

**September 8, 2015**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015. 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	Steven T. Willis
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe F. Hale

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator  
Scot Farthing, County Attorney  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING – PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of the County Administrator Position) and Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel Concerning Potential Contract Collection Litigation with Evatran) of the Code of Virginia.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Coy L. McRoberts
	Arthur E. "Artie" Hall	B. G. "Gene" Horney
	Steven T. Willis	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

*Supervisor Hale joined the in progress closed meeting.*

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Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to return to open meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hall 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
	Arthur E. "Artie" Hall	B. G. "Gene" Horney
	Steven T. Willis	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 6:40 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 7 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair	Joe F. Hale
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney
Steven T. Willis	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dean Sprinkle	Millie Rothrock
Maxine Waller	Linda Meyer
Danny Gordon	Dennis Barker
Two Other Citizens	

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Houseman provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the pledge of allegiance.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to terminate the employment of Allen Lamberson, effective September 3, 2015.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Dalton advised that based upon the Board's action, he would offer to continue to work as County Administrator with several conditions. He noted that he would need to pass a comprehensive physical examination to prove that he is capable of withstanding the rigors and stress of the job. Mr. Dalton added that his resignation was accepted by the Board, and requested that that acceptance be overturned and to return the terms of his employment to the original appointment.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to return to the terms of Cellell Dalton's original employment agreement and to remove the retirement date from the agreement.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

### **CITIZENS' TIME**

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

1. Ivanhoe Civic League – Maxine Waller of 544 Painters Hill Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board on behalf of the Ivanhoe Civic League. Ms. Waller requested \$10,000 on behalf of the League, noting that they are a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization. She advised that they hope to hold a large gospel singing in the spring of 2016 at the Fort Chiswell High School to benefit both their organization and the school. Ms. Waller reported that the Civic League uses funds received to hold their annual Christmas party, provide food boxes for approximately 250 families, organize parties for local children, provide cleaning services for senior citizens, and fund other community service projects.

Chair Reeves questioned how much money the Civic League currently has available.

Ms. Waller noted that they currently have \$358. She explained that when they receive funding, they spend it to help the community. Ms. Waller added that with the large number of other groups in the area, it is difficult to raise money.

Chair Reeves requested a breakdown detailing how the funds would be expended.

Ms. Waller explained that they plan to spend \$5,000 to fund the singing event, with the other \$5,000 expended on a computer and administration costs.

Chair Reeves asked that Ms. Waller submit the request in writing, including a detailed breakdown of how the funds would be spent. He referred the request to the Budget Committee for further discussion.

Supervisor McRoberts inquired if the Civic League owns their building.

Ms. Waller confirmed that the Ivanhoe Civic League does own their building. She noted that they do have to pay for utilities for the building, as well as insurance for events.

Supervisor Houseman noted that the Budget Committee would meet on September 17 at 4 p.m.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board was presented with the August 25, 2015, and August 31, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to approve the August 25, 2015, and August 31, 2015, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Coy L. McRoberts
	Arthur E. "Artie" Hall	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 September 8, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30092472-30092474 and 30092476-30092563 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30092472	09/01/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$2,682.52
30092473	09/01/15	BUSINESS CARD	\$1,901.67
30092474	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$3,280.05
30092476	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$4,853.03
30092477	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$52.76
30092478	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$224.39
30092479	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$217.14
30092480	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$42.88
30092481	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$105.71
30092482	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$135.90
30092483	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$58.07
30092484	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$61.52
30092485	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK	\$110.64

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30092486	09/01/15	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$241.13
30092487	09/01/15	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$60.00
30092488	09/01/15	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$4,248.86

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**TOTAL CHECKS 09/01/15** **\$18,276.27**

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30092489	09/08/15	ALSCO	\$121.97
30092490	09/08/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$92.66
30092491	09/08/15	AYERS AND SONS SEPTIC LLC	\$250.00
30092492	09/08/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$142.97
30092493	09/08/15	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	\$241.89
30092494	09/08/15	BOONE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT INC	\$455.00
30092495	09/08/15	BRANSON CONSTRUCTION INC	\$16,906.24
30092496	09/08/15	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	\$549.00
30092497	09/08/15	BW WILSON PAPER CO	\$614.59
30092498	09/08/15	CAMPBELL, SAMUEL D	\$5,963.92
30092499	09/08/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$143,583.67
30092500	09/08/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$7,857.50
30092501	09/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$42.88
30092502	09/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$103.77
30092503	09/08/15	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$741.50
30092504	09/08/15	COCKERHAM TIRE AND AUTO #2	\$98.17
30092505	09/08/15	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	\$40.00
30092506	09/08/15	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30092507	09/08/15	CW WARTHEN	\$1,197.27
30092508	09/08/15	DELTA PRODUCTS	\$186.00
30092509	09/08/15	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$8,768.00
30092510	09/08/15	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$981.29
30092511	09/08/15	ELEVEN WEST INC	\$91.00
30092512	09/08/15	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$946.72
30092513	09/08/15	GALLS	\$295.91
30092514	09/08/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30092515	09/08/15	HARMAN, ANDREW J	\$120.00
30092516	09/08/15	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY	\$147.15
30092517	09/08/15	HIGGINS, ANDREW	\$1,000.00
30092518	09/08/15	HORNEY, HAYDEN H	\$257.35
30092519	09/08/15	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$47,174.40
30092520	09/08/15	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$241.47
30092521	09/08/15	KING-MOORE INC	\$871.00
30092522	09/08/15	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$158.65
30092523	09/08/15	LEXISNEXIS	\$696.00
30092524	09/08/15	LEXISNEXIS	\$183.00
30092525	09/08/15	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$30.90
30092526	09/08/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$6,926.55

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30092527	09/08/15	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC	\$68.08
30092528	09/08/15	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$69.00
30092529	09/08/15	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$159.99
30092530	09/08/15	NATIONAL POOLS	\$102.20
30092531	09/08/15	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$13,254.03
30092532	09/08/15	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$1,798.68
30092533	09/08/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$60.00
30092534	09/08/15	PAPER CLIP	\$476.68
30092535	09/08/15	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT	\$303.00
30092536	09/08/15	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	\$75.00
30092537	09/08/15	SENTRY SERVICES	\$1,893.63
30092538	09/08/15	SHEEHY AUTO STORES	\$75,988.65
30092539	09/08/15	SOUTHERN STATES	\$39.99
30092540	09/08/15	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$14.68
30092541	09/08/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$1,118.38
30092542	09/08/15	STEVE'S PIT STOP	\$616.00
30092543	09/08/15	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30092544	09/08/15	SUPPLY WORKS	\$1,111.11
30092545	09/08/15	SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC	\$401.00
30092546	09/08/15	THOMPSON TIRE	\$826.25
30092547	09/08/15	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	\$330.00
30092548	09/08/15	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	\$250.00
30092549	09/08/15	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$32.50
30092550	09/08/15	TWO WAY RADIO	\$25.00
30092551	09/08/15	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$98.00
30092552	09/08/15	USA BLUE BOOK	\$267.47
30092553	09/08/15	V & M RECYCLING	\$61,543.37
30092554	09/08/15	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEM	\$888.36
30092555	09/08/15	VITA	\$281.48
30092556	09/08/15	VITA	\$52.74
30092557	09/08/15	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$119.03
30092558	09/08/15	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$96.83
30092559	09/08/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,173.82
30092560	09/08/15	WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE	\$45.00
30092561	09/08/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$480.40
30092562	09/08/15	XEROX	\$189.95
30092563	09/08/15	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$26.28
<b>TOTAL CHECKS 09/08/15</b>			<b>\$454,618.77</b>

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 09/08/15** **\$472,895.04**

Supervisor Hall seconded the motion.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

**EXIT 77 PROPERTY**

Mr. Dalton reported that they have closed on the Exit 77 property.

**LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD**

Supervisor Hale questioned if the new Lead Mines Rescue Squad ambulance has been delivered.

Mr. Dalton noted that he does not know at this time.

**WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Wytheville Community College president, Dean Sprinkle, addressed the Board. Dr. Sprinkle reported that they are currently working toward obtaining reaccreditation for the College, with a team visiting the campus in October to complete the process. He noted that in addition to his joining the College staff as president, they have recently hired two new deans and a new vice president. Dr. Sprinkle added that the College hopes to fill the workforce development position in the near future.

Supervisor Hale advised that he met with Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Perry, in the previous week to discuss workforce development. He noted that the County is in dire need of a local robotics training program. Supervisor Hale explained that he hopes that they can revamp the high school vocational program to provide college credit to students enrolled in the program. He stated that the student could then complete the program through the College and be ready to enter the workforce. Supervisor Hale added that building an educated workforce is necessary for economic development in the County. He requested that the College work with New River Community College and the public school system to quickly develop the needed program.

Dr. Sprinkle agreed. He explained that employers often state that the skills gap is a challenge faced when looking for appropriately educated and skilled workers. Dr. Sprinkle reported that for every graduate or professional degree, two bachelor level employees and seven post high school or associate degree level workers are needed. He noted that many students are not aware of the quality of jobs and pay available with additional education and skillsets. Dr. Sprinkle added that collaboration with other education partners and the public school system is a necessity for the success of the program.



**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

1. Courthouse Roof – Assistant County Administrator, Stephen Bear, reported that Building and Grounds Supervisor, Billy Bowers, presented the Building and Grounds Committee with the warranty for the courthouse roof at the recent Committee meeting. He explained that Supervisor Hale had recommended that the contractor provide a letter confirming that the roof was constructed to meet the specifications provided. Mr. Bear noted that Supervisor Hale had also suggested obtaining a letter from the roofing manufacturer confirming that they agree with those specifications. He added that the letters would strengthen the roof warranty.

