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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2016. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester
Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Billy Bowers, Building and Grounds Supervisor
Darlene Lang, Director of Consolidated Dispatch
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Armbrister
Sam Alley
Lennon Counts
Jennifer Atwell
David Manley
Whitley Yates

Anthony Cline
Charles Foster
Linda Meyer
Millie Rothrock
Danny Gordon
One Other Citizen

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

County Administrator Dalton determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Supervisor Houseman provided the invocation and Mr. Dalton led the pledge of allegiance.

CHAIR FOR 2016

Mr. Dalton opened the floor for nominations for the Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chair for calendar year 2016.

Supervisor McRoberts nominated Supervisor Houseman as Chair for 2016.

Supervisor Willis nominated Supervisor Reeves as Chair for 2016.

Supervisor Hale made a motion to close the nominations for Chair.

The motion passed unanimously.

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The roll call vote on the motion to elect Supervisor Houseman as Chair was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney

NAYS: Charlie G. Lester
Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

The roll call vote on the motion to elect Supervisor Reeves as Chair was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: Gary M. Houseman
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney

VICE CHAIR FOR 2016

Chair Reeves opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair for 2016.

Supervisor Willis nominated Supervisor Hale as Vice Chair for 2016.

Supervisor McRoberts nominated Supervisor Horney as Vice Chair for 2016.

Supervisor Horney declined the nomination.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to close the nominations for Vice Chair.

The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to elect Supervisor Hale as Vice Chairperson passed by acclamation.

PRO TEM CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Chair Reeves appointed Supervisor Willis to serve as pro tem in the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Wytheville Farmers Market – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer requested a link on the County website to information related to the Wytheville Farmers Market. She noted that many citizens do not have access to Facebook and are unable to find information on the Farmers Market.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the December 22, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to approve the December 22, 2015, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on January 12, 2016, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30093527-30093528, 30093530-30093541, 30093543-30093553, 30093555-30093579, 30093581, 30093583-30093620, and 30093622-30093639 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30093527	01/12/16	ALSCO	\$121.97
30093528	01/12/16	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION	\$2,275.00
30093530	01/12/16	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$4,433.63
30093531	01/12/16	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE DEPT	\$1,536.08
30093532	01/12/16	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS (MM)	\$110.67

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30093533	01/12/16	BOXLEY	\$112.00
30093534	01/12/16	BUILDING AND DESIGN OF VA	\$14,500.00
30093535	01/12/16	BUSINESS CARD	\$2,138.12
30093536	01/12/16	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$72.50
30093537	01/12/16	CARTER BANK AND TRUST NOTE	\$16,120.00
30093538	01/12/16	CARTER, TIMOTHY W	\$48.00
30093539	01/12/16	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	\$11,032.86
30093540	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$3,329.25
30093541	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$43.50
30093543	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$4,893.22
30093544	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$53.55
30093545	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$227.64
30093546	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$217.08
30093547	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$104.74
30093548	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$43.50
30093549	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$115.64
30093550	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$143.98
30093551	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$59.86
30093552	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK	\$150.94
30093553	01/12/16	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$241.13
30093555	01/12/16	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30093556	01/12/16	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	\$16.00
30093557	01/12/16	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	\$40.00
30093558	01/12/16	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30093559	01/12/16	CROWGEY, ERIC W	\$19.20
30093560	01/12/16	CROWN AWARDS	\$319.19
30093561	01/12/16	DUKE'S PRINTING	\$774.00
30093562	01/12/16	ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE INC	\$267.05
30093563	01/12/16	EMS INC	\$805.00
30093564	01/12/16	FARMERS MILLING AND SUPPLY INC	\$229.75
30093565	01/12/16	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	\$2,100.00
30093566	01/12/16	FOOD COUNTRY	\$21.98
30093567	01/12/16	FORT CHISWELL BP	\$16.00
30093568	01/12/16	GAYLORD BROS INC	\$47.53
30093569	01/12/16	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$4,074.25
30093570	01/12/16	HALL'S GARAGE DOORS	\$159.00
30093571	01/12/16	HORNEY, HAYDEN H	\$278.53
30093572	01/12/16	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$41,823.08
30093573	01/12/16	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$56.65
30093574	01/12/16	KMART	\$90.14
30093575	01/12/16	LEXISNEXIS	\$1,394.00
30093576	01/12/16	LEXISNEXIS	\$183.00
30093577	01/12/16	LITTLE B ENTERPRISES INC	\$138,174.17
30093578	01/12/16	LOWE'S	\$705.49

