

**July 28, 2015**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe F. Hale

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Roger Crigger	Donnie Widner
Meredith Willis	Todd Hyatt
Sam Crockett	Linda Meyer
Faye Barker	Larry Lindsey
Three Other Citizens	

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roger Crigger of the Rural Retreat Pentecostal Holiness Church 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. Guardian Emergency Medical Services – Todd Hyatt of 351 Blue Sky Drive in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Hyatt noted that First Call Ambulance Service has requested authorization to operate within Wythe County. He explained that he works for Guardian Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and does not believe that there is a need for any additional ambulance services in the County. Mr. Hyatt advised that the addition of another ambulance service would negatively impact Guardian EMS and its 65 employees. He stated that Richardson Ambulance Service recently began operating within the County, which has affected Guardian EMS. Mr. Hyatt requested that the Board consider denying First Call Ambulance Service's request to operate within the County.

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2. Guardian Emergency Medical Services – Donnie Widner, Chief Operations Officer of Guardian EMS and resident of 169 Pine View Drive in Wytheville, addressed the Board. Mr. Widner advised that Guardian EMS currently has a mutual aid agreement with Wythe County, and will have provided services within the County for 25 years next year. He explained that Guardian EMS is embedded in the community, while First Call does not have or plan to have a physical location within the County. Mr. Widner requested the Board’s support and asked that they prevent other ambulance services from operating within the County.

Chair Reeves noted that he is unsure if the Board is required to provide permission for non-ambulatory services to operate within the County. He referred the issue to the County Attorney for further investigation.

Mr. Dalton advised that Guardian EMS has been an essential service within the County, providing assistance whenever needed. He noted that Guardian has been more than responsive when helping the County and doing whatever it takes to ensure that the citizens of the County are covered. Mr. Dalton explained that Richardson Ambulance Service does not have a physical location within the County, which circumvents the requirement of requesting a certificate of need from the County.

Mr. Widner reported that the City of Galax is preparing a resolution to prevent agencies that do not currently provide ambulance services from operating a new service within the City.

3. Pathway to Technology – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer presented the Board with an article titled “Pathway to Technology.” She asked that Board members read the article and share the information with School Board members.
4. Old Stage Road – Larry Lindsey of Rural Retreat addressed the Board on behalf of his son, who resides on Old Stage Road. Mr. Lindsey explained that his son has a sinkhole on his property, which he uses as a landfill. He noted that his son allowed Eastern Tank to dispose of materials and debris in the sinkhole while constructing the area waterline. Mr. Lindsey advised that following use of the sinkhole, Eastern Tank agreed to grade and cover the area with topsoil. He stated that he has spoken with representatives of Eastern Tank on several occasions, but as of yet, the area has not been graded and covered. Mr. Lindsey asked for the Board’s assistance in addressing this issue.

Chair Reeves directed Mr. Dalton and County Engineer Vaughan to investigate the issue.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board was presented with the July 14, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the July 14, 2015, minutes as amended.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on July 28, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30092114-30092149 and 30092151-30092185 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30092114	07/28/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$31,438.49
30092115	07/28/15	BARKER, FAYE	\$300.00
30092116	07/28/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$103.97
30092117	07/28/15	BRANSON CONSTRUCTION INC	\$16,454.69
30092118	07/28/15	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	\$947.50
30092119	07/28/15	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	\$390.00
30092120	07/28/15	BUILDING AND DESIGN OF VA	\$12,376.45
30092121	07/28/15	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$90.00
30092122	07/28/15	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$282.00
30092123	07/28/15	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	\$847.49
30092124	07/28/15	CASKIE GRAPHICS INC	\$818.00
30092125	07/28/15	CCS	\$1,754.43
30092126	07/28/15	CENTURYLINK	\$53.30
30092127	07/28/15	CENTURYLINK	\$48.83
30092128	07/28/15	CENTURYLINK	\$242.74
30092129	07/28/15	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	\$16.00
30092130	07/28/15	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC INC	\$194.75
30092131	07/28/15	CREATIVE GLASS INC	\$70.45

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30092132	07/28/15	CROCKETT, WALTER S	\$150.00
30092133	07/28/15	DATAWATCH CORP	\$395.71
30092134	07/28/15	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$30.00
30092135	07/28/15	ECONOMY QUICK LUBE	\$29.95
30092136	07/28/15	EMS INC	\$945.00
30092137	07/28/15	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$18.49
30092138	07/28/15	FOWLKES MACHINE CO INC	\$152.71
30092139	07/28/15	GALLS	\$835.49
30092140	07/28/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30092141	07/28/15	GUN SHOP	\$3,449.88
30092142	07/28/15	HALE, JOE	\$81.60
30092143	07/28/15	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY	\$40.87
30092144	07/28/15	HORNEY, B GENE JR	\$86.40
30092145	07/28/15	HOUSEMAN, GARY M	\$44.80
30092146	07/28/15	HUFF FORD	\$250.00
30092147	07/28/15	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$40.65
30092148	07/28/15	KING-MOORE INC	\$759.42
30092149	07/28/15	MALONE, JASON B	\$1,000.00
30092151	07/28/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$8,512.26
30092152	07/28/15	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC	\$247.17
30092153	07/28/15	MCROBERTS, COY L	\$102.40
30092154	07/28/15	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$83.00
30092155	07/28/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$40.00
30092156	07/28/15	OTIS ELEVATOR CO	\$10,115.32
30092157	07/28/15	PAPER CLIP	\$187.96
30092158	07/28/15	PNC BANK NA	\$494,262.50
30092159	07/28/15	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO	\$831.80
30092160	07/28/15	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	\$135.00
30092161	07/28/15	REEVES, TIMOTHY A SR	\$28.80
30092162	07/28/15	ROCIC	\$300.00
30092163	07/28/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30092164	07/28/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30092165	07/28/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30092166	07/28/15	S & W FERTILIZER	\$5,608.50
30092167	07/28/15	SALEM STONE	\$590.40
30092168	07/28/15	SENTRY SERVICES	\$127.07
30092169	07/28/15	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$22.98
30092170	07/28/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$38.59
30092171	07/28/15	TACS	\$960.90
30092172	07/28/15	THOMPSON TIRE	\$214.00
30092173	07/28/15	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$1,887.39
30092174	07/28/15	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$6,020.94
30092175	07/28/15	TWO WAY RADIO	\$170.00
30092176	07/28/15	US BANK OPERATIONS CENTER	\$382,055.00

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30092177	07/28/15	VERIZON	\$18.50
30092178	07/28/15	VIRGINIA STATE BAR	\$1,375.00
30092179	07/28/15	VUPS	\$55.65
30092180	07/28/15	WELLS FARGO CORPORATE TRUST	\$85,331.16
30092181	07/28/15	WILSON BAIT AND TACKLE INC	\$200.50
30092182	07/28/15	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$96.70
30092183	07/28/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$980.68
30092184	07/28/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$422.00
30092185	07/28/15	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$191.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 07/28/15</b>			<b>\$1,096,286.66</b>

Supervisor Horney 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.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2015-20 in honor of the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field Team as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-20  
GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field Team completed a spectacular 2014-2015 season; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field Team advanced to the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Outdoor Track and Field Championship; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Track and Field Team surpassed the competition, earning the designation as Virginia High School League 1A State Outdoor Track and Field Champions for the second year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field Team scored 85 total team points and earned four State championship titles; and,

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**WHEREAS**, team member Meredith Willis won individual State championship titles in the 100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, and Triple Jump; shattering the previous State record in two of those events; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tyra Hedgepeth, Brea Lampkins, Abby Storms, and Meredith Willis outran the opposition to a first place finish and State championship title in the Girls 4X100 Relay; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field 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 Girls Track and Field Team comprised of Jasmine Harber, Tyra Hedgepeth, Brea Lampkins, Abby Storms, Meredith Willis, and Coach Brandon Blankenship for their exemplary 2014-2015 season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors present this Resolution to the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field 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 Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adopt Resolution 2015-20 in honor of the George Wythe High School Girls Track and Field 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.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**WYTHE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-01 ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM COST ASSESSMENT**

The Board reviewed Wythe County Ordinance 2015-01, Electronic Summons System Cost Assessment.

Chair Reeves noted that both General District Court and Circuit Court were named in the Ordinance, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, however, was omitted.

Mr. Dalton noted that the County Attorney has indicated that an additional public hearing would be needed for the inclusion of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in the Ordinance.

The Board agreed to hold a public hearing for amendment of Ordinance 2015-01 on August 25, 2015.

### **GENERAL REASSESSMENT**

Mr. Dalton advised that a meeting to discuss the general reassessment has been scheduled for August 26. He noted that they would begin contract negotiations at that time and hope to have a contract prepared for the Board's consideration at the September Board meeting. Mr. Dalton added that the current land use ordinance would be included in the August 11 Board package for review and discussion.

### **RURAL RETREAT LAKE**

Mr. Dalton reported that the meeting with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to begin negotiations of the Rural Retreat Lake lease contract has been scheduled for August 18. He noted that the meeting would be held at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries headquarters in Marion.

Supervisor Houseman agreed to attend the meeting with Mr. Dalton and Supervisor Hale.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH**

Chair Reeves updated the Board on the progress of the search for a new County Administrator. He reported that the first round of interviews have been completed, with the second round of interviews to conclude this week. Chair Reeves noted that the Board would meet on July 30 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the interviewed candidates.

### **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 \$51,152,545 with \$27,332,613 in the General Fund account. He noted that the Treasurer's Office has collected \$18,317,258 in 2014 taxes to date, which is \$200,945 over the amount budgeted. Mr. Crockett advised that the Treasurer's Office has also collected \$873,725 in delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest throughout the year.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Grants – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to make application to the Wythe Bland Foundation for grants ranked in the following priority order:

1. Emergency Services Vehicle Matching Funds
2. Multi-purpose Fields

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

2. Exits – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to make application for funding through House Bill Two for the addition of Exits 41 and 81 to the Virginia Department of Transportation Primary Six Year Plan.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

1. Rural Retreat Lake and Campground – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a memorandum from Kevin Williams, Wythe County Parks and Recreation Director, requesting appropriation of second quarter appropriations for the Rural Retreat Lake and Campground. Mr. Dalton noted that due to the seasonal operating schedule of the Lake, half of their funding is expended from July to September and the other half from May through June of each year. He requested the appropriation of the second quarter funding.



Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve second quarter appropriations for the Rural Retreat Lake Campground.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Hogback Road – Chair Reeves reported that he had received a request for the Virginia Department of Transportation to scrape Hogback Road.

Mr. Dalton advised that it may be a beneficial time to apply chemicals to the road.

Chair Reeves noted that he would request both scraping and chemical application on Hogback Road.

2. Nixon Lane – Supervisor McRoberts reported that he was contacted by a citizen concerning the waterline on Nixon Lane. He questioned when the Nixon Lane waterline would be constructed.

Mr. Dalton advised that the County Engineer has stated that the project design has been finalized and approved through the Health Department and the letters of conditions are close to completion. He noted that one additional easement remains to be obtained.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Horney made a motion to approve the consent calendar for July 28, 2015, as follows:

**1. PAYROLL – June 2015:**

Water Department	\$	28,306.11
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		7,059.25
Police Activity Fund		54,300.08
Courthouse Security Fund		21,515.38
General County Fund		<u>484,503.49</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>595,684.31</b>

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**Check Numbers:** 30091740-30091748; 30091749-30091757  
**Voucher Numbers:** V511000-511180; V512000-512190

**2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant
- E. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams
- F. Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell
- G. Water and Wastewater – Don Crisp

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.

NAYS:            None

ABSENT:        Joe F. Hale

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST**

The Board reviewed the 2014 delinquent real estate tax list for publication.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve publication of the 2014 delinquent tax list.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS:            None

ABSENT:        Joe F. Hale

**FIRST CALL AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Board reviewed a letter from Kevin Peters, First Call Ambulance Service General Manager, requesting authorization to provide transportation of non-ambulatory patients within Wythe County.

**CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) of the Code of Virginia.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

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

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

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.

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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.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**RURAL RETREAT WYTHE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair Association requesting funding for the upcoming fair.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to provide \$10,000 to the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair Association for Fiscal Year 16.

Supervisor Houseman recommended a one-time allocation of \$10,000 to the Fair Association. He noted that the Association has reorganized, has appointed new board members, and is making an effort. Supervisor Houseman advised that this funding would provide the Association the opportunity to demonstrate what they can do and determine if they can make the Association a profitable endeavor. He added that the funding would not be a yearly stipend.

Assistant County Administrator, Stephen Bear, noted that the Fair Association is not currently a 501(3)(c). He added that they are working to reinstate their non-profit status.

Mr. Dalton advised that it is illegal for the Board to provide funding to any group that is not a non-profit.

Supervisor Houseman amended his motion to allot \$10,000 for one year to the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair Association when their 501(3)(c) status is reinstated.

Supervisor Horney seconded the amended motion.

Supervisor Houseman called for the question.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman  
B. G. "Gene" Horney  
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall  
Steven T. Willis  
Coy L. McRoberts

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

Due to the tied vote, the issue will be readdressed at the next Board meeting.

**CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL**

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of Personnel Matters) of the Code of Virginia.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe F. Hale

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 11:16 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

**DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL**

The Board reconvened in Closed Meeting as permitted by Section 2.2-3711-A.1 of the Code of Virginia to discuss a personnel matter involving consideration or interviews of candidates for employment.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 7:30 p.m. until July 30, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on July 30, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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**DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL**

The Board reconvened in Closed Meeting as permitted by Section 2.2-3711-A.1 of the Code of Virginia to discuss a personnel matter involving consideration or interviews of candidates for employment.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale 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

**PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

The Board reviewed a draft letter addressed to Andrew O. Trivette, City of Bristol Assistant City Manager, expressing Wythe County's support of the extension of passenger rail service from Roanoke to Bristol.

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Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to authorize submittal of the letter to the City of Bristol in support of the extension of passenger rail service from Roanoke to Bristol.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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 approximately 6:23 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair