

## Board of Supervisors - September 13, 2018 Regular Meeting

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The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm in the Wise County School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable Dana G. Kilgore – Chairman  
Honorable Robert E. Robbins, Jr. – Vice-Chair  
Honorable Fred Luntsford  
Honorable Bobby Cassell  
Honorable Robert R. Adkins  
Honorable Steve Bates  
Honorable J. H. Rivers  
Honorable John Schoolcraft – members of said Board and  
David L. Cox – Finance 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 John Schoolcraft, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

### AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the agenda as presented to include the item in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

### ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Supervisor Cassell voiced his concern that citizens with problems on state maintained roads are not being advised as to when the roads will be repaired.

Mr. Cox responded that it's very seldom that the Administrator's Office gets calls on VDOT roads. If that happens, the person calling is instructed to call VDOT for assistance in getting the road repaired.

### IN RE: ANIMAL CONTROL / ANIMAL ABUSE

Several individuals addressed the Board with accusations against Animal Control Officer Glen Arwood as to his inhumane treatment of animals. It was noted that a petition has been circulated for Mr. Arwood to be dismissed from his duties. The following individuals voiced their concerns and asked for immediate action from the Board to terminate Glen Arwood from his position as Animal Control Officer.

Sheryl Basham - Wise  
Lisa Odle - Coeburn  
Joanne Harding, Wise  
Amy Jackson – Wise  
Glenna Hicks, Coeburn  
Janet Giles, Big Stone Gap

Tammy Dotson stated that she and others are working together to help care for the animals and find good homes for them. She noted that there needs to be a larger shelter, which would make it more animal friendly.

Chairman Kilgore stated that the Board has been made aware of these accusations and the County is working with several agencies for more up to date training for the A/C staff. She stated that this is a personnel issue and the Board will handle it accordingly.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

IN RE: APPROPRIATIONS – 2ND QUARTER

Approved the 2nd quarter appropriations as presented.

IN RE: DISPATCH VACANT POSITION

Ratified filling the Dispatch vacant position in the Sheriff's Department.

IN RE: SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA EMS COUNCIL

Approved the Letter of Support for the Southwest Virginia EMS Council Designation Application.

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: POLICY ON DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Attorney Mullins gave the Board a brief report on the meeting of the committee for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings. Different options were discussed. One option would be for Public Works Director Jackie Darter to remove up to 10 small buildings that could be torn down in one day, and the larger buildings be removed by a contractor, which would require insurance coverage by the contractor. She noted that Mr. Darter is not covered under the County Insurance to do removal of buildings, and that would need to be an additional coverage. At this time, she is working with the Treasurer's Office on Judicial sales. The committee further discussed working more closely with individuals to encourage them to deal with removal of their buildings by waiving the disposal fee.

There was some discussion on adopting an ordinance on Property Maintenance in the County. Attorney Mullins noted that the towns already have Property Maintenance. Supervisor Bates asked that the Board be given a copy of the State's Property Maintenance Code for review.

Supervisor Rivers asked for an updated list of blighted/condemned properties in Wise County.

IN RE: AGENDA AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to amend the agenda to add discussion on setting policy for blighted/unsafe buildings in Wise County. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: REMOVAL OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS IN WISE COUNTY

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to authorize Superintendent of Public Works Jackie Darter to demolish and remove up to 10 unsafe buildings, of his choice, per year, and further that the County liability insurance be increased to cover removal of buildings, and needed training be implemented for this task. The motion was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Rivers voiced his concern on how much time this training would require.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – TEMPORARY DETENTION ORDER TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to approve the resolution requesting the Virginia Legislature to continue to develop, and adequately fund, an alternative transportation system for individuals involved in the civil commitment process, and the financial distress incurred by all parties involved. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

IN RE: TRANSFER OF BUILDING ---- ST. PAUL

Attorney Mullins stated that she has received a request from St. Paul Mayor Kyle Fletcher, for the transfer of the building located on the St. Paul High School property that is no longer in use. The building is in bad condition and needs to be torn down. She added that the County has no need of the building.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to transfer the building to the Town of St. Paul as requested. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION - CARFAX WATER TREATMENT PLANT

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bob Adkins to approve the resolution authorizing execution of the Agreement between Wise County & PSA for improvements to the water system at the Carfax Water Treatment Plant. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve budget amendments #3 and #4 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT –IDA

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to appoint Steve Lawson to the Wise County IDA for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Dana Kilgore, to re-appoint Suzanne Lawson to the Wise County IDA for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT-COAL AND GAS ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J. H. Rivers nominated Jerry Hamilton to the Coal and Gas Road Advisory Committee. John Schoolcraft made a motion that nominations cease. Robby Robbins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT-HEART OF APPALACHIA TOURISM AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to table this appointment for more information regarding a slate of appointees for this position. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: MECC ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Dana Kilgore, to re-appoint Bonnie Elosser to the MECC Advisory Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Lee Turner to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IIN RE: CLOSE SESSION

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Robby Robbins, 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.

Following close session, a motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Robby Robbins, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSE SESSION

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to approve the resolution certifying that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as were identified in the motion convening the close meeting were heard or discussed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

IN RE: POSITION VACANT – CUSTODIAL DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to authorize for advertisement the vacant custodial position in the County Administrator's Office. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: POSITION VACANT – LITTER CONTROL OFFICER

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to authorize for advertisement the vacant Litter Control Officer position. The motion was unanimously approved.

RECESS

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to recess this meeting until Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:00 am in the County Administrator's Office conference room. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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David L. Cox, Interim Clerk

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Dana G. Kilgore, Chair