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30093579	01/12/16	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$30.90
30093581	01/12/16	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$5,698.46
30093583	01/12/16	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$5,077.89
30093584	01/12/16	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$361.87
30093585	01/12/16	MEREDITH, DUSTIN RYAN	\$1,500.00
30093586	01/12/16	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$272.00
30093587	01/12/16	MIDKIFF, DAVID P	\$60.00
30093588	01/12/16	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$12,229.45
30093589	01/12/16	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$2,660.00
30093590	01/12/16	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$106,810.95
30093591	01/12/16	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$2,115.23
30093592	01/12/16	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30093593	01/12/16	PAPER CLIP	\$843.10
30093594	01/12/16	PITNEY BOWES	\$591.00
30093595	01/12/16	PITNEY BOWES	\$594.00
30093596	01/12/16	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO	\$181.41
30093597	01/12/16	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	\$135.00
30093598	01/12/16	R & R SEPTIC	\$120.00
30093599	01/12/16	RANDY'S TIRE SHOP	\$32.00
30093600	01/12/16	RCI	\$420.00
30093601	01/12/16	REGION I VBCOA	\$40.00
30093602	01/12/16	SENTRY SERVICES	\$363.44
30093603	01/12/16	SHAKING ENTERPRISES INC	\$780.00
30093604	01/12/16	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	\$1,750.00
30093605	01/12/16	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	\$539.76
30093606	01/12/16	STEVE'S PIT STOP	\$381.86
30093607	01/12/16	STONEMAN, RICK	\$75.00
30093608	01/12/16	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$1,155.70
30093609	01/12/16	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$323.07
30093610	01/12/16	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30093611	01/12/16	SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA	\$6,900.00
30093612	01/12/16	THOMPSON TIRE	\$1,059.52
30093613	01/12/16	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$3,900.13
30093614	01/12/16	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	\$1,032.22
30093615	01/12/16	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$307.00
30093616	01/12/16	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$1,381.32
30093617	01/12/16	US CELLULAR	\$64.10
30093618	01/12/16	US CELLULAR	\$762.77
30093619	01/12/16	USA BLUE BOOK	\$113.57
30093620	01/12/16	V & M RECYCLING	\$68,080.36
30093622	01/12/16	VACORP	\$16,875.00
30093623	01/12/16	VERIZON	\$13.50
30093624	01/12/16	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$77.92
30093625	01/12/16	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$668.51

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30093626	01/12/16	VIRGINIA CLE	\$123.20
30093627	01/12/16	VIRGINIA PAVING	\$3,500.00
30093628	01/12/16	VITA	\$153.72
30093629	01/12/16	VITA	\$232.89
30093630	01/12/16	VITA	\$52.74
30093631	01/12/16	VRPS	\$200.00
30093632	01/12/16	WALK, ROBERT H	\$51.20
30093633	01/12/16	WILSON, DOUGLAS E	\$38.00
30093634	01/12/16	WORDSPRINT	\$47.39
30093635	01/12/16	WRIGHT, RANDAL C	\$40.00
30093636	01/12/16	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$180.19
30093637	01/12/16	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$749.90
30093638	01/12/16	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$751.84
30093639	01/12/16	XEROX	\$187.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 01/12/16			\$545,443.98

Supervisor Hale 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
Steven T. Willis Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

2016 RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed Rules of Procedure for 2016.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt the Rules of Procedure for 2016 as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

2016 BUDGET CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2016 budget calendar.

Chair Reeves advised that he may be out of town on March 28.

Supervisor Lester noted that he would not be available on January 26.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to reschedule the January 26 initial budget parameters meeting to February 9 at 5 p.m.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt the 2016 Budget Calendar as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Alcohol Safety Action Program – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to reappoint Tim Reeves to the Alcohol Safety Action Program Board for an additional four-year term.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority – Chair Reeves reported that the following individuals have been contacted and have expressed an interest in serving on the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority: Jimmy Hufford, Artie Hall, Matthew Miller, Buddy Johnstone, Mark Munsey, and Doug Hughes. He noted that Mark Munsey, Buddy Johnstone, and Matthew Miller are current members of the expo center fund raising committee, with Matthew Miller also serving as the local Extension Agent.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if potential candidates would be interviewed. He noted that the Board often interviews candidates for other boards and authorities. Supervisor Houseman explained that the interview process provides the Board members with the candidates qualifications, as well as the opportunity to ask each individual candidate questions.

Chair Reeves noted that the Board does not conduct interviews for the Planning Commission or the Joint Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Dalton explained that at the previous Board meeting, the Board approved the ordinance establishing the Authority and agreed to have the Authority members selected and in place by February 1.

Supervisor Houseman advised that this Authority would have a significant impact on the County. He noted that he believes that additional background information is needed prior to appointment of members.

Mr. Dalton reported that Mark Munsey is an accountant, chief financial officer of Pendleton Construction, and previously served two terms on the Board of

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Supervisors. He advised that Buddy Johnston is the president of the Southwest Angus Association, a member of the Farm Bureau, and a long-time farmer.

Chair Reeves noted that Matthew Miller is a Virginia Tech graduate and has worked as an Extension Agent for 14 years. He explained that Artie Hall served on the Board of Supervisors for four years, is an Emory and Henry graduate, has worked in banking for many years, and is currently the branch and regional manager of First Bank.

Supervisor Hale stated that Doug Hughes is a local businessperson, is an established national angus farmer, and has served as an officer on the National Angus Association Board of Directors.

Chair Reeves advised that Jimmy Hufford owns and operates a large dairy farm producing milk products sold in local grocery stores.

Supervisor Houseman noted that Mr. Hufford is also a Virginia Tech graduate. He advised that Mr. Hufford's dairy farm has received several State and national awards. Supervisor Houseman added that Mr. Hufford was a previous member of the Wythe County Planning Commission.

Supervisor Houseman stated that he had been contacted by Kathy Dunkley Patterson, who is also interested in serving on the Authority. He noted that Ms. Patterson is retired from the telephone company and is involved in athletics.

Supervisor Houseman explained that he believed that the exposition center would accommodate a variety of events, not just agricultural events. He noted that the expertise of many of the Authority members suggested is focused in the agricultural field. Supervisor Houseman added that no one recommended has experience in event planning.

Supervisor Horney made a motion to table the appointment of Authority members until the January 26 Board meeting.

Mr. Dalton reported that the Authority would operate the center and would lease the property that the County constructs and owns. He noted that the Authority would operate the center as a recreational authority, scheduling diverse multi-venue type events, not just agricultural. Mr. Dalton advised that the Authority would pay the debt service, operate the facility, and would serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. He added that the Authority members must commit themselves to schedule the number of events needed to generate the funds necessary to pay the debt service without adversely impacting the County's budget.

Supervisor Houseman seconded the motion.

Supervisor Hale requested amendment to the motion to finalize the appointment of Authority members at the January 26 meeting.

Supervisor Horney amended his motion to add that the appointments would be completed at the January 26 meeting.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if additional applications are received, would those individuals be considered for the Authority.

Chair Reeves noted that anyone who applies would be considered.

Supervisor Houseman seconded the amended motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Committees – Chair Reeves requested that Board members inform him if they wish to be removed from any committee on which they previously served. He noted that these would be appointed at the January 26 meeting.
4. District Three Governmental Cooperative – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to reappoint Chair Reeves to the District Three Governmental Cooperative with Supervisor Willis as the alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Insurance Committee – Supervisor Hale made a motion seconded by Supervisor Willis to appoint Martha Collins, Cellell Dalton, Lori Guynn, Gary Houseman, Lewis Lafon, and Jeff Perry to the Insurance Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Juvenile Detention Committee – Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Chair Reeves to the Juvenile Detention Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Chair Reeves to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to

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reappoint Assistant County Administrator Bear to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Mountain Community Action Program – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint Debra Reeves and Stephen Bear to the Mountain Community Action Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. New River Community Corrections Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Supervisor Willis to the New River Community Corrections Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council, New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board, and New River Valley Regional Jail Authority – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint Chris King to the New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council with John Hufford as the alternate, to reappoint Keith Dunagan and Chair Reeves to the New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board, and to reappoint Chair Reeves to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority with Mr. Dalton serving as the alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Planning Commission – Supervisor Lester reappointed Eric Crowgey to the Planning Commission as the West Wytheville representative.

Supervisor Horney reappointed David Midkiff to the Planning Commission as the Speedwell District Commission member.

Chair Reeves reappointed Doug Wilson to the Planning Commission as the At-Large representative.

Supervisor Hale appointed Jeffrey Lienhart to the Planning Commission as the Fort Chiswell Commission member.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to appoint Eric Crowgey, David Midkiff, Doug Wilson, and Jeffrey Lienhart to the Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Mount Rogers Community Services Board – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to appoint Barbara Bartnik to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Department of Social Services Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to reappoint Chair Reeves to the Department of Social Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Dalton noted that Artie Hall would continue to serve on the Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce for the remainder of his three-year term. He added that the County would appoint a new member when another appointment becomes available.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed an Affordable Care Act Designated the Local Choice Government Entity Reporting agreement between Wythe County and the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to accept the Affordable Care Act Designated the Local Choice Government Entity Reporting agreement.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

MOUNT ROGERS HEALTH DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed a letter and supporting agreement from Teresa Taylor, Mount Rogers Health District Business Manager, requesting approval of the fiscal year 2016 local government agreement between Wythe County and the Mount Rogers Health District.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to accept the fiscal year 2016 local government agreement between Wythe County and the Mount Rogers Health District and to authorize all necessary signatures.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT

The Board reviewed a letter and associated grant documents from Francine Ecker, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Director, announcing approval of the Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$24,919 with \$9,896 in matching funds.

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to accept the Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$24,919.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD

Supervisor McRoberts reported that the Lead Mines Rescue Squad is experiencing financial difficulties and is in need of assistance. He requested that the Board help the Squad.

James Armbrister, Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors Chair, addressed the Board. Mr. Armbrister advised that the Squad has had financial problems since the fall of 2015. He noted that the Squad has spent an exorbitant amount attempting to keep their fleet of vehicles operating. Mr. Armbrister explained that the Squad is currently holding approximately \$14,000 in checks for vendors, supplies, and vehicle maintenance costs that they are unable to pay. He added that in order to keep their experienced medics, they have tried to pay their payroll before other bills.

Sam Alley, Lead Mines Rescue Squad Captain, addressed the Board. Mr. Alley explained that the Squad must purchase all supplies for their drug boxes. He noted that previously the hospital provided the squads with a drug box for use. Mr. Alley added that \$800 is needed to repair one of their trucks, which is inoperable at this time.

Supervisor Houseman advised that the Board had previously discussed the possibility of establishing a reserve fund for emergency vehicle repairs. He noted that this is one of the largest expenses faced by the three squads.

Chair Reeves questioned what plan of action the Squad has in place to correct the shortfall.

Mr. Armbrister reported that the Squad plans to send a letter to members of the community requesting donations and to hold a fund raising event in February. He noted that they have also hired a part-time employee to attempt to collect and track funds billed.

Mr. Alley explained that the Squad has also discussed a subscription program similar to that implemented by the Regional Emergency Medical Services Inc. (REMSI) in Pulaski. He noted that subscribers would pay an annual fee, which would provide the individuals service throughout the year with the squad writing off any additional amount owed that their insurance does not pay.

Mr. Armbrister noted that this is a long-range plan to increase funding, but help is needed now.

Chair Reeves inquired what the Squad is paying out versus what they are billing.

Mr. Armbrister stated that the Squad loses \$37 for every call answered. He noted that they ran 117 calls in the month of December, with 61 of those calls being billable and the remainder as unbillable. Mr. Armbrister explained that the unbillable calls included stand by calls for the fire departments, refusals, and other calls in which the Squad did not transport a patient. He added that 20 of the 61 billable calls were for uninsured individuals.

Chair Reeves asked how many paid staff and volunteers the Squad currently has available.

Mr. Alley noted that they currently have 10 paid members and 37 volunteers. He explained that only four of those volunteers are available to answer calls. Mr. Alley added that the new ambulance should be available next week.

Mr. Dalton recommended that the Fire and Rescue Committee schedule a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the issue. He noted that Board action would be necessary to allow the Committee to take the action needed to assist the Squad.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to authorize the Fire and Rescue Committee to take the action necessary to assist the Lead Mines Rescue Squad.

The motion passed unanimously.

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The Fire and Rescue Committee members agreed to meet with the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors on January 13 at 4 p.m.

VIRGINIA EXTENSION OFFICE

Supervisor Horney questioned the status of the Extension Office windows. He noted that he had been informed that the Board approved the windows, but not the needed funding.

Mr. Dalton noted that the funds are available for the project.

DIRECTOR OF CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH

Mr. Bear introduced Darlene Lang, the County's new Director of Consolidated Dispatch, to the Board.

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DISCUSSION OF A PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel Related to Pending Litigation) and Section 2.2-3711-A.5 (Discussion of Prospective Business or Industry) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney 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	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney
	Steven T. Willis	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair