

December 12, 2017

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Dickens
Tony Helms

Linda Meyer
John Thompson

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Tony Helms of the Grace Baptist Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Wal-Mart Foundation Donation – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board and stated the following:

"From the last meeting. The Budget Committee requested a \$2,500 payment to, a donation to the Wal-Mart Foundation. I did some research. The profits for Wal-Mart last year were \$17 billion. Each and every one of us gives them a donation every time we shop there. I do not think it is within your definition of budgetary whatever frugality to be giving away our money. Taxpayer money. It is not at your discretion. Charitable donations should be at the public's discretion from their own pocket when they feel like it. So, last year with line item 457015, that was \$15,000 you guys decided to donate to civic organizations and with the \$2,500, you are now up to \$17,500. I hope you remember that this coming spring when we get into budget time again and do not give any donations to any civic organizations. Thank you."

With no one else to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed Citizens' Time.

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Mr. Bear responded to Ms. Meyer's comments as follows: "That was actually \$2,500 that the Sheriff's Office received from the Wal-Mart Foundation for items, and we amended and appropriated that money into our budget so that they could use that money to buy supplies. It was not a gift or a donation from the County to the Wal-Mart Foundation. It was accepting money... What was in the Committee package was the Sheriff's letter and it said 'today our office received a check from the Wal-Mart Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.' That was the information. Just wanted to clarify that."

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the November 28, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the November 28, 2017, minutes as presented.

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 Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Gary M. Houseman

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on December 12, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30099569-30099642 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099569	12/04/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,074.18
30099570	12/04/17	BUSINESS CARD	\$3,269.74
30099571	12/04/17	CENTURY LINK	\$76.87
30099572	12/04/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,922.15
30099573	12/04/17	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$40.01
30099574	12/04/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$194.86
TOTAL CHECKS 12/04/17			\$9,577.81

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099575	12/12/17	103 TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC	\$200.00

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30099576	12/12/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,122.98
30099577	12/12/17	ATLANTIC UTILITY SOLUTIONS INC.	\$1,060.00
30099578	12/12/17	BIG WALKER SWCD	\$1,500.00
30099579	12/12/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$431.16
30099580	12/12/17	BMS DIRECT INC.	\$7,042.74
30099581	12/12/17	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC.	\$1,600.50
30099582	12/12/17	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$88.00
30099583	12/12/17	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$81.55
30099584	12/12/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30099585	12/12/17	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC INC.	\$285.10
30099586	12/12/17	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL INC.	\$693.60
30099587	12/12/17	DISTRICT THREE	\$3,632.50
30099588	12/12/17	ECS MID ATLANTIC LLC	\$4,004.65
30099589	12/12/17	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CO.	\$123.77
30099590	12/12/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$1,350.38
30099591	12/12/17	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL INC.	\$93.49
30099592	12/12/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30099593	12/12/17	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	\$1,137.00
30099594	12/12/17	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY	\$3.38
30099595	12/12/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$273.71
30099596	12/12/17	HUFF FORD	\$1,146.67
30099597	12/12/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$38,833.60
30099598	12/12/17	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$317.87
30099599	12/12/17	KINCER, G. JOSEPH	\$51.94
30099600	12/12/17	KING GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.	\$18,995.06
30099601	12/12/17	KING'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	\$1,888.80
30099602	12/12/17	KING-MOORE INC.	\$1,046.50
30099603	12/12/17	KIWANIS CLUB OF WYTHEVILLE	\$516.00
30099604	12/12/17	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$1,676.00
30099605	12/12/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$197.91
30099606	12/12/17	LITTLE HENRY'S EXCAVATING AND PAVING	\$89,614.21
30099607	12/12/17	LOWES	\$2.85
30099608	12/12/17	LOWES	\$415.41
30099609	12/12/17	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$62.97
30099610	12/12/17	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$6,372.65
30099611	12/12/17	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO. INC.	\$22.94
30099612	12/12/17	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$43.00
30099613	12/12/17	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$249.98
30099614	12/12/17	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30099615	12/12/17	PAPER CLIP	\$64.77
30099616	12/12/17	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER LLC	\$2,663.45
30099617	12/12/17	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	\$31.90
30099618	12/12/17	PTM DOCUMENT SYSTEMS	\$64.79
30099619	12/12/17	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$255.00
30099620	12/12/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00

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30099621	12/12/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30099622	12/12/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30099623	12/12/17	SALEM STONE	\$100.83
30099624	12/12/17	SENTRY SERVICES	\$92.00
30099625	12/12/17	SHEEHY AUTO STORES	\$28,314.00
30099626	12/12/17	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION	\$15,500.00
30099627	12/12/17	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$435.41
30099628	12/12/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30099629	12/12/17	TESLA ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$455.00
30099630	12/12/17	TESSCO INC.	\$1,383.39
30099631	12/12/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$295.82
30099632	12/12/17	THREE RIVERS MEDIA GROUP	\$330.00
30099633	12/12/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$1,054.02
30099634	12/12/17	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$94.50
30099635	12/12/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$70,985.31
30099636	12/12/17	VACORP	\$2,611.00
30099637	12/12/17	VEBA	\$180.00
30099638	12/12/17	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	\$179.50
30099639	12/12/17	VUPS	\$64.05
30099640	12/12/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$62.45
30099641	12/12/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$663.87
30099642	12/12/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$286.88
TOTAL CHECKS 12/12/17			\$370,410.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 12/12/17 **\$379,988.79**

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ORDINANCE 2017-04 – AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING AND VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS CROSSING THE PROPERTY OF BARRY DICKENS AND SHERRI C DICKENS

The Board reviewed and discussed Ordinance 2017-04, an Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating Public Right-of-ways Crossing the Property of Barry Dickens and Sherri Dickens, located in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia.

Mr. Bear reported that Barry Dickens and other adjoining landowners had requested the vacation of the public right-of-ways located on Tenth Street between Virginia Avenue and Cleveland Avenue, Denniston Avenue from Brock Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, Virginia Avenue to Lot 4, Section 51 to Lot 2, Section 42 in Plat Book 1, Page 20, Plan C, in the community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia; and Eight Street in Plat Book 1, Page 19, Plan B, Section 32 in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia. He advised that the Board held a public hearing on November 15, but had delayed action when it was discovered that two of the landowners on Eight Street who had signed the original letter were not the actual property owners. Mr. Bear explained that the Planning Commission worked with Mr. Dickens to contact the two landowners, who have signed letters of agreement for vacation of the right-of-way. He noted that Mr. Dickens has proposed combining his multiple lots into one large lot with vacation of the right-of-ways. Mr. Bear recommended adoption of Ordinance 2017-04 as presented.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to adopt Ordinance 2017-04, an Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating Public Right-of-Ways Crossing the Property of Barry Dickens and Sherri Dickens located in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RURAL RETREAT LAKE LEASE

Mr. Bear updated the Board on the status of the Rural Retreat Lake lease between Wythe County and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Mr. Bear reported that they have been working since early 2017 to renew the Rural Retreat Lake lease agreement between the County and the DGIF for use of the Lake property. He explained that in June the DGIF indicated that they would be amenable to the lease agreement and had forwarded it to the Department of General Services. Mr. Bear stated that he followed up with the Department of General Services in October and they have requested insertion of additional language in the lease. He noted that the Department of General Services has also stated that the extension would require a public hearing on their part and had recommended extension of the current lease six months to allow for the proceedings. Mr. Bear recommended they request extension of the lease for one year to accommodate the 2018 camping season. He added that he has provided the Department of General Services additional information and hopes to have an agreement for presentation to the Board at their December 27 meeting.

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RURAL RETREAT FAIRGROUNDS LEASE

Mr. Bear updated the Board on the status of the Rural Retreat Fairgrounds lease. He explained that he has received correspondence from the Glade Mountain Saddle Club and Mountain Empire Antique Tractor and Small Engine Club expressing their willingness to accept transfer of the lease. Mr. Bear noted that they are working to draft an agreement for transfer of the lease, which would be presented to the Board at their December 27 meeting for consideration.

VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE/VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FINANCE

The Board reviewed and discussed revised Virginia Municipal League/Virginia Association of Counties (VML/VACo) Finance funding program documents for refunding of the Series 2006 general obligation bond.

Mr. Bear advised that they have worked with VML/VACo Finance for refund of the 2006 bond issuance and have selected low bidder, Skyline Bank for the project. He noted that the project would present a total debt savings of \$263,000, with \$40,000 savings this year and \$28,000 per year from 2019 through 2026. Mr. Bear explained that the New River Regional Water Authority bond debt would be shared by all three participating entities. He recommended adoption of the resolution with the revised lower interest rate as presented.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond of Wythe County, Virginia, the refunding of a certain prior bond of the County, and the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection with the bond.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Sidewalk Paver Project – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to reject all Circuit Court and General District Court courtyard paver and concrete bids and to re-advertise the project in 2018.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADMISSION TAX LEGISLATION/CIGARETTE TAX REFERENDUM LEGISLATION

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed Legislation authorizing Wythe County to levy a tax on admissions charged for attendance of any event held on the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center grounds. The Board also reviewed and discussed a proposed referendum for Wythe County to levy tax upon sale or use of cigarettes.

Chair Reeves reported that he met with Senator Bill Carrico several weeks ago and he has agreed to present both the Admission Tax and Cigarette Tax Referendum Legislation. He noted that he does not believe there should be any opposition to the Admissions Tax Legislation, as the General Assembly passed a similar bill for Washington County in the previous year. Chair Reeves advised that Senator Carrico is debating whether to submit the Cigarette Tax Referendum for all counties or just Wythe County. He explained that Senator Carrico plans to discuss with their Caucus as a whole to determine how to proceed. Chair Reeves stated that Delegate Jeff Campbell has agreed to present both bills to the House of Representatives. He added that he plans to address the appropriate Committees concerning the proposed Bills in February during Legislative Days.

2018 RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Board reviewed and discussed draft Rules of Procedure for 2018.

Chair Reeves requested that Board members review the draft Rules of Procedure and return any changes, corrections, or recommendations to Mr. Bear. He noted that they would vote on the Rules of Procedure at their January 9 Board meeting.

Mr. Bear advised that the proposed Rules of Procedure include changes to regular meeting dates as follows: the last meeting of the fiscal year would be held on Friday, June 29, the first November meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 14 due to the Virginia Association of Counties annual conference, and the final meeting in December would be held on Wednesday, December 26.

2018 MEETING CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2018 Meeting Calendar.

Supervisor Hale suggested that they reschedule the final meeting of December 2018 to Thursday, December 27 to allow all of those involved additional time to prepare for the meeting.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Bear noted that the calendar also includes monthly committee meeting days and times, which are subject to change depending upon the two new Board members' schedules. He added that as the committees are appointed, they would work to establish a regular schedule for the meetings.

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FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Houseman noted that he may be unavailable to attend the Monday, December 18 Fire and Rescue Committee meeting.

Chair Reeves added that he would also be unable to attend.

Following discussion, the Committee members agreed to reschedule the Fire and Rescue Committee meeting to Thursday, December 21 at 8 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Reeves thanked Supervisor Houseman and Supervisor Willis for their service to the Board. He noted that both have been assets to the Board and County and a pleasure to work with. Chair Reeves added that although they do occasionally disagree, they have remained friends.

Supervisor Hale noted that he would very much miss working with Supervisor Houseman. He explained that mental stimulation and challenge is beneficial to older individuals.

Supervisor Willis thanked the Board for the lessons learned, the experience, and for working around his schedule. He also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Collins and Mr. Bear.

Chair Reeves reported that the new Board member orientation was held in the previous week. He noted that they look forward to begin working with Ms. Lawson and Mr. Vaught in the new year. Chair Reeves added that the swearing in ceremony for the new Board members is scheduled for December 28 at Circuit Court and encouraged all Board members to attend.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER PROJECT

County Engineer Bill Vaughan updated the Board on the progress of the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project. He reported that the contract was signed on December 1 with the notice to proceed also issued on the same date. Mr. Vaughan advised that the west and east face foundation walls are in, all 11 west side column piers are in place, and 6 south east side column piers are in, with 5 to be completed. He noted that if the weather remains favorable, the foundation would be complete in the next few days. Mr. Vaughan stated that they have hired a new construction manager, David Shanks, for the project. He added that they signed the pay application for the bonds and mobilization, which encompasses 10% of the contract value.

Supervisor Hale noted that Mr. Shanks is more than qualified for the job. He explained that Mr. Shanks has a Bachelor's of Science in Physics with a Master's Degree in Architecture.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Bear noted that County Offices would be closing on December 22 at 12 p.m. and would remain closed December 25 and 26.

JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Supervisor McRoberts requested an update from the Joint Industrial Development Authority in an upcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Bear explained that a meeting is scheduled on December 13 with the Joint Industrial Development Authority to discuss the retail recruitment project. He noted that he would work to schedule the Joint Industrial Development Authority for a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting.

Chair Reeves requested that they also schedule a closed session for discussion of prospective industrial projects with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair