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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 27, 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	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
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Billy Bowers, Building and Grounds Supervisor
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Roberts	Jeb Huddle
Sam Crockett	Linda Meyer
Faye Barker	One Other Citizen

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Christopher Roberts of the Breckbill Bible College 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. Progress Park Lot 24 – Billy Bowers addressed the Board. Mr. Bowers reported that several County employees have requested permission to hunt on Lot 24 in Progress Park. He noted that hunting rights could be granted to a limited number of individuals through a lottery system.

Chair Reeves deferred the issue to later in the meeting to allow further discussion.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the October 13, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to approve the October 13, 2015, minutes as presented.

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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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on October 27, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30092840-30092843, and 30092845-30092970 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30092840	10/27/15	103 TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC	\$175.00
30092841	10/27/15	ALBERT, FONDA C	\$30.00
30092842	10/27/15	ALVAREZ, EDOUARD J	\$30.00
30092843	10/27/15	ALVIS ELECTRIC	\$334.46
30092845	10/27/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$10,867.78
30092846	10/27/15	ATWELL, LORA G	\$30.00
30092847	10/27/15	B & C AUTOMOTIVE LLC	\$150.00
30092848	10/27/15	BARTLESON, WILLIAM A	\$30.00
30092849	10/27/15	BEAMER, SARAH A	\$30.00
30092850	10/27/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$269.94
30092851	10/27/15	BLAIR, WANDA D	\$30.00
30092852	10/27/15	BLEVINS, GALE	\$200.00
30092853	10/27/15	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS (MM)	\$90.45
30092854	10/27/15	BOULAY, DEANNA L	\$30.00
30092855	10/27/15	BRANSON CONSTRUCTION INC	\$16,464.45
30092856	10/27/15	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	\$958.80
30092857	10/27/15	BREWER, JEREMIAH D	\$30.00
30092858	10/27/15	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	\$40.00
30092859	10/27/15	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$360.00
30092860	10/27/15	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	\$855.16
30092861	10/27/15	CASH CYCLE SOLUTIONS INC	\$1,617.78
30092862	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$3,280.05
30092863	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$39.98
30092864	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$135.50
30092865	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$62.40

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30092866	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$52.55
30092867	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK	\$142.64
30092868	10/27/15	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$241.13
30092869	10/27/15	CLINE, MICHAEL	\$60.00
30092870	10/27/15	CODERRE, MATTHEW	\$30.00
30092871	10/27/15	COLLINS, KIMBERLY A	\$30.00
30092872	10/27/15	CREATIVE GLASS INC	\$367.87
30092873	10/27/15	CREGER, LINDA GAIL S	\$30.00
30092874	10/27/15	CRIGGER, DAWN S	\$30.00
30092875	10/27/15	CROWN AWARDS	\$886.25
30092876	10/27/15	DEPT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SVC	\$40.00
30092877	10/27/15	DOLI BOILER SAFETY	\$80.00
30092878	10/27/15	EMS INC	\$1,065.00
30092879	10/27/15	EVERSOLE, RICHARD T	\$15.00
30092880	10/27/15	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$1,802.19
30092881	10/27/15	FOOD COUNTRY	\$136.46
30092882	10/27/15	FREEMAN, JOSEPH W	\$30.00
30092883	10/27/15	FRIEND'S LOCK AND KEY INC	\$300.00
30092884	10/27/15	GALLIMORE, CARRIE G	\$30.00
30092885	10/27/15	GALLIMORE, RHONDA S	\$30.00
30092886	10/27/15	GALLS	\$150.80
30092887	10/27/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$4,074.25
30092888	10/27/15	HAMIL, JOSEPH M	\$30.00
30092889	10/27/15	HANKS, TERRY P JR	\$30.00
30092890	10/27/15	HARE, MARYANN E	\$30.00
30092891	10/27/15	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY INC	\$72.48
30092892	10/27/15	HAWKS, BERYL N JR	\$30.00
30092893	10/27/15	HILL, BERNARD W JR	\$30.00
30092894	10/27/15	HORNE, DAVID C	\$60.00
30092895	10/27/15	HUFF FORD INC	\$51.17
30092896	10/27/15	IRVIN, TERRY F	\$30.00
30092897	10/27/15	JONES, RENAE S	\$30.00
30092898	10/27/15	JONESYS SIGNS AND GRAPHICS	\$180.00
30092899	10/27/15	KINCER, KELLY	\$75.00
30092900	10/27/15	KINDER, CHARLES A	\$30.00
30092901	10/27/15	KING, STACY A	\$30.00
30092902	10/27/15	LOWE'S	\$425.91
30092903	10/27/15	LUDWIG, SHAWN N	\$15.00
30092904	10/27/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$6,728.51
30092905	10/27/15	MARTIN, TERRY W	\$30.00
30092906	10/27/15	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC	\$139.10
30092907	10/27/15	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$374.23
30092908	10/27/15	MCPEAK, JAMES C	\$30.00
30092909	10/27/15	MELTON, CAROLYN W	\$30.00
30092910	10/27/15	MITCHELL, LEIGH A	\$30.00

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30092911	10/27/15	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT	\$4,575.00
30092912	10/27/15	MUELLER CO	\$712.50
30092913	10/27/15	MULLINS, BURNS P	\$30.00
30092914	10/27/15	MUSICK, GARY D	\$30.00
30092915	10/27/15	MUSSER, ERNEST C III	\$30.00
30092916	10/27/15	MUSSER, PATRICIA P	\$30.00
30092917	10/27/15	NESTER, CYNTHIA	\$60.00
30092918	10/27/15	NESTER, STEPHEN H	\$30.00
30092919	10/27/15	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$26,380.66
30092920	10/27/15	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$379.78
30092921	10/27/15	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$95,907.80
30092922	10/27/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30092923	10/27/15	OTIS ELEVATOR CO	\$1,367.00
30092924	10/27/15	OWEN G DUNN CO	\$246.30
30092925	10/27/15	PADGETT, BRUCE K	\$60.00
30092926	10/27/15	PAPER CLIP	\$33.69
30092927	10/27/15	PARNELL, MICHELLE I	\$30.00
30092928	10/27/15	PORTER, CLAUDE W JR	\$60.00
30092929	10/27/15	PRIVETT, RICHARD G	\$30.00
30092930	10/27/15	PRUETT, GEORGE M	\$30.00
30092931	10/27/15	PUGH, CHERYL J	\$30.00
30092932	10/27/15	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO	\$214.27
30092933	10/27/15	RCI	\$230.00
30092934	10/27/15	REPASS, BRIAN	\$60.00
30092935	10/27/15	RHEA, RUSTY S	\$30.00
30092936	10/27/15	ROSE, ZACHARY	\$15.00
30092937	10/27/15	RSI	\$450.00
30092938	10/27/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30092939	10/27/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30092940	10/27/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30092941	10/27/15	RURAL RETREAT COMM CENTER	\$50.00
30092942	10/27/15	SALEM STONE	\$314.98
30092943	10/27/15	SENTRY SERVICES	\$256.41
30092944	10/27/15	SHULTMAN, CLARENCE R	\$30.00
30092945	10/27/15	SPENCER, RUSSELL L	\$30.00
30092946	10/27/15	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	\$69.95
30092947	10/27/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$38.59
30092948	10/27/15	STEVE'S PIT STOP	\$32.00
30092949	10/27/15	STRIKE-LIGHT	\$1,199.80
30092950	10/27/15	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$266.46
30092951	10/27/15	SUPPLY WORKS	\$1,069.95
30092952	10/27/15	SURRATT, MICHAEL K	\$30.00
30092953	10/27/15	T & J TRANSMISSIONS	\$355.00
30092954	10/27/15	TALBERT, WALTER R	\$30.00
30092955	10/27/15	THOMPSON TIRE	\$396.00

