The design that we have on the tunnel right now, I would hate to commit to it because there are a lot of unknowns. I talked about it in length in the other ones. The existing road is 9% where the tunnel would go. VDOT does not like to see a tunnel at any steeper than 6% grade. We would be putting a tunnel over top of that. In addition to that, it is tough to build that tunnel, you want to build a tunnel flat. To build it at 9%, you actually have to kick it up and you have one side that would be a lot higher than the other side. To answer your question, I think it would be more expensive than 1.3. Exactly what, I don't know. I could say 1.5, 1.7."

Supervisor Houseman explained that whatever the Board decides to do, he is not in favor of closing the road and adding cul-de-sacs.

Supervisor McRoberts agreed that he is also not in favor of the cul-de-sac option.

Supervisor Horney also agreed. He inquired if the Ryans are agreeable to the County taking their barn and asked if they could work to relocate the road so that the barn is not affected. Supervisor Horney noted that it also appears that the Ryan house would be greatly impacted by the main connector road.

Mr. Bortz stated that "the barn is going literally right underneath the connector road. The main Ryan house there on the north side there that is going to be impacted by cut and fill operations. That would have to be removed. That secondary house. The southern one, it in all likelihood could stay. The reason we really haven't pushed this one, this alignment was for better or worse selected a long time ago in order to try and minimize the impact. We are paralleling the AEP right-of-way. We had looked at bobbing and weaving and trying to get around certain things and that is obviously still an option, but we are trying to take the straightest path from one or the other and trying not to cut off multiple properties. We could go around it. It gets really difficult to go north of there and cross two sets of power lines and come back across it. We could

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go south of it, but then you would have to swing fairly wide south to get around that house and then are they going to be real excited about that. This is one of those situations unfortunately where that property is going to be significantly impacted and the house and the barn.”

Supervisor Houseman noted that he believes that the tunnel option would least impact the residents.

Mr. Bortz advised that “the tunnel or bridge I would say essentially the same thing. Yes... I will address the Kents Lane. Ms. Meyer I apologize. I thought at the last meeting the thought was putting a bridge over Kents Lane or in order to remove. I guess I was really confused by Ms. Meyer because there is currently a signalized crossing there. That is why I was so confused as to what you were going for. That is why the only thing I addressed was your potential for a bridge going over it... To Amcor, right where it crosses Gator Lane. That may be the crossing you are talking about. There is not one there and the reason there is not one up there is because that is actually County owned rail. The industries do not have a problem with that crossing. It is the crossing right there at the Transfer Station that they have an issue with because that is Norfolk Southern lines. It is a lot more heavily traveled track. There is really no concern over the at-grade crossing up there by Amcor. There is no concern over that one.”

Ms. Meyer questioned why the crossing is causing an issue.

Mr. Bortz explained that “We have heard specific discussions from the industries that say they don’t want to be able to do it when they are putting that much truck traffic out there. They don’t want them stopping. They don’t want them waiting. If Mr. Manley or somebody else were here, they could probably tell you exactly what their requirements are. That has always been a goal. They don’t want to have to stop. There is also a safety issue of you are now putting that many vehicles across there if someone gets stuck. It does happen. Vehicles get stuck on tracks. That is their concern. It is not the safest procedure.”

A citizen inquired how many trucks would cross the road when Lot 24 is sold. He noted that he does not believe that many trucks cross it now.

David Kause, Joint Industrial Development Authority Chair, reported that 40,000 trucks a year travel Peppers Ferry Road in each direction for Gatorade alone.

Mr. Bear advised that the Board needs to determine which route they would prefer so that the engineer can proceed with design of the project.

Supervisor Houseman requested that Peed and Bortz prepare a more accurate cost estimate for each option prior to the Board making a definitive decision.

Mr. Bear recommended that the Board narrow the project down to two options, allowing the engineer to prepare a more exact cost estimate.

The Board agreed to reduce the alternatives to the at-grade crossing and tunnel options.

Supervisor Willis inquired if the tunnel is a viable option. He questioned if the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) would approve a tunnel.

Mr. Bortz stated, "They will consider it. It can be done. We can engineer it. It is just a matter of how much it is going to cost. I have never done a tunnel of this significance. I am a little bit hesitant. I did find out what the pre-cast units would cost. I did some estimating. I talked to one of the local bridge and tunnel contractors, DLB, about getting some prices on what the footing walls would cost. Those numbers are pretty good, but again you can't really get into the meat of it. That bank is solid rock. There are going to be some unknowns out there. There are the springs that we would obviously have to deal with. You got the creek going right along beside of it. I hate to say that I am a great engineer when it comes to a tunnel that for that length, I have not designed or we haven't really dug any test pits out there really to check on the rock. It is certainly possible and doable. It is just how much is it going to cost is the question... I will move forward on getting additional costs and trying to lock down that tunnel option a little bit more and then come back to the Board again and present that."

Vice Chair Hale advised that the Board would hold an additional public meeting once more information is available on the final two options.

RECESS

The Board recessed for a short break at 7:41 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Progress Park Lot 24 Land Application Agreement – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve the addition of Lot 24 to the Progress Park Land Application Agreement.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

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2. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Architectural Services Agreement – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve Lane Group July 26 Architectural Services Agreement Amendment No. 1A.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
 Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
 Joe F. Hale

NAYS: Gary M. Houseman

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

3. The Lane Group – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve a net reduction in the amount of \$11,000 from the total lump sum architectural and engineering fees and to set dates and hard metrics as follows: the Lane Group would provide a 75% review for the County by May 9, final plans and specifications by June 20, and County progress reviews at 75% by May 12. Should the Lane Group fail to meet these deadlines, a \$1,000 per week penalty would be assessed. If a mutually agreed upon change is enacted, then both the County and Lane Group would mutually agree upon new deadline dates.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Joe F. Hale
 Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
 Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER GRADING

The Board reviewed and discussed a memorandum from Jason McCroskey, Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Compliance Specialist, providing notice of violations observed during a visit to the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center site on April 3. The Board also reviewed and discussed a letter and supporting documents from Crystal Bazyk, Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement and Air Compliance Monitoring Manager, outlining the findings of a February 28 inspection of the Exposition Center site.

Mr. Bear reported that County Engineer Vaughan has been working with the contractor to correct the issues noted and to bring the site into compliance with the stormwater management plan. He explained that he and County Engineer Vaughan have a meeting scheduled with the Department of Environmental Quality on April 12 to discuss the violations. Mr. Bear noted that if they are able to meet as scheduled, he would update the Board on the situation following the meeting.

CROCKETTS COVE AND EAST CROCKETTS COVE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from the Planning Commission recommending adoption of Ordinance 1999-03, Amendment No. 2 for the continuation of the Crocketts Cove and East Crocketts Cove Agricultural and Forestal District with amendments as presented.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to set the public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 1999-03, Amendment No. 2 for May 9, 2017, at 7:05 p.m.

Vice Chair Hale questioned if the Planning Commission could complete the review and approval of the agricultural and forestal districts.

Mr. Bear explained that the Code of Virginia requires the Board's adoption of the ordinance and amendments following review and recommendation by an advisory committee and the Planning Commission. He noted that a full review of each district is required at minimum every ten years.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – RESOLUTION 2017-03

The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution 2017-03, Resolution for Project Adjustments, VDOT Project 0619-098-270 C501 (UPC 51454) for abandonment of the no longer used portion of Saint Peters Road and addition of recently constructed segments of Saint Peters Road into the secondary system of State highways.

Supervisor Horney recommended that the Board delay adoption of the resolution until the matter could be discussed with VDOT.

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Vice Chair Hale suggested that the Board discuss the resolution with the Virginia Department of Transportation at the April 25 Board meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to defer action on the adoption of Resolution 2017-03 until the April 25 Board meeting.

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

The Water Committee members agreed to reschedule the April 18 Water Committee meeting to the same date following the budget work session.

RECESS

With no further business to discuss, the Board recessed at 8:07 p.m. until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair	Steven T. Willis
Gary M. Houseman	Coy L. McRoberts
Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) of the Code of Virginia.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

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:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed Fiscal Year 18 revenue and expenditure budgets.

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Annual Allotment Increase – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to increase each fire department's and rescue squad's annual allotment by an additional \$10,000, with any unspent funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year placed in a fire and rescue general reserve fund.

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Following discussion, Supervisor Houseman made an amended motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to place \$60,000 in the volunteer fire department – 3202 reserve account and \$30,000 in the rescue squad – 3203 reserve account for use by the fire departments and rescue squads for maintenance and repair needs exceeding the County allocated annual budget, with unspent funds rolled over to the next fiscal year.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Joe F. Hale
	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

2. Rescue Squad Fund Distribution Program – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to develop a program for distribution of funds based on calls answered.

Following discussion, the Board directed staff to work to develop a program for the distribution of funds based on dispatch data to cover the costs of unbillable rescue squad calls answered.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Hale adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair