

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 1999

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courtroom, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; Kirby Harris, Vice Chairman; Diane B. Belcher, J. Fred Gerald, James E. Thornton, Board Members; George W. Nester, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The minutes of December 8, 1998 and January 4, 1999 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of December 8, 1998 and January 4, 1999 as presented.

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Nester also presented a list of additional disbursements for the Board's consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements, plus additions, as presented.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Mr. Virgel Allen, Animal Control Officer, next appeared before the Board. He presented a claim for Mr. Jabe Hatcher for a calf killed by dogs. According to current values, the animal would be worth \$40.00. Mr. Allen indicated that Mr. Hatcher had seen the dogs but did not know to whom they belonged, and had not seen them since. Mr. Allen had attempted to locate the dogs, but to no avail. The claim was approved in the monthly disbursements.

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash as of January 12, 1999; the Trial Balance as of November 30, 1998; and the expenditure/revenue summary as of November 30, 1998. She reported that as of December 31,

1998, real estate tax collections were 93.6% and personal property tax collections were 85.5%. Last year, real estate tax collections were 93.7% and personal property tax collections were 84.8%. Collections usually are around 97% by June 30 of the year. She also reported that citizens who had paid their personal property taxes in October had received their tax refunds from the State. The process was begun December 11 and it has been a horror story with a lot of obstacles but we are trying.

Agenda Item 6a - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for December 1998 - for the Board's information.

Agenda Item 6b - Approval of "Memorandum of Understanding for Septage Service Outside of Service Area for Calendar Year 1999". Mr. Nester reported that this agreement is for the transport of leachate from the landfill to the Peppers Ferry Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and disposal. The local public service authority is unable to accept this waste at this time.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the "Memorandum of Understanding for Septage Service Outside of Service Area for Calendar Year 1999" as presented (Document File Number).

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

The Chairman next called for the Public Comment Period. After no comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Ms. Deanna Cox, Auditor with the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates, next appeared before the Board. She presented the County's audit ending June 30, 1998 for the Board's information. She reported that the audit went very well with no major deficiencies found. The building of the fund balance is going very well. Recommended this year that some funds be moved over to the Designated Funds line item because the Board does have specific projects that the funds will be used for. Tax collections are very good, at around 97%. Have recommended that accounting be begun for fixed assets because it will be required by the Auditor of Public Accounts by the year 2001 or 2002. This is the only item that keeps us from having an unqualified audit. But, it has not been required before, so localities have not been performing them. This will be for any assets over \$1000.00.

Mr. Roger Ellmore, Executive Director of the Virginia Explore Park, next appeared before the Board. He presented a slide show on the current offerings at the Park and information on planned facilities in the near future. He also presented a copy of the 1999 Report. He reminded the Board that Floyd County is in a prime location for Parkway tourism because of its location mid-point between the Explore Park and the planned Fisher Peak Music Center. Hope

that the County will consider working with the Park on future projects.

Mr. Junior Goad, Resident Highway Engineer, and Mr. Bob Beasley, Assistant Resident Highway Engineer, next appeared before the Board. Mr. Goad presented a copy of the approved 6-year plan for the secondary system as approved by the Board in November. He reported that plans for Route 58 have been approved by the State Transportation Board. No funds for construction have been approved now, but will hopefully be approved by the legislature. He reported that the bridge on Route 221 has been opened now, but striping still needs to be done. He also reported that an emergency contract is being done for the Route 730/8 intersection for replacement of culverts. There will be a detour on the road, with work expected to be completed in about a month.

Supervisor Gerald questioned the Route 733 abandonment - has the process been set in motion? Mr. Nester commented that the Board did discuss the matter last month, but no formal action was taken.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to begin the abandonment procedure for a section of Route 733.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Mr. Nester reported that he had met with the Town Attorney and Mayor concerning the revenue sharing fund project for Oxford Street. A draft agreement between the Town and County will be prepared by the Town Attorney for the Board's review.

