

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2000**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in the School Board Conference Room, 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 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Supervisor Harris led the Board in Opening Prayer.

Chairman Ingram led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 11, 2000 and February 1, 2000 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2000 and February 1, 2000 as presented.

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

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash as of February 8, 2000; the Trial Balance ending December 31, 1999; and the revenue/expenditure summary as of December 31, 1999.

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for approval. Questions and discussion followed.

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

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

Agenda Item 8a - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for January 2000 - for the Board's information.

Agenda Item 8b - Review of draft Manufactured Home Ordinance - Board has received a draft copy of the Ordinance from the Planning Commission - awaiting the Board's review - consensus of the Board was to try to review the Ordinance later in the day.

Agenda Item 8c - Review of Subdivision Ordinance Amendments - Mr. Nester reported that a draft has not been received from the Planning Commission.

Agenda Item 8d - FY01 Budget Schedule - Mr. Nester reported that requests are out now to the departments and agencies and are due back by February 18. Hope to have a proposed budget to the Board by March 1.

Agenda Item 8e - Authorization to apply for EDA Grant. Mr. Nester reported that the New River Valley Planning District Commission had recommended that the County apply for an EDA grant to help with development at the Phlegar Farm. The Planning Commission will put together the grant application for the County. He presented a proposed resolution for the Board's consideration for the grant application. A final resolution would be required from the Board at such time if the grant is approved. The funding cycle will be after October 1 when the Federal budget is approved.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented for the grant application for EDA funding (Document File Number _____).

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

Agenda Item 8f - Authorization to apply for Community Development Block Grant - Mr. Nester reported that this grant would be for a shell building. The State requirements have been changed and now the requirements are for creation of 30 jobs and \$300,000 in capital, equipment or structures. These types of funds are not as easy to obtain because of the high competition

from other Counties.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution for the application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (Document File Number).

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

At 9:00 a.m., the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period. After no comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Agenda Item 8g - Office space for General Reassessment personnel - Mr. Nester requested that this item be held for discussion later in the day.

Agenda Item 8h - Request from Chamber of Commerce for \$1000 for printing of brochures. Mr. Nester reported that this would be a re-print of the same brochure that is currently being used by the Chamber. This brochure is used a great deal for tourist information and for economic development purposes.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve a \$1000 donation toward the printing of brochures as requested by the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Agenda Item 8i - Request for authorization to advertise for bids for ambulance for Station #1 - Mr. Nester reported that the funds are in the current year budget, but the vehicle will not be delivered until Fall, so the funds will need to be carried over to the FY01 budget.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for bids for an ambulance for Station #1.

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

Agenda Item 8j - Transfer request from the Commissioner of Revenue - for vacancy savings funds to be transferred to office supplies and part-time help line items.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$964.50 in vacancy savings, as received from the Compensation Board, to: 4-001-012090-6001 - \$321.50; and to 4-001-012090-1300 - \$643.00.

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

Mr. Nester presented a request from the New River Valley AIDS Coalition for a letter of support from the Board. This letter would indicate that the Coalition has the support of the local government for the Coalition's program to promote AIDS awareness.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to write a letter of support for the New River Valley AIDS Coalition Awareness Program.

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

Mr. Nester also presented a request from the Tri-Area Health Clinic for a letter of support for their grant application to the United States Public Health Service. The grant request is in the amount of \$231,163. They report that 5% of their client base is from Floyd County.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to write a letter of support for the grant application of the Tri-Area Health Clinic.

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

Chairman Ingram also requested a letter of support for the Jacksonville Center for two State and one Federal grant applications that they are preparing. These would be to renovate the Center. The grant applications total around \$450,000.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was

resolved to authorize the County Administrator to write a letter of support for the grant applications being submitted by the Jacksonville Center.

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

Mrs. Fran Weddle, Sheriff's Office, next appeared before the Board with two requests for transfers - one was \$6271.55 in vacancy savings to be transferred to the repairs and gas line items; and second for \$7581 in funds received from the Town for a match for the department's COPS position.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the following transfers for the Sheriff's Office in their FY00 budget: \$6271.55 from 3-001-023020-0001 to 4-001-031020-3310 - \$4000.00 and to 4-001-031020-6008 - \$2271.55; and \$7581.00 in funds received from the Town in line item 3-001-024040-0022 to 4-001-031020-1116 - \$3790.00 and to 4-001-031020-1111 - \$3791.00.

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

Mrs. Weddle reported that the Department now has 18 officers, 6 of which are grant funded. A Domestic Violence Grant application was approved by DCJS in the amount of \$55,000 recently, with no County funding required. The Crime Prevention grant will end June 30, so this new grant will take its place. The crime prevention program will still be maintained by the officers.

Limited discussion followed on the proposed Manufactured Home Park Ordinance. Some highlights mentioned: 1) page 4 - pre-1976 homes will not be allowed; 2) page 2 - change from more than five homes to more than one home; 3) page 7 - park has to be on at least four acres.

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

- Letter on requests for Revenue Sharing Funds are due back by March 24 if the Board is interested in making application again;
- Pre-Allocation Hearing is March 22 at Salem Civic Center;
- Presented copy of approved 6-year plan.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously

carried, it was resolved to authorize participation in the Revenue Sharing Program, with a proposed application of \$125,000 from the County.

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

Supervisor Gerald - received a call from Vicky Farmer on Route 740 - shoulder of road is falling away - State did install black and white reflector signs at the side of the road - is there anything else that can be done?

Mr. Goad - we can't install guard rail because there is no shoulder on the road - we will look at it again to see what else we can do.

Supervisor Gerald - Route 622 where it turns left onto Route 764 (Macks Mountain Road) - there are several pine trees there that block the view. Property owners have agreed to let them be cut, of which one has already been cut. Reva Quesenberry owns the property if you want to talk with her.

Supervisor Gerald - questioned the progress of a site for the new Indian Valley Post Office. Pros and cons of each site were discussed. Mr. Goad promised that he would look into the situation to ascertain the status of the project.

Supervisor Belcher - Route 727, Union School Road - a shoulder in the curve of the road needs gravel or to be filled in, if it could be checked.

Supervisor Whitlock - Route 608, near Laurel Creek Church - this road did not get pushed all the way to the end of State maintenance sign during the recent snows.

The Board expressed appreciation to VDOT officials for all the work done during the recent snow removals.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.1-344, paragraph (A)(3) discussion of the acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's bargaining or negotiating position.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss the acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's bargaining or negotiating position, in accordance with Section 2.1-344, paragraph (A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgement it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

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

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

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

- presented copy of January 2000 enrollment - 1909 students - 1910 was the budget figure used;
- January 3, 2000 - held a staff development day - presented a copy of the list of classes held that day;
- Bill is currently in General Assembly for fingerprinting of prospective employees -

Floyd County Schools had requested to be included on the list of approved school systems;

- Construction project is going well - will visit the schools each month to see the progress;
- CISCO router program is being offered at Floyd County High School - there are as many students taking the class at Floyd as there are in the entire New River Valley. An evening class in CISCO will be offered this Fall for the community;
- Distance Learning class has begun with a grant from Congress in the amount of \$55,000. German I is the first class to be offered in conjunction with Pulaski County. This will also be advantageous to use for evening classes through New River Community College;
- SOL scores have improved - presented a report showing the percentage of students who passed the tests.

The Board recessed for lunch at Willis Elementary School.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.1-344, paragraph (A)(3), discussion of acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's bargaining or negotiating position.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss acquisition of real property for public purposes or the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's bargaining or negotiating position, in accordance with Section 2.1-344, paragraph (A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the

Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgement it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Harris - aye

Supervisor Belcher - aye

Supervisor Whitlock - aye

Supervisor Ingram - aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Chairman Ingram commented that he had received a letter from the Workforce Investment Act. They requested that another representative besides the Chairman be appointed. Needs to be another elected official or staff member. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to select another representative after the Chairman attends the first meeting and receives further details as to meeting date, time, etc.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, 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