

December 22, 2015

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, 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
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Crockett	Charlie Lester
Faye Barker	David Manley
Johnny Beamer	Linda Meyer
Danny Suthers	Two Other Citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Supervisor Houseman 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. Public Hearings – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer requested a change to public hearing protocol for future public hearings. She recommended providing a meeting prior to the public hearing at which the public could receive answers to questions.
2. Exposition Center Authority – Ms. Meyer questioned if the current exposition center board members would be appointed to the new exposition center authority.

Chair Reeves noted that the previous exposition center board members would be included in the Authority, but the entire board would not be comprised of those individuals.

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Ms. Meyer questioned if information would be available for citizens who would be interested in serving on the authority.

Chair Reeves explained that the Board would choose the seven board of director members. He noted that the Board continually accepts applications from citizens interested in serving on any board or committee. Chair Reeves stated that this authority would be added to the list on the County website.

3. Computer System – Commissioner of the Revenue, Faye Barker, addressed the Board. Ms. Barker explained that commissioners of revenue from other areas have indicated that the Tyler Technologies computer system has not worked well for them. She presented correspondence from other commissioners of revenue to the Board detailing issues they have experienced with the system. Ms. Barker requested that the Board review and consider the information provided.

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

WYTHE COUNTY TREASURER WALTER S. "SAM" CROCKETT

Supervisor Hall read Resolution 2015-29 in honor of Treasurer Walter S. "Sam" Crockett as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-29
HONORING WALTER S. "SAM" CROCKETT
WYTHE COUNTY TREASURER**

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett was elected to the position of Wythe County Treasurer in November 1987, and began his duties as Treasurer on January 1, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett's dedication, devotion, and love for the citizens of Wythe County has allowed him to serve as Treasurer for 28 years; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett has elected to retire on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett and his family have a long history of public service in Wythe County, and he has honored his family and the County with his commitment to providing professional and distinguished service to the citizens of Wythe County; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett has exemplified his love and service to the citizens of Wythe County by serving in the military and federal and local government for over 45 years; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett returned to Wythe County and has strived to improve the collection of taxes and monies owed Wythe County as prescribed by the law; and,

WHEREAS, his knowledge and leadership has assisted Wythe County in obtaining contracts for banking services that have provided favorable savings rates for Wythe County's funds, which assist the County in maintaining low tax rates; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett and his loyal staff have continually improved the Treasurer's Office through modernization, including the ability to receive payments by credit card at no additional costs to the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Walter S. "Sam" Crockett, through extensive training and policy development, became certified as Wythe County's first Master Governmental Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, assembled in regular session this 22nd day of December 2015, does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to Walter S. "Sam" Crockett for his time and service as the Wythe County Treasurer, and does hereby wish him and his family well in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

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 \$53,696,000 with \$35,955,000 in the General Fund account. He advised that the Treasurer's Office has collected approximately \$17,609,787 in local taxes to date. Mr. Crockett noted that this equates to approximately 92% of the total amount to be collected.

Mr. Crockett reported that in December 1987, the County had \$2,546,000 in the bank. He noted that the County currently has \$56,311,000 in the bank.

The Board thanked Mr. Crockett for his service to the County.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2015-29 in honor of Walter S. "Sam" Crockett.

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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

GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

Supervisor Willis read Resolution 2015-28 in honor of the George Wythe High School Golf Team's State championship as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-28
HONORING THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM**

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team completed a spectacular 2015 season; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team advanced to the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Championship at the Golden Eagle Golf Course in Irvington, Virginia, on October 12 and 13, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team surpassed the competition, earning the designation as George Wythe's first Virginia High School League 1A State golf champions; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team scored a total of 674 points, defeating runner-up Altivista by 20 strokes; and,

WHEREAS, senior Alex Arnold had a two-day score of 159, junior Max Dillon 162, junior Chris Boothe 167, and senior Cody Abate 186; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team completed an extraordinary season and displayed outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends the George Wythe High School Golf Team comprised of Cody Abate, Alex Arnold, Chris Boothe, David Castanon, Tyler Corvin, Max Dillon, Zack Duncan, and Nash Russell, and Coaches Johnny Beamer, and Danny Suthers for their exemplary 2015 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors present this Resolution to the George Wythe High School Golf Team in recognition and appreciation of their achievements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adopt Resolution 2015-28 honoring the George Wythe High School Golf Team.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the December 8, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the December 8, 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 December 22, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30093373 and 30093376-30093456 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30093373	12/22/15	103 TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC	\$225.00
30093376	12/22/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$29,860.25
30093377	12/22/15	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$704.62
30093378	12/22/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$123.96
30093379	12/22/15	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	\$134.46

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30093380	12/22/15	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	\$1,441.50
30093381	12/22/15	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	\$40.00
30093382	12/22/15	BUILDING AND DESIGN OF VA	\$9,506.59
30093383	12/22/15	CAMPBELL, SAMUEL D	\$8,670.25
30093384	12/22/15	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$100.00
30093385	12/22/15	CCS	\$1,812.05
30093386	12/22/15	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	\$195.98
30093387	12/22/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$170,448.16
30093388	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$40.58
30093389	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$62.52
30093390	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$53.31
30093391	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$48.83
30093392	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$245.20
30093393	12/22/15	CENTURYLINK	\$432.03
30093394	12/22/15	COMFORT SYSTEMS USA	\$319.00
30093395	12/22/15	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC INC	\$689.80
30093396	12/22/15	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30093397	12/22/15	DELL MARKETING LP	\$202.49
30093398	12/22/15	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$2,143.00
30093399	12/22/15	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$1,380.00
30093400	12/22/15	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	\$1,250.00
30093401	12/22/15	DISTRICT THREE	\$3,632.50
30093402	12/22/15	DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION INC	\$977.50
30093403	12/22/15	FARTHING, SCOT S	\$5,155.46
30093404	12/22/15	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$97.66
30093405	12/22/15	FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS	\$302.50
30093406	12/22/15	FOOD COUNTRY	\$148.19
30093407	12/22/15	GALLS	\$107.91
30093408	12/22/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$4,074.25
30093409	12/22/15	HUFF FORD INC	\$300.64
30093410	12/22/15	KING GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC	\$33,185.97
30093411	12/22/15	KING-MOORE INC	\$1,423.50
30093412	12/22/15	LEXISNEXIS	\$183.00
30093413	12/22/15	LOWE'S	\$668.61
30093414	12/22/15	MEADE CONTRACTING	\$103,028.45
30093415	12/22/15	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$91.00
30093416	12/22/15	MID ATLANTIC STORAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$29,639.80
30093417	12/22/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$40.00
30093418	12/22/15	PAPER CLIP	\$44.92
30093419	12/22/15	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$33,775.00
30093420	12/22/15	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO	\$50.00
30093421	12/22/15	RECTOR, DON	\$75.00
30093422	12/22/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30093423	12/22/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30093424	12/22/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00

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30093425	12/22/15	SHENTEL	\$60.21
30093426	12/22/15	SOUTHERN STATES	\$149.90
30093427	12/22/15	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	\$708.02
30093428	12/22/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$38.59
30093429	12/22/15	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$62.88
30093430	12/22/15	THOMPSON TIRE	\$298.75
30093431	12/22/15	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	\$1,242.00
30093432	12/22/15	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	\$153.11
30093433	12/22/15	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$713.05
30093434	12/22/15	TWO WAY RADIO	\$202.50
30093435	12/22/15	US CELLULAR	\$610.00
30093436	12/22/15	US CELLULAR	\$1,069.26
30093437	12/22/15	US CELLULAR	\$64.10
30093438	12/22/15	US CELLULAR	\$762.77
30093439	12/22/15	USA BLUE BOOK	\$519.48
30093440	12/22/15	VACORP	\$12,506.70
30093441	12/22/15	VEBA	\$160.00
30093442	12/22/15	VERIZON	\$13.50
30093443	12/22/15	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$122.59
30093444	12/22/15	VGFOA	\$35.00
30093445	12/22/15	VIRGINIA TECH	\$11,590.51
30093446	12/22/15	VITA	\$153.72
30093447	12/22/15	VITA	\$256.01
30093448	12/22/15	VITA	\$52.74
30093449	12/22/15	VUPS	\$44.10
30093450	12/22/15	WALTER F STEPHENS JR INC	\$106.90
30093451	12/22/15	WYTHE ARTS COUNCIL LTD	\$10,000.00
30093452	12/22/15	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	\$350.00
30093453	12/22/15	WYTHE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$45.00
30093454	12/22/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,060.47
30093455	12/22/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$195.17
30093456	12/22/15	XEROX	\$472.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 12/22/15			\$508,735.62

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

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APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed proposed Ordinance 2015-02 for the creation of an Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adopt Ordinance 2015-02, creating an Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority.

