

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 1999

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, July 6, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bank of Floyd Community Room 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 June 8, June 15 and June 29, 1999 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of June 8, June 15 and June 29, 1999 as presented.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - absent for vote
Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Nester also presented a list of additional disbursements for the Board's consideration. Questions and discussion followed on the bills.

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

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

Mrs. Mary Turman, Deputy Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She presented

the Invested Cash as of July 6, 1999; the Trial Balance as of May 31, 1999; and the Revenue/Expenditure summary as of May 31, 1999. She reported that invested cash is \$647,883.96 more than last year at this time.

Mr. Nester presented a dog claim from Mr. Darren Keith. He also presented a written statement from the Animal Control Officer who investigated the claim. She could not positively verify that the calf had been attacked by dogs, but felt that Mr. Keith's own dog may have been the culprit since he had caught him doing the same type of thing before. No action was taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 6a - Subdivision plats as approved by the Agent for June 1999 - for the Board's information.

Agenda Item 6b - Appointment to New River/Mount Rogers Private Industry Council - business representative. Defer - no appointment from the Board.

Agenda Item 6c - Appointment to Floyd - Floyd County Planning Commission - Courthouse District. Mr. Nester presented letters of interest received from three citizens.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Thornton, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Larry Petrie to the Floyd - Floyd County Planning Commission, Courthouse District, to fill the unexpired term of Bobby Gardner, Jr.

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

Agenda Item 6d - Appointment of Town/County representative to the Floyd - Floyd County Public Service Authority. Appointment was deferred by the Board.

Agenda Item 6e - Appointment of Board of Supervisors as Highway Safety Commission - one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the Highway Safety Commission of Floyd County for a one year term, term to end June 30, 2000.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Thornton - 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.

Agenda Item 6f - Appointment to VASAP Advisory Board - one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Edsel Duncan to the VASAP Advisory Board for a one year term, term to end June 30, 2000.

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

Agenda Item 6g - Appointment to New River Community Action - three year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Lowell Boothe to the New River Community Action Board of Directors for a three year term, term to end June 30, 2001.

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

Agenda Item 6h - Appointment to New River Valley Community Services Board - three year term. Mr. Nester reported that the current position holder does not wish to be reappointed, and we will need to advertise the position.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for letters of interest for the New River Valley Community Services Board position.

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

Agenda Item 6i - Selection of Auditor for three year period beginning July 1, 1999. Mr. Nester briefly outlined the two proposals received from the advertisement and gave the pros/cons of each audit firm. His recommendation was to stay with Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to obtain the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates as the County's auditor for a three year term.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

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

Agenda Item 6j - Request to seek bids for two brush trucks for the Floyd County Fire Department. Mr. Nester commented that funds are available in the Fire/Rescue Fund for the purchase of these trucks.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Thornton, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for bids for two brush trucks for the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Agenda Item 6k - Request from New River Health District for resolution of support for Partners in Prevention Program. Mr. Nester gave a brief synopsis of the program and how it would relate to Floyd County.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a resolution of support for the Partners in Prevention Program (Document File Number).

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

Agenda Item 6l - Virginia Association of Counties - Portion of expense for power rate negotiations. Mr. Nester reported that the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) negotiates power rates for all the localities. The share of expenses is based on the amount of electrical usage by each locality. A 14% reduction in rates was realized last year based on negotiations. Floyd County's share of expenses for the negotiations is \$1112.00.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Thornton, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve payment in the amount of \$1112.00 to participate in the power rate negotiations provided by the Virginia Association of Counties, and add this amount to the monthly disbursements.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye

Supervisor Thornton - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item 6m - Mr. Nester reported that the Assistant Animal Control Officer, Ms. Amy Smith, had tendered her resignation. Would like to discuss the matter further in executive session later in the day.

Agenda Item 6n - County Attorney's Report. Mr. Nester presented a letter from the County Attorney, who is on vacation, concerning the Board's questions about nuisance property and the Phlegar House and property. There were no further questions from the Board.

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, and paragraph 3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition, condition, use, disposition of real or personal property for public purposes.

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

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

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Thornton - 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; and discussion or consideration of the acquisition, condition, use, disposition of real or personal property for public purposes; was discussed.

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

Mr. Junior Goad, Resident Highway Engineer, and Mr. Bob Beasley, Assistant Resident Highway Engineer, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Goad reported that a final approved number for the revenue sharing funds should be

received next week. It will be done in two phases - the first phase will be the County's share for paving, and the last phase will be the Town's portion. A check will be needed from the County at that time to begin the planned paving.

On a motion of Supervisor Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize payment of up to \$100,000 for the County's match to the Virginia Department of Transportation for paving projects.

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

Supervisor Thornton - new signs that were put up for the Adopt-A-Highway are still incorrect. The sign should read Thornton & Associates Auctions.

Supervisor Thornton - the thistles are also back and need to be sprayed again.

Supervisor Gerald - Route 751, Duncan's Chapel Road - there is a very sharp curve on the road, and the weeds have grown up around the warning sign. There is also a large drop-off on the side of the road that needs attention.

Supervisor Gerald - what is the status of the Route 730/750 intersection.

Mr. Goad - it is in the plan to take the curve out. We do need to get the right-of-way signed. We can do the job as soon as we move State forces off Route 736. We can probably do the work in the next 30-60 days.

Supervisor Harris - Route 726, Black Ridge Road - water stands in the road on the left side going up towards the Parkway.

Supervisor Belcher - Emanuel Road - culvert needs to be replaced or repaired.

Mr. Goad - Route 796/221 intersection - we will be taking a corner off there for improved sight distance. We should be able to do that soon.

Mr. Beasley - Route 610/634 intersection - 3500 cubic yards of material will have to be moved, which will be fairly expensive. This would be a 6-year plan project.

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.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

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

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

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Thornton - 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; was discussed.

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

Mr. Terry Arbogast, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He presented several items:

- copy of the most recent approved diagram for additional classrooms and labs for the four elementary schools. The School Board will meet July 15 to finalize plans.

- copy of State SOL and standardized scores - overall test scores have improved.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Thornton, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for applications for the Assistant Animal Control Officer position.

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

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

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye

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