30092956	10/27/15	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$1,880.34
30092957	10/27/15	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$7,633.99
30092958	10/27/15	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	\$1,000.00
30092959	10/27/15	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	\$224.79
30092960	10/27/15	TWO WAY RADIO	\$72.00
30092961	10/27/15	VANCLEVE-MARTIN, KEMBERLY R	\$30.00
30092962	10/27/15	VIARS, JOHN W	\$30.00
30092963	10/27/15	VUPS	\$72.45
30092964	10/27/15	WALTERS, GARLAND S JR	\$30.00
30092965	10/27/15	WATTS, TRENDIA	\$30.00
30092966	10/27/15	WHITE, JOE W	\$30.00
30092967	10/27/15	WOHLFORD, GLENDA W	\$30.00
30092968	10/27/15	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$202.82
30092969	10/27/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,026.69
30092970	10/27/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$229.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 10/27/15			\$218,408.72

Supervisor Hall seconded the motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sam Crockett appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. Revenue Statement – Mr. Crockett reported that the consolidated account is currently at \$44,682,000 with \$25,450,000 in the General Fund account. He advised that the Treasurer's Office has collected approximately \$2,000,000 in local taxes this year to date. Mr. Crockett noted that this equates to approximately 10% of the total amount to be collected. He added that they have exonerated over 1,300 old vehicles this year.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Branson Construction – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to direct the County Attorney to implement the procedures as required in the contract documents regarding the Branson Construction contract, to include the termination of contract and notification of the surety company.

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Mr. Dalton explained that the contractor for the Jackson School project has left the job with 25% of the work remaining to be completed. He recommended terminating the contract with Branson Construction and bringing the surety company in to complete the project.

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

2. Account 102062-02 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to deduct penalties and interest incurred after October 15, 2014, from water account 102062-02, leaving a remaining balance owed in the amount of \$287.28.

Mr. Dalton advised that the renter of this rental property in the Newtown area of Austinville left without paying their bill. He noted that the penalties and interest were removed from the account, leaving the actual cost of the water and sewer, which the owner has agreed to pay.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Take a Break from the Interstate – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to renew the annual membership with the Take a Break from the Interstate organization in the amount of \$900 (7100-45810).

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

- 2. Wytheville Visitor’s Guide – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to fund the 2016 Wytheville Visitor’s Guide in the amount of \$12,000, contingent upon receiving a breakdown of expenditures from the Town of Wytheville.

Mr. Dalton noted that the expenditure breakdown has been received.

Supervisor Houseman reported that the visitor’s guide costs \$52,787 to print, design, and distribute. He noted that printing costs account for approximately \$37,000 of that total, with another \$15,000 allocated for the design of the brochure. Supervisor Houseman added that the guide is funded primarily through the sale of advertisement space totaling \$25,000, with Wythe County contributing \$12,000, and \$16,500 paid by the Town of Wytheville.

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

- 3. Lead Mines Estates – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate \$21,895 to the wastewater account for reimbursement of costs associated with the cleanup of the Lead Mines Estates heating oil spill on December 6, 2013.

County Attorney Farthing advised that a letter was submitted to the landowner of the Lead Mines Estates property requesting payment of the costs associated with the cleanup of the fuel spill into the County’s wastewater system. He explained that Lead Mines Estates had requested funds from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for payment of the cleanup costs and did receive some reimbursement. Mr. Farthing added that payment in the amount of \$21,895 has been received from Lead Mines Estates and does include interest.

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

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SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Mount Rogers Community Services Board – Supervisor Houseman reported that the Board members would receive an invitation from the Mount Rogers Community Services Board for a reception in December.

Supervisor Houseman advised that the Mount Rogers Community Services Board is working through the State to initiate a program to provide transportation to individuals in crisis who are under a temporary detention order. He noted that currently these individuals are transported by the Sheriff's Office whether or not the individuals are criminals.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator, Cellell Dalton, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Department of Social Services Annual Financial Statements – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board the Department of Social Services 2015 Annual Financial Statements. He noted that the local Department of Social Services has not spent any monies outside of the State appropriations and required matches.
2. Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority Annual Financial Statements – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board the Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority 2015 Annual Financial Statements.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Scot Farthing, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Evatran – Mr. Farthing updated the Board on the Evatran local grant repayment. He noted that he had requested information from Evatran, and did receive those documents this morning. Mr. Farthing added that he would review the documents and provide copies for Mr. Dalton's review.
2. Keystone – Mr. Farthing advised that the County received a request from the Keystone Group for review of documents associated with the computer software bid process. He noted that he would meet with Finance Director Grant to compile the requested documents and schedule a meeting with Keystone's attorney to review the documents.
3. Jackson School/Route 52 Water Project – Mr. Farthing reported that he submitted a letter on October 26 to the Jackson School/Route 52 project contractor stating the County's intent to terminate their contract and contact the bond company. He noted that he would follow up with the bond company later in the morning.