Supervisor Houseman noted that Section 2D of the Articles of Incorporation state that all members of the board of directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and any member of the board of directors may be removed by the Board of Supervisors with or without cause. He questioned if this is normal language in the creation of an authority.

Mr. Dalton advised that typically this is not included in the creation of an authority. He noted that due to past experiences with other authorities, it was decided that this was necessary to allow the Board some control over the authority.

Supervisor Houseman explained that Section F states that the exposition center would be leased to the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority under terms and conditions agreed upon by Wythe County and the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority. He inquired if the terms and conditions have been written.

County Attorney Farthing noted that they have not.

Mr. Dalton questioned if Supervisor Houseman is recommending amendment to this portion of the Ordinance, to state "when terms and conditions are adopted." He noted that presently the Board has not closed on the loan, prepared a building plan, or obtained a survey of the property and has, therefore, not determined what would be leased.

Mr. Farthing reported that the purpose of the authority is to maintain the facility once constructed. He explained that if the County and authority cannot agree on what would be leased, then the purpose of the authority would no longer be valid. Mr. Farthing noted that the terms and conditions would be determined based on the lease. He recommended amending the ordinance to state that the exposition center "may" be leased to the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority instead of "would" be leased. Mr. Farthing added that this would provide additional flexibility within the ordinance.

Supervisor Houseman reported that Section 5 states that the authority shall not undertake any project or activity other than those enumerated in the act in this ordinance. He inquired if the Board is still under the legal opinion that the authority will not be able to rent space.

Mr. Farthing confirmed that the authority would not be permitted to rent space other than renting space associated with an event such as concessions and vendors.

Supervisor Horney noted that Section 2E states that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Wythe County Administrator shall be ex-officio members of the authority. He questioned if this should be amended to "chair of the Board or his or her designee."

Mr. Dalton stated that this would be an acceptable change.

Supervisor Horney advised that previously they had discussed permanently appointing the County extension agent to the authority. He noted that this was not included in the ordinance. Supervisor Horney added that the ordinance states that all authority members could only serve two terms.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if the Board could simply agree by consensus to appoint Extension Agent Matthew Miller to the authority.

Mr. Farthing noted that the ordinance could be amended to state that "one of the director members may be the Wythe County Extension Agent, who may serve longer than two terms." He advised that this amendment would not require an additional public hearing. Mr. Farthing added that the language limiting the members to two year terms could be removed from the ordinance.

Supervisor Hale explained that the extension agent would provide the Board direct connection to Virginia Tech. He advised that this person would also be a professional working to promote agriculture in Wythe County. Supervisor Hale noted that he would agree to removal of the term limits and the addition of "the extension agent may serve on the authority."

The Board agreed to the amendments of the ordinance as discussed.

Mr. Dalton questioned when and how the seven authority member positions would be filled.

Mr. Farthing stated that the positions would be filled by the Board when the ordinance is adopted. He noted that when the ordinance is adopted the Board needs to be able to include the names of the appointees. Mr. Farthing added that the Board may wish to delay adoption of the ordinance until the appointees have been selected.

Supervisor Horney noted that the ordinance states that the authority members do not take office until February 1. He questioned if the Board could wait to appoint the authority at that time.

Mr. Dalton inquired if the effective date of the ordinance could be amended to the date that the authority members are appointed.

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Mr. Farthing agreed that the effective date could be amended to the date the authority members are appointed. He noted that the ordinance could be adopted and then become effective on that date.

Supervisor Houseman asked if each Board of Supervisor member would appoint an authority member.

Supervisor Hale stated that he believes that the authority should be appointed by the consensus of the Board of Supervisors as a whole.

Chair Reeves noted that the Board had previously discussed inclusion of two members of the exposition center fund raising group.

Supervisor Hale called for the question.

Supervisor Hale amended his motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-02 with the revisions as discussed.

Supervisor Hall seconded the amended motion.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-27 – ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT

The Board reviewed Resolution 2015-27 amending the Wythe County Enterprise Zone to include an additional 111 acres in Fairview Industrial Park as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-27
ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, Wythe County is the location of Enterprise Zone 11 as part of the program administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development at the State level and is administered locally by the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat; and,

WHEREAS, an amendment is necessary to further the economic development interests of the local economy, expanding industry, and to keep Wythe County competitive in seeking new industrial prospects; and,

WHEREAS, an amendment has been proposed to add +/- 111 acres in the area commonly known as Fairview Industrial Park and further enumerated with specificity in Enterprise Zone amendment documentation; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 8, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors at 340 South Sixth Street in Wytheville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the importance of this expansion and encourages its approval; then

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that on the 8th day of December 2015, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially endorsed the application for amendment to Enterprise Zone 11 in Wythe County, Virginia.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2015-27 amending Enterprise Zone 11.

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

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Speedwell Water Extension Project – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve the final change order for the Speedwell Water Extension 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. Rapier Ridge Water Tank – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to prepare an application for construction of a water tank on Rapier Ridge.

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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

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Fire Zones – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to amend the Reed Creek and Greasy Creek Road Fire Zones.

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. Dual Response Areas – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to modify dual response area protocols to first and second due response protocol for vehicular/minor calls in these areas.

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. Tanker Taskforce Policy – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to develop a tanker taskforce policy for response to rural areas without fire hydrants.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

1. House Bill Two Application – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Randy Hamilton, Virginia Department of Transportation District Engineer, providing notification that Wythe County's House Bill Two application submission for a study of the Interstate 77 Exit 41 interchange is not eligible for funding. Mr. Dalton noted that studies are no longer eligible for House Bill Two funding. He explained that the Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed to perform a joint study of Exit 73 and Exit 41 using other funding.
2. Exposition Center Bond Counsel – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Webster Day of Spillman Thomas Battle Attorneys at Law outlining their agreement to serve as the County's bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the \$5 million exposition center general obligation bond.
3. Virginia Resources Authority – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Stephanie Hamlett, Virginia Resources Authority Executive Director, extending the County's Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund loan closing date to January 31, 2016, for the Exit 24 wastewater project.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Merry Christmas – Supervisor Houseman wished everyone a merry Christmas.
2. Merry Christmas – Supervisor Hall wished everyone a merry Christmas. He noted that he has enjoyed working with the Board and wished newly elected Board member, Charlie Lester, good luck.
3. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Willis requested recommendations from Board members to fill the East Wytheville district vacancy on the Recreation Commission. He wished a merry Christmas to everyone.
4. Stephen F. Austin Signs – Supervisor Hale reported that the Stephen F. Austin signs are being installed. He recommended the development of a post card to help promote the area.

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5. Coal – Supervisor Hale noted that Board members did not receive a lump of coal this year, and asked Ms. Meyer if the Board had performed better.

Ms. Meyer stated that the Board had not; she just ran out of coal.
6. Supervisor Hall – Supervisor McRoberts thanked Supervisor Hall for his service on the Board. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas.
7. Merry Christmas – Supervisor Horney wished everyone a merry Christmas. He noted that the Board would miss Supervisor Hall.
8. Culvert – Mr. Dalton noted that the district drainage engineer from the Virginia Department of Transportation would investigate the box culvert issue in Speedwell. He added that they would also work on the pothole issue.
9. Slabtown – Chair Reeves reported that he was contacted by a citizen requesting repair of the road in the Slabtown area.
10. Merry Christmas – Chair Reeves wished everyone a merry Christmas. He also thanked Supervisor Hall for his service on the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Horney made a motion to approve the consent calendar for December 22, 2015, as follows:

1. **PAYROLL – November 2015:**

Water Department	\$ 17,984.02
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	17,183.40
Police Activity Fund	55,842.24
Courthouse Security Fund	28,474.51
General County Fund	<u>491,892.30</u>
TOTAL	\$ 611,376.47

Check Numbers: 30093113-30093121; 30093238-30093246

Voucher Numbers: V521000-521163; V522000-522169

2. **STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building and Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Emergency Services – Jason Kinser
- D. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- E. Finance – Bruce Grant
- F. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Shelton, Amanda – Transferred to Data Entry Position, Sheriff Department, Effective November 16, 2015, Annual Salary \$24,197
- B. Stamper, Rebecca – Transferred Comp Board Position #00014, Sheriff Department, Effective November 16, 2015, Annual Salary \$24,924
- C. Musick, Chelsea – Resigned, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court, Effective December 10, 2015
- D. Foster, Jr., Charles – Promotion to Chief Deputy, Sheriff Department, Effective December 1, 2015, Annual Salary \$48,173
- E. Turpin, Jerry E. – Resigned, Full-time Deputy, Sheriff Department, Effective December 31, 2015
- F. Gravley, Kayla J. – Resigned, Full-time Dispatch, Sheriff Department, Effective December 21, 2015
- G. Lang, Darlene – Hired, Full-time Director of Consolidated Dispatch, Effective January 1, 2016, Annual Salary \$34,397

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$4,750.84 (3102-46009) – Auto Claim November 14, 2015
- B. \$14,700 (3505-48241) – Rebate Reimbursement for Radio Purchase

Supervisor Houseman 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

THIRD QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

The Board reviewed Fiscal Year 16 third quarter appropriations for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve Fiscal Year 16 third quarter appropriations 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

APPALACHIAN POWER 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Board reviewed and discussed information from Appalachian Power related to the construction of the Bland area improvement 138-kilovolt transmission line project to be located within Bland and Wythe Counties.

Mr. Dalton recommended that County Attorney Farthing draft a letter to Appalachian Power requesting that they keep the County posted on the progress of the project.

The Board agreed.

NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 15 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and discussed the New River Regional Water Authority financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to accept the New River Regional Water Authority 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

WYTHEVILLE FARMERS MARKET

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Cooperative Service Office announcing availability of the Wytheville Farmers Market environmental assessment documents for review and comment.

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Mr. Dalton reported that in accordance with the County's contract with V & M Recycling, the convenience centers would be closed on Friday, December 25. He noted that

typically the centers are closed half a day on Thursday, and the contractor has requested authorization to close the entire day due to the holiday. Mr. Dalton explained that the convenience center contractor has agreed to empty all of the bins Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to ensure that bins will be available for the influx of trash and recyclables on Saturday. He added that the transfer station would be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to authorize closure of the convenience centers on Thursday, December 24.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hale requested an update on the status of the Cigarette Tax Resolution.

Mr. Dalton advised that the Resolution has been submitted to all Virginia counties, the Virginia Association of Counties, and State representatives. He noted that Delegate Campbell has agreed to present the legislation to the General Assembly.

Supervisor Hale questioned if a trash pickup crew vehicle has been purchased.

Administrative Assistant, Martha Collins, noted that a van has been ordered. She added that she would check to verify the date the van is expected to arrive.

Supervisor Hale explained that the Sheriff had previously committed to adding a litter education program to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program within the schools. He requested a report on the progress of the educational program. Supervisor Hale questioned if the resource officer could make a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Dalton noted that he would work to schedule the presentation.

Supervisor Houseman reported that it appears that local sales and use taxes collected have increased as noted in the Consent Calendar.

CLOSED MEETING – PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY AND DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.5 (Discussion of Prospective Business or Industry) and Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of Personnel Matters related to the 911 Director) of the Code of Virginia.

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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

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

Supervisor Houseman requested additional information from Commissioner of the Revenue Barker concerning the Tyler Technologies computer system issues. He noted that the information presented included a newspaper article and an email with no background information.

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Supervisor Hale encouraged Board members to tour their districts on January 1 and compile a list of vehicles and equipment located within the County that should be taxed as personal property and may not have been assessed by the Commissioner of the Revenue.

The Board discussed the assessment process, what qualifies as personal property, and what should be assessed on January 1.

Mr. Dalton advised that staff would send a notice to anyone with a County contract.

Chair Reeves thanked Supervisor Hall for his service to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair