

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 26, 2004**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Vice Chairman; Diane B. Belcher, Jerry W. Boothe, Kerry W. Whitlock, Board Members; George W. Nester, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator; Ford S. Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator; and James E. Cornwell, County Attorney.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Mr. Nester presented a proposed resolution expressing opposition to proposed criteria and fees for highway signing programs. He explained that traditional tourist or local government signs, previously paid for by VDoT, would be charged an annual fee to local governments. This regulation, if imposed, could have a large impact on the County. The notice was not received in time to attend the public hearing, but the public comment period is still open.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, entitled "Resolution Expressing Opposition to Proposed Criteria and Fees for Highway Signing Programs" (Document File Number).

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item #3 - Discussion of purchase of vehicle for Animal Control Department. Mr. Nester reported that one of the animal control vehicles is a 1996 Chevrolet S-10 with over 160,000 miles on it. Have spent over \$2000 this year on repairs. Also, because the truck is a small size, it will not hold the animal cages. Would like the Board's authorization to purchase a used full-size truck for animal control.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously

carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to purchase a used full-size truck, up to \$18,000, for the Animal Control Department.

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item #4 - Work session on proposed FY05 budget. Considerable discussion followed on the formation of a paid EMS staff. Mr. Cornwell outlined the options for the Board's consideration: 1) form as a department of the County, with paid County Chief and employees; 2) form a corporation, non-stock, with the Board of Supervisors as the Board of Directors, who would perform the hiring and firing of staff, set up as a 501C3 tax exempt corporation, with the ability to accept donations from the County or individuals. Would need to apply to the SCC for corporate status, and then file with the Federal government for the 501C3 status, which usually takes 1-6 months. The County can bill users for services.

Mr. Wirt recommended the 501C3 option for a variety of reasons which included: 1) billing - recommend establishing the billing and providing a public service campaign to all citizens so all would understand the process; 2) Fire/Rescue expenses will continue and will increase; 3) Decreases need to obtain funding from other County sources; 4) expenses will be less, for example, insurance can be piggy-backed onto Rescue Squad insurance.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to set a public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance to allow Floyd County to bill for EMS service, with time and date to be set as appropriate.

Supervisor Boothe - nay
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - abstain

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Attorney to set up a 501C3 corporation on behalf of Floyd County for the purpose of emergency medical services, to be known as Floyd County Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Mr. Cornwell reported that in his research of the County's various Boards/Commissions, it was found that an Electoral Board member also serves as an Industrial Development Authority

member. This is not allowed under State Code because the Electoral Board appointment is considered an officer of the County. With the Board's consent, we will notify the member and have him resign from both, and then be re-appointed to his choice. Consensus of the Board was to proceed.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on the proposed FY05 budget on June 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

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

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye