

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2000**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Courthouse, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; Kirby Harris, Vice Chairman (entered the meeting after lunch); 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 Belcher led the Board in Opening Prayer.

Chairman Ingram led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 11, 2000 and April 25, 2000 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2000 and April 25, 2000 as presented.

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

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for approval. A list of additional disbursements was also presented for the Board's consideration. Questions and discussion followed. Chairman Ingram requested that the disbursement to G. J. Ingram & Son be voted on separately.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements, plus additions, as presented, with the deletion of the bill to G. J. Ingram & Son in the amount of \$51.50.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Harris - absent  
Supervisor Belcher - aye  
Supervisor Whitlock - aye  
Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to approve the disbursement to G. J. Ingram & Son in the amount of \$51.50.

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

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash as of May 9, 2000; the Trial Balance ending March 31, 2000; and the Revenue/Expenditure summary as of March 31, 2000. She reported that the invested cash is \$1 million less than last year at this time. Decal sales are up \$8800 over last year at the end of April.

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

Agenda Item 8b - Appointment to New River Valley Community Services Board - 4 year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr. Daniel Porter to the New River Valley Community Services Board for a four year term, beginning July 1, 2000.

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

Agenda Item 8d - Appointment to Highway Safety Commission - 1 year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to appoint the Floyd County Board of Supervisors as the Highway Safety Commission for a one year term, term to begin July 1, 2000.

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

At 9:10 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 8c - Appointment to the New River Community College Board of Directors - 4 year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Ms. Susan Lester to the New River Community College Board of Directors for a four year term, term to begin July 1, 2000.

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

Agenda Item 8e - Appointment to New River Valley Planning District Commission - three year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Mrs. Evelyn Janney to the New River Valley Planning District Commission for a three year term, term to begin July 1, 2000.

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

Agenda Item 8f - Appointment to VASAP Advisory Board - one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr. Edsel Duncan to the VASAP Advisory Board for a one year term, term to begin July 1, 2000.

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

Agenda Item 8g - Appointments to Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board - two appointments for four year terms. Mr. Nester reported that Mrs. Quick-Conner is unable to serve another term.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr. Lowell Boothe to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board for a four year term, term to begin July 1, 2000, and to authorize the County Administrator to advertise the vacancy of another position.

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

Agenda Item 8h - Proclamation to recognize May as "Mental Health Month".

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the proclamation recognizing May as "Mental Health Month" as presented (Document File Number ).

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

Mr. Hal McGrath, Vice President of the Floyd Chamber of Commerce, next appeared before the Board. He reported on the statistics over the last year to promote Floyd County.

- 55 walk-ins to office
- 1022 telephone calls
- 318 e-mails
- 6026 hits on web site
- 70 guest book signings
- 355 brochures sent out from advertisement in Blue Ridge Country magazine
- 600 brochures sent to New River Valley Visitors Bureau
- 250 brochures sent to Blue Ridge Outdoors
- 100 brochures sent to Ft. Chiswell Visitors Center
- 250 brochures sent to Floyd County High School for Job Fair
- offered free computer classes for citizens - 104 people attended class in April, 70 people in the Fall class
- quarterly newsletter produced
- monthly column in Floyd Press produced
- member of Coalition of Chambers which will meet with Representatives on May 24
- sponsor scholarship to graduating Senior each year
- sponsor circus, Christmas Parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and Veterans Parade

Mr. Nester presented a copy of a letter from Mr. Bill Gardner tendering his resignation from the Floyd County Social Services Board.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for letters of interest for the Courthouse District appointment to the Floyd County Social Services Board, to fill an unexpired term of Bill Gardner.

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

Mr. Nester next presented a grant proposal from the New River Valley Enterprise Fund. This grant would provide a program that will assist poverty level citizens to plan for their future by setting specific saving goals. The three main goals are for: 1) home; 2) education; 3) starting their own business. The individual will sign a contract to meet their individual goals by saving a certain amount of money each month. They are eligible for a 3/1 match. If they do not meet their goals, they can receive their match share back. No County funds are required for the program. Contacts are made through Department of Social Services, Health Department, New River Community Action and Total Action Against Poverty. There are five participants from Floyd County in the Christiansburg program to-date.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to support the grant application to establish an Individual Enterprise Program for Floyd County through the New River Valley Enterprise Fund.

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

Mr. Junior Goad, Resident Highway Engineer, and Mr. Burlin Hill, Contracts Administrator, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Goad - reported that patching, ditching and strengthening of roads is going very well. Paving has been done on Routes 730, 681, 8 and 600. Check area roads have been strengthened, Floyd area will begin next. Revenue sharing paving and construction will be done after July 1. The bridge repair has begun on Route 221.

Supervisor Whitlock - four buses have tapped the guard rail on the bridge where it is being replaced on Route 221. Width was measured less than 8'.

Mr. Goad - we will check it. The bridge at Check is almost finished.

Mr. Hill - bridge at Slaughters will be next. It goes to bid in September.

Supervisor Gerald - when will paving on Route 758 be done?

Mr. Goad - we always wait a year after grading, draining and stabilizing to allow the road to settle before paving. It will be paved in June or July.

Supervisor Gerald - status of Route 740?

Mr. Goad - pipe has been put in, guard rail will go up next.

Supervisor Gerald - Hylton Road, Route 757, why did they start on the improvements and then stop?

Mr. Goad - spot improvements have been done. Some right-of-way has been signed. The remainder of the improvements will probably be done in late Summer or early Fall.

Supervisor Gerald - pond on Route 730 - has it been looked at?

Mr. Goad - the traffic people from Salem are looking at 6-7 ponds for us. Should have a report next month for the Board.

Supervisor Whitlock - appreciate the trimming and bushhogging work done on Routes 681, 860 and 639.

Mr. Bill Whitsett and Ms. Patty Baker, New River Community Action, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Whitsett reported on several items:

- Day care services will be offered this summer to eligible clients from 6-6 each day. Clients will pay according to wage level. Will be able to serve 27 children, ages 3-8.
- Head Start Program will be extended next year to 9-3 Monday - Friday from 9-1 this year;
- Clothing bank has been spun off to the Angels in the Attic Thrift Shop - New River Community Action received \$500 for Emergency Services from the first month's profits of the Thrift Shop. Other agencies such as the Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Christmas for Children also received funds;
- Acquired property from VFW on a five year lease for additional parking especially now that our meeting room is being used as a community room;
- Cars for Work program is still being developed - do not have an available vehicle yet - but hope to soon;
- Do not offer the Weatherization Program any more - we do take applications and pass them along to Virginia Mountain Housing for assistance;
- Invite the Board to a Poverty Prevention Program on Wednesday, May 10 from 11-1:30 at our office.

Ms. Patty Baker, Homeless Intervention Program Coordinator, next explained her program to the Board. This program assists people from becoming displaced or assists them if they do become displaced, either through loss of a job or some physical disability. The person has to have exhausted all other means before coming to this program. They have to have been employed before the crises. This program provides interest-free payments on items such as mortgages. The program will pay the payments or work out a schedule with the creditor and the participant can pay back the program. Fifty-five families have been served by the program to-date. By January of this year, all funding was gone. I have gone to the State and the United Fund and did receive another grant. Can start seeing families again on Monday. Can serve at least two more families per jurisdiction. Twenty-one families have been denied services because of lack of funding. Our request today is for the Board of Supervisors to relay this information to citizens who may need the services. We also have a request in our budget proposal for this program and would appreciate the Board's consideration of it.

Ms. Fran Weddle, Sheriff's Office, next appeared before the Board. She presented two requests for transfers for funds - one for grant received for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and one for fraud investigation funds received from Social Services.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$1471.00 from 3-001-01603-00003 to 4-001-031020-8117 and \$2736.00 from 3-001-01603-00003 to 4-001-031020-8122 in the Sheriff's Department FY00 budget.

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

Ms. Weddle reported that a \$3000 grant from the Department of Motor Vehicles has also been approved to assist in traffic checks.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Supervisor Harris joined the meeting after lunch.

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

Agenda Item 7fi) - Report on procedure for decals for trailers with permanent tags. There are two options: 1) one time registration fee; 2) purchase one tag and pay an annual registration fee. Recommend an ordinance amendment to adopt a one-time decal charge to be no more than the State fee and then give free decals after that so we can make sure we receive all personal property taxes. Have contacted VACo and VML for suggestions. The State did not realize that there would be a problem with the permanent tags.

Agenda Item 7fii) - Tax Relief for the Elderly Ordinance - defer for discussion later in the day.

Mr. Cornwell reported that one proposal, from Municipal Code Corporation, was received in response to the solicitation for bids for codification of the County's ordinances. Bid was \$7500 which would include legal research/review; conference with the County Attorney; editorial work; proof for the County's review; printing/binding of books (60 copies). There are other options such as putting the documents on the Internet, having them available on cd or disk, and obtaining reprints of a particular section, such as the Subdivision Ordinance. They do provide a supplement service every year for the cost at that time.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize adoption of the proposal from Municipal Code Corporation in the amount of \$7500 for codification of the County's ordinances and authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract (Document File Number       ).

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

Mr. Cornwell reported that he is working on a management agreement between the County and the Public Service Authority for water/sewer improvements. Will bring the agreement to the Board at their next meeting. The grant will be given to the County but since we do not have a water/sewer operation, the actual work and management will be turned over to the PSA.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.1-344, paragraph (A)(3) acquisition of real property for public purpose or the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's bargaining or negotiating position; and paragraph (A)(5) prospective or expansion of business or industry where no previous public announcement has been made.

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 Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification:

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 real property and a prospective business or industry, in accordance with Section 2.1-344, paragraphs (A)(3) and (A)(5) 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 meeting 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.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to submit a prospectus to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a second shell building.

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

Mrs. Maggie Sutphin, Commissioner of the Revenue, also came before the Board to discuss item 7fiii) Tax Relief for the Elderly Ordinance amendment. She reported that they have had less people this year sign up for the program, only 36 this year. Last year there were 70-80 applications. She recommends that the income threshold be increased to \$20,000 from \$15,000. Discussion continued on raising the thresholds on the other limits also. Consensus of the Board was for Mrs. Sutphin to prepare proposed figures of income limits, financial worth, and relative income limits for the Board's consideration and discussion next month. Mr. Cornwell commented that the State Code Section 58.1-3211 limits the threshold to \$30,000 for income; \$6500 for spouse income; and \$100,000 net worth.

Discussion followed on a date to meet jointly with the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed Subdivision Ordinance amendments. Consensus was to meet on June 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. for a budget workshop.

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