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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Office, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Steven T. Willis

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair
Joe F. Hale

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Doug King
Sam Crockett
Faye Barker
Meredith Willis
Matthew Farmer
Trey Boyd
Ty Boyd
Jacob Wynn
Dakota Snider
Jake Lewis
David Smith
Rick Boyd

Steve Antes
Mike Neal
Luke Lambert
Dustin Hazelwood
J. D. Hancock
James Reynolds, Jr.
James Christman
Matthew Sommers
Millie Rothrock
Linda Meyer
Six other citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Steve Antes of St. Mary's Catholic Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 2014-03 RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Resolution 2014-03 honoring the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team as follows:

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**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2014-03
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

Whereas, the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team completed their 2013-2014 season undefeated with an overall record of 14-0; and,

Whereas, the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team were the 1A West Sub-Region Champions, as well as the 1A West Region Champions; and,

Whereas, the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team advanced to the State Championship Tournament and won the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Championship, attaining the first state wrestling championship in the school's history; and,

Whereas, wrestlers Trey Boyd (106 pound weight class), Ty Boyd (113 pound weight class), Jacob Wynn (120 pound weight class), and Dakota Snider (145 pound weight class) were individual State Champions in their respective weight classes; and,

Whereas, the wrestlers and coaches of the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team, through their outstanding display of athletic ability, team play, and sportsmanship have reflected great credit upon the school and upon the entire County; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team consisting of Trey Boyd, Ty Boyd, Jacob Wynn, Hunter Ward, Marshall Taylor, Trent O'Neil, Caleb Snider, Josh Penuel, Dakota Snider, Leighton Powell, Will Montgomery, Jackson Sowers, Harley Mitchell, Cade Rouse, head coach Rick Boyd and the entire staff for the outstanding 2013-2014 season record.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this resolution be presented to the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team, Trey Boyd, Ty Boyd, Jacob Wynn, and Dakota Snider in recognition and appreciation of their accomplishments; and,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

RESOLUTION 2014-04 GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2014-04 honoring the George Wythe High School Wrestling Team as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2014-04
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

Whereas, the George Wythe High School Wrestling Team completed a very successful season; and,

Whereas, the George Wythe High School Wrestling Team placed third in the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Championship; and,

Whereas, George Wythe High School had two wrestlers who won the State Championship in their weight classes; and,

Whereas, wrestlers Jake Lewis (160 pound weight class) and David Smith (195 pound weight class) were individual State Champions; and,

Whereas, the wrestlers and coaches of the George Wythe High School Wrestling Team, through their outstanding display of athletic ability, team play, and sportsmanship have reflected great credit upon the school and upon the entire County; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends State Champions Jake Lewis and David Smith and the entire coaching staff for their outstanding 2014 season.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this resolution be presented to Jake Lewis, David Smith, and the George Wythe High School Wrestling Team in recognition and appreciation of their accomplishments; and,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

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RESOLUTION 2014-05 MEREDITH WILLIS

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to adopt Resolution 2014-05 honoring Meredith Willis of the George Wythe High School Indoor Track and Field Team as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2014-05
A RESOLUTION HONORING MEREDITH WILLIS OF THE GEORGE WYTHE
HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

Whereas, the George Wythe High School Indoor Track and Field Team completed a very successful season; and,

Whereas, several members of the George Wythe High School Indoor Track and Field Team advanced to compete in the Virginia High School League's Group 1A/2A State Championship; and,

Whereas, Meredith Willis competed in four events and defeated all other competitors to become the State Champion in the 55 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Dash, Long Jump, and Triple Jump; and,

Whereas, Meredith Willis of the George Wythe High School Indoor Track and Field Team, through her outstanding display of athletic ability and sportsmanship has reflected great credit upon her school and upon the entire County; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Meredith Willis for her outstanding accomplishments in Indoor Track and Field.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this resolution be presented to Meredith Willis in recognition of her four State Championship titles; and,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

RESOLUTION 2014-06 MATTHEW FARMER

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Resolution 2014-06 honoring Matthew Farmer of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track and Field Team as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2014-06
A RESOLUTION HONORING MATTHEW FARMER OF THE RURAL RETREAT
HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

Whereas, the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track and Field Team completed a very successful season; and,

Whereas, several members of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track and Field Team advanced to compete in the Virginia High School League's Group 1A/2A State Championship; and,

Whereas, Matthew Farmer defeated all other competitors to become the State Champion in the 1,600 Meter Run; and,

Whereas, Matthew Farmer of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track and Field Team, through his outstanding display of athletic ability and sportsmanship has reflected great credit upon his school and upon the entire County; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Matthew Farmer for his outstanding accomplishments in Indoor Track and Field.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this resolution be presented to Matthew Farmer in recognition of his State Championship title; and,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Cell Phone Towers – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer reported that she was recently informed that property has been procured on Sand Mountain for the placement of a cell phone tower. She questioned if permits had been issued for the project and if so, when the project would be completed.

Mr. Dalton explained that applications have been made and will become public information once the permits are issued.

2. Town Hall Meetings – Ms. Meyer inquired if the Board members have set dates for town hall meetings throughout the County.

Chair Reeves noted that he and Supervisor Hale meet with citizens at the Max Meadows Ruritan Club building on the Monday prior to each Board meeting.

Ms. Meyer requested the advertisement of the meetings in the newspaper and on the radio.

3. Wythe County Rescue Squad – Matthew Sommers of 601 Church Street in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Mr. Sommers reported that the Wythe

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County Rescue Squad intends to present a plan of action to the Board to address the recent issues with the Squad. He explained that the individual who prepared the plan has the expertise and experience needed to properly implement the plan. Mr. Sommers recommended that the Board consider the plan presented.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the March 11, 2014, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to approve the March 11, 2014, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 25, 2014, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30087649, 30087661-30087664, and 30087666-30087762 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30087649	03/14/14	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	\$86,000.00
TOTAL CHECKS 03/14/14			\$86,000.00

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30087661	03/25/14	AARON J CONNER GEN CONTRACTOR	\$14,045.90
30087662	03/25/14	AFTON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	\$9.85
30087663	03/25/14	ALSCO	\$207.52
30087664	03/25/14	ALVIS ELECTRIC	\$260.00
30087666	03/25/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$39,060.93
30087667	03/25/14	BARKER, FAYE	\$81.09
30087668	03/25/14	BARREN SPRINGS VOL. FIRE DEPT.	\$1,616.71

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30087669	03/25/14	BKT UNIFORMS	\$108.00
30087670	03/25/14	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$46.86
30087671	03/25/14	BOB HUFF	\$58.58
30087672	03/25/14	BROWNELLS INC.	\$229.56
30087673	03/25/14	CANDU AUTO SALES AND SERVICE	\$157.68
30087674	03/25/14	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP.	\$190.00
30087675	03/25/14	CASH CYCLE SOLUTIONS INC.	\$1,308.15
30087676	03/25/14	CASELL, MARY N	\$744.71
30087677	03/25/14	CATRON, G W	\$753.71
30087678	03/25/14	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$808.41
30087679	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$109.75
30087680	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$46.03
30087681	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087682	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087683	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087684	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087685	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$204.51
30087686	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087687	03/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$332.96
30087688	03/25/14	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$40.77
30087689	03/25/14	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR	\$16.00
30087690	03/25/14	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30087691	03/25/14	CREATIVE GLASS INC.	\$88.50
30087692	03/25/14	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$10.00
30087693	03/25/14	DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL INC.	\$256.00
30087694	03/25/14	DUNFORD, ARLAN B	\$24.64
30087695	03/25/14	F & R ELECTRIC INC.	\$758.13
30087696	03/25/14	FARTHING, SCOT S	\$6,125.00
30087697	03/25/14	GALLS	\$167.44
30087698	03/25/14	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30087699	03/25/14	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY	\$19.50
30087700	03/25/14	HOMER'S CUSTOM PAINT AND BODY	\$1,900.00
30087701	03/25/14	HUFF FORD SUBARU INC.	\$2,034.44
30087702	03/25/14	JERRY'S SPORT CENTER INC	\$178.34
30087703	03/25/14	JONESYS SIGNS AND GRAPHICS	\$72.00
30087704	03/25/14	KAYS OF KINGSPORT INC.	\$374.58
30087705	03/25/14	LEXISNEXIS	\$154.00
30087706	03/25/14	LOWE'S	\$15.14
30087707	03/25/14	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$7,581.63
30087708	03/25/14	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$262.55
30087709	03/25/14	MEREDITH, DUSTIN RYAN	\$1,500.00
30087710	03/25/14	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$209.00
30087711	03/25/14	NATIONAL BANK	\$230.00
30087712	03/25/14	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$18,215.86
30087713	03/25/14	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$882.20
30087714	03/25/14	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00

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30087715	03/25/14	PAPER CLIP	\$241.58
30087716	03/25/14	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$6,690.00
30087717	03/25/14	PITNEY BOWES	\$570.00
30087718	03/25/14	PROFORMA	\$226.44
30087719	03/25/14	PRONETS	\$300.00
30087720	03/25/14	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$16.00
30087721	03/25/14	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$75.00
30087722	03/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30087723	03/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30087724	03/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30087725	03/25/14	SE RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE	\$250.00
30087726	03/25/14	SENTRY SERVICES	\$1,461.21
30087727	03/25/14	SHENTEL	\$55.22
30087728	03/25/14	SMOKIN' GUNS PERF AND ACCESS	\$2,373.23
30087729	03/25/14	SOUTHERN TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$16.00
30087730	03/25/14	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CTR.	\$2,500.00
30087731	03/25/14	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$14.59
30087732	03/25/14	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$297.76
30087733	03/25/14	STEVE'S PIT STOP	\$41.95
30087734	03/25/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$4,163.66
30087735	03/25/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$1,008.39
30087736	03/25/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$2,478.30
30087737	03/25/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$29.47
30087738	03/25/14	TACS	\$132.93
30087739	03/25/14	THOMPSON TIRE	\$526.98
30087740	03/25/14	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$1,137.31
30087741	03/25/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$120.95
30087742	03/25/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$97.30
30087743	03/25/14	TWO WAY RADIO	\$1,591.10
30087744	03/25/14	US CELLULAR	\$541.84
30087745	03/25/14	US CELLULAR	\$552.19
30087746	03/25/14	US CELLULAR	\$696.64
30087747	03/25/14	US CELLULAR	\$60.00
30087748	03/25/14	USA BLUE BOOK	\$517.34
30087749	03/25/14	VA DHCD TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	\$110.00
30087750	03/25/14	VERIZON	\$13.53
30087751	03/25/14	VITA	\$52.57
30087752	03/25/14	VRPS	\$200.00
30087753	03/25/14	VUPS	\$64.05
30087754	03/25/14	WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION	\$196.00
30087755	03/25/14	WEATHERING SPRINGS	\$85.00
30087756	03/25/14	WELLS FARGO BANK	\$375.00
30087757	03/25/14	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$48.00
30087758	03/25/14	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$112.07
30087759	03/25/14	WORDSPRINT	\$368.00
30087760	03/25/14	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$33.00

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30087761	03/25/14	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$288.18
30087762	03/25/14	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$835.58
TOTAL CHECKS 03/25/14			\$155,043.22

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 3/25/14 **\$241,043.22**

Supervisor Willis seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wythe County 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 \$51,288,000 with \$33,016,000 in the General Fund account. He stated that the Treasurer's Office has collected \$17,796,000 in local taxes to date this year. Mr. Crockett noted that they have printed over 6,000 personal property second notices totaling approximately \$800,000. He added that they have included information in the notices concerning the Department of Motor Vehicle stops and fees.

Mr. Dalton requested that Mr. Crockett work with the County Public Information Officer to publish an article in the newspaper detailing the delinquent tax and fee information.

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Emergency Medical Services – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to explore a request for proposals for a commercial emergency medical service to provide coverage to any Wythe County area in need of back-up or temporary assistance.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

Mr. Dalton noted that Wythe County Rescue Squad members have requested to address the Board and provide an update on the status of the Squad.

James Reynolds, Jr., Wythe County Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician, addressed the Board. Mr. Reynolds reported that members of the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors met on March 22 to discuss the future of the Squad. He explained that James Christman has developed a business plan for the Squad and their Board of Directors has voted to accept the plan. Mr. Reynolds noted that on April 1, J. D. Hancock will step down as Executive Director of the Squad and Mr. Christman will take over that position.

James Christman addressed the Board. Mr. Christman reported that he has worked in fire and rescue for twenty years with eighteen of those years in rescue management. He explained that he believes that there has been a lack of communication between the Squad and the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Christman requested the opportunity to provide monthly updates to the Board to keep the Board informed of what the Squad is doing and how they are doing it. He noted that all of the Squad's staff members with the exception of one were in attendance at their meeting on March 22 and have agreed to abide by the business plan presented. Mr. Christman reviewed the plan, which would include budget cuts, steps to increase revenue, and increased training with the Board. He requested that the Board leave the Squad's funding intact, as well as recommend two Board of Directors members for the Squad.

Supervisor Houseman questioned how the Squad would differ from a commercial company, if the Squad has only paid staff and charges for services.

Mr. Christman stated that presently the Squad is not different from a commercial company, as they do not currently have volunteer staff members. He noted that they hope to have volunteer staff available in the future for second calls and transports. Mr. Christman added that it is not feasible for the Squad to operate with a 12 hour paid and 12 hour volunteer staff.

Supervisor Houseman noted that the County donates to the rescue squads and fire departments because of the volunteers. He explained that he believes that

the Board would be placing taxpayer funds into a commercial company if they contribute to the Squad as it is currently.

Mr. Christman explained that the Squad plans to implement a volunteer recruitment program in the future. He noted that it is difficult to find qualified volunteers.

Supervisor Willis inquired how much of the amount billed, the Squad has been able to collect.

Mr. Christman reported that the Squad is collecting approximately 63% of what they bill. He explained that when attempting to collect funds billed, the provider must ensure that the paperwork is acceptable to be billed and that data must then be uploaded to the billing company in a timely manner. Mr. Christman noted that they hope to be able to collect 80% of the amount billed in the future. He added that the Squad will also increase fundraising activities.

Chair Reeves inquired how the Squad would be able to pay their worker's compensation and insurance payments. He noted that the Squad was unable to pay their payroll and bills a week ago and asked what has changed.

Mr. Christman advised that he believes that the situation with the Squad was bad before, but it was not critical enough to close the Squad.

Chair Reeves noted that in the Squad's meeting minutes they discussed selling vehicles and charging other Wythe County areas for coverage assistance.

Mr. Christman reported that in other counties, when a squad assists another volunteer agency, the agency provides a fee to cover the use of equipment and supplies. He noted that the Squad has four trucks that require maintenance, insurance, and supplies. Mr. Christman added that removing a truck from the fleet would provide a cost savings to the Squad.

Supervisor Houseman explained that the squads have a mutual aid agreement in place that does not mention the payment of a fee. He noted that the Board of Supervisors determines the service area and who would receive the second call. Supervisor Houseman added that dispatch could just as easily call Guardian Emergency Medical Services instead of Wythe County Rescue Squad.

Mr. Christman stated that they would not charge the fee for rollover calls. He noted that the fee would only be charged when they are asked to travel outside of their area to provide advanced life saving services for another squad. Mr. Christman added that other counties charge this fee, but the fee was only an idea suggested and is negotiable.

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Chair Reeves noted that a six percent billing increase to the citizens was also mentioned in the Squad's minutes.

Mr. Christman explained that the increase would only be charged to the citizen's insurance company. He added that the citizens would not see an increase to what they would pay.

Chair Reeves questioned why the Squad has chosen not to accept the by-laws recommended by the County.

Mr. Christman reported that the Squad has a governing board, but does not have any of the officers as mentioned in the by-laws. He added that the Squad does not currently have the classification of members outlined in the by-laws.

Chair Reeves noted that the citizens of the County paid for the equipment and does not believe that the Squad should sell it to pay payroll, worker's compensation, and insurance payments. He added that if the Squad turned the vehicles over to the County, they could save thousands of dollars on insurance and other expenses.

Mr. Christman explained that the by-laws presented by the Board of Supervisors to the Squad were not appropriate for the Squad's current structure.

Chair Reeves inquired why the Squad does not implement the same structure as most other squads.

Mr. Christman advised that when the Squad converted to a fully paid 24/7 staff three years ago, they decided to eliminate the officers and instead employ an executive director. He noted that every other squad that he is aware of does adhere to by-laws similar to those presented by the Board.

Supervisor Houseman asked County Attorney Farthing if the Board is restricted to the funding provided to Wythe County Rescue Squad, as they are essentially a commercial entity.

Mr. Farthing noted that the Squad is still a non-profit agency and the Board, at some point in the past, had given the Squad permission to operate within the County. He advised that he would need to investigate whether the Squad still qualifies as a volunteer squad if they do not have volunteer members.

Mr. Dalton explained that the \$10,000 previously allocated to the Squad was provided contingent upon certain obligations being met. He noted that the County has expended a portion of those funds and may submit an invoice for recovery of those funds.

Chair Reeves asked what the Squad's financial situation was five years ago.

Luke Lambert, Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors member, reported that the Squad had approximately \$100,000 five to six years ago.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Comprehensive Services Act – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate \$428,256.81 as a Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) supplement with all funding provided through the State.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wastewater Pumps – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to amend and appropriate \$35,800 to 4402-46046 for wastewater pump maintenance and repairs.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

2. Kitchen, Wilkins, and Nixon Roads Water Extension Project – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to accept the bond counsel proposal from Spilman, Thomas, and Battle for the Kitchen, Wilkins, and Nixon Roads water extension project with the firm's fee guaranteed not to exceed \$4,800.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

3. EnerNOC Demand Response Program – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to proceed with the EnerNOC Demand Response Program proposal, contingent upon a favorable contract review by the County Attorney and discussion of options with Appalachian Power.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

1. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Appointment – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Michael Armbrister, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Executive Director, requesting the appointment of a member to the Commission. Mr. Dalton explained that William Dixon's term on the Commission would expire on June 30, 2014. He noted that Mr. Dixon is eligible for and willing to serve an additional term.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to reappoint William Dixon to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

2. Virginia Tourism Development Financing Program – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board information outlining the Virginia Tourism Development Financing Program. Mr. Dalton explained that the General Assembly had approved the Program through legislation in 2011. He noted that the Program requires the

development of an ordinance and recommended that County Attorney Farthing draft an ordinance for the Board's consideration.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance as per the requirements of the Virginia Tourism Development Financing Program.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

3. Wythe Grayson Regional Library – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Sara Paulk tendering her resignation as Director of the Wythe Grayson Regional Library.

Supervisor Willis noted that the Library Board has discussed Ms. Paulk's resignation and is actively advertising for her replacement.

4. Rural Retreat Recreation Center – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a newspaper article concerning a proposed Rural Retreat Recreation Center.

Chair Reeves noted that he has recommended that the Town of Rural Retreat prepare a proposal to present to the Board.

5. CPV Smyth Generation Company Permit Application – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Mike Gregory, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Engineer Senior, concerning a permit application filed by CPV Smyth Generation Company, LLC to construct a 700 megawatt natural gas fired combined cycle steam electric power generating plant.

The Board directed staff to prepare a letter requesting a detailed emissions plan for the plant.

6. Virginia Department of Transportation Six Year Plan – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board the current and proposed Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Six Year Secondary Road Plans. He requested that the Board set a public hearing date for discussion of the proposed plan.

The Board agreed to set the VDOT Six Year Secondary Road Plan public hearing for May 27 at 7 p.m.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Trash Pickup Program – Supervisor Houseman reported that he counted 37 orange trash bags along Cedar Springs Road between Rural Retreat and Cedar Springs. He thanked Sheriff King for the trash pickup program.

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2. Trash Pickup Program- Supervisor Willis also extended his appreciation to Sheriff King for the trash pickup program.
3. Sports Resolutions – Supervisor Willis thanked the Board for the sports resolutions presented earlier in the meeting.
4. Road – Supervisor McRoberts reported that he had been contacted by a citizen concerning a guardrail. He noted that he has submitted the information to Assistant County Administrator Bear, who has contacted Jeff Russell of VDOT.
5. Trash Pickup Program – Supervisor McRoberts thanked Sheriff King for the trash pickup program and helping to clean up trash in his District.
6. Roads – Supervisor Horney reported that he had several road requests that he has submitted to VDOT.
7. Roads – Chair Reeves reported that he has received several road requests. He noted that with the winter weather, all of the gravel roads are in need of scraping and repair. He added that VDOT is working to complete the work as soon as possible.
8. Lead Mines Rescue Squad – Supervisor Houseman requested an update on the status of the Lead Mines Rescue Squad.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Squad has received their pharmacy license and is in the process of ordering pharmaceuticals. He noted that the Squad would be able to provide advanced life saving services as soon as the drugs are received and stocked onto the truck.

9. Trash - Chair Reeves requested that the Board submit a letter to the businesses and truck stops along the interstate corridor asking that they clean up the area around their businesses.

Mr. Dalton suggested that the County Code Enforcement Officer personally visit each property owner to discuss the issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to approve the consent calendar for March 25, 2014, as follows:

1. PAYROLL – February 2014:

Water Department	\$	24,944.05
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		7,351.92
Police Activity Fund		49,670.73
Courthouse Security Fund		16,532.28

General County Fund
TOTAL

471,876.30
\$ 570,375.28

Check Numbers: 30087420-3008728; 30087504-30087512

Voucher Numbers: V403000-403153; V403000-33153

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building and Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Chip Dunford
- D. Emergency Services – Ikey Davidson
- E. Public Information and Grants – Jeremy Farley

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Williams, Kevin – Hired, Full-time Parks and Recreation Director, Annual Salary \$34,397, Effective February 24, 2014
- B. Harrington, Sara – Resigned, Full-time Communications Officer, Effective March 15, 2014
- C. Hawks, Christopher – Transferred from part-time to full-time Communications Officer, Annual Salary \$22,819, Effective March 16, 2014

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$75.00 (1202-45540) – Reimbursement of Conference Registration Fee
- B. \$7,500.00 (New Code to be Established) – Payment of Preliminary Engineering Services for Exit 24 Wastewater Improvements
- C. \$112.07 (7109-46013) – Petty Cash Reimbursement for Parks and Recreation
- D. \$400.00 (3102-48202) – Live Scan Bar Code Scanner

Supervisor Houseman seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
 Joe F. Hale

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INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Insurance Committee recommending the renewal of the Local Choice Health Care Program for plan year 2014-2015.

Mr. Dalton reported that the Insurance Committee recommended continuing to offer employees the Key Advantage 500 Plan with a buy up option to the Key Advantage Expanded Plan. He explained that due to a rate increase the Committee also recommended that the Board continue to pay 95% of the Key Advantage 500 Plan premium for each employee. Mr. Dalton noted that the Board would pay \$510.15, with each employee contributing \$26.85 per month.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the adoption of the Local Choice Health Care Program for plan year 2014-2015 as recommended by the Insurance Committee.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

FACILITY COST AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Board reviewed a facility cost agreement memorandum of understanding between Wythe County and the Department of Social Services for use of office space within the County Office Building.

Mr. Dalton advised that the agreement would delineate the Wythe County Department of Social Services' lease and use of the County Office Building. He noted that approval of the agreement would allow the County to recover some of the costs of the building through a cost allocation plan.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt the Facility Cost Agreement Memorandum of Understanding between Wythe County and the Department of Social Services.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

RURAL RETREAT DEPOT FOUNDATION REQUEST

The Board reviewed a letter from Stanley King, Jr., Chair of the Rural Retreat Depot Foundation Board of Directors, requesting waiver of all building permit fees associated with the restoration of the Depot.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to waive all County fees associated with the restoration of the Rural Retreat Depot.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

RESOLUTION 2014-07

Chair Reeves read Resolution 2014-07 as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2014-07

Whereas, each budget year the foremost duty of the Virginia General Assembly is to pass a budget or budget amendments that serve as Virginia's financial blueprint for each fiscal year; and,

Whereas, Virginia is consistently recognized for its sound fiscal management and budgetary practices as illustrated by its AAA bond rating and the strong bond ratings of many local government divisions throughout the Commonwealth; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors is currently in the process of developing and adopting its budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors relies on the timely passage of a budget to allocate funding to local government services and make policy and hiring decisions for the upcoming fiscal year; and,

Whereas, the residents of Wythe County depend on county government to provide critical services such as education and public safety; and,

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Whereas, failure to pass a timely budget will result in uncertainty for the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, which receives substantial funding as direct or indirect aid from the Commonwealth; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County School Board relies on the timely passage of the State budget in order to set its budget and make staffing decisions, which includes teacher contracts; and,

Whereas, interruption of the provision of educational services to Wythe County students will have a significant negative impact on students and families; and,

Whereas, the interruption of public safety services would likely result in the loss of property, serious injury, or loss of life for Wythe County citizens; and,

Whereas, critical mental health services to Wythe County residents are provided via funds that flow from the state budget through the County; and,

Whereas, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die on Saturday, March 8, 2014, without adopting a budget for the two year biennium beginning July 1, 2014.

Now be it resolved, by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, that the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly are urged to pass a budget as soon as practicable to ensure the continued functioning of state and local governments; and,

Be it further resolved, that the issue of Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act should be decoupled from budget negotiations and considered in a separate legislation session to facilitate prompt passage of a State budget; and,

Be it resolved further, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the members of the Virginia General Assembly so that they may be apprised of the sense of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors in this matter.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Resolution 2014-07.

The motion passed unanimously with five ayes and two absent.

CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

Upon returning to open meeting Supervisor Houseman 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;

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 B. G. "Gene" Horney
Steven T. Willis Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
Coy L. McRoberts

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Joe F. Hale

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BARREN SPRINGS PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Dalton explained that the Engineering Department will hold a public hearing in Barren Springs at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed Barren Springs waterline project. He noted that the meeting is a staff conducted public comment period, and is not a Board conducted public hearing.

Chair Reeves and Supervisor McRoberts stated that they both plan to attend.

RECESS

With no further business to discuss, the Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. until Monday, March 31, 2014, at 8 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on March 31, 2014, at 8 a.m.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Board members Timothy A. Reeves, Gary M. Houseman, Steven T. Willis, Joe F. Hale, Coy L. McRoberts, and B. G. "Gene" Horney were present, as well as County Administrator Dalton and Finance Director Bruce Grant. Board member Arthur E. "Artie" Hall was absent.

The Board heard budget requests from various County departments and outside agencies.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 4:20 p.m. until the Joint Governing Bodies meeting at 7 p.m.

RECONVENE – JOINT GOVERNING BODIES MEETING

The Board reconvened on March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Rural Retreat Town Hall, for the Joint Governing Bodies meeting. Board members Gary M. Houseman, Steven T. Willis, Joe F. Hale, B. G. "Gene" Horney, and Tim A. Reeves were present. Board members Arthur E "Artie" Hall and Coy L. McRoberts were absent. The Board met with the Towns of Wytheville and Rural Retreat to discuss issues concerning the Towns and County.

RECESS

The Board recessed following the Joint Governing Bodies meeting until April 1 at 9 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on April 1, 2014, at 9 a.m.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Board members Timothy A. Reeves, Gary M. Houseman (absent April 3, 1-4:30 p.m.), Steven T. Willis (absent April 1, 10:25 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2:45-4:07 p.m.), Joe F. Hale, Coy L. McRoberts, and B. G. "Gene" Horney were present. Board member Arthur E. "Artie" Hall was absent.

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The Board heard budget requests from various County departments and outside agencies.

Budget requests were heard Monday, March 31, 2014; Tuesday, April 1, 2014; Wednesday, April 2, 2014; and Thursday, April 3, 2014. Budget discussions followed on Friday, April 4, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting on Friday, April 4 at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair