

# Board of Supervisors – June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

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The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street, Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable John T. Schoolcraft – Chairman  
Honorable Steve Bates – Vice-Chairman  
Honorable Fred Luntsford (By Phone)  
Honorable Bobby Cassell  
Honorable Robert R. Adkins  
Honorable James Lawson  
Honorable J. H. Rivers  
Honorable Robert E. Robbins, Jr. – members of said Board and  
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator  
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney  
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary

## PRAYER

Bob Adkins led in prayer.

## PLEDGE

All led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

## MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2020 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

## AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to approve the agenda to include the items in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

## IN RE: RATIFY SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to ratify setting public hearing on 6-11-2020 @ 6:00 p.m. on a 1% increase in County FY 2019/20 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

## IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING - 1% INCREASE – COUNTY FY 2019/20 BUDGET

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a change to Wise County's FY 2019/20 budget in the amount of approximately \$4.7M, which is an amount greater than 1% of the adopted Wise County FY 2019/20 budget. Approximately \$3,261,523 of this increase is due to the receipt of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act local allotment; \$1,120,000 are budget amendments related to the lease purchase obligations; \$311,454 are for various budget amendments approved in the months since the last public hearing.

There being no one to speak, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #2-2002 SECURITY PROCESSING FEE AMENDMENT

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a proposed amendment to Wise County Security Processing Fee Ordinance #2-2002.

There being no one to speak, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY FY 2020/21 BUDGET

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding the proposed County FY 2020/21 budget.

Walter Crouse, a resident of the Hurricane area, asked the Board to cut expenses across the Board and to work toward getting more jobs.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: SANDY RIDGE RESCUE SQUAD UPDATE

Jeremy Indseth, Captain of the Sandy Ridge Rescue Squad & Co-Captain Ray Fields, addressed the Board with a brief update on the status of the Sandy Ridge Rescue Squad. He explained that he became captain of the squad on December 8, 2019, after the services of the rescue squad were no longer available. He now has a crew of volunteer workers, and calls are being answered in a timely manner. At this point, space is an issue for the workers. He noted that he would like to do a power point presentation at the Board's August meeting with additional information on the needs of the squad. Dickenson County has given some money to assist with ongoing financing.

IN RE: SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITY UPDATE

County Administrator Hatfield stated that he and Interim Director for DSS have selected the following suitable sites for the Social Services Department:

- Former JJK High School .....\$9,957,100
- Bear Creek Business Park (Across from Health Wagon) ...\$10,511,000
- Midsouth Development LLC (Next to Apts near Justice Center) ...\$10,896,000
- Double T LLC (Esserville, next to The Cave Church) ...\$12,776,000
- K&F Venture LLC (Old Hospital) ...\$11,245,000

He noted there would be further discussion on the sites later in the meeting.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Walter Crouse, a resident of the Hurricane area, made the following comments:

- Make use of County owned property instead of buying property
- Find ways to do more recycling to save space in landfill
- Shop local to help our economy & small businesses

There being no further comments, the public expression period was closed.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

IN RE: RESOLUTION PPTRA BUDGET

ADOPTED the resolution approving the PPTRA budget for FY 2020/21.

**RESOLUTION # 21-2020**

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

IN RE: MUTUAL AID & COOPERATION AGREEMENT – SCOTT COUNTY

Approved the Mutual Aid and cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for Scott County

IN RE: MUTUAL AID & COOPERATION AGREEMENT – DICKENSON COUNTY

Approved the Mutual Aid & Cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for Dickenson County

IN RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UTILITY RATE DECREASE BY KU/ODP

Ratified the resolution supporting the proposed Utility Rate Decrease by KU/OPD

**RESOLUTION #22 – 2020**

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

IN RE: REZONING PROPERTY – AIRPORT ROAD

Set a public hearing (6-25-2020 @ 6:30 p.m.) on a proposed rezoning of property identified as Tax ID#010204 & 020955 located on Airport Road to an M-1 District

IN RE: VARIANCE AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Set public hearing (6-25-2020 @ 6:30 p.m.) on a proposed Variance and Special Use Permit for property located at 8542 Anacostia Road, Norton

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT – VOUCHER ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Approved the Administrative Agreement for the Voucher Assistance Project

IN RE: RESOLUTION FOR COMPLIANCE – VOUCHER ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Approved the resolution for compliance Voucher Assistance Project Community Development block Grant (COVID-19)

**RESOLUTION # 23-2020**

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: ORDINANCE #2-2002 SECURITY PROCESSING FEE AMENDMENT

A public hearing was held on June 11, 2020 to receive citizens' comments regarding an amendment to Ordinance #2-2002 Wise County Security Processing Fee. There were no public comments for or against the proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the amendment to Ordinance #2-2002 Wise County Security Processing Fee as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE**

IN RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING UTILITY RATE INCREASE BY APPALACHIAN POWER

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to approve the resolution opposing the proposed utility rate increase by Appalachian Power Company. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION #24 – 2020**

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

IN RE: COUNTY FY 2019/20 BUDGET – 1% INCREASE

A public hearing was held on June 11, 2020 to receive citizens' comments regarding a proposed 1% increase in the County's FY 2019/20 budget. There were no public comments for or against the proposed increase.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the 1% increase in the County's FY 2019/20 budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to approve budget amendments #45 & #46 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to re-appoint J. Fred Tate to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT -APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY ACTION & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Bob Adkins nominated Roger Ramey for re-appointment to the Appalachian Community Action & Development Agency. Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease. J. H. Rivers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – BUILDING CODE AND APPEALS BOARD

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to re-appoint Dan McCoy to the Building Code and Appeals Board for a term of five (5) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT BOARD

J. H. Rivers nominated Janie Dockery to the Community Policy & Management Board.

Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Janie Dockery be re-appointed by acclamation. Bob Adkins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bobby Cassell nominated Gary Blankenbecler to fill the unexpired term of Sara Ring on the Community Policy & Management Board. Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Gary Blankenbecler be appointed by acclamation. The motion was seconded by J. H. Rivers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Robby Robbins nominated Heather Crouse to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth M. Taylor on the Community Policy and Management Board. J. H. Rivers made a motion that nominations cease, and Heather Crouse to appointed by acclamation. James Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to re-appoint Debbie Baca to the IDA for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – LENOWISCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Bobby Cassell, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to re-appoint John Tull to the LENOWISCO Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to re-appoint Suzy Harrison to the LENOWISCO Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS – LONESOME PINE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Steve Bates, to re-appoint the following individuals to the Lonesome Pine Library Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years:

Jack Lewis  
William Christopher Allgyer  
Lucius Ellsworth  
Earlene Lester

The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT - MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to re-appoint Alane Lovern to the Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Steve Bates, to re-appoint Bobby Cassell to the Social Services Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to re-appoint Wayne Wheatley to the Social Services Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

J. H. Rivers nominated Jack McClanahan for re-appointment to the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority. Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Jack McClanahan be re-appointed by acclamation. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – VIRGINIA COALFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Steve Bates nominated Bobby Cassell for re-appointment to the VCEDA Board for a term of four (4) years. J. H. Rivers made a motion that nominations cease, and Bobby Cassell be re-appointed by acclamation. Robby Robbins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (RIFA)

J. H. Rivers nominated Brian Falin to fill the unexpired term of Carl Snodgrass on the RIFA Board. Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Brian Falin be appointed by acclamation. Steve Bates seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: JULY BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Robby Robbins, to cancel the July 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLOSE SESSION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to go into close session as permitted by the Code of Virginia per the following Code Sections:

- Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) – Investing of public funds
- (A)(7) – Consultation with legal counsel
- (A)(1) – Personnel

The motion was unanimously approved.

After a lengthy close session, a motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by James Lawson, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – CLOSE SESSION CERTIFICATION

Robby Robbins read the certification for close meeting.

Robby Robbins made a motion to approve the resolution certifying that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were discussed or heard by the Board of Supervisors. J. H. Rivers seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #25 – 2020**

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

BOARD COMMENTS

There were few comments from Board members.

Supervisor Luntsford asked the County Administrator to follow up on the status of the Appalachia Boundary Adjustment. He noted that a couple of the Appalachia Town Council members have asked that the Boundary Adjustment be completed before they leave office.

Supervisor Lawson stated that he would like for the County, towns, and City to have social meetings to talk about our economic needs, and the means of bringing resources together to make our region grow and a better place to live.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Steve Bates, to recess the meeting until Thursday, June 25, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at the School Board Education Center in Wise. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

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John Schoolcraft, Chairman