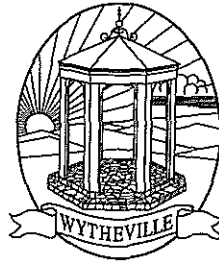


**AGENDA**  
**Wytheville Town Council**  
**May 9, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Wytheville Municipal Building**  
**150 East Monroe Street**  
**Wytheville, Virginia 24382**

- A. **INVOCATION** – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM B. WEISIGER
- B. **CALL TO ORDER**—MAYOR TRENTON G. CREWE, JR.
- C. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**—MAYOR TRENTON G. CREWE, JR.
- D. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**—VICE-MAYOR JACQUELINE K. KING
- E. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 1. Minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2016
- F. **CITIZENS' PERIOD**
- G. **OLD BUSINESS**—TOWN MANAGER C. WAYNE SUTHERLAND, JR.
- H. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 1. Budget and Finance
    - a. Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17
    - b. Dress code for all Town Commissions, Committees, Boards and Council
  - 2. Public Works
    - a. Update on Community Boulevard
    - b. Railroad performing work on Third Street underpass
- I. **ADJOURNMENT**



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, May 9, 2016
<b>Item Name:</b>	Committee Reports
<b>Item Number:</b>	H-1
<b>Subject:</b>	Budget and Finance

**SUMMARY:**

The Budget and Finance Committee will report on the following matters:

- a. Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- b. Dress code for all Town Commissions, Committees, Boards and Council

## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 9, 2016

1. The budget for Fiscal Year 2016–17 is underway, and it appears that it will be slightly over \$28.5 million. As usual, the budget contains funding for general operations, as well as expenses associated with personnel. Similar to prior years, there are a number of capital outlay items such as the purchase of equipment included in the budget. This year, there are a number of very large capital improvement projects that are proposed to be funded. The largest project will be improvements in the downtown area, which will cost approximately \$3.9 million. Another significant construction project scheduled for this next year are the improvements on East Main Street between Cassell Road and the interstate. This project will cost approximately \$2.7 million. Attached, please find a general synopsis of some of the large outlays that are proposed. Fortunately, there are a number of grant funds that will be used in this year's budget to accomplish some of these larger projects.

There are no personal property or real estate property tax increases included in the budget nor is there any increase in user fees proposed for this budget year. The budget will be considered by the Council, for the first time, at the May 23, 2016, meeting of Town Council. The public hearing and the second reading of the budget will be held on June 13, 2016. The adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 27, 2016. As required by law, we will be publishing a synopsis of the budget in the very near future.

2. Several years ago, the Council adopted a dress policy for all appointed committees, commissions and boards but did not impose those same standards on members of Town Council. Likewise, we think that it is very important that members of Council present a professional appearance when acting on behalf of the Town. As such, we would propose that the current policy be amended to read as follows:

*The Town Council and all appointees to the Town's various committees, commissions and boards shall illustrate the pride of the Town and dress appropriately for meetings. Business attire standards shall govern. Shorts, sweatpants, blue jeans, baseball caps, tennis shoes and other casual dress shall not be considered appropriate attire for attendance at meetings.*

It would be the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that this policy be adopted and become effective immediately.

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William B. Weisiger

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Jacqueline K. King

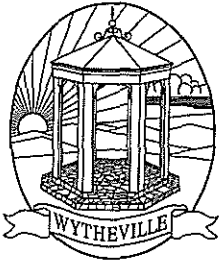
**Large Expense Items in the FY 2016-17 Budget  
May 09, 2016**

**General Fund**

<b>Item/Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Heritage Walk	700,000
East Main Street	2,668,400
Cedar Run	536,500
ADP & GIS Software	42,000
Fire Department Equipment	63,000
Salt for Snow	80,000
Main Street Improvements	3,900,000
Façade Program	148,500
Paving	500,000
Recycling Truck	91,000
Mowing Tractor	64,000
Cemetery Dump Truck	43,000
Truss Bridge Project	285,000
Groundwater testing – landfill	75,000
Farmers' Market	75,000
Special Events	32,000
Resurface McWane Pool	34,000
Fitness Equipment	106,400
Tourism Programs	100,000

**Water/Sewer Fund**

<b>Item/Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Variable Drives Service Pumps	100,000
Valve Replacement Water Plant	20,000
Cogeneration	95,000
Sludge Belt Repair	23,000
Pump Replacements Sewer Plant	40,000
Repair Headworks Sewer Plant	74,000
W/S Dump Truck	98,000
Hydrant Replacement	30,000
Valve Insertions	55,000
Sewerage Camera Replacement	75,000
Water Main Upgrades	200,000
Sewer Main Upgrades	200,000



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, May 9, 2016
<b>Item Name:</b>	Committee Reports
<b>Item Number:</b>	H-2
<b>Subject:</b>	Public Works

**SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Committee will report on the following matters:

- a. Update on Community Boulevard
- b. Railroad performing work on Third Street underpass

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MAY 9, 2016**

1. We were pleased to learn that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is proceeding with the design work needed to construct the remainder of Community Boulevard. Community Boulevard was designed to connect Peppers Ferry Road with Lithia Road as it approaches East Main Street. When the project was initiated, the Virginia Department of Transportation utilized that a portion of right of way was already obtained by the Town and acquired the rest of the right of way needed for the project. At the time the project was bid, the Virginia Department of Transportation had insufficient funds to construct the entire portion of roadway and chose to complete only one half of the proposed roadway. Theoretically, the remainder of the roadway was to be constructed the following year, but because of insufficient funding by VDOT, the project has laid dormant for several years. Fortunately, it appears that they are proceeding with the final engineering needed for the project and have advised that they, currently, plan on bidding the project in November of this year. In all likelihood, it will take approximately two years for this project to be completed. There is no action required by the Council at this time, but we felt that this was very positive news to share with our citizens.
2. For many years, the underpass on Third Street below the Norfolk Southern Railway system has been deteriorating. Over the years, we have contacted Norfolk Southern Railway on several occasions expressing our concern over the deteriorated rock

structure which acts as the base for the underpass. This past year, the railroad company did some temporary stabilization techniques using steel columns and beams. The railroad is now doing a major repair to this underpass. The work on this project commenced slightly over one week ago and is scheduled to be completed by May 12, 2016. During this construction period, the underpass has not been opened for vehicle use, and it has been necessary for motorists wanting to get to the south side of Wytheville to take alternate routes. We regret the inconvenience that this has caused everyone, but we are pleased that the railroad has taken the actions needed to stabilize this underpass. There is no action required of the Council at this time, but we did want everyone to be aware that this project was underway.

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Thomas F. Hundley

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H. Judson Lambert



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley

Members absent: William B. Weisiger

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, James Goad, Marie Bishop, Tim Reeves, Debbie Reeves, Police Officer Chastity Russell

**RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE**

Mayor Crewe called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Lambert.

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Crewe presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2016, the request of Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated to conduct a parade on Monday, July 4, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. and the request of the Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League to conduct a Hike for Hounds and Meow Meander on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. He inquired of the Council if there is a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to consider the items separately. A motion was made by Councilman Hundley and seconded by Councilman Lambert to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2016, the request of Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated to conduct a parade on Monday, July 4, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. and the request of the Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League to conduct a Hike for Hounds and Meow Meander on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., as presented. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley. Against: None.

**RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. He noted that no one had indicated on the sign in sheet that they wished to address the Council. Mayor Crewe thanked the citizens who were attending the meeting. He explained that if anyone changes their mind later in the meeting, he will reserve the right to revisit Citizens' Period. There being no one to address the Council during Citizens' Period, Mayor Crewe proceeded with the agenda.

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7:00 a.m.
2. The annual Homestead May Day Program will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, and Friday, April 29, 2016. He noted that if any of the Council members would like to attend, they will need to respond to Ms. Debbie Moody as soon as possible.
3. The Joint Industrial Development Authority will meet on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
4. A request to issue a Notice of Award was received by Town Staff, this afternoon, from Mr. Randy Martin with the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (WRHA), for the Freedom Lane site. He noted that the WRHA had bid the site work for Freedom Lane. Town Manager Sutherland explained that the WRHA is needing to give Notice of Award for a contract. He explained that the reason the Town is involved is because, maybe a year or so ago, the Town received \$505,000 in DHCD grant funds to be used for site work for Freedom Lane. Town Manager Sutherland remarked that, as such, it would require an approval by the Council to give this Notice of Award. He commented that Mr. Martin has requested that the Council take action at this meeting to authorize him to make the Notice of Award. Mayor Crewe stated that the Town has received part of the grant funds and is through the conduit on the project. He inquired of the Council if there is a motion to authorize the WRHA to issue the Notice of Award. A motion was made by Councilman Hundley and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to authorize Executive

Director Randy Martin with the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to issue a Notice of Award to G & H Contracting, Incorporated for the Freedom Lane site work. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to authorize Executive Director Randy Martin with the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to issue a Notice of Award to G & H Contracting, Incorporated for the Freedom Lane site work. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley. Against: None. Mayor Crewe commented that the way he is reading the Notice of Award is that everything would be signed by the Housing Authority and not by the Town of Wytheville. He remarked that the Council is only authorizing Mr. Martin to issue the Notice of Award. Town Manager Sutherland advised that the grant money is actually the Town's, and the Housing Authority is administering this grant on the Town's behalf. He noted that Mayor Crewe is correct.

#### **RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated at the Council Work Session last week, Town Treasurer Michael Stephens presented various delinquent taxes and charges that need to be written off of the Town's books. She noted that under Section 58.1-3940 of the Code of Virginia, it states that a collection of local taxes shall be only enforceable for five years following December 31 of the year for which such taxes were assessed. Vice-Mayor King explained that there were \$1,361.29, in 2009, for Personal Property/Mobile Home taxes, and there are unpaid mowing assessments between 1995 – 2000 equaling \$472.00. She commented that every effort has been made to collect these delinquent fees, but it is now clear that they cannot be collected. Vice-Mayor King advised, therefore, it is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Town Council authorize the Town Treasurer to write-off the taxes and fees outlined above. A motion was made by the Budget and Finance Committee, which does not require a second, to authorize the Town Treasurer to write-off \$1,361.29 for 2009 Personal Property/Mobile Home taxes and \$472.00 for unpaid mowing assessments between 1995-2001. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to write-off the unpaid taxes and mowing assessments. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley. Against: None.

Vice-Mayor King, also, reported the Budget and Finance Committee was pleased to receive a letter from Governor McAuliffe advising that the Town's Crystal Springs recreation area has been designated as a "Virginia Treasure." She noted that Crystal Springs is located south of town, off of US Route 21. She commented that the area consists of 1,800 acres of property owned by the Town that was previously used as the Town's watershed. Vice-Mayor King explained that there have been a number of trails developed on the property which are ideal for hiking or mountain biking. She commented that the park, also, has picnic and camping areas and is a fun learning environment for kids and their families. Vice-Mayor King remarked that the designation as a "Virginia Treasure" by the Governor acknowledges that the Town is a contributor to an initiative that recognizes the good use and common sense approach of these large significant natural and open air spaces. She stated the Council would like to congratulate the Recreation Department on this achievement and would like to invite everyone to visit the Crystal Springs recreation area. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

#### **RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Lambert, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that for many years, the McWane Pool has been open through Labor Day to provide summer recreational opportunities for youth and families during the summer months. He noted that in recent years, the school schedule has moved back, and, this year, school will begin on August 10, 2016. Councilman Lambert explained that since the vast majority of patrons utilizing the pool are youth who will be returning to school, it is not feasible to operate the pool during the weekdays. He remarked that the Recreation Department has requested that the Council authorize the pool to be open on weekends through Labor Day. Councilman Lambert stated that this will provide swimming opportunities for the youth throughout the month of August. He advised that the Public Works Committee agrees that it is important that the pool remain open and would move to approve the Recreation Department's request to keep the pool open on weekends after school has commenced. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert and seconded by Councilman Hundley to approve keeping McWane Pool open on weekends through Labor Day, after school has begun in August. Mayor Crewe inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to allow the Recreation Department to keep McWane Pool open on weekends after school starts. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no

opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley. Against: None.

Councilman Lambert, also, reported that the Public Works Committee is pleased to advise that the package to provide improvements in the downtown area has been advertised for bid. He stated that in addition to advertising for contractors, the Town has, also, sent information to other contractors who had previously inquired. Councilman Lambert explained that contractors will be required to attend a pre-bid conference that will be held on April 27, 2016, in the offices of Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated. He noted that the bid opening is scheduled for May 19, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building. Councilman Lambert remarked, thereafter, it will probably be at least 30 to 45 days before the successful contractor can provide proof of bonds, insurance, etc. He stated, hopefully, construction could begin by the first to middle of July. Councilman Lambert noted that this is a significant project that the Public Works Committee has discussed for a number of years, and it includes the reconstruction of all curb and guttering, the installation of brick sidewalks, new landscaping, new lighting and traffic light fixtures and a variety of other improvements. He commented that this will be a large project, and the Public Works Committee wants to involve all of the merchants and property owners in the downtown to the fullest extent. Councilman Lambert remarked that Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated has received grant funding to utilize a consultant who will assist the Town in providing timely information to the downtown community. He stated these communications and meetings should begin relatively soon in order to make everyone aware of the various activities that will be occurring. Councilman Lambert commented that there is no further action required of the Council until the Town considers the bids that have been received. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mayor Crewe stated that he hopes the bids come in as anticipated because this is a really big project for downtown. He thanked the Public Works Committee for the update and proceeded with the agenda.

#### **RE: CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – GALAX CAB SERVICE**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Galax Cab Service for the operation of taxicabs for 2016. He stated that the Council will note in the information they have that the Wytheville Police Department has inspected the vehicle, and the certificate of insurance is enclosed in their packets. Mayor Crewe inquired of the Council if there is a motion to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Galax Cab Service for the operation of taxicabs for 2016. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Lambert to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Galax Cab Service for the operation of taxicabs for 2016. He inquired if there is any discussion on the motion to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Galax Cab Service for the operation of taxicabs for 2016. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Jacqueline K. King, H. Judson Lambert, Thomas F. Hundley. Against: None.

#### **RE: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – R-1M RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

Mayor Crewe advised the next agenda item is the recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning amending the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance, Article VI-M – Residential District R-1M, Sections 6-2.7M and 6-9.8M, regarding changes to existing accessory structures and reconstructions being approved by the Zoning Administrator. He remarked that, basically, these changes are housekeeping in nature to replace the wording “Board of Architectural Review” with the wording “Zoning Administrator.” Mayor Crewe commented that as the Council will recall, the Board of Architectural Review was dissolved a year ago, and, at that time, the other references in the Zoning Ordinance that reflect this change were not amended. He explained that he assumes that this amendment will change three sections to replace “Board of Architectural Review” with “Zoning Administrator.” Mayor Crewe advised that it is necessary for the Town Council to set a public hearing to consider these amendments, which could be held at the May 23, 2016, Town Council meeting. Mayor Crewe explained that this date would meet all of the proper advertising deadlines. He inquired if any of the Council members had any issues with holding the public hearing on May 23, 2016. There being no objection, it was the consensus of the Council to schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., to consider amending the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance, Article VI-M – Residential District R-1M, Sections 6-2.7M and 6-9.8M, regarding changes to existing accessory structures and reconstructions being approved by the Zoning Administrator. He noted that following the public hearing, the Council will get to vote on those changes.

## **RE: WYTHEVILLE RUN FOR THE WALL WIND DOWN EVENT**

Mayor Crewe advised that he is going to alert the Council that he received a request on Friday, April 22, 2016, for the Town Council to consider three things. He noted that he has not received any paperwork, to date. Mayor Crewe commented that they are advertising the event as the "Wytheville Wind Down," which would start on Sunday, May 29, 2016, when the Town holds its Memorial Day Service at 1:30 p.m., in Withers Park. He explained that, at the moment, there are at least a dozen or more Veteran riders who will plan to leave Washington, D.C., on Sunday morning, early enough to attend the Town's Memorial Day Service on Sunday afternoon. Mayor Crewe expressed that the Downtown Wytheville, Incorporated group is arranging activities for the Veterans to do through Thursday. He noted that the activities would include a walking scavenger hunt where people would go into the different stores and find different objects in the stores in downtown, a working party to clean up the old McGavock cemetery near the old Factory Merchants Mall, riding to different locations each day and eating together. Mayor Crewe explained that the request he received on Friday came from Ms. Tammy Spraker, a teacher at Spiller Elementary School, and whose classes have been really interested in helping with this event. He noted that on Thursday night, May 26, 2016, Ms. Spraker would like to try to put a picnic together. Mayor Crewe commented that the first request he received was for the picnic to be held in Withers Park, however, when he spoke to Ms. Crystal Hylton of the Recreation Department, it seems that it makes more sense to hold the picnic at the McWane Pool picnic shelter because there are tables located at the shelter. He explained that the issue with that would be whether or not the Town would waive the fees or be a cosponsor of the event. Mayor Crewe stated that the three requests include 1) to allow the group to hold the event; 2) when the event is held if the bikes could park on the walking trail in Withers Park when they hold the Run for the Wall event, and his thought is that if they do so, make them park in a single file line so that walkers can still use the track without it being closed and so the riders can meet people who are not familiar with Run for the Wall; and, 3) waive the fees for the use of the McWane Pool shelter for the picnic. He explained that the other thing agreed on this weekend, and noted that Director of Tourism Rosa Jude had a lot of help with this, is that they are going to make a patch to be sold, which will say "The Inaugural Wytheville Wind Down." He commented that he has seen the artwork on this. Mayor Crewe remarked that the group will sell those patches for \$10 dollars, and any profit made will be donated back to the Town of Wytheville. He noted that there will not be a lot of patches made because in the next years there is going to be what they call rocker arms, which is a little patch that goes underneath the big patch. Mayor Crewe expressed that a lot of the Run for the Wall riders have done this for years. He noted that they receive their first patch and then for the years after that, a rider will add the year at the bottom of the patch. Mayor Crewe stated that what the group is doing is designing one patch that says "Inaugural" and the years can be added to it after that. He reiterated that all of the money will go to the Town. Mayor Crewe remarked that he only wanted to make the Council aware of the possibility that this is what the group is asking about. He commented that he will know more in the morning because it is all being done by email. Mayor Crewe reiterated that he only wanted to alert the Council about what the group is thinking about asking the Town to do. Vice-Mayor King and Councilman Hundley expressed that they do not see a problem with any of the requests. Mayor Crewe commented that he did not think it would be a problem.

## **RE: SHREDDING EVENT**

Mayor Crewe advised that Town Manager Sutherland could probably update the Council at the next Work Session in regard to the shredding event, but when he came by the Municipal Building parking lot Saturday afternoon, the shredding event had been steady but very slow. He noted that there were not a lot of pounds collected. Vice-Mayor King advised that she visited after Mayor Crewe, and the crew stated that he had just left. Town Manager Sutherland stated that Shred-It reported that they collected ten, 95 gallon containers and between 2,500 and 3,000 pounds of shredded documents. Mayor Crewe remarked that this amount is still a lot of weight. Councilman Hundley stated that since Mr. Tim Reeves is attending the Council meeting, he wanted to let him know that he received a couple of calls from Wythe County residents asking why they could not participate. He advised the County residents to call the County Administrator's Office to request the County Officials to sponsor a shredding event. Councilman Hundley thanked Mr. Reeves for attending the Council meeting.

## **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:17 p.m.).

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Trenton G. Crewe, Jr., Mayor

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Sharon G. Corvin, Town Clerk

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## **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**APRIL 25, 2016**

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Thomas F. Hundley

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H. Judson Lambert