

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman (entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.); Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; Diane B. Belcher, J. Fred Gerald (entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.); Kerry W. Whitlock, Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Board and audience had a moment of silence for the Cantrell family.

Sheriff Shannon Zeman appeared before the Board. He discussed his FY08 budget request with the Board. Special requests included: funds for overtime which were cut last year; maintenance contracts show actual costs; telephone line includes regular telephones, cell phones and broadband wireless; office supplies increased cost, furniture - have not received funds from the State; three new deputy vehicles; did ask for a new line item for tires - did not have funds this past year to buy any - need two sets per year for patrol vehicles and one set per year for other vehicles; have asked for \$500 for a Hispanic translator - continuing problem with this growing population to communicate with them - did have a volunteer but they have gone away; request for school entry team in the amount of \$15,000 as has been discussed with the Board previously; Drug Task Force funding request, we have been very involved in this effort this year. Sheriff Zeman commented that out of all the requests discussed, the Drug Task Force is the highest priority.

Special Agent Mike Bowman with the State Police next appeared before the Board. He gave a broad overview of the program. He reported 23 cases in Floyd County in 2006 with great success. Several vehicles and a large amount of money were seized.

At 7:15 p.m., the Vice Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman.

Mr. Tony Weddle, President of Board of Directors and Mr. Tommy Sowers, Treasurer, Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department next appeared before the Board concerning their FY08 budget request. Mr. Weddle commented in their \$121,000 request, only about \$30,000 is actually operational if you take out the other funds for insurance, electricity, etc. For the past

month, Station #2 had 16 calls, Station #1 had 11 calls, and Station #3 had 10 calls, which included lots of grass fires, flue fires and lines down from the ice storm. In 2006, there was a total of 361 calls for the four stations and 2187 volunteer hours. The Department greatly appreciates the brush trucks, they have already earned their keep with several calls. The workers compensation rate has gone up a great deal because of an unfortunate situation with one member, \$315,000 has been paid out already.

Mr. Sowers - we will be having a workers comp audit on Monday, and the rate could be increased even more after they perform the audit. We have a separate financial audit done by RFC & Associates for the funds received from the County. We keep the funds from the County in a separate account. When we need an attorney, we use the County Attorney. Our use of the attorney is very rare, usually only for bylaw changes or issues like that.

Supervisor Whitlock commented that he had suggested that a representative come to the Board meetings, maybe quarterly, to give an update.

Mr. Roger Hollandsworth, Treasurer, Floyd County Rescue Squad, next appeared before the Board concerning their FY08 budget request. He commented that in the current fiscal year, their budget was \$188,000, of which \$129,000 is County funds. Through December 31, the budget is on schedule, with 47% spent. \$59,000 in Rescue funds had to be added to County funds to meet the budget needs. 11.8% increase requested over last year's budget. Some of the increased costs are attributed to the new building in Indian Valley, an ambulance replacement in the amount of \$135,000, \$15,000 in emergency equipment and addition to Station #1 in the amount of \$650,000. As of December 31, Price Buildings quoted the addition at \$529,000 plus 10% increase for raised costs. \$50-60,000 of Rescue funds were used this year to balance the budget but they will be needed in the FY08 year to pay for Station #4 costs, so more County funds are required. For Station #4, \$200,000 was spent in Rescue funds, \$200,000 borrowed to complete the project. Debt service is not included in the budget because we do not know the amount at this time. \$210,000 is only operational. We are anticipating a \$2500/month payment. We had received \$7000 in interest income the last six months, but of course that will go down since we've expended the funds. We do have some funds in savings that we may have to fall back on.

Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, next appeared before the Board to report on several issues related to the FY08 budget.

- Regional Jail - will probably see a per diem increase. \$20.50/day now, 23 inmates/day average, budget request is based on 24/day at \$24/day. The new regional jail in Roanoke will start their per diem at \$50/day.
- Fire/Rescue Fund - Capital Improvement - shows vehicles that are being financed that were purchased last year and year before. Capital Outlay is for emergency items that might come up such as repairs, pavement, rather than using operation/maintenance.
- E911 - shows increase in compensation for dispatchers, decrease to Citizens Telephone, mapping is almost complete, training amount down, communications grant indicates the 20% match of \$58,000 to receive the \$193,000 grant. They make the award on January

31, and all funds have to be expended by December 31. The difference in the line item between the \$225,000 and the \$193,000 grant amount is for any other equipment that might break down or need replacing.

- Reduction in call accounting equipment, wireless funds, Verizon costs and data base setup.
- Emergency Services - did increase telephone amount because of increased costs; increased gasoline costs; reduced travel amount; GIS - moving toward completion, parcels are down and we're doing cleanup; did increase US Cellular line item because of increased costs for radio equipment on Wills Ridge.

Agenda Item 3 - Proposed resolution for financing with VML/VACo Finance Program. Mr. Campbell reported that the funding application had been approved and the \$2.5 m loan is to be received in the current fiscal year. \$1.825 will be paid to the Bank of Floyd to satisfy the line of credit, difference will be used for cash flow purposes. \$2.1 m will be received March 1 to pay the loan, \$200,000 received April 1 and \$200,000 received May 1. Repayment is to take place before August 13, 2007. The FY08 budget indicates repayment of the \$2.5 m and borrowing \$1.5 m and hopefully reduce the amount again next year. The County Attorney has executed the local government attorney approval letter. The interest rate of 4.35% is much less than the current rates we are paying.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and carried, it was resolved to approve the resolution entitled "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, Approving the Issuance and Sale of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Prepared in Connection Therewith" as presented, and authorize appropriate officials to execute necessary documents (Document File Number).

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

Agenda Item 4 - Work session on proposed FY08 budget. Mr. Campbell outlined:

- No capital projects except Library and expansion of the Communication Center;
- No increase in local funds for schools;
- Level funding for departments;
- 3% increase for constitutional offices and their employees shown;
- \$1.5 m revenue anticipation included;
- \$1 m for library construction loan

The Board requested that staff ask the Treasurer to separate June and December real estate collections for their information; obtain numbers for 70/30 split of costs at Station #4 Fire/Rescue; check Diversified contract for back-out clause if the County does their own billing.

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously

carried, it was resolved to adjourn to March 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Belcher - aye

Supervisor Whitlock - aye

Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Boothe - aye

Supervisor Ingram - aye