

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2005**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.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, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

ABSENT: Kerry W. Whitlock, Board Member; George W. Nester, County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Chairman Ingram led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, appeared before the Board. She provided the invested cash report as of August 9, 2005. She also presented the 2004 delinquent real estate and personal property lists for the Board's consideration. She commented that the Board would need to decide whether to advertise the delinquent list in the local newspaper as per Virginia Code Section 58.1-3924. She also presented a summary report on 2004 tax collections - real estate at 98.7% collection and personal property at 97.3% collection. Mrs. Thomas commented that she would be attending a meeting in early September on the how the PPTRA collections will be disseminated to the localities under the new regulations, and will report to the Board on the matter.

Mrs. Morris reported that, with both hardware and software problems during the fiscal year close, a financial report will not be available at this meeting. Will provide the information in the Board's weekly report on Friday.

The minutes of July 12, 2005 were presented to the Board for review and consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2005 as presented.

Chairman Ingram commented that he did have one correction from Supervisor Whitlock on the July 12 minutes.

Supervisor Boothe withdrew his motion.

Chairman Ingram - for Supervisor Whitlock - on page 12, concerning Route 670, would like to add "Double Springs Road" for further clarification.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2005 as amended.

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

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

Sheriff Shannon Zeman appeared before the Board. He reported on the following items:

- hope you received a letter from the employees thanking you for recent decisions. I just want to reaffirm that. I've gotten a lot of feedback, they really appreciate that. I also want to thank you again.
- Floyd Fest parking - it goes along with some of the recent decisions. The Sheriff's Office did contract with Floyd Cares to provide security at the parking site. That all went well. We had one officer work six hour shifts and all of that was in line with the policy. I did provide George with a copy of the policy and a signed memo of understanding that you requested. Floyd Cares was billed, the check was written to the County and Terri has the paper work for the employee hours. It went real well.
- In the past we've talked about the expansion of the dispatch center. Myself, George and Ford have had recent conversations about this again. Did meet with Judge Grubbs about a week ago to talk about areas within the Courthouse. We had that meeting and he will get back with me to let me know. We are awaiting his input. As soon as I get that, I'm sure George and I will meet again and I'll send a letter to you requesting some type of action. In response to Supervisor Boothe's question as to whether a contractor or architect has been contacted to see what would work there, Sheriff Zeman responded that he hated to do that before speaking with the Judge and that's why I'll be asking you at a later date. I will be asking for that in the future.
- Had an incident in the booking room that needs some attention. There are four holding cells between the Courtroom and our booking area. Actually there is five, but one is in the booking area and the other four are for court. Those cells, its just a cell with a steel door and glass. When we put those in, we talked about putting some type of steel bench in each one of them, way back during the renovation process. That didn't happen. So

there are wooden chairs sitting in each one. We had an incident over the weekend where we had an inmate that was restrained but he was able to take the wooden chair and break the window out and then he stuck his hands through the glass and he was transported to the hospital, multiple stitches in his hands. What I'd like to ask the Board to do is at least give George permission to let us look into different options for steel benches in those five cells and get rid of the wooden chairs for safety issues. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with options.

- Monthly report - the only detail I want to point out is that we are up another 200 calls this month - up to 1200 this month. It is steady growth in them.
- Grants - Fran is working the Domestic Violence Grant. They are changing the criteria a little now where they will approve for two years at a time. I hope that works out so we don't have to worry about it as frequently.
- We have Circuit Court today so Mr. Peters and Mr. Nagel are both tied up there. Mr. Hannett has made it to Kuwait and will be there for nine days before moving on to Iraq.

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.

Further discussion and questions followed on the monthly disbursements.

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

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

Agenda Item 8a - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for July 2005. Mrs. Lydeana Martin appeared before the Board to present this report. She commented that the number of surveys signed in the first seven months of this year is roughly the same, 87, last year 89. The number of lots created this year has been 193, compared to 103 last year. For the month of July, we did add a new type of category on the report, plat parcels of record. We do look at those when they come in and I thought this is something that we could capture as we go forward. Anytime somebody has a survey done, the Circuit Court wants us to review it to make sure it is not a subdivision that someone's doing and watch for that. There are no other large subdivisions pending at the moment. There is a 4-5 parcel one that the Planning Commission is reviewing but there are no other mega type ones for us on the horizon. Supervisor Boothe, you had asked in the past if we could create some sort of database where we could track the family divisions to make sure we had a way of enforcing the ordinance, basically, for someone not to repeatedly do what they are not supposed to do, over and over again. We've looked into that and tried to create a spreadsheet, but it was somewhat cumbersome, so I think our mapping system will be the best way to do that in the long run, if we can incorporate the information into it, once you pull it up you can see what's most recently been done and those type of things. But the mapping

system is not 100% complete at this time but we feel it will be the best option and we are still researching it.

Agenda Item 8b - Appointment to New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board. Mrs. Morris reported that no response has been received from the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau or Merchants Association from our request for an appointee. The Workforce Investment Board themselves did provide a list of possibilities, which Mr. Nester provided in his weekly report to the Board. Matter deferred for the time.

Agenda Items 8c and 8d - Transfer requests - \$5500 from Contingency to 4-110-051010-110 salary supplements; and \$17,000 from Contingency to various line items as provided for salary supplements.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to transfer \$5500 from Contingency to 4-110-051010-1100; and \$17,000 from Contingency to various line items as listed, for salary supplements.

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

Agenda Item 8b - Workforce Investment Board appointment. Consensus of the Board was for staff to contact person number two on the list for ascertain their interest in this position, and continue down the list for possible appointment.

Agenda Item 8e - Resolution - Authorization for application to VPSA for school project funding. Mrs. Morris reported that this resolution is identical to the one adopted by the Board last year. There is a very realistic possibility that the County will be placed in the funding category this Fall. The loan is at a 3% rate financed over 20 years. The first loan payment will be due 7/15/06, second payment 1/15/07 - just as we planned in our budget process, for the FY07 budget. If we do not make the Fall list, the Suntrust loan will need to be renewed another year at the 2.43% rate.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, "Authorization for Application to VPSA for School Project Funding" (Document File Number ).

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

Agenda Item 8f - Appointments to New River Valley Disability Services Board -

government, business and consumer representatives. Mrs. Morris explained that this Board provides input to State agencies on services, needs and priorities of persons with physical and sensory disabilities. It also provides information and resource referral to participating local governments regarding ADA regulations. And also a linkage between the service agencies and the persons themselves. The Board conducts a Needs Assessment every 3 years to identify gaps in services. Every time this assessment has been done, transportation has been the biggest hurdle. Grant funds and local government funds have provided a van service for eligible patrons to be able to get to doctor appointments and work, for example.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Terri Morris to the New River Valley Disability Services Board for a three year term; and authorize staff to advertise for consumer and business representative appointments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item 8g - Carry-over request - \$17,649, Rescue Squad. Mrs. Morris reported that because of incorrect line item classification, these funds are owed to the Rescue Squad. The bill was actually paid at the last Board meeting, and this carry-over is requested to correct the accounting information.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the carry-over request of \$17,649 for the Rescue Squad to the 2006 fiscal year.

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

Mr. Larry Harley, Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society, next appeared before the Board. His comments to the Board included the following: When we say the pledge to the flag, we end that pledge with the words "with liberty and justice for all". Unfortunately, in our society, the laws have become so complex, that without the advice of a lawyer, or possibly representation from a lawyer, your odds of achieving justice are pretty slim. Under the United States Constitution, if you are charged with maliciously killing your neighbor's dog in a boundary dispute, you are entitled to a court appointed attorney. But if someone's trying to take your children or if your landlord has illegally cut off your heat during the winter, or if you are a senior citizen and your social security benefits have been illegally garnished, so you are left penniless, you don't have a constitutional right to a lawyer if you are a low income person. And that's where the Legal Aid Society is able to step in. We are a private, non-profit organization.