Agenda Item 6c - Appointment to New River/Mount Rogers Private Industry Council - business representative. Chairman Ingram requested that the County Administrator prepare a brief outline of the types of items that the PIC deals with, and the responsibilities of a member who would serve on the Council, so that Board of Supervisors members can recruit someone to fill this position.

Mr. Nester suggested that request for proposals for the County's general reassessment need to be solicited very shortly. The reassessment program would begin in the Fall. The Commissioner of Revenue's office would also like to be included in the discussions.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for proposals to perform the County's General Reassessment.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye

Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Mr. Nester reminded the Board of the Virginia School Board Association Meeting on January 22, 1999 in Richmond, if any Board members can attend.

Mr. Bill Whitsett, Area Office Director, and Ms. Denise Hoffman, Worker with the Families in Action Program, New River Community Action, next appeared before the Board. Mr. Whitsett reported that the Families in Action Program is operated through a grant, with the funds going through the Department of Social Services budget. Community Action provides the 10% matching funds, but the grant still needs to be authorized through the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Hoffman gave a background of the program, that it serves at-risk or low income citizens throughout Floyd County. There were twelve clients served in Floyd County last year, and seven clients are being served now. The services provided range from financial planning, educational opportunities, assistance with job interviews to arranging educational assistance for children. There is also a Family Resource room available with a computer/printer and lots of educational materials for the use of anyone in the County, whether in the program or not.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Families in Action Program grant re-authorization in the amount of \$17,209, with the 10% match provided by New River Community Action, and the County serving as fiscal agent through the Department of Social Services budget.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Supervisor Belcher questioned Mr. Nester as to the feed-back received from the School Board on the funding for school improvements.

Mr. Nester commented that he had received very little comment from them except for their appreciation of the Board approving the amount that they did. They would have liked to have the entire amount but would work with what was approved.

Mr. Nester updated the Board on the number of problems recently with the roof and the boiler in the Courthouse. One of the major problems happened with the ice buildup on the roof, which got under the roof layers and melted and caused numerous leaks in the Courthouse, especially in the Judge's chambers and the jail. Would like to request that the Board consider increasing the roof repair contract to repair the flashing of the interior side of the parapet wall so this problem will not happen again.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve an increase of \$3500 in the roof contract for repair of the flashing of the interior side of the parapet wall.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Mr. Terry Arbogast, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported on a number of items:

- presented enrollment report for December 1998 - enrollment is 1913.
- students in the welding program have requested a second year of the dual enrollment program - are currently checking with New River Community College to see if another level is available.
- thank the Board of Supervisors for their support of the renovation project. In process now of obtaining bid documents. Plans are for four classrooms at Check, Willis and Indian Valley with an elevator at Willis and Indian Valley. Six classrooms and an elevator would be added at Floyd Elementary, and the outside exterior parapet wall would also be repaired. Will also be including an alternate bid for additions to the project such as a media center for each school and renovation of the high school labs if bid amounts are low enough to allow some of the other projects.
- presented copies of the recently received Standards of Learning (SOL) scores. This is the first, or baseline, set of scores received. Some of the scores were very low, but now staff can concentrate on the areas that need to be addressed.

The Board recessed for lunch at Check Elementary School.

Mr. James Cornwell, County Attorney, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Cornwell presented a letter to the Board outlining the items he feels should be addressed, as they relate to the State Code, with the proposed Animal Control Ordinance as presented by the Committee to the Board (Copy of comments on file in County Administrator's Office).

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have the County Attorney incorporate his proposed revisions into the Ordinance, along with any items from existing Ordinances that may have been omitted, and present a draft to the Board at the next meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into executive session under Section 2.1-344, paragraph 1, discussion of personnel; paragraph 3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition, condition, use, disposition, of real or personal property for public purposes; and paragraph 7, consultation with legal counsel and other staff member pertaining to actual or potential litigation, or other

legal matters requiring the advice of counsel.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to come out of executive session.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a resolution certifying that only items eligible for executive session, and specifically, discussion of personnel; discussion or consideration of the acquisition, condition, use, disposition of real or personal property for public purposes; consultation with legal counsel and other staff members pertaining to actual or potential litigation, and other legal matters requiring the advice of counsel; were discussed.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye