

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 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, Kerry W. Whitlock, Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, 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.

The Opening Prayer was led by Vice Chairman Gerald.

Chairman Ingram led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash and cash in office report as of December 12, 2006. She reported that her office is still working the mail from the December 5 deadline and she will give the Board a full report next month as to collections.

Mrs. Morris reported that because of the tax deadline, the Treasurer's Office had not been able to complete their work for the balance sheet. The financial reports ending November 30, 2006 will be sent to the Board as soon as that work is completed.

- Sheriff Shannon Zeman next appeared before the Board with the following report:
- DOC issue update - I don't have an exact date hammered down as to when they'll be here, he said the next time that the people that certify lock-ups are on this end of the State, they'll schedule to come back and get us certified, with or without the camera situation. How we're dealing with that is, we're not leaving inmates. Dan informed me of a few things that you all were interested in from the last meeting. I have contacted other companies for other quotes. Equip, out of Maryland, which did Montgomery County, and Pentex, that did the Regional Jail. I don't have those yet, but when I do, I'll let you know and we'll keep moving forward.
 - Monthly report, you should have it, its running about like the month before as to number of calls, fuel, that sort of thing.
 - We are in the process of some new hires, have had a couple of resignations.

- Working on a letter to try to inform you a little more about the school entry team, just haven't completed that yet, but I will, so you'll have a better understanding.
- Policy/procedure - that won't be ready for a while. I have to keep moving ahead with this regardless of your decision, but as I develop things, I'll share them with you so you'll understand and maybe help me with the funding issues.

Sheriff Zeman also reported that Mr. Peters and Mr. Hannett are both in court this morning and would be unable to attend the Board meeting.

The minutes of November 7 and November 30, 2006 were presented to the Board for review and consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2006 as presented.

Supervisor Boothe - abstain - entered meeting late
 Supervisor Belcher - aye
 Supervisor Whitlock - aye
 Supervisor Gerald - abstain - entered meeting late
 Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of November 30, 2006 as presented.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Michael Maslaney and Mr. Nolen Goad, Floyd County Electoral Board members, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Maslaney - would like to give the Board an update on the recent election. We had some very good things that happened, some questionable things, and no really bad things, but we felt that there were a couple of issues that we needed to bring to your attention, and some things that we needed to work on over the next year before the next election occurs. We prepared a summary sheet for you. First, as far as the results, they're actually very good. There are 9584 registered voters in the County, and 5525 turned out to vote, about 58%. For an off-year election, we felt this was excellent. Certainly, the elections coming up in 2007 and 2008, we expect a lot larger turnout. For the two contests and the ballot amendments, we felt the turnout was excellent. With respect to the voting machines, they worked well except for a couple of problems. Nothing serious. We had a couple of battery chargers in the machines that were not plugged in. There's a plug on the top of the machine as well as on the side, and sometimes the pollworkers forget to check the plug on the top. Its not a serious thing because the battery will run for seven hours, but in the morning we did have a few calls back to the office with respect to why the charger light was off. We fixed that, we can work on that in training sessions. One machine in each precinct froze up. We've known about this condition, and we've been working with the vendor for the past couple of years. When the pollworker puts in the card to initiate the process, there is a state that the machine can get in where it will not accept the card. It doesn't affect the voter or the machine at all, the smart card just does not work properly. What they have to do is turn off the machine, and then turn it back on to reset everything. Not a big issue, you only lose about 5 minutes. You can see with a polling place with a lot of activity, five minutes is a long time. We're working with the vendor to alleviate this problem, it is a software problem. I'm trying to get them to re-load all the software in all machines. No votes were lost. Ever since we've gotten the machines, we have an incident report, and we've been tracking the machines. This was the most we've seen in any election. The year before, we had two incidents like this. We actually sent one machine back to the manufacturer and they kept it for a week, running and running it, and didn't have a problem, of course, and sent it back to us. Like I said, I think we need the software re-loaded on the machine. We'll push for that. Again, it doesn't affect the votes or the voter. One other issue, we only had one demo machine out for this election because we didn't get our new machines in time. They were approved, and I think we've gotten reimbursed already, so we only had one machine and we put it at the high school. Things worked well there. At the other precincts, we did have some folks say that it would have been nice to have a demo machine. We're going to try to do that again with every election, we think its easier for people to get more familiar with the machine before they have to vote. Also, this time they had to read more, with all the amendments. The font size is nice and large so that helps, and we got a lot of good feedback on that. The precincts, voter flow was brisk and busy, mostly in the morning. We do have an issue at Little River, this is our main concern. There was major traffic congestion with the one road going in, limited parking, and then they recently marked parking spaces along each side of the inlet, so it was actually just a one lane road where people were head to head trying to get in and out. We were fearful because the weather was kind of iffy that morning and we thought there would be an accident there. We called the Sheriff's office, we tried to get a deputy out there but it was court day so there were no deputies available. So we called the State Police. The trooper assigned to our area that day was sick. They were going to call over to Montgomery County to try to get an officer, but he never showed up. We

put some cones out in the road, but 221 is a brisk road, and they got knocked over very quickly. I think this was a good warning for us, because the next two will have higher voter turnout, and we need to do something. There's three things that have come to our minds as possibilities. One, I don't know if there are any plans to expand the parking lot of the Rescue Squad and have an inlet/outlet, but that would help. Second option would be to move the polling place. To do that takes court approval and is a long process. The third option is to have a policeman available all day long, we can work with the Sheriff's Office and State Police on this, its going to be a big issue no matter what we do. That parking lot wasn't designed for that heavy traffic. It is a great polling place however, we like it, our poll workers like it, there's a lot of room inside and we can control the voter flow, the machines set up really nicely, and everything flows smoothly. Its not an issue with the actual polling place itself, but with the traffic, we're afraid we just missed an accident.

Supervisor Whitlock - why didn't you rope off the spaces at the entranceway for the traffic flow?

Mr. Maslaney - we actually didn't anticipate it, we hadn't had an issue up to this point, because we didn't have this type of turnout before. It was obvious by 10 am that cars were head to head, people were backing up out in the road into 221. It was a scary situation.

Supervisor Whitlock - you could have notified VDoT and they would have put up some signs. That has been done before.

Mr. Maslaney - we did call VDoT, but of course they said we should have called the day before. That will help us next year.

Supervisor Boothe - have you given any thought to an off-duty officer?

Mr. Maslaney - we would need to resolve how that would work. It would probably work out fine.

Supervisor Boothe - maybe a couple of officers, to split the time.

Mr. Maslaney - over the next couple of months, we'd like to put some scenarios together and come back and discuss them again with you. We'd like to have a professional out there handling the traffic. We are working with the Sheriff to explore options. We wanted to come to you early so we'd have nine months to solve this problem, and also if you all had any plans for expansion there.

Chairman Ingram - this situation is still much better than the previous polling place, it was extremely dangerous. Hopefully we can work out something between you all, us and the local law enforcement for everyone's safety.

Mr. Maslaney - in the Burks Fork district, we set up the voting machines in the band

room. We initially thought the band room would be good because we'd be able to watch the voters and it had one door that we could let a limited amount of voters in/out. It had been working fine for us over the past couple of years. With this large turnout, people were circled around the lobby, the room was way too small, and very hot. Just not conducive to a professional election. At the other schools, we were using the gyms and it worked very well. So, we'll move it from the band room to the gym next time. The reason we used the band room was because of the limited handicapped access. The ramps are not wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. We will be using the other end of the gym that has good access with wide doors. With respect to voters, we had one complaint filed. They did not see the section to vote for the Senate, but unfortunately they pushed the button to vote before they told anybody, and once you push the vote button, there is nothing under the law that we can do except apologize. Again, a demo machine here might have helped them understand the voting options. There were no other voter issues. The canvas went very smoothly, the vote count was correct. The absentee machine worked excellent and saved us a great deal of time. We have a good group of pollworkers, they are getting comfortable with the machines, and do a great job.

Consensus of the Board and Electoral Board was for them to research further options for the traffic issues in the Little River District and report back to the Board.

Mr. Woody Crenshaw and Mr. Michael Maslaney, representing the Village Green project, next appeared before the Board to give an update on their progress. Highlights of the presentation were:

- As of December 31, it will have been three years since the building was purchased;
- Phase I includes the restoration of the building itself;
- There will be 14 store fronts facing Main Street;
- There will actually be three "front" sides of the building to make the complex more inviting;
- Dreaming Creek will be providing timber framing for detailing;
- Wrap-around porch, under cover, for all three sides;
- Town Council approved a resolution last night for traffic flow from Route 8 through the Yellow Pony parking lot;
- Thirteen parking spaces in the back lot;
- 10,400 square foot building with five different sized retail spaces varying from 400 - 1200 square feet;
- Hope to start construction in the first quarter of 2007, with occupancy by the summer;
- Want to concentrate retail in the center of Town instead of spread out in the County;
- Looking for small, locally owned businesses instead of national chain stores like Starbucks, etc., primarily retail with some commercial businesses.

- Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. He reported:
- Energy Assistance Program - allocation allotments were mailed out Friday to companies such as Clark Gas & Oil - total of 106,000 households approved in the State - average benefit over \$264 per household - 437 approved in Floyd County;
 - Crisis heating program will run through mid-March;

- Presented copy of DSS Programs Manual for the Board's information;
- CSA Report from JLARC was distributed yesterday, it was very critical of residential facilities. We will probably see an increase in the cost of serving residents because of increased staffing requirements. 80% of Floyd County CSA funds are spent on residential facilities. It did recommend that administrative budgets be increased for every locality to fund a CSA Coordinator. Floyd County receives \$12,500 for administration of our program, the County provides \$7000 and the rest is absorbed through the DSS budget. They are also looking at the CSA process itself, to attempt to put outcome measures on the program which is impossible because each locality administers their particular program differently.
- Will continue to monitor General Assembly actions when they go into session as far as the requirement for licensing of social workers. The League will be on record opposing this requirement.

Agenda Item 8a - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for November 2006. Mrs. Lydeana Martin appeared before the Board. She reported 126 surveys signed to date, with number of lots still 50% less than last year. The Planning Commission has two final plats to review at their meeting tomorrow night. They will also be considering the inclusion of the cluster development amendment as required by the State.

Mrs. Martin reported that she is developing an entrepreneur workshop to be held in February for folks interested in starting or expanding a business. Patrick County has received Federal funds to have a tourism ambassador training program. They have asked us to participate if we assist with the curriculum development. We hope to cover six training modules.

Chairman Ingram commended Mrs. Martin on the recent training session that she held for local businesses and industries, it was very informative for the participants.

Agenda Item 8b - Appointments to Floyd - Floyd County Parks & Recreation, Locust Grove and Little River Districts, 4 year terms. Mr. Campbell presented letters of interest from the incumbents of the positions for continued service.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Steven Graham to the Floyd - Floyd County Parks & Recreation Authority, representing the Little River District, for a four year term.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Clay Link to the Floyd - Floyd County Parks & Recreation Authority, representing the Locust Grove District, for a four year term.

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

Agenda Item 8c - Discussion - Northwest North Carolina/Southwest Virginia Regional Tourism Initiative and Memorandum of Agreement. Chairman Ingram reported that he and various staff had attended four meetings on this initiative. This group is working to market the region on its attractions and natural beauty. We have an option to be a voting, supporting member or non-voting, non-supporting member. Articles of incorporation are being developed. They also hope to receive private investments from businesses and citizens at some point. The Board deferred the matter for further discussion.

Mr. Gene Dalton, EMS Operations Manager, appeared before the Board. He presented the November 2006 report for the career staff, reporting 55 total calls. Things continue to go well.

Mrs. Myra Grim, EMS Administrative Clerk, appeared before the Board. She presented her monthly financial report on the EMS system. Collections continue to be received well, will obtain the collection percentage again at the end of December. Continue to send out information cards to users of the system and answer questions as they are received.

Mr. Steve Love, Rescue Captain, appeared before the Board. He presented the November 2006 report for volunteers indicating 48 calls for the month. The response vehicle received about \$4000 damage from a deer incident over the weekend. Appreciated cooperation from all agencies yesterday with a serious auto accident.

Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, next appeared before the Board. He reported receipt of two new brush trucks, one at Station #2 and one at Station #3. The Station #1 unit should be received sometime in January. At the Regional Jail, we have not had a quorum for the last two month's meetings, will be holding a special meeting tomorrow to take care of business, especially issues with the jail expansion. Grants received - one for the Rescue Squad for two monitors; one for radio equipment in the amount of \$187,000, which is a start on what we need. This is the largest State grant that this agency has ever awarded. Will be talking with you at budget time for the other part of the grant. Indian Valley Station #4 is a bit behind schedule but hope to be done by late January, early February.

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

- Presented copy of School Board meeting highlights of November 13, 2006;
- Presented copy of Title I Student Selection Process information;
- Presented copy of School Board meeting highlights of December 11, 2006;
- Presented copy of November 30, 2006 enrollment report indicating 2057 students;
- Presented copy of December 1 Special Education Child Count, which is down to 343

- students, 16.67% of total enrollment of 2057;
- Participating in History grant with Roanoke County, Roanoke City and City of Salem on a 2-year term. Eight Floyd County teachers participated the first year of the program. If they participate the second year, they will receive a \$4000 stipend.
- SOL testing began yesterday at the High School. 202 students took the History test with 196 passing. 100% passed the 11th grade English test, which is required.

The Board recessed for lunch at Willis Elementary School.

Mr. Bob Beasley, VDoT Residency Administrator, next appeared before the Board. He had nothing to report.

Supervisor Boothe - appreciate all your work. Appreciate you looking at Route 810, ruts have been filled, but ditching still needs to be done.

Supervisor Gerald - nothing to report.

Supervisor Belcher - have already expressed my concerns to Mr. Beasley.

Supervisor Whitlock - appreciate all your work.

Supervisor Ingram - thank you for what you and the rest of the crews do and continue to do. The secondary gravel roads need machining as weather permits.

Supervisor Boothe - Woods Gap Road culverts, where the sediment is washing in, did you get a chance to check that?

Mr. Beasley - I have not, but I will do so.

Supervisor Boothe - request a speed study on Route 615, Christiansburg Pike. Montgomery County has lowered the limit on their side.

Mr. Beasley - we can request the study but they will set the limit.

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

Agenda Item 7j(I) - Proposed Amendments to Floyd County Code, Chapter 10, Article II, Dogs. Mr. Cornwell reported that the State has changed the statute on the dangerous and vicious dogs. The law previously read that the County could adopt a dangerous and vicious dog ordinance and it said what the ordinance had to say, if the County wanted to adopt one. The General Assembly has now changed that to having their own dangerous and vicious dog statute. So as we discussed before, we either need to repeal our ordinance or bring our ordinance into conformity with State law. Either way, it would require a public hearing. You asked me what

the differences were between our ordinance and the State statute so I prepared a summary sheet for you. There are changes between our ordinance and the State law. The primary changes relate to the fact that previously if a dog got into a fight with another dog, could not be declared to be a dangerous dog, now it can be under certain circumstances, particularly if one of the animals is severely injured. We've had that come up with our Animal Control Officer who charged a gentleman with having a dangerous dog, or made a declaration that the dog was a dangerous dog. His declaration was set aside because he tried it under our ordinance which didn't have the State law provision. Also, under our ordinance, under the previous law, the Animal Control Officer could declare the dog dangerous and then put the burden upon the dog's owner to appeal that to the General District Court. Under the State Code now, the Animal Control Officer cannot declare a dog dangerous, he has to bring it to the Judge for declaration. On vicious dogs, it was always that the Judge had to declare the dog vicious, once a dog is declared vicious, he is destroyed. A dangerous dog is simply confined. As you can see, some of these are stylistic changes, but some are substantive changes. I have talked with the Animal Control Officer and pointed out that he has two options. Right now, since our ordinance does not comply with State law, if he has a situation in which our ordinance doesn't address something, he could bring the charge under State law. But, you really need to, because the State Code says we can have an ordinance that mirrors the State Code, but we can't have one contrary to State ordinance. Our ordinance is not in conformity with State law. The only issue I have in repealing it is that people think that there might not be such a law any more, but there would be under State Code. You would not be repealing the entire ordinance, just sections. Our dangerous/vicious dog ordinance is spread over five sections. We would just simply repeal those sections. The change concerning vets is a State Code law, not local ordinance. It takes effect July 1, 2007, but its State law and doesn't say you shall adopt an ordinance requiring it. You don't have to incorporate it in yours, the State law requires the veterinarian to do these things. There was also a question from the Animal Control Officer concerning improper care of animals. That's a State Code also, we don't have authority to adopt a local ordinance on that issue. We do have authority to adopt a section on animal cruelty. But as long as a specific statute exists, that's a State law, we're not permitted to adopt a local ordinance for that. So on the issues that you asked me to look into, 1) our dangerous/vicious dog ordinance does not comply with State law, we either need to make it comply or repeal it; 2) vet issue, that's a State law and we have nothing to do with it, we're not permitted to adopt an ordinance about it. The only advantage to having local ordinances is the fact that the fines or penalties comes to the County, instead of the State receiving them. The dangerous/vicious dog ordinance really doesn't have fines, it has some penalty provisions. If he's found to be a dangerous dog, and doesn't keep him confined, the Animal Control Officer could charge him, and the dog would be declared dangerous, but there is no money involved. If we had to keep the dog for a period of time while the Judge was making a decision, you'd be entitled to some reimbursement.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 4:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on the repeal of Sections 10-76, 10-77, 10-78, 10-79, 10-80, 10-81, 10-82 of the Floyd County Code, and insertion of a statement that State Code requirements will be followed.

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

Agenda Item 7j(ii) - Consideration of Deed of Bargain/Sale, 0.890 acre, State Secondary Route 679, to Cox Family. Mr. Cornwell reported that a request was made to approve a deed of bargain/sale of 0.890 acre. This was a transaction which occurred years ago, but it appeared that the County did and approved in 1993, was lost by the attorney and not recorded. You've been asked to convey this property in conformity with the action taken by a previous Board of Supervisors. Its my understanding that we have the minutes of that time and the public hearing was properly advertised and held, and action authorized by that Board. You do not have to have another public hearing just affirm the action of that Board.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to affirm action of a previous Board of Supervisors on April 19, 1993 concerning the deed of bargain/sale to Elsie T. Cox, et. al, and authorize the Chairman to execute the deed and plat as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion of specific personnel; Paragraph A.7, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; Paragraph A.30, discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

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

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

Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, 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 personnel; potential litigation and contractual matters, in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraphs A.1, A.7 and A.30 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 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 Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Sam Clements, the County's insurance broker, next appeared before the Board concerning the 2007 Anthem renewal. He reported \$517,744 in premiums paid by the County and \$417,741 in claims paid, for a 81% loss ratio. In 2004, the County had a 15% increase; 2005 a 30% increase; no increase in 2006, and a 17% increase proposed for 2007. Our experience is worse than average and age groups are considered worse than average. He explained that the County, because of employee numbers from 15-99, are in a community based pool. This classification does help, because the claims are spread over the entire pool, which has over 1 million members. He presented the different Key Care plan options, and the various rates and benefits of each.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to authorize renewal of the Anthem health insurance policy for employees; provide

option of Keycare 10, Keycare 15, and Keycare 20 plans for the employee's choice; provide full funding of the employee share of the Keycare 20 plan in the amount of \$389.44/employee/month.

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

Agenda Item 8c - Northwest North Carolina/Southwest Virginia Regional Tourism Initiative. Further discussion followed on the option to join this group. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to decline membership at this time, and for the County Administrator to send a letter informing the group of this action.

Agenda Item 8e - Peppers Ferry Septage Agreement - Mr. Campbell presented the proposed agreement and indicated that it was the same agreement as the Board had approved in previous years.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the agreement as presented with Peppers Ferry Regional Water Treatment Plan for septage disposal (Document File Number _____).

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

Agenda Item 8f - Property survey for Station #1 Fire Department. Mr. Campbell reported that three surveyors had been contacted to perform this work. Consensus of the Board was to accept the offer from Mr. John Lewis to perform the work, with a January 15, 2007 deadline.

Agenda Item 8g - Modern Woodsmen of America Tree Planting Request. Mr. Campbell presented a letter request from Mr. Charles Sutphin with Modern Woodsmen of America, to plant a tree at the back entrance of the Courthouse. He had made the request to Judge Grubbs, and was informed that he needed to make the request of the Board of Supervisors. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the County Administrator to write a letter to Mr. Sutphin declining the offer for the Courthouse because of uncertainty with possible construction, but mention the new rescue building in Indian Valley for possible work there.

Agenda Item 8h - Library financing.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to begin the application process

with the VML/VACO Finance Program for a 30-year loan for the Jessie Peterman Memorial Branch Library, in the amount of \$1 million, as per the proposal dated December 8, 2006.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual reorganizational meeting.

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