

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.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; James E. Cornwell, County Attorney.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Belcher, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, 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 Belcher, 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 property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 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 Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item #3 - Discussion of proposed County position - split between Animal Control and Solid Waste. Mr. Campbell reported that an advertisement had been run twice for a part-time Animal Control Officer with no success. The two department heads had discussed the problems and come up with a suggestion for a position split between the departments - to help the Animal Control Officers, and to enforce greenbox regulations. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to establish the new position and move forward with hiring.

Agenda Item #5 - Fees for EMS services - fire/-rescue volunteers. Mr. Campbell and Chairman Ingram reported that, in their monthly meetings with Rescue/EMS, that the issue had come up several times that volunteers not be charged for EMS services, if they were transported to a hospital. Mr. Cornwell commented that this was an equal protection situation, that others could complain/file suit if everyone in the County is not charged the same fees. State Code requires that all fees/taxes are to be uniform across all borders. This would be a real issue for defending a lawsuit. The State Code specifically authorizes free decals for volunteers, which you do provide. This would be a dangerous precedent to charge one class of citizens and not another. After discussion, there was no action taken on the matter.

Agenda Item #4 - Discussion of EMS In-House Billing - January 1, 2008 start date. Mr. Campbell reported that the contract with Diversified Ambulance Billing will end December 15, 2007. He commented that Mrs. Grim had visited with staff in Galax to learn their procedures and computer system. The County would need to purchase the computer software to perform the billing ourselves, probably in the \$8-12,000 range.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to provide notice to Diversified

Ambulance Billing that the contract will not be renewed December 15, 2007; proceed with necessary infrastructure to set up in-house billing as outlined.

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

Agenda Item #6 - E-911 Dispatch Center expansion - facility drawings, discussion. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of the rendering and inside layout to the Board for review. He has met with the Sheriff on the proposal and he had a couple of suggestions for improvement of the layout. He and Vice Chairman Boothe will be meeting with Judge Grubbs on October 16 on another matter, and will also bring the proposal to him for discussion. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with the proposal; including suggestion of adding a door in the break room for staff access.

Agenda Item #7 - Construction of new communications tower; coverage problems, cost, funding, etc. Mr. Campbell presented a map outlining the present tower coverage and a map showing the increased coverage with a new tower in the Check/Copper Hill area. Bond counsel and Suntrust Bank have agreed that any funds remaining after construction of the E911 Center can be used toward this project, since it is still public safety. He also reported that there is a Verizon tower in the Dugspur area that Mr. Wirt is researching, to add our antenna to increase coverage in the Willis/Buffalo Mountain area. The Board did express concern over long term lease vs. permanent lease with the property owner, and opportunity to remove the tower at such time it is no longer viable/necessary. Mr. Wirt will be instructed to research these matters for discussion at the Board's October 9 meeting.

Agenda Item #8 - FNB loan - payoff early December. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the County Administrator to contact the bank to apprise them of the situation, and research options for resolution.

Agenda Item #9 - Trees/Landscaping - Courthouse lawn. Mr. Campbell reported that the trees next to the Courthouse are diseased and are causing problems with the Courthouse foundation. Would suggest that they be removed after speaking with a specialist on the matter. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the County Administrator to proceed with necessary removal.

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

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