

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2001**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 8:30 a.m. in the Floyd County Administrative Offices, 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 Gerald led in the Opening Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ingram.

The minutes of January 9, 2001 and January 30, 2001 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2001 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2001 as presented.

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

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, appeared before the Board. She presented the Trial

Balance ending December 31, 2000; the Invested Cash as of February 13, 2001; and the Revenue/Expenditure Summary as of December 31, 2000.

Supervisor Whitlock questioned what will happen to our rates with the Feds changing the rules?

Mrs. Thomas - the bank rates are sealed in for a certain time period - the LGIP rates will fall.

Mr. Nester also reported that the audit report had an error in the amount of collections.

Mrs. Thomas - I called the auditor when I found this - the collection rate was shown at 84% when it was actually 97%. They revised the page and sent out new copies.

Supervisor Belcher entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for consideration. A list of additional disbursements was also presented. Questions and discussion followed.

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

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

Agenda Item 8a - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for January 2001 - for the Board's information - 34 subdivisions of land were approved by the Agent.

Agenda Item 8b - Appointment to New River Valley Planning District Commission - one year term - Board of Supervisors member.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Fred Gerald to the New River Valley Planning District Commission for a one year term, representing the Board of Supervisors.

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

Agenda Item 8c - Appointments (2) to the Floyd - Floyd County Recreation Authority. Mr. Nester reported that the terms for Supervisor Belcher and Mr. Kenny Gardner have both

expired. The Board deferred the matter for discussion later in the day.

At 9:00 a.m., the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Bill Whitsett, representing New River Community Action, and Ms. Sharon Wood, representing New River Valley Community Services Board.

Mr. Whitsett - our agency is a network partner with the proposed Floyd County Health Center. We have a brief over-view of services that we want to provide. Our basic need is for space. There are several possibilities in the County and we want to let you know what we are looking for. (He presented a copy of the Mission Statement and purpose of the Clinic to the Board in handout form). Most of these types of clinics have started small and are now flourishing, but dependent on Federal funding. We have applied for non-profit status. (Read the following from the mission statement).

MISSION: To improve the overall health of the community by making critical services accessible and affordable, and to promote optimal use by residents of available resources. The Floyd County Health Center:

- ◆ Combines primary care with mental health services, preventive and rehabilitative programs for cardiac, pulmonary, respiratory, musculo-skeletal, and other chronic conditions, as well as dietary counseling, and pre-natal care.
- ◆ Coordinates community and outside resources to ensure comprehensive and affordable services.
- ◆ Emphasizes education and positive health habits.
- ◆ Maintains cooperative relationships to the greatest extent possible with all area health providers, especially regarding referral and option awareness.
- ◆ Ensures access to individuals with limited financial means.
- ◆ Promotes optimal utilization of these resources.

Brief History:

In September 2000, local health care professionals, community agencies, and Floyd County citizens came together to form a steering board to investigate the need for a community health care facility. This steering committee looked at the needs of the medically uninsured/under insured residents of Floyd County. It was determined that there was a great need for such a community health care facility based upon information provided by a variety of health care needs assessment groups (i.e. New River Community Services Board, Virginia Primary Care Health Care Association, CHIP). The center is incorporated as Floyd County Health center (FCHC) and has applied for 501c3 non-profit status. Once the 501c3 status has been granted, FCHC can start pursuing funding requests and opportunities.

1. Populations to be served:
  1. All citizens who need a medical home regardless of ability to pay.
  2. Spanish communities.
  3. Alternative communities.
  4. Home Bound - Elderly and Handicapped.

5. Probationers - Inmates.
  6. Pregnant teens.
  7. Nursing home patients.
  8. Hospital discharge patients, post-operative and newborns.
  9. Free clinic patients.
2. Types of Services to be Provided:
1. Prenatal.
  2. Well baby - EPSDT Screening.
  3. Sick child.
  4. Family planning.
  5. Women's health.
  6. Men's health.
  7. Cardiac rehabilitation.
  8. Pulmonary rehabilitation.
  9. Physical and occupational rehabilitation.
  10. Mental health.
  11. Breast-feeding education and support.
  12. Massage therapy.
  13. Nutritional counseling.
  14. Family and individual counseling.
  15. Home health visits by physician.
3. Methods of Treatment.
1. Pharmaceuticals.
  2. Alternative treatments.
    1. Herbs and teas.
    2. Manipulation.
    3. Massage therapy.
    4. Chiropractics.
    5. Acupuncture.
    6. Shiatsu.
  3. Patient Education.
    1. Alexander Method.
    2. Yoga.
    3. Nutritional counseling.
    4. Bradley Method of Childbirth.
    5. Lamaze Method of Childbirth.
    6. Exercise teaching.
  4. Osteopathic manipulation.
  5. Minor surgery.
  6. Mental health counseling.
  7. Substance abuse counseling.

4. Methods of Payment.
  1. Medicare.
  2. Supplements.
  3. Medicaid - PCP.
  4. Medallion - PCP.
  5. Children's Medical Security Insurance Plan - PCP.
  6. Trigon.
  7. Cigna.
  8. Champus.
  9. Any type of insurance.
  10. Workers Compensation.
  11. Cash.
  12. Check.
  13. Barter - willing to trade services and produce for medical care.
    1. Child care.
    2. Painting.
    3. Construction.
    4. Plumbing.
    5. Electric.
    6. Vegetables.
    7. Meat.
    8. Eggs.
    9. Printing services.
    10. Etc.
  14. Sliding scale - use the school free lunch annual salary chart.
  15. Payment plans.
  16. Any combination of the above.
  
5. Priorities for Uses of Grant, Loan and Other Funding, and Resources.
  1. Purchase and renovate a new facility.
  2. Handicap accessibility.
  3. Ability to pay a doctor and a nurse practitioner.
  4. Create clinic space to support two health care providers.
  5. Install laboratory area.
  6. Install emergency entrance directly into trauma treatment room.
  7. Install computers and telephones to support a staff of no less than 7 employees at any one time.
  8. Provide salaries for all staff until self-sufficient.
  9. Install Spanish phone line for patients to schedule appointments and communicate with clinic staff.
  10. Install 2 handicap accessible bathrooms on the ground floor. One with a shower to meet OSHA regulations.
  11. Purchase three cellular telephones to expand communications and house calls.
  12. Install computer and printer in patient education area, so patients can look up and

- print their own research of their own diseases and conditions.
13. Provide space for additional specialty clinics for practitioners from nearby towns and cities to see their Floyd County patients in Floyd County.
  14. Medical equipment to set up 4 exam rooms, laboratory and a cardiac and trauma treatment unit.
  15. Hire a bilingual receptionist for evening hours to accommodate our Spanish speaking workforce. "La Clinica Hispanica".
  16. Set up and equip cardiac rehabilitation unit.
  17. Install four pools for various water exercises and different water temperatures. Could also be used for recreation.
  18. Establish a senior center for daily activities.
  19. Nursery facilities for clients.

When we have more details, we will approach you again for support and funding.

Ms. Wood - I have not been involved in anything before that has caused as much excitement as this project has. This will provide services in Floyd County that are not available now. It is a very major step in health care for Floyd County.

Ms. Kay Clemons - I am here on behalf of Angels in the Attic. We support so many things in the community. We are in a desperate situation with space. We cannot walk through the place, we only have a path. The churches have been paying our rent. We need help from the County. I think you can think of many ways to help us, such as rent, or paying a person to supervise the operation and keep it going. We are a success. We have had so many good donations. People have tears in their eyes for finds they have made to help their family. It is a wonderful project and it should be getting more help from the County. That is my plea. Take it under consideration. We need a paid supervisor to keep us going, someone in charge to keep us going and tell us what to do.

Ms. Judy Weitzenfeld - I work with the RSVP, and am in support of Angels in the Attic. For the last year, they have thrived and proved themselves. I am proud of the people who have caused Angels in the Attic to be so successful. There is a large group of mature citizens who support them and I appreciate your time and consideration.

Mr. Billy Weitzenfeld - I am Executive Director of the Energy Conservation Association of Christiansburg. I offer my support for Angels in the Attic and encourage the Board of Supervisors to do anything you can to support this effort. Angels in the Attic is a unique project because it is about people helping people. It is rare in this time. As a community, it is the direction for us to go. Funds are used to help supplement programs in the County that are helping people in need. It is also a faith based effort which is important. It is an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to help this effort.

Mr. Bill Whitsett - New River Community Action's clothing bank used to be housed in our facility. When Angels in the Attic was formed, and they began their bank, it relieved a lot of

stress on our agency and we also benefitted because we receive a stipend from them. I don't look at Angels in the Attic as a competitor. It is more a collaborative effort to do things jointly. I am in support of their request for space. It takes a lot of room for a clothing bank, just to store and sort the items, you still usually have items to the rafters. Space is a commodity in this County. Our agency is getting ready to expand our food bank. A 36x10x20 addition will be built onto our facility donated by a citizen in the County. We will be able to expand our offering to fresh foods instead of just canned items.

After no further comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Ms. Fran Weddle, Sheriff's Office, next appeared before the Board. She presented two fund transfer requests for the Board's consideration - one for funds received from the Department of Social Services for welfare fraud investigation; and the other from funds received from the Department of Criminal Justice for forfeited asset funds. She also reported that a \$500 block grant was received from the Department of Criminal Justice Service to pay overtime to allow staff to write more grant applications.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$68.40 from 3-001-01900-0003 to 4-001-031020-8122; and \$313.98 from 3-001-024020-0025 to 4-001-031020-8114 in the Sheriff's Office FY01 budget.

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

Ms. Sherry Slaughter, representing the Floyd County Humane Society, next appeared before the Board. She read the following prepared statement:

We, the members of the Floyd County Humane Society, have the following proposals to present to the Board of Supervisors.

- We want to recommend raising County tag fees on all unsterilized dogs from \$4 to \$10 to raise money for the County and to encourage spaying and neutering. We believe the \$4 fee on spayed or neutered dogs is sufficient.

- With the County's permission, members of our society would like to extend the hours of the animal shelter so the shelter can be open from 1pm to 3pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This will enable the hardworking citizens of Floyd County and other areas to come to the shelter on their days off to see what dogs are available for adoption. This will be done strictly on a volunteer basis and will not cost the County any money. We have drawn up forms for volunteers to sign stating that the County will not be held liable for any issues that occur at these times. Keeping the shelter open to the public these additional hours will not cause any more work for the Animal Control Officers who already work long, hard hours. We realize that we are not

qualified to sign forms to adopt out dogs in the shelter. We want to make it easier for people to know what animals are available. If they are interested in adopting, it is understood that they must make arrangements with the Animal Control Officers to come back to pick up their new pet. We believe that by extending the shelter hours to weekends, we can lower the euthanasia rate and increase the number of adoptions.

- We ask that money from all Animal Friendly licence plates purchased in Floyd County be put into a spay/neuter fund. This fund would help needy Floyd County residents protect their family pets from unwanted litters thus reducing the number of unwanted animals in our County. A spay/neuter program is a positive way to deal with our domestic and feral dog and cat over-population problem. We, the members of the Floyd County Humane Society, hope that you will help us make this very important spay/neuter program a success.

Thank you all for listening to our suggestions on these important issues. Thank you for your support.

Supervisor Harris - how many people are in your organization?

Ms. Slaughter - Eleven people and several other volunteers who help us out with activities.

Supervisor Belcher - could you explain how the Animal Friendly plates work?

Ms. Slaughter - there is a \$56 charge for the plates. \$18 from each tag comes back to Floyd County, which is now put into the General Fund and is used for various things. Half of the money has been used to euthanize dogs in the County. The Board of Supervisors can decide where the money goes to.

Supervisor Whitlock - you are recommending the same fee for male and females?

Ms. Slaughter - yes, since any unaltered animal is contributing to the animal population.

Supervisor Harris - I think it is a good idea to have the shelter open other hours. Do you think you will have a problem getting volunteers?

Ms. Slaughter - we have talked about it a lot. They are all eager to help.

Supervisor Whitlock - how would we restrict the other areas?

Ms. Slaughter - we have people willing to block off the landfill by donation of gates.

Mr. Nester - we would have to put up a fence because of the open pit.

Supervisor Belcher - the County is still liable.

Ms. Slaughter - we are not allowed to let people in to look at the dogs, only to look at them through the fences. We have no right to let people in with the dogs, only the Animal Control Officers.

The Board took the matter under advisement and for discussion later in the day.

Agenda Item 8c - Appointments (2) to the Recreation Authority - 4 year terms - defer for further discussion.

Agenda Item 8d - Appointment to Workforce Investment Board - to replace Dan Ryan. Mr. Nester reported that Mr. Ryan had been unable to attend the meetings, and according to their by-laws, must be replaced after missing three meetings. The appointee must be a business representative. Defer for recruitment by the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Item 8e - Request for supplemental appropriation - \$700 - to FY01 Court Services budget for telephone service. Mr. Nester reported that \$1300 was approved in last year's budget, and staff had reduced the amount in this year's budget with their recommendation, when it should have been the same amount as the previous year.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$700 from Contingency to 4-001-021050-5230 for the FY01 budget year.

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

Agenda Item 8f - Resolution for Transportation Planning Grant application. Mr. Nester reported that the Planning District Commission had notified him that there are some funds available for study of priority transportation routes. The funds for the planning grants are available from the Federal Department of Transportation for pilot studies. Mr. Nester suggested that an application be submitted for the study of Franklin Pike into Franklin County.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a resolution in support of a planning grant application to the Federal Department of Transportation for study of the Franklin Pike (Document File Number ).

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

Agenda Item 8g - Workshop date for further discussion of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance. The Board deferred the matter until a re-draft is received from the County Attorney for review.

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

Mr. Goad reported that applications for the Revenue Sharing Program are due by March 30 if the Board is interested in this program again this year. Mr. Nester suggested that a plan be submitted to the Board for their review next month on possible routes for improvement.

Mr. Goad reported that the funds for the Industrial Access road at the Commerce park were approved, and Mr. Nester has instructions on how to proceed with the reimbursement.

Supervisor Whitlock - appreciate your work and hope you will continue to use the bush hog on side roads.

Supervisor Belcher - Route 727 - when the Bartlett Company came through, it looks like they have mauled the trees. Is there any way they can be cut instead of shredded? It looks like a disaster area.

Mr. Goad - Bartlett does the big items, we take care of the smaller items.

Supervisor Belcher - Route 799 - on both sides of DeHart's Store, there are potholes - people are swerving to miss them.

Supervisor Belcher - Route 746 - there is a bad problem with washboarding.

Mr. Goad - we will check both of these areas.

Supervisor Harris - are they still doing the bushhogging?

Mr. Goad - the big machine comes in from Carroll County. We also have one that is pulled on a tractor that is in the Check headquarters.

Supervisor Gerald - questioned the status of the speed study on the Indian Valley Post Office road.

Mr. Beasley - traffic people have done the study. They obtained all the accident records in the area for the last ten years. They did not find that a reduced speed was warranted. There were only two accidents in the last year. They did not determine that the road is the cause of the accidents.

Mr. Goad - I will talk to them again. We may can get the warning signs up. The police do not enforce them, but it does warn the people.

Supervisor Ingram - we do appreciate the brush cutting on the secondary roads, it really does help.

Supervisor Whitlock next reported on the Regional Jail meeting held the previous Friday. They are working on getting finances in order and to keep a reserve fund while waiting on reimbursements from the Compensation Board. The State is trying, through the General Assembly, to change some of the finances, to take some of the funds back from reimbursements for State and Federal prisoners. They are also wanting to change that if a prisoner is there for less than a year, the State would not have to pay for them. This would be a big strain on our finances and double our per diem to the localities. We have been in contact with our Congressman, Legislators, and the Sheriff's Association to talk to them about the bills. We are really being forced into this.

Mr. Nester - if the Board so desires, I will be glad to contact our legislators to support this.

Consensus of the Board was for the County Administrator to contact legislators concerning this matter.

Mr. Nester reported that he was expecting to see a representative from AEP this morning to bring a plat for approval for moving of lights at the high school for the new track. The Board may want to authorize the Chairman to execute the plat after everything is found to be in order.

Supervisor Belcher - where does the School Board come into this?

Mr. Nester - they are working between them. The easement should have been done first, but the poles have already been moved.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to authorize Chairman Ingram to execute the contract with AEP on behalf of the Floyd County School Board for the track lighting at Floyd County High School.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Harris - aye

Supervisor Belcher - aye

Supervisor Whitlock - aye

Supervisor Ingram - absent for vote

Supervisor Harris - I would like to see a cost for the fence to surround the animal shelter.

Mr. Nester - the landfill is occupied on Saturday mornings by employees, so an interim step could be to have them there on Saturday mornings only. The landfill permit requires that the site be secure.

Supervisor Harris - that would be a good test to see how it will work before we go to a lot of expense to install a fence and also to work out something with the Animal Control Officers.

Mr. Nester - we would have to work out a procedure with the volunteers. I also sent out a copy of the last inspection report and it was very good.

Supervisor Belcher questioned the request for signs that the Humane Society had sent.

Mr. Nester - I made Mr. Goad (Resident Highway Engineer) a copy of the letter from them.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to work with the Animal Control Officers and Humane Society on a pilot project for volunteer staffing of the shelter on weekends.

Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Harris - aye

Supervisor Belcher - aye

Supervisor Whitlock - aye

Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item 7d - Floyd County Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Nester reported that Mr. McGrath had been called out of town and would be unable to attend the meeting. His report was included in the Board's Friday pack.

Agenda Item 7e - Ms. Kathy Boyd, Angels in the Attic. We have been here a number of times and have asked you for money, asked for a task force, and we have not heard anything from you. Angels in the Attic is a viable, productive effort in this community. We have returned \$22,000 back to this County in eleven months. The faith community has supported our operating expenses. We are operated by volunteers, and it is an opportunity for the local government and faith community to join hands. There are a number of people here with me today who support this project. We are at the end of our lease in the building that we are in. We thought we would be able to stay there, but on February 28, we have to move out. It is quite devastating to us because we do not have the space we need. We are all over the County, using storage space in basements, sheds, etc. Last night at 9:30 a.m., Woody Crenshaw called and said he would allow us to use the old skating rink on a month to month basis. We will pay our regular rent. We cannot continue to go on operating like this. The \$22,000 could have been tripled if we could do more with our donations. We could do more for the County with the Board of Supervisors support. We cannot apply for grants without your support. That is tangible in a grant application. I am asking for a monetary donation to our cause. Three point four times our donations have been given back to the County. This is a lot of money. Volunteer hours are worth about \$8/hour contributing back to service agencies. I would really appreciate your telling me what your feelings are. We have asked for a task force, not only for us, but for Christmas for Children, and other agencies. It is a frustrating time for us when we come here and come here and get nothing back. If you are not willing to put forth effort, we need to know that also. What

is your intent and your thoughts, have you even considered it?

Supervisor Whitlock - a lot of things we don't speak about directly because we are thinking and looking and working. Sometimes it doesn't look like we are making progress that you would like to see. Wheels do grind slow in government. As a Board of Supervisors, we have been looking at this from different angles. It is hard to work all things together on everything that we are trying to consider.

Chairman Ingram - some times when you don't hear anything, it is better than saying something. Sometimes governments cannot work like a business. Sometimes things are being worked on that cannot be talked about. I think that the Board may have some discussion later today on this item and other items that may work together. Hopefully we can get with you after today and give you a response.

Ms. Boyd - we are on a 30-day lease now. There is enough people in this County who will support this project. Grants take a lot of time. We can't go forward looking for money without knowing something from you. When you have a group working this hard, at least communicate with us. Without Crenshaw's generosity, Angels in the Attic will close February 28. We have a proven business in this County. If we don't do it, someone else will come in and do it, and not for the County's benefit. I encourage you, as a resident of this County, at least include someone from the agency to assist you. We need to know where we stand. Would it be fair to say that by Friday we can hear something? I have come to you since September with our requests.

Supervisor Belcher - I am confused. In September you asked for funds, then later you rescinded that request.

Ms. Boyd - We asked for \$50,000 in September. On December 12, I came back and asked you to consider a task force to combine groups to look at opportunities to put all of us under one roof. This would include Angels in the Attic and Christmas for Children on that committee.

Supervisor Belcher - you asked for help then you rescinded it, I was confused. I thought you had other avenues you were exploring.

Ms. Boyd - \$50,000 was a bit aggressive. In lieu, all the groups came together with the idea of a task force which the Board of Supervisors would set up and we could then determine the resources of each group and pool them and come up with a plan.

Supervisor Belcher - I thought maybe you were going in a different direction.

Ms. Boyd - from September - December, the request was for \$50,000. On December 2, we saw it was not going to happen. Then we asked for a task force. All this time the lease has been running out. It is here now. We did bring it to your attention early that we needed help. The task force would benefit all of us we think.

Supervisor Harris - what kind of support would you need from the Board to apply for grants?

Ms. Boyd - some of the grants ask what percentage of commitment we have or support of the Board of Supervisors for the program. I don't have a letter or anything from you. We would take money, land, something. I am talking a lot at these meetings but I am getting no feedback. Our building fund has not soared because people are afraid we are going to close. I have told them that we are keeping a list and if we close, we will return the money to them. This is not sufficient support from the community for a grant application.

Supervisor Whitlock - we understand that this is a lot of support and it is trying to get everything together. I did not know that we had to make a direct vote to establish the task force. Maybe that is a good thing. I support whatever can be done. There are several things I would like to see, from the elderly on down to the children. If it takes a task force to make you think we are doing something, we can do that. It has been a major discussion point among us. We want to treat all groups fairly. All the groups do a good job and have to gel together. That is the focus I am looking at. All the groups do a lot of the same things.

Ms. Boyd - obviously I have a communication problem. No one here is against the others. We are a volunteer group. We are not a group that is either far left or far right. We are trying to help the other groups. We are not looking to be opposed or opposite any other group. What I want to clearly indicate is this group is only supporting other service agencies in this County such as fire, rescue, Christmas for Children, the food pantry, etc. Setting up a task force only to please me is very offensive to me. I asked for this to bring everyone together.

Supervisor Whitlock - it is very offensive to me, ma'am, that we are trying to do something and being blamed for doing nothing. We have not jumped up and said here is a building, but we can't.

Chairman Ingram - either Mr. Nester or myself will talk to you by Friday. I don't know what we will tell you, but we will talk to you. We will discuss this and talk to you.

Ms. Nola Albert - I am here in support of Kathy Boyd and have talked with Supervisor Belcher also. We have two vacant buildings in the County. I don't know the financial condition of the County, but it is an excellent time to look at these buildings and re-do them for these groups. We need a community room. I work with the Bloodmobile, we go all over the County to perform this service because we have no set place to go. It would be money-wise to buy one of these buildings and convert them rather than buy land and build a building. I can see a place for a community room, Angels in the Attic, plus other groups. The Cross Creek Building presents a great opportunity. A task force would be the way to go, let everyone talk, and make it a combined effort.

Supervisor Belcher - we do care. It may seem that we have not jumped when we have

been asked to jump. We have to be fair in dealing with all these things. We are using tax money for everyone. We are working for everyone. You are doing a wonderful job and we want you to continue. We may not have been readily available, but we have been working on this situation. I am sure all the other organizations appreciate what you do. Don't think that we don't care. I know your time is running out but that is not our fault.

Ms. Boyd - my concern is the communication. To choose not to communicate bothers me.

Supervisor Belcher - I have told people this.

Supervisor Whitlock - I have not received one phone call on this situation.

Ms. Boyd - what is the point of coming here and we hear nothing?

Supervisor Whitlock - you came with one proposal and we have worked on that. In the meantime, you changed your option. It seems that we are going in a different direction now. If I have given you the impression that I'm insensitive, I'm sorry.

Supervisor Gerald - the Board of Supervisors are working on things that cannot be made public and I know you will be pleased when you find them out.

Chairman Ingram - I know it is hard to accept but we are working on this.

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

- School Performance Report Card;
- SOL scores;
- 2001-2002 proposed calendar;
- Enrollment report ending January 31, 2001;
- Test schedule - is now a local option to put it closer to the end of the semester and also because of possible loss of days because of bad weather;
- Budget was presented to the School Board yesterday, have copies for the Board of Supervisors review - the budget does not include any additional revenue for teacher salary increases until the General Assembly decides what they are going to do. There is more State funds included that we received because of enrollment increases. We budgeted for 1975 students next year, over the 1909 this year. The School Board will meet March 8, with a public hearing at the April meeting.

Supervisor Gerald questioned the CISCO program and if there seems to be a downturn in it?

Dr. Arbogast - we do offer the program. There are other companies that are starting to do the same thing, just on different networks.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Michael Bedsaul, Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller, came before the Board in place of Mr. James Cornwell, County Attorney.

Agenda Item 7hi) - Mutual Aid Agreement with surrounding localities - have not heard back from every County yet.

Agenda Item 7hii) - Proposed Noise Ordinance - Board of Supervisors have the revised draft and can set a public hearing date if they so desire.

Agenda Item 7hiii) Report on sale of properties with delinquent taxes - some taxes have been collected, and the process is continuing.

Agenda Item 7hiv) - Adoption of Virginia Public Procurement Act/Abolish County Purchasing Ordinance. Mr. Bedsaul explained that a public hearing to abolish the County's current purchasing ordinance would have to be held and then declare the Virginia Procurement Act as the County's Ordinance. A Small Purchase Policy can be adopted also for anything under \$30,000, so sealed bids would not be required. The County Administrator can be designated as the Purchasing Agent, thereby delegating that responsibility from the Board. The Act also has other items such as competitive bidding guidelines which the County's current ordinance does not have. Consensus of the Board was for the County Attorney to bring a Small Purchase Policy draft for the Board's review at the next meeting.

Mr. Nester reported that the deadline is very short on Redistricting for the County - by May 1, everything has to be in to the Department of Justice, which includes all new tabulations and a new ordinance. He also explained that there are computer programs available that will work with our ArcView system to enable easier redistricting.

Mr. Nester also requested that the Board be thinking about an alternate site for the Little River Polling place. The Crenshaw Lighting building has been used, but will not be available any longer.

On a motion of Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on the proposed Noise Ordinance at 7:30 p.m, or as soon thereafter as possible, on March 13, 2001, at the Floyd County Administrative Building.

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

Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, next appeared before the Board. He presented a request from the Fire Department for replacement of a 1980 pumper. The Department has had constant trouble with this piece of equipment, and estimates now are for \$10-12,000 to repair current problems. The truck is worth about \$4000, and parts are not available for the particular type of pump, without being specifically manufactured. The Department has found a 1978 truck for \$15,000, which they have driven and pump tested. Would like to recommend that the County purchase this used truck and sell the present truck, with the funds returned to the Fire/Rescue Fund.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Fire/Rescue Fund to 4-010-032030-8000 and approve purchase of a 1978 used vehicle, approve the sale of the current 1980 vehicle and return funds from sale to the Fire/Rescue Fund.

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

Mr. Wirt reported that he had spoken with Forestry Department personnel about a possible burning ban for the County. They felt that with the 4:00 p.m. ban going into effect on Thursday and with the rain forecast for the week, that things should be ok. Most of the brush fires that have occurred have been during the day.

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, 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 Gerald, 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 resolution:

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION  
CLOSED MEETING

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 property 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 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 is adopted.

In reference to the Subdivision Ordinance, Mr. Bedsaul reported that Mr. Cornwell is working on the matter and hopes to have a draft to the Board very soon.

Appointments to Recreation Authority. Discussion followed on different ways to handle the situation such as receiving letters of interest, interviews, advertising, etc.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for two positions on the Floyd - Floyd County Public Recreational Facilities Authority, and notify current office holders of the vacancy.

Supervisor Harris - you are asking only for people to apply, we will do interviews or whatever at that time.

Supervisor Gerald - yes.

Chairman Ingram - do these need to be advertised as positions from Burks Fork and Courthouse Districts, or at large? What do the bylaws say?

Supervisor Belcher - it does not say, at-large is fine. It has been done by district.

Chairman Ingram - do you have a person from each district?

Supervisor Belcher - no.

Chairman Ingram - who is not represented?

Supervisor Belcher - I don't know. Five members are there, they should represent each district. Mr. Gerald is at-large.

Supervisor Harris - I would say advertise with no district named.

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

Concerning Angels in the Attic - consensus was for the Chairman and County Administrator to speak with the representative and let them know that work is being done, that they need to trust the Board, but the Board is not making a commitment, but is willing to do a letter of support if that will help in any way.

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

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