We are a law firm for poor people providing free, high-quality legal services to people who fall beneath the national poverty guidelines. We do not provide services in civil cases where private attorneys could bring a lawsuit and win money. We are happy to leave that to the private lawyer. We are doing cases for poor people where they would not be able to get a private attorney for free, and wouldn't get a lawyer unless we were there providing it for free. We are guided by a Board of Directors with 21 members, 13 of those members are private attorneys appointed by the private bar. Gordon Hannett is on our Board of Directors and we have one low income person from Floyd County on our Board as well. We cover 17 Counties and 4 cities, a geographic area the size of New Jersey. We do that with 9 attorneys on our staff. We serve the New River Valley from our office in Christiansburg and of course, that office has been serving Floyd County for many years. We merged with the Legal Aid Society of the New River Valley back in 2001, and so we continue serving the New River Valley from Christiansburg. Planning District 3 from Marion and the coalfields from an office in Castlewood. About 11.5% of your population in Floyd County lives in poverty and we served 112 Floyd County families last year. Of those, about 17 cases went to court. The bulk of them received advice from legal services. The cases that went to court were domestic violence cases, housing cases, and consumer law cases. We don't have enough lawyers to do all the possible cases there are, so we triage our cases, just like an emergency room would do, trying to provide attorney representation to the most serious cases. We are not going to court on things like \$50 disputes over lawnmower repairs or name change cases. We are going to court on very serious matters, some of them literally life and death. We have had domestic violence clients murdered while we were in the course of representing them. Those are not our success stories, but they are among our stories to illustrate that what we are doing is very serious. We welcome your referrals. In the brochures that I handed out, you will see toll free telephone numbers. Our services can be accessed with a toll free telephone call. It is not necessary for somebody from Floyd to drive to an office to find out if they are eligible for services or to find out if we will take their case. We do almost all of our intake by telephone and we ask people to share with us what their income is. We believe the people when they tell us what their income is, unless their story is just unbelievable and then we ask for documentation. We don't ask for documentation for the vast majority of people that use our services. My purpose here today is just to remind you that we are there and that we do welcome your referrals. Our funding historically was all Federal, but in the early 90's it increasingly went to a State stream of funding. Now, our Federal funding is about \$750,000 per year and our State funding is about \$915,000 per year. To put the number of lawyers in perspective, there are 25,000 lawyers in Virginia, that's either a blessing or a curse, depending on how you look at it. There are somewhere around 700 lawyers in our service area. So, from Montgomery County west to Lee County. So there is one lawyer for every 300 Virginians, there is one lawyer for every 600 people in Southwestern Virginia. We have one Legal Aid lawyer for every 10,000 poor people, so we are stretched thin. But, we don't complain, you do the best you can day to day with what we've got. Thank you for your support of one kind of justice for all Virginians.

Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. He reported that during the last few months, we have had, at the request of my Board and at my insistence, people from our Regional Offices throughout the State come in and look at the services our agency is providing, look at our program areas, look at things that we can do to serve the public

better and make sure that our programs are being used to the full advantage. Over about a two month period, people came in and they read records, they looked at our numbers, our statistics, and came back and did a report to my Board of Social Services. There were several very interesting factors that came out of that review and one of them is the report that I've given you. They call this an economic impact of our services run out of our agency. This is the money that is put directly back into the County services. Now mind you, that since we don't have a hospital and those sort of things, not all the Medicaid money is going back directly into the economy of Floyd County. If you will look through the list, we paid out over a million dollars last year just in food stamp benefits. The vast majority of those food stamp benefits go directly back into local food chains, food stores, local convenience stores, places along those lines where people purchase their groceries. We also paid out over \$151,000 in TANF payments. These are the actual monetary payments that we paid individuals in the County. Medicaid expenditures, as it is in every County throughout the State, is way above anything else, over \$9 million that we paid out. These are expenditures directly to the Carilion facility here and other doctors that bill Medicaid services. Because we don't have a hospital, that's where the vast majority of these come out. That gets disbursed into Montgomery County and Roanoke City for the most part. But as you go down through here, this is just something to show the actual amount of money that our office is putting back out into the community in actual payments. The last item is the local match on top of our other money. We are putting a lot of money back out into the economy in regards to services that are coming out of our office. To go along with that, they looked at our case load standards to see our actual work loads. For eligibility workers, the ones that do determinations for TANF, Medicaid and food stamps, we are in the top ten in the State per case load per worker. We are averaging 455 cases per worker at the moment and we are meeting, in the vast majority of the time, between 95-100% of the time frame required with 5 workers at 455 cases per worker. We are serving the clients and customers of Floyd County in the best capacity possible with the resources that we have. There were some basic documentation items that we need to work on, but with regards to fiscal impact, we were in great shape. It was a very positive report and our office is doing very well. They had a total of 12 recommendations for the entire office. They informed us that the last agency they reviewed had 36 recommendations just for the service side. It really put into perspective that we are doing a very good job on everything that was reported.

Agenda Item 8h - Authorization to renew contract with Waste Management for a two year term. Mrs. Morris reported that this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 two year renewals available. The agreement ties the price for solid waste on the consumer price index. The billing rate is adjusted by totaling the CPI for the previous twelve months and using an average. Then Waste Management uses the average CPI to calculate the disposal and transportation fee for the next two year term. The agreement may be terminated with a 6-month notice. We are still talking to the New River Resource Authority. Their Board has adopted a resolution for Floyd County to be a user but all governing bodies also have to adopt a similar resolution.. Their DEQ solid waste permit also has to be amended.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to renew the contract with Waste Management for a two year term, October 1, 2005 -

September 30, 2007 for solid waste disposal services.

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

Agenda Item 8i - Addition to Indian Valley Fire Station bids - Architect recommends Clark Brothers. Mrs. Morris reported that two bids were received for the addition - one from Clark Brothers in the amount of \$136,000 and one from Acorn Construction in the amount of \$193,400. The budget estimate was \$171,150. The requested completion date was October 31, but because of the length of time to order/produce/delivery the building, the Architect recommends changing the date to December 31, 2005. If the new fire truck is received before the addition is completed, the Fire Department will make other arrangements.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to accept the bid from Clark Brothers Construction in the amount of \$136,000 for an addition to the Indian Valley Fire Station, with a contract extension to December 31, 2005 for completion.

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

Agenda Item 8l - Reminder of joint meeting with the Planning Commission and VDoT representatives on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. concerning subdivision street requirements.

Mr. Bob Beasley, Resident Highway Engineer and Mr. Jeremy Hendricks, Operations Manager, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Beasley - paving/surface treatment - surface treatment is pretty much completed in Floyd County and they are now paving on 221. Once Route 221 is completed, it will be pretty much wrapped up except for the Town of Floyd. Hopefully, somewhere within this month, we will wrap up the Town paving. One thing that I would like for us to do today is to set the date for the secondary road public hearing in October so we can prepare our advertisements for that.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing for the secondary road 6-year plan and budget at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2005 in the Circuit Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Supervisor Boothe - aye  
Supervisor Belcher - aye  
Supervisor Whitlock - absent

Supervisor Gerald - aye  
Supervisor Ingram - aye

The Board members will contact Mr. Beasley as to time and date for driving tours of their respective districts.

Supervisor Gerald - Route 754 - center lines have been painted on the new pavement but not on the old part - will this be done?

Mr. Beasley - the paving contractor has to do the line painting with the new pavement as part of his contract. The remaining lines will have to be done with our staff or another contract.

Supervisor Gerald - Macks Mountain Road also needs lines; appreciate the work on Hylton Road, especially the areas at the old culvert. You did an outstanding job on that culvert replacement, it was very professional; a \$286.4 billion Federal transportation bill was passed - will Southwest Virginia and Floyd County get any trickle of that? The Smart Road got a lot of it at \$6 million, which I think was pretty dumb. Because they took a lot of money off of secondary roads in the past and put it on the Smart Road and I wondered if that's going to happen again.

Mr. Beasley - we do not know yet how it will come down from the Federal government to the States. We should get included, it will be in maintenance and construction. The Smart Road designation is easier defined because it is a specific project. In construction, it will be matching funds from the State, so we will have to determine how much we have to match.

Supervisor Gerald - do you have any idea what that \$6 million will be used for? They've run tests and things over there for years.

Mr. Beasley - I think they are trying to expand their project. There should be websites with the budget explained.

Supervisor Gerald - appreciate everything that you have done in my district.

Supervisor Belcher - appreciate paving on Route 727 and the surface treatment on Kyle Weeks Road. The potholes have been taken care of and I appreciate that also.

Supervisor Boothe - appreciate the bridge and associated work; will you be working on shoulders of roads? Route 615 from Town to Bluebird Road especially needs some attention.

Mr. Beasley - where paving has been done, the contractor also has the shoulder work to do.

Supervisor Boothe - are brush cutters still working in the County?

Mr. Beasley - contract did run out but we are getting another one, this is pretty much a year-round thing.

Supervisor Ingram (for Supervisor Whitlock) - lines on roads that have been surface treated but not painted back need to be done; mowing needed on secondary roads for the second time; appreciate Route 679 project work; surface treatment over asphalt may possibly have been done - do not have a specific road number.

Mr. Beasley - may have been done after being patched so many times.

Supervisor Ingram (also for Supervisor Whitlock) - Route 221 at Beaver Dam, North side of bridge - very rough area over pipe work that was done; Routes 860/690 intersection - very rough area on one side of the intersection, also several potholes need attention; brush cutting on secondary roads needed with school getting ready to begin.

Supervisor Ingram - mowing on secondary roads needs to be done again - this is a real safety concern, along with the brush cutting.

Mr. James Cornwell, County Attorney, next appeared before the Board. He updated the Board on financing for the Indian Valley fire station and library. As you know, there were two proposals put out for the financing, one for the Floyd County library expansion and Indian Valley fire station addition, and the other one for financing for equipment and rolling stock. We've been working with the lending institutions on those two borrowings. One borrowing, the best terms were given by Suntrust Bank, and on the lease/purchase it was given by the Bank of Floyd. Because the school financing is moving ahead quicker than we anticipated, we find that neither of these loans can be bank qualified. So, therefore, we are having to go back and have new term sheets prepared for the lending. Also, under the Library expansion and the Indian Valley fire station addition, we are going to need to get the Industrial Development Authority involved, lease the property to them, lease it back to them, and use the lease proceeds to support the financing. So we are also getting involved because one of the terms and conditions that Suntrust wanted was bond counsel approval of the transaction. The equipment with the Bank of Floyd is an easier transaction to do to lease/purchase, we can do that directly. That's a long way to tell you that we will probably bring this back to you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for final approval and as well to have an IDA meeting to approve the lease terms. As soon as we get new term sheets from the lending institute, we'll send them to you. I'll be at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to take up a couple of other issues with you in closed session.

Agenda Item 8j - Coyote Control Committee Program update. Supervisor Boothe reported on the recent meeting with adjoining Counties. Mr. Fox, with the USDA, mentioned that he was from Minnesota, and they had bounties for years. Did not really deal with the issue. I found we basically have 3.5 positions assigned to Western Virginia. They basically do the setting of traps, the property owner does the monitoring of traps, and disposes of animals, and they come re-set the traps. Mr. Goodman, Montgomery County Administrator, had heard of some Northern Virginia counties that were discussing putting money in the wildlife organization to hire trappers and he was going to contact them to get further information. Basically, its \$70,000/position. To make the part-time position full-time, would \$35,000 or roughly \$12,000

each. If we were to hire or make contributions for additional people, it would be about \$100,000 to outfit each person with a vehicle, equipment, etc. So we really don't have any recommendations at this time. As far as trapping, the squeaky wheel gets the oil and they get the worse places where the most people are hollering. If you get into a situation where they are trapping on one farm and the next door neighbor has theirs posted and won't allow them to trap there, these animals are apparently very smart and know where to go. I don't know that trapping will be a viable option either. The best time that they have found in Virginia to trap is January - June.

Supervisor Gerald questioned the setting of traps - how it would affect pets and other farm animals, is this a danger to them?

Supervisor Boothe - it's a danger to them also. There were a couple of other ways to handle it. One is that they have a bladder-like apparatus that fits around a calf's or lamb's throat that actually has arsenic in it. Of course, I had to ask what would happen to that animal, I understand the coyote biting into it. But he said you basically sacrifice the animal. On large farms, you might sacrifice 15 lambs. Mr. Goodman will check with the other Counties and we will have another meeting sometime in the next month. It seems that, so far, the setting of traps is the only option I'm interested in. And I'm not real crazy about that. If you are talking about four full-time people for all of Southwest Virginia, we're still not addressing the problem. We may need to get with the other jurisdictions to do a resolution to send to Congressman Boucher and Senators Warner and Allen to see if they can get more funding for this program.

Agenda Item 8k - Advertising for Virginia Travel Guide - Mrs. Martin provided a copy of the current travel guide. She reported that these guides are placed in all the visitor centers and used for mailings to anyone who requests travel information. So it is a really important publication. It is subsidized by the Virginia Tourism Corporation, that is, they pay for distributing it. What the ads pay for is the actual printing cost. Major attractions around the State, including Floyd County, will get a free listing. In 2005, there were 5-6 things in Floyd County listed. This year we've already submitted 7-8 to be considered so hopefully we will have a couple more than we did last year. What I wanted to talk to you about today is the possibility of the County advertising. Two years ago, the County advertised with a 1/6 page ad. This year they have already distributed 500,000 of these and just ordered an additional 100,000. Again, the State pays any additional printing costs. So, the prices for 2006 are not substantially increased over 2005 prices and the State is doing a lot to promote the 2006-2007 event already, so I feel we will see a bigger distribution than ever before. In terms of the options, there are three options that came to mind. One is doing a 1/6 page ad like the County had done in the past, at a cost of \$6000. But in this collaboration that we've begun with Patrick and Carroll Counties and the City of Galax, we've been looking at how we might all benefit from collaborating on some advertising. What we could get if all four of us agree to it, there are basically two options. One would be a joint half-page ad that would talk about the Blue Ridge Plateau and it would list the four localities and then we would each get a half page of our own to describe our specific locality. The cost of that would be \$7565 to each of us. Our portion would give us a full half-page ad and a portion of the other half-page. We talked about having the Blue

Ridge Parkway being very prominent in the ad since it links us all together. And then it would show the other main roads and mention the Crooked Road Trail. Also, the Crooked Road, as an organization of which Floyd County is a part of, is going to be advertising in this as well. I don't know yet how big the ad is going to be. The deadline on this is September 3. They've done some pretty prominent advertising with full-page spreads, and if they do that, Floyd County will at least get a couple of mentions there with County Records and the Country Store, but we don't know for sure on that yet. The third choice would be basically doing a one page ad together where we had all the maps together on one page and maybe have room for three images from each locality and a little bit about each locality on that one page. At least two of the Counties would still buy an additional half-page ad so that would keep the price break. If you buy a full-page ad you get a significant price reduction, so we would still probably benefit from that. The cost for us to just have our share of one full page would be \$3028. For an additional \$100, in any of the three scenarios, we would get a website hot link. They also post their publication on the website in a version that you click and turn the pages, in other words you don't have to scroll down, you can click and turn the pages just like you were holding it in your hands. With this hot link, you can click on that link and go immediately to whatever website we wanted to direct them to. This would be very important. Its definitely worth it. Its somewhat of a dance because Galax has not decided what they are going to do yet. I think the one page together would be a good buy and I think that's the one that gives us the most for the dollars. But if Galax comes back and says that they prefer to do the other half-page, then that would be 3 of the 4. Patrick and Carroll Counties have committed to doing a substantial buy. I also wanted to mention that several months ago you approved \$5000 toward a sign for the Visitors Center in Carroll County with the understanding that we would get permanent display space in that center. They've had some turnover in their office and I've asked for us to get that in writing. We have not received an invoice yet, but I want something more concrete before we approve that payment. Leisure Publishing would actually do the design and we will bring it to you for approval. I have submitted a lot of images to them and hoped they would have something for us to look at today, but I don't have anything from them. I hope to have something for you by your meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise the availability of the posting of the delinquent tax lists in the Treasurer's Office for public inspection.

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

Dr. Terry Arbogast, School Superintendent and Mr. Douglas Phillips, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Phillips commented that the School Board really appreciated the Board's support of the building program for the students in Floyd County. The project is 99.9% complete.

Everything worked out just like we planned. Its amazing the amount of attention that we've gotten around the State. They ask how we've been able to build so much with the amount of funds that you spend. The School Board also approved the authorization resolution for the VPSA application, we're down to the hard part now, paying for everything.

Dr. Arbogast reported on the following:

- presented a copy of staff development activities completed;
- presented a calendar of the SOL test dates;
- presented a copy of the enrollment report - 2116 students projected for the upcoming year.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to August 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

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