Supervisor Hale advised that the courthouse roof project created the need for several details that were not included in the normal design manual provided by the manufacturer. He recommended that these special details associated with the project be covered and attached to the warranty contract.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. House Bill Two – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to adopt Resolution 2015-23 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2015-23  
HOUSE BILL TWO**

**WHEREAS**, Section 33.2-214.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires that the Commonwealth Transportation Board develop a prioritization process, generally referred to as “House Bill 2”, based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers, at a minimum, congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality; and

**WHEREAS**, Wythe County is intersected by Interstates 77 and 81, which run concurrently for ten (10) miles between the Town of Wytheville and the Fort Chiswell/Max Meadows areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstates 77 and 81 are critically important for southwestern Virginia for business development, access to employment opportunities, and safe and efficient movement of freight; and

**WHEREAS**, improvements are needed to enhance the flow of freight, improve safety, decrease bottlenecks, and meet expected growth;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors whole-heartedly endorse the following three House Bill Two applications, in the following order:

1. Construct Auxiliary Lane I-77 North Exit 32 onto I-81 South
2. Construct Climbing Lane I-77 North to Exit 32
3. Interchange Improvement Study of I-77 Exit 41

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be submitted with the House Bill Two applications and a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

#### **RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT**

The Board reviewed a letter from Jason Kinser, Wythe County Emergency Services Coordinator, requesting the submittal of a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant on behalf of the three County rescue squads for purchase of 72 portable radios, upgrade of previously purchased radios, and speaker microphones for all radios.

Mr. Dalton advised that the Fire and Rescue Committee would meet on September 14 at 8 a.m. He requested that the Board authorize the Committee to meet and discuss the request.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to refer the request to the Fire and Rescue Committee for further review and discussion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

**PICNIC**

Mr. Dalton noted that County Administration staff would enjoy an afternoon picnic on Friday, September 11 at 1 p.m. He invited Board members to attend.

**SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

Supervisor Hale questioned if the Smyth Wythe Airport Commission could provide a report summarizing local activity, corporate visits, and military visits. He noted that the activity information provided by the Commission is illegible and difficult to decipher.

Mr. Dalton stated that he would request the information. He added that the Airport would host their annual fly-in on September 19.

Chair Reeves noted that the Airport Commission plans to repave their runway in 2016. He inquired if the County has appropriated funding for this project in the Fiscal Year 16 budget.

Mr. Dalton advised that he visited the Mountain Empire Airport in the previous week, meeting with the Commission Chair and Airport manager. He reported that during that meeting, he requested the following information: actual appropriation of each of the four member entities, amount appropriated by each entity based on request and operations, appropriation necessary for the runway project, and start date for the runway project. Mr. Dalton noted that two entities have appropriated funds for the projects, while two others have reduced their operational funding. He explained that by agreement, a specific funding formula is in place for all of the entities to follow for both operations and construction. Mr. Dalton added that the Commission has received a zero percent interest short-term loan from the State of Virginia for the local share of the construction project costs, which are approximately \$300,000.

**TIRE COLLECTION DAY**

Supervisor McRoberts noted that a tire collection day has been scheduled for October 17. He inquired how the event would be advertised.

Mr. Dalton explained that flyers would be distributed at the area convenience centers. He noted that the information would also be advertised in the local newspaper and on the radio station. Mr. Dalton added that disposal of tires is by appointment only for this event.

Mr. Dalton advised that the Joint Public Service Authority has scheduled a household hazardous waste disposal day for September 26.

Chair Reeves questioned if tractor tires would be accepted at the tire collection event.

Mr. Dalton confirmed that tractor tires would be accepted. He noted that they received a grant through the Farm Bureau for the acceptance of tires from any citizen.

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**TRASH PICKUP TRANSPORT VEHICLE**

Chair Reeves questioned if a new trash pickup transport vehicle has been located.

Mr. Bear noted that he has spoken to the Sheriff about the vehicle. He explained that the Sheriff indicated that the vehicles available on the website are not within the price range determined by the Board. Mr. Bear added that the Sheriff has not yet provided him with the website information.

Supervisor Hale stated that the Sheriff had at the previous Board meeting stated that he located a vehicle within the designated price range.

Mr. Bear explained that the vehicle that the Sheriff had located was larger than what was needed. He noted that the Sheriff is attempting to find a more suitable vehicle in the desired price range.

Mr. Dalton advised that the new van would be for transport only and would not need a cage installed. He directed Mr. Bear to contact General Services and request that they also look for a van.

Supervisor Hale requested that they expedite locating a van, as the roadways are worsening by the day without trash pickup.

**MEDICATION DISPOSAL**

Supervisor Houseman advised that an individual had contacted him concerning disposal of medication. He noted that the individual's husband recently passed away leaving behind a large quantity of medication. Supervisor Houseman questioned where citizens could dispose of medications.

Mr. Dalton advised that between the Department of Social Services, Health Department, and Sheriff's Office, there is at least one drug collection day each year. He explained that the Southwest Drug Coalition also collects unused drugs. Mr. Dalton noted that he would contact the groups to determine when the next collection event is scheduled.

Supervisor Houseman requested advertisement of the drug collection day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:34 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair