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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 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	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
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer
Jennifer Druien, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Black	Linda Meyer
Patsy Hale	Patricia Bevil
Eric Crowgey	Jeff Lienhart
Lennon Counts	Nate Montgomery
Charlie Lester	Jacob Odum
David Manley	Paul Matthews
Charlotte Barkley	Roy Cox
Kelsey Grimes	Thomas Vannoy
Sandy Stoneman	Mark Dalton
Millie Rothrock	David Richert
Danny Gordon	Approximately 50 other citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jeff Black of the Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – WYTHE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-2

Chair Reeves announced that, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, will hold a public hearing to hear comments related to proposed Wythe County Ordinance 2015-2, an Ordinance creating the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the matter, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on December 8, 2015, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

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Chair Reeves opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning proposed Ordinance 2015-2.

Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer questioned if the exposition center staff would be paid or volunteer.

Chair Reeves noted that public hearings are for public comment only, and the Board would not be answering any questions at this time.

Ms. Meyer advised that this information is not included in the proposed ordinance and inquired where the information could be obtained. She next asked who would determine what is a valid expense and if there will be a cap on expenses. Ms. Meyer reported that the ordinance indicates that the minutes of all meetings shall be taken and approved, and requested posting of all authority meeting minutes on the County website. She explained that the proposed ordinance also states that no facilities owned by the authority shall be disposed of and noted that the authority does not own anything, as the taxpayers of Wythe County own this property. Ms. Meyer requested publication of the authority's expenditures and audit on the County website. She recommended that the Board of Supervisors make public and vote on all expenditures related to the center. Ms. Meyer added that she would hope that the process remain open to the public with all information available on the County's website for review.

Patricia Bevil of 283 Blue Sky Drive in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Bevil explained that she is concerned with the additional water usage, sewer usage, waste, and traffic associated with the center. She noted that the 6,000 individuals visiting the center would place a significant strain on the interstate, especially with the large trucks needed for transporting show horses and cattle. Ms. Bevil questioned who would handle the additional waste, sanitation, and potential pollution. She also asked if the center would include shower and restroom facilities and if the taxpayers would be burdened with this extra water expense. Ms. Bevil next inquired if additional roads would be added for the Center. She noted that letters have been sent to residents of Blue Sky Drive stating that houses would be taken within five years for this project, and questioned which houses would be taken and how long residents would have to find a new home. Ms. Bevil inquired if water and tax rates would be raised to fund the center, and if so, how much. She next asked if the local law enforcement agency would be able to handle the additional 6,000 people visiting the County. Ms. Bevil advised that she does want jobs to come to the area, but wants the center to be safe and not place an additional hardship on the residents.

Jeff Lienhart addressed the Board. Mr. Lienhart advised that citizens currently have to travel on average two hours to the closest event venue. He explained that ten good events a year could cover the yearly payments to fund construction of the project. Mr. Lienhart noted that additional traffic and law enforcement needs are inevitable, as the County would continue to grow whether the center is built or not. He reported that Wythe County has one of the lowest tax rates in the State of Virginia while still providing great services. Mr. Lienhart stated that the center would enrich the local

culture and show off the County to the surrounding area. He added that the additional revenue generated from overnight accommodations, meals, and possibly speeding tickets would benefit the County.

Nate Montgomery of 570 East Spring Street in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Montgomery noted that the idea of the center is great and could be a benefit to the County for generations to come. He explained, however, that he is concerned with the structure of the organization. Mr. Montgomery recommended creating the organization and allowing it to operate on its own, with the Board retaining oversight of expenditures. He advised that he does not agree with the placement of a Board member on the authority as secretary and treasurer, as recently published in the newspaper. Mr. Montgomery stated that he is also concerned that there are no conceptual drawings of the building, on-site evaluations of similar facilities have not been performed, and no specific purpose for the center has been designated. He noted that the building needs to be built with a specific purpose in mind, as the purpose would dictate how the center is constructed. Mr. Montgomery asked that the Board consider narrowing down the scope of the center. He added that the costs to upgrade the interstate exchange have not been factored into the estimates for the project, which would be necessary.

Jacob Odum of 446 Lots Gap Road in Max Meadows addressed the Board on behalf of the Fort Chiswell Future Farmers of America. Mr. Odum advised that the Fort Chiswell Future Farmers of America (FFA) support the proposed center. He noted that he would have liked to have access to this type of center when he was in school. Mr. Odum explained that the center would provide a venue for the FFA to hold multiple competitions that they must now travel to Virginia Tech or even out of the State to attend. He added that the FFA believes that the center is a good idea and fully supports it.

Thomas Vannoy addressed the Board representing Killer Cleats, a travel softball and baseball organization. Mr. Vannoy proposed to the Board the addition of a four field lighted complex for baseball and softball at the center site. He reported that according to a 2006 report, team sports within the United States are at an all-time high, with parents spending on average \$7 billion a year in traveling expenses for their youths to participate. Mr. Vannoy advised that hosting regional youth tournaments are a great opportunity for local development and economic growth, yielding as high as a fifty to one return on the localities investment. He explained that the Botetourt Complex in Salem, Virginia, is the next closest venue available for youth and adult organizational tournaments. Mr. Vannoy reported that the Softball World Nationals, which were held at the Botetourt Complex in 2015, contributed \$3.1 million in revenue to the local economy in one week. He stated that 960 to 1,280 youths and family members would attend one Saturday tournament, which equates to approximately \$3,200 in gas sales, \$11,000 in food revenue, and \$33,000 in additional hotel sales. Mr. Vannoy noted that Wythe County is ideal for this type of facility as it has the traveling infrastructure already in place with the two interstates and easy access from the surrounding states.

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He urged the Board to consider this potential use for the land surrounding the expo center.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Chair Reeves announced that, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, will hold a public hearing to hear comments related to the proposed issuance of a \$5,000,000 General Obligation bond for the construction of an exposition center. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the matter, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on December 8, 2015, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Chair Reeves opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning the proposed bond issuance.

Jeff Lienhart addressed the Board. Mr. Lienhart noted that he had expressed all that he wanted to say in the previous public hearing.

Nate Montgomery of 570 East Spring Street in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Montgomery recommended delaying allocation of the funds until another meeting. He noted that he does support the center, but is concerned with the Board making a hasty decision in order to get the center completed. Mr. Montgomery advised that dirt analysis and core samples have not been completed on the center site, which are required for the construction of a residential home. He explained that no specific use or target demographic has been designated for the center. Mr. Montgomery suggested that the Board complete the project in phases. He added that he is in favor of building the soccer and baseball fields at this time.

Patricia Bevil of 283 Blue Sky Drive addressed the Board. Ms. Bevil advised that rodeos are dangerous, and questioned if the County is prepared for the inevitable injuries that will occur. She also inquired if the County would have to purchase a helicopter to transport individuals injured at the center. Ms. Bevil explained that if someone is injured at the facility, they would sue the owners of the center, which are the County and the taxpayers and asked if the County was prepared for this expense. She stated that she would be in favor of a center that is safe and at which citizens could bring their children without worry of possible injury. Ms. Bevil added that she does not believe that \$5 million would cover the costs to level the land and remove rocks if needed. She requested that the Board publish answers to the questions asked by citizens at the public hearings in the local newspaper.

David Richert of 270 Echo Valley Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Richert advised that he supports the idea of bringing tourist dollars to the community, but is not in favor of how the authority is currently being structured. He noted that he would appreciate a town hall style meeting so that the citizens could obtain additional information and share ideas. Mr. Richert stated that he is for local government investing tax dollars to bring in more jobs and increase tourism. He explained that he has read the economic impact study, business, and marketing plan, and does not believe that the \$400,000 operating budget is adequate to successfully market the center. Mr. Richert requested that the Board review traffic issues and costs, and work to provide the best possible venue for the future of Wythe County.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Chair Reeves announced that, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, will hold a public hearing to hear comments related to a proposed Enterprise Zone boundary amendment. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the matter, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on December 8, 2015, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Chair Reeves inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning the proposed Enterprise Zone boundary expansion.

David Manley, Joint Industrial Development Authority Executive Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Manley reported that one of the County's current industries has exceeded the footprint of what was originally expected for their expansion, prompting expansion of the Enterprise Zone. He advised that Enterprise Zone expansions cannot be completed for one company or piece of property and must be connected to the existing Zone. Mr. Manley noted that the Enterprise Zone is one of the most effective tools used in economic development. He added that over 400 acres remain to be added to the County's Enterprise Zone in the future if needed.

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

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Silings Road Bridge – Roy Cox of 1262 Pope Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board. Mr. Cox requested an update on the Silings Road Bridge replacement and pavement of Pope Road. He explained that it is a burden on residents to have to travel four to five miles out of their way every day to leave their homes. Mr. Cox explained that whenever he contacts Mr. Dalton or Supervisor Horney requesting

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scraping of Pope Road, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) scrapes the road within a couple of days. He noted that the road, unfortunately, deteriorates to its original condition in just a matter of days following a scraping.

Mr. Dalton reported that Jeff Russell, VDOT Residency Administrator, has stated that survey crews have visited the Silings Bridge site and are working to locate the funds needed to replace the bridge.

Mr. Cox added that paving Pope Road would encourage growth of the community.

2. Silings Road Bridge – Paul Matthews of 1542 Pope Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board. Mr. Matthews noted that when Pope Road is scraped, two days later it is in need of scraping again. He advised that the drainpipe on Guava Road has been blocked for over a year and causes the water to run across the road and cut gullies into it during a heavy rain. Mr. Matthews explained that VDOT was supposed to have cleaned out the drainpipe approximately one year ago, but it has not yet been cleaned. He requested that the Board continue to work to replace the Silings Road Bridge.

Chair Reeves noted that the Board would do everything within their power to have the Silings Road Bridge replaced. He directed staff to contact the Virginia Department of Transportation concerning the culvert blockage on Guava Road.

3. Sports Fields – Mark Dalton of 125 Whitetail Drive in Max Meadows addressed the Board on behalf of the Killer Cleats organization. Mr. Dalton advised that the inclusion of a four field baseball and softball complex with the exposition center project would affect today's youth, as well as the community of tomorrow. He noted that youths who visit the complex from other localities and states, may return to the County to live as adults. Mr. Dalton reported that youth sports have grown over the past 10 years and are bigger now than they were 12 years ago. He stated that more scouts attend showcase ball games than high school games; viewing 50 to 100 prospects at just one showcase game. Mr. Dalton added that these tournaments would bring a large number of people into the County, which would impact the local businesses, economy, and workforce.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the November 24, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the November 24, 2015, minutes as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on December 8, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30093269, 30093271-30093279, 30093281-30093293, and 30093295-30093356 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30093269	12/08/15	ALSCO	\$121.97
30093271	12/08/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$10,703.00
30093272	12/08/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$202.93
30093273	12/08/15	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS MAX MEADOWS	\$43.97
30093274	12/08/15	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	\$33.48
30093275	12/08/15	BUSINESS CARD	\$4,369.84
30093276	12/08/15	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	\$1,495.60
30093277	12/08/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$99,132.70
30093278	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$3,280.05
30093279	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$42.87
30093281	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$4,884.82
30093282	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$52.76
30093283	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$227.64
30093284	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$217.08
30093285	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$103.62
30093286	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$42.87
30093287	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$107.80
30093288	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$39.98
30093289	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$135.63
30093290	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$59.00
30093291	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$61.62
30093292	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK	\$142.64
30093293	12/08/15	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$241.13
30093295	12/08/15	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30093296	12/08/15	CLEARWATER INC	\$500.00
30093297	12/08/15	COMPLETE TOWING AND RECOVERY INC	\$150.00
30093298	12/08/15	CREATIVE GLASS INC	\$582.41
30093299	12/08/15	CROCKETT, WALTER S	\$27.90
30093300	12/08/15	DEPT OF GENERAL SERVICES	\$85.00
30093301	12/08/15	DUKE'S PRINTING	\$273.00
30093302	12/08/15	ECONOMY QUICK LUBE	\$29.95
30093303	12/08/15	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$3,311.49
30093304	12/08/15	FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS	\$660.00
30093305	12/08/15	FOOD COUNTRY	\$178.47

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30093306	12/08/15	FOWLKES MACHINE CO INC	\$697.66
30093307	12/08/15	GALLS	\$350.00
30093308	12/08/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$4,074.25
30093309	12/08/15	HALEY AUTOMOTIVE	\$106,403.84
30093310	12/08/15	HARPO'S HARDWARE BLDG SUPPLY INC	\$14.99
30093311	12/08/15	HORNEY, HAYDEN H	\$159.81
30093312	12/08/15	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	\$3,310.71
30093313	12/08/15	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$43,868.76
30093314	12/08/15	JP COOKE CO	\$40.75
30093315	12/08/15	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$39.45
30093316	12/08/15	LACKEY, MEGHAN K	\$256.00
30093317	12/08/15	LEXISNEXIS	\$697.00
30093318	12/08/15	LITTLE B ENTERPRISES INC	\$151,667.26
30093319	12/08/15	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$30.90
30093320	12/08/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$4,315.40
30093321	12/08/15	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC	\$21.94
30093322	12/08/15	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$303.64
30093323	12/08/15	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$600.00
30093324	12/08/15	NADA USED CAR GUIDE	\$35.00
30093325	12/08/15	NATIONAL PEN CO LLC	\$95.90
30093326	12/08/15	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$14,114.15
30093327	12/08/15	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$707.54
30093328	12/08/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30093329	12/08/15	OWEN G DUNN CO	\$3,816.89
30093330	12/08/15	PAPER CLIP	\$396.38
30093331	12/08/15	POLYTEC INC	\$2,899.03
30093332	12/08/15	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO	\$100.00
30093333	12/08/15	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	\$135.00
30093334	12/08/15	R & R SEPTIC	\$250.00
30093335	12/08/15	RCI	\$420.00
30093336	12/08/15	SALIBA, DAVID	\$344.80
30093337	12/08/15	SENTRY SERVICES	\$95.00
30093338	12/08/15	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$89.74
30093339	12/08/15	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONS INC	\$111.00
30093340	12/08/15	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	\$52.68
30093341	12/08/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$16.00
30093342	12/08/15	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$2,026.33
30093343	12/08/15	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30093344	12/08/15	SUPPLY WORKS	\$947.95
30093345	12/08/15	THOMPSON TIRE	\$331.85
30093346	12/08/15	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	\$160.00
30093347	12/08/15	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$4,021.44
30093348	12/08/15	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$27.75
30093349	12/08/15	USA BLUE BOOK	\$103.67
30093350	12/08/15	V & M RECYCLING	\$65,714.91

30093351	12/08/15	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$752.81
30093352	12/08/15	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	\$40.00
30093353	12/08/15	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	\$85,250.00
30093354	12/08/15	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$193.80
30093355	12/08/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$709.89
30093356	12/08/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$476.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 12/08/15			\$670,451.42

Supervisor McRoberts 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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Mr. Dalton reminded Board members to complete and return Conflict of Interest forms prior to the December 15 due date. He noted that Board members must also complete a form for each authority, board, and committee on which they serve. Mr. Dalton added that the one page short form may be completed for smaller committees.

PARENT ADVOCACY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER

Charlotte Barkley, Parent Advocacy and Advisory Council of Southwest Virginia Executive Director, addressed the Board. Ms. Barkley requested that the Board prepare a letter and signed resolution in support of the Southwest Virginia Training Center remaining open. She reported that the previous Governor, by executive order, decided to close the Training Center, which is scheduled for closure in 2018. Ms. Barkley explained that the current Governor could just as easily reverse that decision and keep the Center open. She advised that the Southwest Virginia Training Center is a State run independent intermediate care facility (ICF) providing a safe environment for its 125 residents. Ms. Barkley noted that of the four nearby centers only one is expected to stay open, which has only a 75-bed capacity and is currently full. She stated that if the Center closes and those individuals move into a community setting close to their families, then the community would have to absorb the additional expenses of caring for those individuals. Ms. Barkley asked that the Board stand up for the Center's residents and their families and support the Center remaining open. She added that all resolutions, letters, and petitions would be prepared in a package and submitted to the Governor.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to send a letter and resolution of support of the Southwest Virginia Training Center remaining open.

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Supervisor Hale questioned what is the Training Center's annual budget.

Ms. Barkley advised that they budget approximately \$147,000 per resident annually. She noted that as residents move out, the per resident cost increases. Ms. Barkley explained that the General Assembly could reopen admissions to the Training Center, which would reduce the cost per resident considerably.

Mr. Dalton reported that the Board met with Secretary of Health, William Hazel, at the request of Carroll County to discuss this matter. He advised that the previous Governor signed a consent order with the Federal Government. Mr. Dalton explained that they are in the process of reducing patients, while retaining most of the current staff and in turn increasing costs. He noted that the support letter would need to be strongly worded enough to convince the Governor and General Assembly to reverse the consent order that they have with the Federal Government. Mr. Dalton stated that Secretary of Health Hazel had indicated that the closure cannot be stopped.

Ms. Barkley noted that she believes that they can stop the closure.

Supervisor Houseman called for the question.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION

The Board reviewed the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond of Wythe County, Virginia, in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 and providing for the form, details, and payment of said bond.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond of Wythe County, Virginia, in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 and providing for the form, details, and payment of the bond.

Supervisor Houseman noted that Section 2B states that either the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to determine and approve all other final details of the Bond. He questioned if this is normally included in bond resolutions.

Mr. Dalton explained that most bond documents in the past have stated the Chair or County Administrator. He noted that Spilman Law of Roanoke prepared the bond documents in conjunction with the lending agency. Mr. Dalton stated that he does not know why the vice chair was included instead of the County Administrator.

Supervisor Houseman noted that Section 8B indicates that the Bond issuer can dictate that the County raise taxes.

Mr. Dalton advised that in every general obligation bond that the County has issued, if the County fails to make payments, the bond holder can dictate that the County raise taxes enough to pay the bond. He noted that this is standard in every bond document.

Supervisor Houseman inquired as to which calendar year the \$10 million cap outlined in Section 9 Item ii would apply.

Mr. Dalton explained that this would apply to calendar year 2015 and would reset on January 1.

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

2016 RULES OF PROCEDURE

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

Mr. Dalton explained that the Rules of Procedure would be presented to the Board for approval at the first Board meeting in January. He noted that the 2016 Rules of Procedure are identical to those of 2015 with the exception of the dates for the second June meeting and first November meeting.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting schedule for calendar year 2016.

2016 BUDGET CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget calendar for calendar year 2016.

Mr. Dalton noted that the Budget Calendar would be approved at the first Board meeting in January. He explained that if any dates are revised following approval, amendment would be required.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Extension Office Greenhouse and Garden – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to authorize the installation of a greenhouse and planting of a garden on the County owned property housing the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office facility.

Kelsey Grimes, Virginia Cooperative Extension Office 4-H Youth Development Agent, addressed the Board. Ms. Grimes advised that they received a Wythe

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Bland Foundation grant for a greenhouse approximately eight by sixteen feet in size. She explained that they hope to establish a greenhouse to market program, with the produce sold at the local farmer’s market. Ms. Grimes added that the greenhouse would not be a permanent structure and could be moved in the future.

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. Extension Office Windows – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to accept the proposal from Affordable Windows in the amount of \$4,320 for replacement of the Extension Office windows.

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. Wythe County Office Building Siding – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to reject the proposal received for installation of metal siding on the Wythe County Office Building and to obtain additional quotes for 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

SANDS ANDERSON PROPOSAL

The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by James Cornwell of Sands Anderson PC for general representation in the event that the County Attorney has a conflict.

Mr. Dalton explained that due to a matter in which the County Attorney is in conflict, the Board had requested a proposal for legal representation from Sands Anderson. He noted that Sands Anderson would work on an hourly basis at the pleasure of the Board.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to accept the proposal from Sands Anderson PC for general representation.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if the billing rates proposed are in line with standard attorney rates.

County Attorney Scot Farthing noted that the rates are consistent with standard attorney rates.

Mr. Dalton advised that the proposal states that Sands Anderson would be the selected attorney in the event of future conflicts. He noted that the contract can be terminated at any time and does not guarantee Sands Anderson any future work.

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

SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT

The Board reviewed and discussed the Smyth Wythe Airport Commission financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to accept the Smyth Wythe Airport Commission financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 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

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT

The Board reviewed and discussed the Mount Rogers Community Services Board financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to accept the Mount Rogers Community Services Board financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 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

RESOLUTION 2015-26

The Board reviewed Resolution 2015-26 requesting amendment to the Code of Virginia to provide equal rights to all counties as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-26

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe, Virginia, requests that all counties in Virginia have equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe, respectively requests that the Code of Virginia be amended to provide equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe has been required to fund shortfalls in State and Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe has identified a means to lessen the burden on property taxes by implementing a cigarette tax that has previously been approved by State legislative action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors request that Section 58.1-3831 be amended to allow all Virginia counties to have the power to levy tax upon the sale or use of cigarettes; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the requested changes be attached to this Resolution.

Chair Reeves reported that currently only Fairfax and Arlington Counties are permitted to collect a cigarette tax in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He noted that the proposed amendment would replace Fairfax and Arlington Counties in the Code, with All Counties in Virginia.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Resolution 2015-26.

Chair Reeves explained that a letter and copy of the resolution would be sent to all counties in Virginia requesting their support.

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

CONTRACT MODIFICATION AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed a contract modification agreement to Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates' contract for completion of the Treasurer's Office turnover audit.

Mr. Dalton explained that with the election of a new Treasurer, an audit of the books must be completed in accordance with Virginia Code Section 58.1-3136. He noted that the savings in salary between the outgoing and incoming treasurers would more than fund the \$6,000 needed for the audit.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to accept the Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates contract modification agreement.

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

ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Mr. Dalton requested that the Board approve the Enterprise Zone Boundary expansion and authorize signature on all necessary documents.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to approve the Enterprise Zone boundary expansion and to authorize signatures on all necessary documents.

December 8, 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
Joe F. Hale Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Steven T. Willis

Supervisor Willis noted that his place of employment is within the boundaries of the newly expanded Enterprise Zone.

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Supervisor Hall made a motion to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel to Discuss Ongoing Litigation and Contract Negotiations) of the Code of Virginia.

Danny Gordon of WYVE Radio questioned if this constitutes an amendment to the agenda, as only consultation with legal counsel to discuss ongoing litigation was mentioned in the agenda.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to amend the agenda to include contract negotiations in the closed meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel to Discuss Ongoing Litigation and Contract Negotiations) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, 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

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair