

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2007**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; Diane B. Belcher, J. Fred Gerald, 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 Supervisor Gerald.

Chairman Ingram led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Deronda Thomas, Treasurer, appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash and cash in office as of April 10, 2007. She reported that County stickers are on sale, and collecting some taxes along the way.

Mrs. Morris presented the balance sheet and revenue/expenditure summary as of March 31, 2007. She reported that at 75% through the fiscal year, General Fund revenue collections were at 65% and expenses at 80%. All departments are within budget, some line items such as gas and electricity are starting to go over budget.

The minutes of March 8, March 13, April 3, 2007 were presented the Board for review and consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2007 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2007 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2007 as presented.

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

Mr. Wendell Peters, Clerk of Circuit Court, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

For the past few months, we've been talking about getting some new Courtroom equipment. I do have the equipment ordered, we do have the money to pay for it with State funds. I don't know yet when the installation will be. We're waiting on him to call. I also have another grant process that I need some assistance on, as soon as possible. I can't go any further without it. I got an e-mail this morning with a sample request for bids. In order to handle this thing, I keep talking about the plat system. We decided, along with the grants administrator, to break it down into two parts. Number one is equipment and number 2 is going back and moving the old stuff over to the computer. We did that for a couple of reasons. We thought that might give more opportunity to different people to bid, maybe give us a little better choice as to who does our work. We've got a guy down in Carolina that I'm in favor of, but I'm not sure will be the low bidder. Anyway, we'll work with the grants administrator to do what we can, but I do need some assistance from the Board as soon as possible.

Chairman Ingram - that would be the maintenance dollars that you talked about before that would be in next year's budget? That would be what you would need from here for the grant application?

Mr. Peters - yes, we need confirmation that the Board is aware that there will be an on-going maintenance cost. But with the same token that the Board is aware that hopefully we'll do away with the plat cabinets. Not only to save money but to save space.

Sheriff Shannon Zeman next appeared before the Board. He reported:  
- monthly report - warm weather now so calls eased up over 1000 and I'm sure they'll continue to grow as it stays warm; biggest spike we've had in process, subpoenas over 2000 in three months, comes at a bad time because we're short of officers with a lot of sickness in the department;  
- currently operating under the \$10,000 DMV grant. Don't know if any of you've run through our road checks on the weekend but we've started doing those. We've applied for another

\$17,000 DMV grant for next year which would be the same type of operation with another in-car camera system;

- received \$600 Burns grant that requires us to put \$60 forth that will be used for some equipment;

- had another deer accident;

- we did get two complete computer systems from the Comp Board. They popped up and said there was some vacancy savings money. Sometimes they let us do this and sometimes they don't. We were able to get two complete computer systems. What we did with those was we upgraded one system in the booking area and one in the administrative office, where we felt they were used the most and were the oldest to try to update a few computers as we go along;

- if you watched the news last night, we did a press release on a couple more search warrants were executed here in the County, and one arrest, one where charges are pending, drugs found and money seized - that's not going to go away, we'll keep searching;

- budget - we have a couple of line items that are a problem for us, police supplies we're in the red and also police uniforms. I've mentioned that to you before, that's where ammo and stuff has gone up, but we're not going to go below our bottom dollar, but there are a couple of line items where we'll have to transfer some funds.

Supervisor Whitlock - have you had any problems in acquiring your ammo?

Sheriff Zeman - we got it all in, but it took three months to get it. It's a lot more expensive, \$2700 just for the ammo. Especially the 223 ammo, we just got it last week, we'd been waiting three months for it. I guess its because of the war, its hard to get it.

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

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

Mrs. Kirsten Vest - Locust Grove District - I just have a few comments, a few things to say today. I just wanted to comment first of all about the public hearing on the proposed budget where so few people turned out. There was a comment made in the Floyd Press that maybe the low turnout was due to apathy. I sort of disagree with that, to some extent, actually I didn't know about the hearing. I'm not sure how much notice was given, and how, and where the notice was put out about the hearing. For instance, this past week in the Floyd Press, there was a notice about the school board meeting and hearing, but it was in the sports section, a little piece way down at the bottom that if I hadn't been looking for something like that, would not have been noticed. Maybe a lot of people, might be a surprise to you, but not everybody in Floyd County reads the Floyd Press and especially not everybody reads the sports section. Anyway, I think that a lot of people missed the hearing because they didn't know about it. At the very least, I know hindsight is 20/20, but maybe it should have been mentioned in one or both of the articles that were front page news, unfortunately, in the Floyd Press, about the accounting problems. Just something to think about and along those lines, and since I didn't get to make that hearing and say anything, I just thought I'd put my two cents worth in today. If you're going to give

County employees a 3% increase in pay, then in my opinion, you must do the same with the teachers in Floyd County. In fact, maybe give the teachers the 3% and not give 3% to the County employees if you have to choose one or the other. We're blessed with some awesome teachers in this County and at Check especially, I think, that's where my kids go and I've been fortunate to substitute this year. Really first hand for the first time, being able to see what these teachers do. Year after year they just do incredible things in spite of budget restraints, SOL restraints, they do incredible things, and I think we owe them at least 3% if not more. Secondly, I know I just asked you to increase teacher salaries but I'd also like to ask that you don't increase real estate taxes this year, if you can at all help it. I know there are other ways to do that without just jumping to the real estate tax. Be creative, look inward, what sacrifices can Floyd County government make? Before you start putting the citizens and the beautiful land of this County on the sacrificial alter, have another hearing, ask seriously for suggestions from our citizens of Floyd County, and consider the suggestions when you make your decision. I know we've elected you to act on our behalf, but get input from everybody, get the whole County involved, then maybe you won't have everybody going, "well if they'd just asked me about this" . Anyway, don't do it like its always been done, think outside the box. I know that you all can do it. I know you can find creative ways, I know its hard. I think I've said before, I really wouldn't want to be in your position to have to make these decisions and make the hard calls when you need it. I know you can do it. If I have time, I have one more suggestion kind of regarding the first thing about hearing notification. Ian is in Cub Scouts in the Christiansburg Pack, they have a web site and one thing they do is, we can sign up on this web site for notification for anything that changes on the web site. Anytime new information is added or something is changed in the information, then an automatic e-mail notification goes out to anybody who's signed up on this web site to let them know what's going on. There's got to be a way in this age of technology to do something like that. There are a lot of people that are on line and maybe don't read the hard copy of the paper, but maybe some kind of e-mail notification coming from the County web site, there's going to be a public hearing, we need input about this, or whatever it is. Look into that, and see if that's a possibility. Any way that you can get the word out rather than just relying on our good newspaper, its good, but its limited. Thank you, appreciate your time.

Mr. Don Johnson - a suggestion or a thought - I've noticed where a lot of jurisdictions are no longer requiring the auto decals for the taxes. According to the newspapers, there are better ways, you can still enforce it through other means. I just fought the battle of putting the sticker on last night and got it crooked and like to have never got the old one off, so I just thought I'd mention it as a convenience to the citizens as well as a savings, I would think, to the County, to not have to buy those things. Just a suggestion.

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

Further discussion and questions followed on the monthly disbursements.

Mr. Garland Nester, Animal Control Officer, next appeared before the Board. He presented two dog claims for the Board's consideration: Mr. Samuel Stump and Mr. Dale Phillips.

Mr. Stump's claim happened on December 11. He had a hunter on his property hunting deer and the deer hunter called him to tell him that two dogs had attacked his cow and calf in the Dogtown section of the County. The deer hunter ran the dogs off, come out and called him, and called the Sheriff's Office. I went down there that evening, talked to him, he showed me the site. He thought he knew where the dogs belonged. The guy said the brown one was a stray, the black one belonged to him. I set a trap, when I went back, they were back at the calf. It was close to dark, so I was afraid to take a shot, I didn't know the terrain, and didn't want to put anyone's life in danger. I went down and talked to the owner of the dogs, he said the brown was a stray, the black one belonged to him. I told him to tie them up if they came back and I'd come back the next morning and get them. I went back, the brown dog was there but the black one hadn't come home and hasn't been seen since. I don't know what happened to it. He said it never came home. I talked to the Commonwealth's Attorney, I've been to Roanoke County, I don't know where it went. I got the brown dog, kept him the required amount of time and then he was destroyed. The black dog I cannot find. Talked with the Commonwealth's Attorney, I have no evidence, so I have no case.

On the other case, for Dale Phillips, happened on February 11, 2007. There was a stray female that had a litter of pups. The pups were up to pretty good size. He killed two of the pups, I got two of the pups and shot the mama. They were all strays. I've got a picture of the calf in the information I gave you. It is my opinion that this guy has had some problems, he lost four calves in 2-3 days. The calf in the picture still has the afterbirth on it, the mother never came back to it. You can see that it has been chewed on, but I can't say whether it was dogs or wildlife. I told Mr. Phillips I would turn it in and the Board could decide whether to pay it or not, I would give you my opinion. I told him that I couldn't guarantee him anything. Since the calf still had afterbirth on it, usually that's when they are born dead. The next day that I was down there, he'd had another two calves born, both dead, another born the next day was dead also. I don't know if he has problems with the bull or other problems. My personal opinion is that the dogs did not do it. I think the calf was born dead since the mama did not clean it up.

Concerning the State Veterinarian bill - I had a lady in Check on whom I've received numerous complaints. I've inspected her several times in the last few years. She has several dogs, I'm talking up close to 100. She's selling puppies to folks out of the County, Roanoke County and various other Counties, and the people end up having trouble with the puppies. She is not providing veterinary care for the shots, no proper paperwork. I received a complaint from a lady in Roanoke, I talked to the State Vet, who told me that instead of spending a lot of taxpayer money to go in, take a vet with me, take a local vet with me and assess each dog, and give her so many days to straighten up her act, or she'll be charged. I go back Friday, she will be there, I'll do a summons if she's not. I counted 77 dogs outside, and that's not counting what's in the house. They live in terrible conditions, the dogs have scabies, mange, various eye problems, walking and laying in feces, etc.

Supervisor Boothe - is there recourse through this process for us to recoup the costs for the cost of the vet?

Mr. Nester - it would be up to the Judge, but I will ask him to reimburse the County. We need to put the burden on her to charge her. She also has several mentally challenged folks that

she takes care of. So this bill is the cost on that.

Mr. Campbell - can you please explain the requirement for us to provide that vet care for stray animals.

Mr. Nester - the State requires us to have a line item in our budget for animals, strays, that come in and need emergency medical treatment in dire straits for vet care. Like today, I had a dog hit by a car beside of Little River. By State law, I can determine whether they need life-saving techniques, how much it would cost, to whether the dog is salvageable or not. The dog hit by the car had a broken jaw and broken back. That was very extensive, I didn't know who it belonged to. So I documented all the information and euthanized the dog.

Mr. Campbell - if it is an animal that can be taken care of, the State Vet requires us to get proper care for it, and we have to pay the vet the associated costs?

Mr. Nester - yes, we are the caregivers of these animals when they're in our custody. That's why we're very cautious in the dogs we take, for example, biters, we're not going to put them back out to hurt someone else.

Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. Our energy assistance program for the heating piece of it, has ended for the winter, and wanted to give you an update on what we're looking at from last year to this year. Overall, application wise, we had less applications this year. We went from 453 total applications to 438 this year, which was actually a 3% decrease. The total cost paid out for the program went from \$136,000 last year to \$106,000 this year. The cost was significantly less than last year. The crises program, which is for people completely out of fuel, have received fuel assistance through the numbers I just gave you, electric cut-off notices, that short of thing, that's where we saw the increase this year. Its almost all directly attributed to AEP increases, that's what we've seen. We went from 69 applications last year to 88 this year, which is an increase of 23%, and total funds we paid out \$11,000 last year, paid out \$22,000 this year. Everyone knows its attributable to cut-off notices from AEP and the change in rates. These programs that we offer ended in mid-March, so anything else will have to come through emergency programs through our office or Community Action. Now, to switch hats, to speak to you as the CPMT Chair for CSA. Received memo March 27 from the State of Virginia clarifying who we are to serve through our mandated population through CSA. Effective with this memo, we are now not only required to serve children who are considered foster care prevention children, but now we have to serve children who are in need of services, under a specific Code Section 16.1-228, that is child in need of services. That generally requires a court ruling for a child to be determined in need of services that go before an intake officer, the parent files the petition and goes before a Judge and he requires the child to participate in the programs. This says that the case manager is responsible to determine if the child is in need of services and thus they're eligible to receive mandated funding under the Comprehensive Services Act Program. No guidelines, nothing on how we're to administer it, just this is the policy that we have to go by. In response to that and the outcry throughout the State, they had an initial meeting of certain stakeholders in Richmond the

beginning of last week, and they developed all these sub-groups that will look at the guidelines for how we're going to administer the program, how we're going to administer the changes. That is supposed to come out for public comment by April 19, so basically a 2 ½ week turnaround to develop the guidelines and put them out for public comment for localities to comment on how the program should be administered. The guidelines will be effective August 1, even though the policy is already in effect. What that means for us, I'm not sure. Personally, I think we'll see more cases come through to access the funding piece of it. Exactly how much an increase that may be, I couldn't even begin to tell you. There are 20 different arguments going on in the State right now of what this means. It means that we have to start serving these kids through CSA and that includes mental health services, which are specifically spelled out in the memo. That's something that has never been mandated before. It's the same thing as the legislation that went through last year, that they approved and said it wouldn't be enacted until approval by the next General Assembly. Well, they've turned around and wrote policy for the exact same thing.

Mr. Dennis Anderson, Trails for Floyd Committee, next appeared before the Board. I would like to preface my remarks about the trails with another issue. Jim Whitten came by my office yesterday with a question. We've kind of done a cat/mouse thing in Floyd County as far as soil disturbance in the County. He's related a few instances where he's notified folks of the soil disturbance laws and they say well, we're cutting timber and then we're going to put it in pasture, so he doesn't have jurisdiction over that. He follows it back and asks where the pasture is, and they say, well, we decided to put houses on it. Its hard to back up when the soil's already washed away. He was trying to clarify our ability to enforce these laws, the Department of Forestry, through State law, says that anybody who cuts timber has to notify the State. Once we're notified, we have water quality laws because forest activities are exempt from soil and erosion structures. We are trying to coordinate this issue. People are manipulative and try to use every avenue, so we're trying to work on that.

Concerning the trails, there will be a State-wide trails meeting at Radford University in May. Two day training, May 18-19. Its an educational process for any and all participants, municipalities and citizens. Presented handout for the Board's information. Also included is a copy of our Frequently Asked Questions list about the program. We have also created a website concerning the program. Another gentleman is going to add the trail corridor through the GIS system. We've had a meeting with Dave Larsen, who is interested in giving an easement for what has been known as the Old Scotts Mill Road. He has a prescriptive right-of-way through the Recreation property at the lower end. He does not want to lose that right-of-way but may grant an easement because he is not able to use that as a commercial entrance, because it does not meet the sight requirements of VDoT. He is willing to work with us in whatever way is needed.

Mr. Mike Maslaney, Town Manager, next appeared before the Board. He commented that he hoped to have a time on the agenda each month, to discuss issues between the Town and County, I think it would be a good thing, I'm looking for a stronger relationship between the two groups and looking forward to working with everyone.

First, an update about the grant activities. There are a lot of significant things that are

about to start. The facade program, there are 13 storefronts in the Town proper, that have signed up for the program. We got the bids in last Wednesday. We have a contractor lined up for each store front that we bid, and will start work on those as soon as the contracts are signed, and things get moving. We still have negotiations to do, but probably mid-May you'll see some work being done on the storefronts. This will probably entail some scaffolding going up on some places, some balconies, some window replacement, nothing really major. Replacement of bricks on the Farmers Supply and that whole block along there. With respect to the parking lot, the Yellow Pony is coming down this weekend, if the weather permits. We are starting the bidding process on the development of that parking lot. The final drawings by the architect are being pulled together and we'll be ready to move on that in a couple of weeks and the construction should start mid-June and continue through the summer. The public restrooms beside of Angels in the Attic, the final design has been approved. Its kind of a horizontal block building, rectangular in shape. We have a mens, women and family restroom. Cinderblock construction, so its almost indestructible, kind of a park looking type. Will have a timber frame roof, Dreaming Creek has stepped up to help out with the roof structure, so it will blend in and have a Floydish look. So hopefully construction will begin on that in August. Some issues associated with that, of course, when we close off the Yellow Pony parking lot, parking in Town will be even worse, and will impact the Courthouse parking lot as well as the street parking. We thought about putting up some signs, arrows, to direct people, we'll talk to you more about that, to route people around. The town is working on the TEA-21 grant. Its actually every year, that we find more and more people are applying for more money. When the Town made the submission last year for new sidewalks along Penn Avenue and Food Lion, and some more on Oxford Street, we're waiting to hear back from that. Now we thinking about next year's submittal. It hasn't quite worked out yet. If you guys have any ideas or thoughts that we could do, let us know. The Town has a lot of match money already built up in their budget and the CDBG budget to do some of these projects. Along those lines, the Town is starting to look at Oxford Street, through the TEA-21 grant. The grant will only put in new sidewalks, it will not renovate old sidewalks. We want to fix the existing sidewalks that are there, which start at Gardner's Funeral Home and move on down to Newtown Road, they are in bad shape. We would need to fix the retaining walls, and put in new sidewalks, all would help to make that street safer because of the high traffic and foot traffic. We hope to start that work in a couple of months. The Hotel Floyd access that you all have been involved in, I think that the first thing to say is that its still an open issue and being discussed. Everybody involved are still looking for options to find the best way, it's a difficult problem in the least. There is some new thinking going on and hopefully I can discuss the next time. We will be hiring additional staff for maintenance/cleaning, especially with the Park. We will be doing the more traditional form of government now, with the Town Manager. Please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. We appreciate your help.

Further questions and discussion followed on the monthly disbursements.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements, and additions, as presented with the deletion of the dog claim to Mr. Dale Phillips and the three Valley Boiler bills for more information.

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

Mrs. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She presented the subdivision plats approved for March 2007. We're pretty much on par with the average for the last year. She noted that the Planning Commission will be meeting tomorrow night and will discuss six lots to be created, three families, and three lot subdivisions. I did attend the VDoT meeting on 529 Rules. The State is now going to be requiring traffic impact studies for proposed residential development. It looks like it will only pick up on subdivisions that would have 20 or more lots. So that means that we'll see very few, but it will on occasion impact us. In those cases, the locality has to make the decision as to whether to require it or not. We could be challenged by VDoT or a third party if they don't feel we are handling it properly. The developer would pay for the traffic study and they would pay a fee for VDoT to review it, the fee has to come through us, and will be in the \$800-1000 range, and we'll pay to VDoT. They're still looking at all the details of the programs. The Trails Conference that Mr. Anderson mentioned, the Friday portion is targeted for local governments, and local elected officials can attend at no charge.

Agenda Item 8b - Proclamation for National Library Week, April 15-21, 2007. Mr. Campbell presented the propose proclamation for the Board's review, as prepared by the Regional Library staff.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the proclamation for National Library Week as amended, deleting the fourth paragraph, changing supports to supporters in the next to last paragraph, and changing "I" to "we" in the last paragraph (Document File Number \_\_\_\_\_).

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

Motion failed.

Mr. Gene Dalton, EMS Operations Manager, next appeared before the Board. In his monthly report, he presented:

- Age groups report - as common, more calls in the 50+ range;
- 53 patients - transported 40, 13 refusals;
- No public service calls;
- MVA's with no patients found;
- 6 fire standbys - usually 2-4 hours each;
- Cancelled three times;

- Total 62 calls answered;
- Response person handled an additional 24 calls, rode to the hospital 14 out of 24 calls as attendant in charge;
- Total of 86 calls for March.

Supervisor Boothe requested that the report be expanded to include the time frame for calls assisting the volunteers.

Mrs. Myra Grim, EMS Administrative Clerk, next appeared before the Board. She presented her regular monthly report; reported a new collection percentage of 76%, which does include contractual agreements and write offs; postcards are still being sent out, most calls are to be sure that we have their information. We do have a form letter to send for financial hardship cases.

Mr. Steve Love, Rescue Captain, did not appear for his report.

- Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, next appeared before the Board. He reported that he, Mrs. Sowers and Mr. Howell have been attending radio/GIS seminars to learn new requirements;
- On-Star system - in order for PSAP's to receive the signal, it requires additional equipment. The consoles are out on bid that will allow us to perform this service;
- Aerial photography - State has completed work this past Friday, takes about a year to get the information back to us. The State does not charge us for this service.
- Regional Jail - 371 capacity, 454 at this time, 644 this past month, with an average daily population of 655 over the past year; Floyd County had 21 this past month, this month we had 19, still within projected budget; we're still working on the expansion - we had a lot of paperwork required for the State;
- Did receive a call from Dr. Osborne, our Medical Examiner, concerning the new Medical Director at the nursing home. He is establishing new regulations as to how patients are handled. I will be contacting them because any new regulations put into place will affect EMS greatly;
- Diversified Billing - will be meeting with him in the next few weeks so we can talk about changes needed, etc. The addendum does show ½% reduction in billing fee.

Supervisor Boothe requested that staff research the last six months to obtain the number of calls to the nursing home.

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

- School Board will be meeting later in the day for their regular meeting and budget public hearing;
- Presented enrollment report ending March 31, 2007 indicating 2062 students;
- Presented copy of reimbursement resolution that will be submitted to the State for reimbursement of technology money. We can buy things ahead of time and get

- reimbursed for it. School Board will approve the resolution this afternoon.
- New River Community College is looking to expand the dual enrollment options and will provide this at no charge to the students or school system. There will be 10-12 different programs next year. Does not duplicate anything that we have now. They are allocating each school a certain amount of openings in their pilot program.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Bob Beasley, VDoT Residency Administrator, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Crews have done a lot of machining on secondary roads;
- Getting ready to begin restoration/patching - hope to start next week;
- About 95% of limbs that were down have been picked up/mulched;
- Pipes have been opened;
- Working on Route 221 on the western end;
- Route 8/Route 690 - waiting on environmental permits for pipes;
- Dumpster sites - they are being placed very close to the shoulder of the road and actually restricting sight distance. Route 750 is definitely one site. Probably need to check all sites, they need to be at least 3' back from road;
- Transportation package - hope to receive additional resources - we do not know at this time how much it will be, it is still being re-calculated. Secondary roads were included this time, they were not in the previous package.

Supervisor Boothe - Rural Rustic Roads - Route 714, Roberson Mill Road - the patch work is terrible, shoulder pavement has broken up, would it be broken up that badly this quick?

Mr. Beasley - surface treatment usually lasts 2-3 years, asphalt is different situation.

Supervisor Boothe - please ride over that and check it out and see when it is up for re-surfacing. And thank you for what you do.

Supervisor Belcher - thank you for the back roads grading - still have a few that need work, will get that list for you.

Supervisor Whitlock - Route 690 pipe, where does that stand?

Mr. Beasley - not really sure, I would have to ask the Superintendent.

Supervisor Whitlock - Route 690 was replaced last year.

Mr. Beasley - they said the flow line is actually gone.

Supervisor Ingram - I don't think it was replaced, I think it was blacktopped over.

Supervisor Whitlock - Route 680, past intersection of Route 635 that crosses Parkway. There is a stream under the road, North side is washed away, need to put signs there of possible drop off. The roads look good. Brush on secondary roads that couldn't be cut has been taken care of with the grader, ditches have been cleaned up so water will flow, still some limbs in tops of trees that need to be taken care of. There is still one on Route 635 where you turn at County Line Church.

Supervisor Gerald - study on creek on Route 787, how is that going?

Mr. Beasley - it really hasn't gone along yet, far enough back in plan that it will be a while yet, but they are doing preliminary hydraulics.

Supervisor Gerald - bridge deck before White Rock Road on Route 787, looks like it is coming apart. May want to check it before it gets worse. Route 619, potholes need to be fixed.

Supervisor Ingram - appreciate what you do on the secondary roads. Potholes need attention when appropriate time. Ditches still need some work when time allows.

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reconsider the proclamation for National Library Week.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the proclamation for National Library Week with an amendment to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph as discussed, change supports to supporters in the next to last paragraph, and change I to We twice in the last paragraph (Document File Number                   ).

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

Agenda Item 8c - Authorization to renew agreement with First National Bank for 60-day period for Dreaming Creek. Mr. Campbell requested the 60-day renewal in relation to obtaining the appraisal as per the agreement. The Bank has verbally agreed to the renewal for a 60-day period.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator and other appropriate County officials to renew the agreement with First National Bank for a 60-day period, April 22 - June 22, 2007 in

reference to the Dreaming Creek property.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Whitlock, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to approve the three bills for Valley Boiler as presented.

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

The Board requested that staff obtain more detail on the bills each month, a one-two sentence explanation for other than routine bills.

Mr. David DeHart and Mr. Tommy Loflin, First National Bank, next appeared before the Board. Mr. DeHart commented that the rumor is no longer a rumor, FNB is coming to Floyd. We've been to the Town Council and given them an overview of our plans, and very appropriately wanted a slot with the County. First off, Tommy Loflin is with me today, who is our Senior Vice President and Chief Ag Lender, is well known throughout Floyd County. I have relatives all through Floyd County. It's a pleasure to be here and to let you know that we're committed to build a branch in Floyd Proper, as I call it. We've brought a conceptual drawing of the branch that we're going to build. It's a three bay drive-through branch. What we've done over the past year, not only as a bank, we've branded our banks throughout our footprints, so we can be recognized by our footprint, other than some of the other small savings and loans that we've bought throughout Roanoke and Lynchburg. During that process, we've branded our bank's look. In the past, we've gone into a community and built a branch that would fit into the community instead of putting a branch when you drive down the road and you see it and know that its FNB. We have three stages of branches, we have the small, what we call the community branch, we have a medium sized branch that would serve a large community and then we have what we call our operational branch, which is a two-story, that would have also have administrative offices. This is our middle sized branch. Our commitment as far as capital expenditures, being the Chairman of the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, knew that the County needed to hear of our investment in your community. This will be \$985,000 investment in downtown Floyd, give or take, could be a little more. As the days go on, the bids go up, but we have an idea with today's market, the cost will be around \$985,000 capital investment in your community. Along with that, our staff will consist of three tellers on the teller line, two what we call platform employees, who open new accounts and other customer services, and a branch manager. So we have a total staff of six. The question was asked to us, do we plan on hiring from Floyd County? Absolutely yes. We will post the jobs that we have open at that branch in Floyd County, but also remind you that we currently employ 28 residents

within our company in the New River Valley. Those folks will be allowed to post first for the Floyd jobs. In your packet, we've given you a picture of what the branch would look like and the lot itself. We are considering something that we'll mention, haven't decided whether we'll do this or not. There are something called mobile banking units, which are used in disaster relief areas. We are so committed to coming to this community today instead of toward the end of the year, we're considering setting in a mobile unit to open up our bank, if it doesn't cause any concern to the citizens, County/Town officials, and our bank board. We'll look for them to give us that decision. We are committed, and will be in Floyd by the end of September and look forward to partnering with our Floyd County friends. If you didn't know, as a bank, any communities that we come into, we're committed to the community. As you've seen in the past, we have made donations to the Floyd County school system. In just a few weeks, we'll have a major announcement of a large donation to the downtown Floyd project, not just because we're coming here, but because we believe where we bank and have customers, we spread the wealth among the communities we serve, and we do that quite well. I would guess to say that our donations budget for the New River Valley is probably \$55-60,000/year, and that doesn't include the donations that continue to evolve.

Mr. Loflin - we do have a lot of Floyd customers, staff from Floyd County in our employment base. Not only do we have employees that live here in Floyd, but ones who've moved somewhere else but were from Floyd, and still consider it home. David is one of them.

Mr. DeHart - we are a 101 year old company. For 20 years we have been discussing coming to Floyd County and now we are here.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to include a closed session, Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion of personnel.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification 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 in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 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; (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 Belcher - aye  
Supervisor Whitlock - aye  
Supervisor Gerald - aye  
Supervisor Boothe - aye  
Supervisor Ingram - aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Agenda Items 8d - Consideration of FY08 tax rates and Agenda Item 8e - Consideration of FY08 proposed budget. Mr. Campbell reported that areas of discussion would include, from comments received: 1) school system; 2) Floyd County Health Department; 3) Skyline Soil and Water Conservation District; 4) Clerk of Circuit Court; 5) Circuit Court; 6) New River

Community Action; 7) New River Valley Agency on Aging; 8) Brain Injury Services. He also commented that the proposed 8 cent tax increase would cover: 6 cents for school debt, 1 cent for the Library/E911 Center expansion, and 1 cent for assistance in renewing the fund balance.

The Board, after considerable discussion, made the following changes to the proposed FY08 budget:

1. Clerk of Court
  - a. Microfilming - increase to \$3600
  - b. Association dues - increase to \$300
  - c. Maintenance on imaging equipment - increase to \$5730
  - d. Maintenance on indexing equipment - increase to \$5092
2. Circuit Court
  - a. Postage - increase to \$500
3. Health Department
  - a. Increase contribution to \$133,925
4. New River Valley Agency on Aging
  - a. Increase contribution to \$5800
5. Skyline Soil and Conservation District
  - a. Increase contribution to \$11,500
6. Schools
  - a. No changes from proposed budget.
7. New River Community Action
  - a. Increase contribution to \$28,025
8. Brain Injury Services
  - a. No funding approved
9. Animal Control
  - a. Add new line item for required State veterinary services for stray animals - \$500

Consensus of the Board was to make the changes as outlined above, moving necessary funds from Contingency budgeted.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to submit a letter of commitment for maintenance of microfilming equipment for the FY09 budget for the Clerk of Court's grant application to the Library of Virginia.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to approve payment of \$2500 for Blue Ridge Heritage, Inc., from the economic development line item, contingent upon participation from the other involved localities.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve the FY08 budget as amended, in the amount of \$31,935,361.00.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and carried, it was resolved to approve the FY08 tax rates as advertised: Real Estate \$0.60/\$100; Personal Property \$2.70/\$100; Machinery/Tools \$1.55/\$100; Merchants Capital \$3.50/\$100; and Mobile Homes \$0.60/\$100.

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

Supervisor Boothe requested that the Board have a discussion in the Fall concerning whether County decals could be eliminated. Staff was asked to research the following: 1) number of cases of dumpster violations; 2) surrounding localities - who has decals and revenue generated; 3) actual costs of stickers, mailings, staff time, etc.; 4) ordinance change date for decals; 5) types of reinforcement plans to receive revenue if decals are eliminated.

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

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