LOT 24 HUNTING

Chair Reeves advised that he does not believe there would be any issues with hunting within Progress Park as long as it is done in a safe manner and does not negatively impact the industries.

Supervisor Hall noted that the County had previously prevented the remote control airplane club from using the Park and questioned if individuals shooting in the Park would be similar. He asked if hunting in the Park would aid the cause of industrial development.

Supervisor Horney questioned if hunting within the Park had been allowed in the past.

Mr. Dalton stated that the County had not previously allowed hunting in the Park. He recommended directing the County Attorney to investigate the Town of Wytheville's policy allowing hunting in Crystal Springs. Mr. Dalton noted that the Town of Wytheville grants individuals the right to hunt within Crystal Springs using a lottery system. He added that he does not believe hunting could be limited to County employees only.

Supervisor Horney noted that a stipulation limiting hunting to bows and crossbows only may be needed.

Supervisor Houseman explained that if the hunting would help control the deer population and the damage they cause, he would support authorizing the hunting. He advised that if the hunting is for recreation purposes only and is not necessary to control the deer population, then he would not be in favor. Supervisor Houseman agreed that if hunting is allowed, then weapons should be restricted to those with a limited range.

Supervisor McRoberts agreed that investigation of the Town's policy would be beneficial.

Supervisor Willis stated that he would appreciate some control of the deer population in the Park. He noted that his company's trucks have hit deer in the roadways on numerous occasions, which becomes an expensive method of population control.

Mr. Dalton noted that he has received at least five calls from industries so far this year who have hit a deer in the roadway.

Supervisor Reeves directed Mr. Farthing to review the Town's policy and return a recommendation to the Board as soon as possible.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Hall made a motion to approve the consent calendar for October 27, 2015, as follows:

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1. PAYROLL – September 2015:

Water Department	\$	17,282.22
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		17,952.35
Police Activity Fund		58,991.27
Courthouse Security Fund		27,501.17
General County Fund		<u>506,905.20</u>
TOTAL	\$	628,632.21

Check Numbers: 30092564-30092572; 30092692-30092700

Voucher Numbers: V517000-517170; V518000-518176

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building and Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- D. Emergency Services – Jason Kinser
- E. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- F. Finance – Bruce Grant
- G. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams
- H. Water and Wastewater – Don Crisp

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Rose, Zachary – Hired, Full-time Maintenance, Annual Salary \$16,972, Effective September 8, 2015
- B. Dalton, R. Cellell – Pay Increase, County Administrator, Annual Salary \$129,468, Effective September 1, 2015
- C. Musick, Chelsea – Return to Payroll, Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court, Annual Salary \$30,985, Effective October 8, 2015
- D. Jones, Joshua – Deputy, Mandatory Compensation Board Regrade, Annual Salary \$34,072, Effective September 1, 2015

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$385.00 (7109-43900) – Funds Received from Bob Ross Painting Class
- B. \$500.00 (7109-43900) – Sponsorship from Blue Ridge Auto for Broadcasting Youth League Super Bowl
- C. \$976.10 (3202-4565030) – Reissuance of Lost Check to Speedwell Fire Department

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the motion.

Supervisor Horney questioned why a salary increase for Mr. Dalton was included in the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Dalton advised that when the budget was approved he had not planned to take a raise. He noted that he would now receive the raise, as he would not be retiring at this time.

Chair Reeves noted that the raise provided was the same 2% raise as received by all other employees.

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

PEPPER'S FERRY REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding from the Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority for septage service outside of the service area for calendar year 2016.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to accept the septage treatment Memorandum of Understanding with the Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority.

Supervisor Hale questioned what it would cost the County to except septage at their treatment plant. He noted that if the County could accept septage, it would save the septage haulers transportation costs and time.

Mr. Dalton noted that State regulations require localities to provide septage acceptance facilities for the locality when a new plant is constructed. He added that the current plant does not have to accept the septage, but an acceptance facility would be part of the headworks project.

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.
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NAYS: None

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER

The Board reviewed the proposals received for the \$5 million exposition center project permanent financing, as well as a summary of all bids received.

Mr. Dalton advised that Carter Bank and Trust submitted the apparent low bid for the requested options. He requested that the Board authorize negotiations with Carter Bank and Trust of the construction loan rate for application to the 20-year note. Mr. Dalton noted that the Board would need to commit to an option prior to November 13.

The Board discussed the six financing options, as well as the rate, payment, and term of each.

Following discussion, Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to accept the Option 1 bid from Carter Bank and Trust, allowing the County Administrator the authority to negotiate the construction rate.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: Gary M. Houseman

Supervisor Houseman exited the meeting.

RECESS

The Board recessed for a short break at 9:54 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1. Huddle Road – Jeb Huddle of 1228 Huddle Road in Wytheville addressed the Board concerning Route 619, Huddle Road. Mr. Huddle advised that with its limited site distance and 55 miles per hour speed limit, portions of Huddle Road are very dangerous. He reviewed pictures with the Board demonstrating the limited site distance at several of the entrances onto Huddle Road.

Chair Reeves questioned what Mr. Huddle is driving when entering the road.

Mr. Huddle explained that he often enters the road driving either a tractor with a front-end loader attached or a Polaris Ranger. He requested that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) install tractor signs and lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on this section of the road.

Mr. Dalton advised that the section in question encompasses 500 to 600 feet past the old Crowgey entrance to the intersection of Sheffey Town Road and Huddle Road. He added that this would include the old Groseclose Farm.

Mr. Huddle noted that this section of road is 1.15 miles in length.

Jeff Russell, VDOT Residency Administrator, addressed the Board. Mr. Russell reported that VDOT conducted a speed study in July with their Traffic and Engineering Department visiting the site. He noted that they planned to review the site again after the area had been mowed. Mr. Russell explained that he spoke with Traffic and Engineering this morning and they have stated that 82% of the traffic travels 51 miles per hour with the average person driving 47 miles per hour. He stated that there is no crash data for this section of road, meaning there have been no reported crashes in the last 13 years. Mr. Russell advised that the speed that the road is traveled is constrained by the alignment of the road, which makes it difficult for VDOT to lower the speed limit without creating a speed trap. He added that the Traffic and Engineering Department did approve the installation of the tractor signs.

Supervisor McRoberts noted that he has worked several accidents on the road.

Mr. Russell explained that this data includes reported accidents only. He noted that some of the vegetation and trees could be trimmed, which may increase the site distance when entering and exiting the road.

Mr. Dalton questioned if an advisory or hidden entrance sign could be installed near the entrances to slow down the traffic.

Mr. Russell noted that Traffic and Engineering did mention the installation of advisory signs. He added that he would work to install the advisory signs and trim the vegetation in the area.

2. Sheffey Town Road – Supervisor Horney asked if Sheffey Town Road could be added to the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Dalton questioned if Sheffey Town Road had previously been on the Six-Year Plan, as mentioned by a citizen at the previous Board meeting. He noted that he has reviewed Six Year Plans dating back to 1995, and had not been able to locate Sheffey Town Road. Mr. Dalton added that citizens of the road have attended VDOT public hearings in the past requesting inclusion of the road on the Plan. He requested that Mr. Russell investigate to determine if Sheffey Town

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Road would qualify as a rural rustic road and could be added to the Plan in the future.

3. Gleaves Road – Supervisor Horney requested repair of the potholes on Gleaves Road.
4. Farm View Road – Supervisor Horney reported that he had received a request for cattle crossing signs on Farm View Road near the intersection of Old Mountain Road and Chaney Branch Road.
5. Slate Springs Branch Road – Supervisor Horney requested an update on the request for a hidden entrance sign near the Calvary Church on Slate Springs Branch Road. He noted that if the hidden entrance signs were not feasible, then a bus stop ahead sign would be needed. Supervisor Horney added that he would prefer the hidden entrance signs.

Mr. Dalton noted that the church is located at 1131 Slate Springs Road.

6. Brook Elyse Lane – Supervisor McRoberts reported that he had been contacted by George Grego of 141 Brook Elyse Lane concerning water run off issues.

Mr. Russell noted that he received an email concerning this issue and has requested headquarters and the maintenance managers review the situation.

7. Major Graham Road – Supervisor Hale inquired when the money appropriated for the first section of Major Graham Road would be available. He also questioned when the project would be scheduled for completion.

Mr. Russell noted that if the road was added to this year's Six-Year Plan, then the project would most likely be five to six years from a start date. He explained that projects just added would be at the end of the Plan.

Supervisor Hale questioned why the project would be five to six years from starting when it had funding available for its completion.

Mr. Russell explained that those were unallocated funds left over out of the six-year allocations that were not yet programmed. He noted that the Board discussed new projects to complete with these funds, but these roads were added to the end of the Plan.

Supervisor Hale stated that he plans to request Delegate Jeff Campbell bring improvement of the Road before legislature with a special funding bill. He noted that with the local commerce and national advertising of the Major Grahams Mansion, traffic counts on the road total 800 to 900 a day during the Halloween season. Supervisor Hale inquired what drainage improvements could be made with maintenance funds.

Mr. Russell advised that he is provided a maintenance budget, which is expended as needed at his discretion. He noted that these funds are normally used to replace pipes, but pipes could be added if needed.

Supervisor Hale reported that the addition of four pipes from the top of the hill would correct the water issue. He noted that encouraging the person cropping the property to travel downhill to Red Hollow Road would help alleviate the hill problem.

Mr. Russell noted that he would investigate use of maintenance funds on Major Grahams Road. He recommended meeting with Supervisor Hale to tour the road and discuss the options available.

Supervisor Hale agreed.

8. Archer Road – Supervisor Hale advised that the 20-inch pipe installed at the foot of the hill on Archer Road is inadequate to handle the water. He noted that 400,000 to 500,000 tons of rocks have already washed away on the road. Supervisor Hale added that all of the water funnels to the small gap where the 20-inch pipe is located.

Mr. Russell explained that the drainage review from the Engineering Division recommended the pipe size. He noted that he and Supervisor Hale could also visit this site.

Supervisor Hale noted that the citizens along the road would like to reconstruct their fences to use the fields for grazing. He agreed that he and Mr. Russell should also visit Archer Road.

9. Max Meadows – Supervisor Hale requested gravel at the Max Meadows water hole. He noted that there is a storm drain problem at the site, preventing the water from draining. Supervisor Hale discussed the issue and possible solutions.
10. Major Grahams Road – Supervisor Hale requested the road count for Major Grahams Road. He questioned if a road count has been completed on a holiday weekend, as September and October would be the most beneficial time to obtain an accurate high count on the road.

Mr. Bishop of Major Grahams Road addressed the Board. Mr. Bishop explained that Major Grahams Road is in the worst condition it has been in in his lifetime. He noted that the road is very rough, full of holes, and the ditches are filled and non-existent. Mr. Bishop requested improvement of the road.

Chair Reeves noted that Supervisor Hale and Mr. Russell would visit the road to determine what improvements could be completed with maintenance funding until a permanent solution can be implemented.

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11. Silings Road Bridge – Supervisor Horney requested an update on the Silings Road Bridge replacement.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Board received a letter from the State indicating that the bridge was being reviewed to determine the design of the replacement bridge.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed applications received from individuals interested in serving on committees, boards, and authorities.

1. Joint Industrial Development Authority – Chair Reeves noted that Dickie Pack’s term on the Joint Industrial Development Authority Board would expire on October 31 and he is not eligible for reappointment.

Supervisor Hall recommended David Carpenter to serve on the Joint Industrial Development Authority Board. He noted that Mr. Carpenter owns Southwest Specialty Heat Treat, a local industry and is interested in serving on the Authority Board. Supervisor Hall added that Mr. Carpenter has established relationships with both local industry plant managers and industries outside of the County.

Supervisor Willis expressed his support of Mr. Carpenter. He noted that Mr. Carpenter’s future ventures and leadership skills would benefit Wythe County.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to appoint David Carpenter to the Joint Industrial Development Authority Board.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

Mr. Dalton recommended inviting Dickie Pack to the November 12 Board meeting. He noted that the Board would present Mr. Pack with a resolution thanking him for his service.

2. Department of Social Services Board – Supervisor McRoberts nominated Patty O’Quinn to serve on the Department of Social Services Board.

Supervisor Hale nominated William Crockett to the Department of Social Services Board. He noted that Mr. Crockett is an astute young man, a realtor, and a former Town police officer.

Supervisor Hall inquired if Mr. Crockett had specifically asked to serve on the Department of Social Services Board. He noted that Ms. O'Quinn has submitted an application requesting to serve on the Social Services Board.

Mr. Dalton noted that he believes that Ms. O'Quinn had previously worked for the Department of Social Services for close to 20 years.

Following discussion, Supervisor Hale withdrew his nomination.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to appoint Patty O'Quinn to the Department of Social Services Board.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSIONS

The Board reviewed and discussed legislative items for presentation before the General Assembly.

1. Cigarette Tax – Mr. Dalton recommended amendment to Virginia Code 15.2 – Counties, Cities, and Towns, which outlines the powers of each. He noted that removing the note from the Code would allow the County the same right of equal taxation as cities and towns. Mr. Dalton explained that this amendment would allow the County to implement a cigarette tax, transient occupancy tax, and other similar taxes.

Supervisor Hale questioned if the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) would lobby for this means of taxation for counties.

Chair Reeves explained that VACo has in the past supported equal taxation for counties and cities. He added that this issue was a topic of discussion in many of VACo's regional meetings.

Supervisor Hale inquired if a meeting could be held at the annual VACo meeting to discuss the issue with the other counties within the region.

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Chair Reeves noted that he would work to schedule a meeting with the other members of Region 12.

Supervisor Hale suggested drafting a letter to handout to all of the counties in attendance at the VACo meeting. He noted that support from multiple delegates and counties would assist with adoption of the bill.

Chair Reeves recommended instead mailing a letter to each county requesting their support when the issue goes before the General Assembly. He also suggested submitting a letter to VACo asking for their support.

2. Major Graham Road – Supervisor Hale questioned if Board members would support a funding bill for improvement of Major Graham Road. He explained that he believes that the State should provide funding for a road that develops commerce. Supervisor Hale recommended that Mr. Dalton and the County Engineering Department calculate an amount of funding to request.

Chair Reeves noted that he would support the bill.

Mr. Dalton stated that he believes that the County could have a bill introduced to fund the project. He noted that he also believes that the bill would die in committee.

The Board agreed to discuss the bill with Delegate Campbell.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Supervisor McRoberts reported that he received a complaint from a parent of one of the youth football team members. He noted that the parent stated that their son did not get to play in the Superbowl game, sitting on the bench during the entire game.

Mr. Dalton noted that the rules require that each player play a specified amount during each game. He added that if the coach does not allow all of the players to play, then they would be penalized and not allowed to coach in the future.

Supervisor McRoberts recommended that Recreation Director, Kevin Williams, enforce this rule.

Mr. Dalton explained that each coach signs an agreement acknowledging the rules before they are allowed to coach. He added that he would discuss the issue with Mr. Williams.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Hale requested that someone attend the November 2 VDOT meeting and public hearing. He noted that he would not be able to attend.

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Mr. Dalton noted that he would ensure that someone attends the meeting. He added that two of the projects submitted by the County have advanced to the executive level and would be recommended for the Six-Year Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair