

## Board of Supervisors – May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

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The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise, VA. The following members were present:

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PRAYER

John Schoolcraft led the Board in prayer.

### PLEDGE

All led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded Robby Robbins, to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021 (Budget Workshop) and April 8, 2021 (Regular Meeting). The motion was unanimously approved.

### AGENDA

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the agenda as presented to include items in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING RATIFICATION - SIX YEAR PLAN

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Robby Robbins, to ratify setting a joint public hearing between VDOT and Wise County Board of Supervisors on 5-13-2021 @ 6:00 p.m. to receive citizens comments on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for (FY 2021/22) thru (2026/27) and the Secondary System Construction Budget for (FY 2021/22).

### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN

A joint public hearing between VDOT and the Wise County Board of Supervisors has been duly advertised for this date to receive citizens comments on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for (FY2021/22) thru (2026/27) & the Secondary System Construction Budget for (FY 2021/22).

Jackie Christian, Assistant Residency Administrator for VDOT, reviewed the proposed Six-Year Plan and the Construction Budget.

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

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD FY 2021/22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Greg Mullins, Superintendent of Public Schools, gave a brief update on the changes that have been made during this school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He thanked the Board for its help during this difficult time. He praised the teachers that have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of the school children in their endeavors to continue schoolwork and for assisting with food distribution to those that were without.

Beth Shupe, School Board Finance Director, reviewed the School Operations Budget for FY 2021/22 by line item for a total budget of \$68,180,900.00, which includes a 5% COLA for all School Board employees. She explained that with the federal funding the school has receive, they have been able to increase staffing, which has been a big help during the pandemic. Special attention has been given to those students with special needs. She explained that the Cares Act funding has enabled repairs to much needed infrastructure.

The draft budget update summary:

• Revenues	\$68,180,900.00
• Expenditures	\$68,180,900.00
• Balanced budget	\$ 0.00

IN RE: COUNTY BUDGET FY 2021/22

County Administrator Hatfield provided a power point presentation on the County's proposed FY 2021/22 budget. He reviewed the following:

- Revenue changes from FY 2021
- Revenue changes from FY 2020
- Expenditure changes from FY 2021, which includes 5% COLA for County employees
- Continued effort to decrease costs in all county departments in the coming year
- Spending will be scrutinized during the first part of the budget cycle until the final impact of the Pandemic on revenues and requirements for the American Rescue Plan
- There is no projected increase in the tax rate

Significant Expenditures  
General Fund Budget  
Amounts over \$1M

- \$16,129,427 – Wise County Schools – Local Funds
- \$12,622,671 – Social Services – Approximately 13% funded by local
- \$ 7,840,309 - Law Enforcement & 911 (Approximately \$2.6M funded by state)
- \$ 3,785,727 – Landfill & Collection Costs – All local funded
- \$ 2,647,216 – Regional Jail – All local funded

- \$ 1,357,815 – Commonwealth Attorney (\$830K funded by state)
- \$ 1,040,342 – Clerk of the Circuit Court (\$645K funded by state)

The draft budget update summary :

• Revenues	\$57,174,108.90
• Expenditures	\$57,174,108.90
• Balanced budget	\$ 0.00

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Alana Hash, a resident of Rock Switch, addressed the Board with a couple of issues that need attention on the Rock Switch Road.

- The road is falling off on the side, which is a safety issue. VDOT has been contacted with no assistance been given
- There are trees growing in the ditches, which leaves no room for drainage
- There is no fire hydrant in this area to protect homes if there were to be a fire. One person has already lost his home.

Walter Crouse, a resident of the Hurricane, spoke on several needs in the County that need attention. He requested a copy of the proposed budget prior to the public hearing.

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

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by James Lawson, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

IN RE: T&L RETAINER AGREEMENT MOU #26 ----- SEMI-ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT

Approved MOU #26 – Preparing 2021 Semi-Annual Groundwater Report

IN RE: ZONING ORDINANCE – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Approved setting public hearing (6-10-2021 @ 6:00 p.m.) on modifying and amending Zoning Ordinance #2-1991 for the purpose of addressing crematoriums and cremation

IN RE: RESOLUTION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Adopted the resolution approving the Emergency Operations Plan

**RESOLUTION # 11 - 2021**

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

IN RE: COUNTY BUDGET FY 2021/22 -- SET PUBLIC HEARING

Approved setting a public hearing for (6-03-2021 @ 6:00 p.m.) on the proposed County Budget for FY 2021/22

IN RE: REZONING –SET PUBLIC HEARING

Approved setting a public hearing for (6-10-2021 @ 6:00 p.m.) on a rezoning of property located on Rt 23 and Rt 823 (Indian Creek Road) for the purpose of constructing a self-storage facility

IN RE: MEMORIAL BRIDGE – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Approved setting a public hearing (6-10-2021 @ 6:00 p.m.) on naming of bridge located in West Norton on Business 23 Park Avenue NW/Kent Junction Road , structure number 1016, as the Sgt. Alfred Amburgey Memorial Bridge

IN RE: RESOLUTION - COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

Approved the resolution in support of the Community Remembrance Project

**RESOLUTION #12 - 2021**

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

IN RE: POSITION – STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Confirmed the Staff Accountant Position in the County Administrator's Office

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN

A Joint public hearing between The Wise County Board of Supervisors and VDOT was held on May 13, 2021 to receive citizens' comments on the proposed Secondary Six Year Plan for (FY 2021/22) thru (FY 2026/27).

There were no public comments regarding the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to adopt the resolution approving the Secondary Six-Year Plan for (FY 2021/22) thru (2026/27) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION # 13 - 2021**

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to approve the resolution granting approval to Richardson Ambulance Service, LLC to provide non-ambulatory transportation from facilities within Wise County. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION # 14 – 2021**

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

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – STANDARDS COMMITTEE

John Schoolcraft nominated Russell Cyphers to the Standards Committee.

Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Russell Cypher be appointed to the Standards Committee by acclamation. J. H. seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – BUILDING CODE & APPEALS BOARD

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by Robby Robbins, to re-appoint Dick Houchins to the Building Code & Appeals Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by James Lawson, to re-appoint James T. Boardwine to the Social Services Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to re-appoint Diane R. Abbott to the Social Services Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to go into closed 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 closed session, a motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Robbins read the certification for closed meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION # 15 - 2021**

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

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by James Lawson, to recess the meeting until June 3, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

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J. H. Rivers, Chairman