

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2000**

At a special called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Thursday, November 9, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, thereof;

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2 - Resolution for Declaration of Emergency Due to Dry Weather Conditions.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution for Declaration of Emergency Due To Dry Weather Conditions, as presented (Document File Number).

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item 3 - Resolution concerning the investment of bond proceeds in relation to the VPSA Funding. Mr. Nester reported that this resolution will ensure that the County will not have an arbitrage problem since the State will hold the funds in an account from which the County can draw down. The County did save around \$600,000 in debt because of the subsidized rate.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Invest Bond Proceeds and Related Funds in the State Non-Arbitrage Program (Document File Number).

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye

Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item 4 - Update on economic development issues/grants applications. Mr. Nester reported on the following items:

- EDA grant is being held up because of Congress still being in session. December 8 is the close-out date.
- Required environmental assessment for the Commerce Park property has been done.
- Newspaper ads for the environmental assessment will need to be prepared and published.
- Agreement with the industry needs to be completed, but negotiations are going well.
- Attended a meeting concerning a natural gas pipeline coming through the County, following the Route 8 corridor. The gas company representative stated that they are not planning for a reducing station in Floyd County because of the low volume of usage. Would like the Board to be thinking about how they might want to approach this situation. There is a 60-day window for comments.

Agenda Item 5 - Appointment of Equalization Board for General Reassessment. Mr. Nester reported that there is a training session in November and December for the Equalization Board. Consensus of the Board was for each Board member to come to the November 21 meeting with two names of people from their district who would be willing to serve.

Agenda Item 6 - Personnel Policy change - payment of time. Mr. Nester reported that there are several County employees who were unable to use all of their annual leave time this year because of the work volume. Would like to request that the Board consider either paying the employees for the time over 30 days, or granting some type of extension to use the time next year. With the small staff that we have, if several employees are off for an extended time in November and December, it makes things very difficult.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reimburse employees for time over 30 days at December 31, 2000, and inform said employees that this is a one-time reimbursement and that in the future, all time should be used or any time over 30 days will be lost.

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Harris - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Supervisor Harris reported that Crenshaw Lighting would like to make a donation of one light fixture in honor of the Courthouse renovations.

Supervisor Whitlock reported that the Regional Jail Board approved a \$3 increase in the

per diem. Mr. Wirt had voted against the increase, because as he had reported to the Board, he felt they should go with the entire proposed increase, so an increase possibly might not be required again next year. This will cover the daily expenses, but not build up the reserve. I personally feel we will be coming back again in the Spring for another increase.

Mr. Nester reported that the Board needs to consider a replacement for Mr. Thornton on the Floyd - Floyd County Public Service Authority, since he had resigned.

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 Whitlock - aye

Supervisor Ingram - aye