

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 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; Virgel H. Allen, William R. Gardner, Jr., J. Fred Gerald, 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 Chairman Ingram.

Chairman Ingram led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mary Turman, Treasurer, appeared before the Board. She presented the invested cash and cash in office report as of February 12, 2008.

Mrs. Morris presented the balance sheet and revenue/expenditure summary as of January 31, 2008. She reported that, at 58% through the fiscal year, General Fund revenue collections are at 58% and General Fund expenses at 64%. She commented that large debt payments in January do skew the expense numbers somewhat. One department is over budget at this point, Juvenile Detention.

Sheriff Shannon Zeman appeared before the Board. He reported: Just one issue to bring to the table today. My gas budget. I knew that we were in the red, not quite as bad as we really are. The School Board sends the bill to us, so we got Susan to send us an updated ledger. We were appropriated \$19,920, looks like we've spent \$32,000, so we're \$13,000 in the red. In the past, we have had times when fuel prices fluctuated up and down and we were able to deal with that. There might be extra funds in other line items that we could use, and deal with it that way. At this rate, I can tell you here today that I don't have anywhere in my budget to deal with the \$13,000, I might could come up with it, but other things would have to stop. But to deal with it between now and July, I just don't see how we can do it. We already double on midnights; I can double officers on second shift, which would drastically affect response time, cut patrol in half. The last thing we could do is not patrol, just answer calls from the Sheriff's Office. But we're going to have to make some kind of decision because the number is growing tremendously each month. What I'm here today to ask you is if the County would consider appropriating additional funds for my gas budget. If you can't do that, I'll have to figure out what measures we take to deal with the amount of funds we have. Are other departments having problems with fuel budgets?

Mr. Campbell – Solid Waste is pretty close to meeting their annual line item amount.

Sheriff Zeman – there was more money appropriated to this line item in the past, but we also buy tires and oil out of this same account. We split that up last year so we'd know how much we'd spent on tires and fuel, there is \$6000 left in the tire account, but that still leaves us \$7000 in the red at this point in the fiscal year.

Supervisor Boothe – do you have vehicles that will have to have tires between now and June 30? It's great if you have it there but if we're robbing Peter to pay Paul, we're not gaining anything.

Sheriff Zeman – I want to think that there may be 2-3 sets of tires in storage but I don't know for sure. Patrol cars use two sets per year, that's how we come up with that number. We know the administrative people like myself and the Chief Deputy, we use one set. We run about 25,000 miles, they run about 12,000/year. Those are soft compound, speed rated pursuit tires and don't get as many miles.

Supervisor Gerald – do you have a rotation schedule so you can get the most wear out of them?

Sheriff Zeman – yes, when they change the oil, usually every other time.

Chairman Ingram – Sheriff I can't give you an answer right now, but we will discuss it some later today and get back to you.

Sheriff Zeman – that's fine, I just wanted to let you know about the situation.

Supervisor Boothe – could you poll your deputies to see how many more sets of tires they will need this year? I don't want you to shift money from there and be short on tires, no need in going that route.

Sheriff Zeman – the reason we developed a new line item is because we've always fought with the issue of tires. Every time the Comp Board would have vacancy savings money or anything extra, we would buy tires with it. We have had big amounts of them at times, to keep from spending the gas money. The State has done away with the vacancy savings, and other revenues, so we've been hurting.

Supervisor Boothe – if you poll your deputies, and we can get an idea, so we'll know for sure before we start transferring money around.

Chairman Ingram – if you can get us an estimate of what you think your gas expenses will be for the rest of the year, that would help in our deliberations.

Supervisor Allen – I'm not in particular favor of less patrolling myself.

Consensus of the Board was for the Sheriff to obtain the estimates for the Board and report back to them for discussion later in the day.

The minutes of January 8, 2008 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2008 as presented.

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

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

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements, plus additions, as presented, with the exclusion of the bill to Virginia Truck Center in the amount of \$620.46, for further information.

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

Mrs. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She presented the plats as approved by Agent for January 2008. She commented that an additional column was added to the report to indicate the total acreage for comparison purposes. January's plats consisted mostly of family divisions, agricultural divisions and lot line changes. The Planning Commission only has one plat for review at their meeting next week, consisting of five parcels.

The Industrial Development Authority has set their meeting schedule for the year. Their quarterly meetings will be in March, June, September and December on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. They will also meet in the other months on the 4th Tuesday to discuss the covenants/restrictions for the Commerce Park.

The Library dedication has been moved to Saturday, June 14, 2008. They wanted a little extra time to make sure everything is done and in order.

The Tourism Workshop will be held on February 21, 2008 at the Jacksonville Center, as part of our series. It will be free, and I encourage any related businesses, historical groups, anyone related to tourism to attend.

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

Mr. Don Johnson – I am on the agenda, but I just wanted to explain that my wife and I were out of town over the weekend and got a call that her father is in the process of dying, not

expected to last the week. I am on the agenda but did not have time to put together my remarks. With your permission, I'll try again in March. Just wanted to let you know what had happened.

Mrs. Lydeana Martin introduced Ms. Morgan Cain, who is working as an intern this semester for the County. Most of you probably know her, she is from Floyd County, wrote an article for the Floyd Press weekly, and we're very glad to have her with us. She will be working on tourism issues.

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

Ms. Lee Chichester, Development Director for the Jacksonville Center, next appeared before the Board. She commented: What I'd like to do today, as we do with most of our granting agencies, that financially support our operations, is give a quick summary of our 2007 achievements, which the County's investment supported. This will just be highlights of what's on the handout in front of you. I wanted to report a problem that we were able to eliminate. We're proud that we were able to eliminate all operating deficit during 2007. We did it not only through the generous support of our municipalities but also through our exhaustive research of grant opportunities, aggressive fundraising and serious belt-tightening. This excellent fiscal management allowed us to reduce our operating costs by 5% and increased our income by individual contributions by 38%. While staff adjustments were a significant part of expense reduction, these changes have made it much more difficult for us to offer the service to the community at the level that we would desire. Meanwhile, while most Americans believe that our National economy is already in a recession, we're afraid that the individual contribution increase may be temporary at best. I just wanted to make it clear that our funding remains tight. We're doing ok, but it is tight. Under the area of 2007 activities direct dollar impact on our local economy, our salary package and general purchases contribute more than \$150,000 to the Floyd local economy. While we employ nine full and part-time employees, this employment rate does not include payment that we make to over 100 artisan instructors. Opportunities for them to teach locally helps reduce the out-commuting population of Floyd County workers traveling elsewhere to find jobs. Our exhibit and retail spaces also help many small business owners sell at home instead of having to travel to find a market. Students taking classes at the center paid over \$1500 to local eateries for lunches during June and July alone. Over the entire summer of 2007, non-Floyd students spent almost \$13,000 on lodging. Our support of small business start-up and enhancement has been significant since our opening as an incubator in 2003. Among those incubated businesses that started in our center and have relocated in the County, there have been 23 new jobs created. In addition, we partnered with the County for the entrepreneur workshops, assisting nearly 100 potential small business owners to explore the business of business. Our support of the tourism sector is significant. We were awarded the 2007 Best Tourism Association by the Blue Ridge Travel Association last Fall. We continue to man the toll-free information line and partner with the Chamber to be the link to Floyd County for potential visitors and new residents. Like the County, we partner with many tourism related initiatives, including the County's sponsored workshops, as well as organizations like Round the Mountain, Blue Ridge Travel Association, and the Rocky Knob project. Our leadership, in forging partnerships to achieve common goals, is legendary, leading many representatives from distant municipalities to seek our advice on mentoring, collaboration, and partnering for

economic development. We provided leadership for three major successful marketing leveraging grant application initiatives, which will allow our organization alone to use our \$3000 marketing budget in support of programs costing over \$40,000. These key proven proficiencies have been demonstrated also in the County's 2007 application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which leveraged your \$950 appropriation to us as a valued cultural organization into \$1900 of operations support to us, and therefore \$1900 of benefit to our community. This upcoming year, we'd like to propose a fresh strategy that will not only cost County taxpayers less than last year, but actually increase the total benefit of your support to our community. By extending your grant application partnership not only to us, but also the Crooked Road organization, with their blessing, you can leverage your total cultural organization investment dollars into a net increase of community benefit overall. On the back side of your sheet, that's the +\$3100 figure listed there. You can accomplish this amazing feat, spending less while gaining more, by asking the Virginia Commission for the Arts to step up more fully to the plate in support of not only us, as you did last year, but also the Crooked Road. By asking for additional dollars to flow from Richmond to Floyd, you'll be able to sustain the local financial commitment you've made to the Crooked Road and increase your support, of what I believe you will find, is the Jacksonville Center's value to your job creation in your economic development goals. Is this request for increased funding self-serving? Sure. But this State pool of State money is just sitting there. Reports from our contacts at the VCA say that the local government matching grant program is under-utilized throughout the Commonwealth. They've always assured us that because they allocate the municipality matches first before any other of their grant programs, there will always be dollars available for the locality requests. Our request for support for 2008 is two-fold. We ask that you increase your level of support to the Jacksonville Center operations to \$2500 and that you again apply to the Virginia Commission for the Arts under their Local Government Matching Grants Program, and include a third partner in the application, the Crooked Road. Their representatives are fully aware of this proposal at the level of \$2500 also. That way, the VCA will match both investments and each organization will see a benefit of \$5000 for a total of \$10,000 investment in Floyd County. Thank you for your time.

Agenda Item 8b – Appointment to Industrial Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia – 4 year term. Defer for later in the day after interviews are held.

Agenda Item 8c – Consideration of payroll deduction for employees for fitness center – at employee cost. Mr. Campbell presented an outline of services and rates from the center, indicating a percentage decrease in rates as the number of participants increase. This would be entirely at employee cost, just need the Board's consensus to offer this as a payroll deduction.

Consensus of the Board was to offer the payroll deduction for employees for the Floyd Fitness Center.

Mr. Michael Maslaney, Town Manager, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

Façade Program – we're still working, although be it slow, with the weather's permission. The Winter Sun deck has begun, although its not part of the grant program, it had to be done before the windows could be installed. They are planning a grand opening in April or May.

Parking Lot – sitting walls and planters are going up.

Restrooms – the block walls went up last week, we hope to get the roof on within the next two weeks if the weather cooperates. That will be nice to get it under roof so work can proceed much more quickly.

T-21 – still working on this, part of grant that was done in two parts. We are still working on reducing costs, waiting for the architect to get back to us. The gateway signs have been worked out, we got the easements on all four corners of the Town, which was a big impediment. We just need to get the design finalized and move forward.

Innovation Grant – we're still trying to work those out. The job counting thing has been very complex with respect to that. Of course the Town does not want to compromise the current grant program in any way, shape or form, because that was money that was turned over to the Town and innovation grants have to be sent back to the State. We're still working through those issues.

Town – revised zoning changes are been reviewed. We got through about five pages before we got burned out. We'll work on them more at the next Council meeting.

Town Council will be discussing with the Sheriff, a part-time officer for the Town proper.

Lydeana informed me that the PDC is working on an analysis of the traffic hot spots. We would like to work with you on those issues, since we have several in the Town: Barberrry Street, each end of Oxford Street, Old Hensley. Traffic is a big issue and it will only get worse.

Supervisor Allen commented that he'd heard a rumor that you were leaving, is that correct?

Mr. Maslaney – we are looking at a couple of different options with respect to the Town. I'm not at liberty to speak about them, but we're trying to work out a situation that works for me, with my life, and some of the requirements that I have, and where I can still keep helping the Town. I'm certain that nothing will happen before June when these grants close out, since I'm committed to them. I'll bring you some more information at the next meeting.

Supervisor Allen – I think you've been a real asset to the community.

Mr. Campbell presented a handout from Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Ayers commented that it seems the legislature is going to approve the new match rates for home based services, which will cause a dramatic increase for Floyd County. We did submit letters to our legislators in opposition to these changes and we did receive replies from them.

Agenda Item 8d – Thompson Farms Street acceptance. Mrs. Martin came back before the Board and reported that everything appears to be in order to accept the street into the State system. Mr. Whitten, the Building Official, did state that all E&S regulations have been completed. Mr. Will Dotson, VDoT Permits Manager, will be attending the Board's meeting this afternoon if you wish to delay action until he can answer questions. Consensus of the Board was to defer the matter until later in the day.

Agenda Item 8e – Courthouse trees/landscaping. Mr. Campbell requested that the Board take a tour of the Courthouse grounds at lunchtime, to view the diseased hemlocks and the damage they are causing to the Courthouse itself.

Agenda Item 8f – Draft budget development schedule. Mr. Campbell presented a draft budget schedule for the Board and a workbook of all budget requests received. He commented that Floyd County had hosted the Regional Budget Meeting this year with agency presentations from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Consensus of the Board was to conduct a budget workshop on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 8g – Disposition of Library shelving. Mr. Campbell reported that the fund-raising arm of the Library decided to purchase all new shelving and furniture for the expansion. Have posted an ad for disposition of the current shelving, and will be receiving bids by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Agenda Item 8h – Regional Long Range Plan for Transportation. Mr. Kevin Byrd, Planner with the New River Valley Planning District Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the plan. Mr. Byrd reported: At the PDC, one of the many programs that we have is, to work with VDoT each year. In previous times, we defined local issues, and got people together to study that, along with getting folks together across the region to talk about transportation issues. Most recently, VDoT has started these long-range rural transportation plans and asked us to get the data together for the plan. It's a four year plan that they've set us on, and we're on the second year. The first year, last year, was goals and data collection. We talked about what needed to occur across the region and then we looked at some of the data that we had available. Now we're on the second year and accomplishing the analysis of that data collection, and also the problem identification. That's what I'm here to talk you about today. Next year we'll be doing the public outreach, taking some of the things that we've discussed and taking it to the public and discussing recommended developments from that plan. In the fourth year, we'll be talking about public endorsement and regional adoption. The second year we're talking about problem identification. There's lots of sub-categories of issues that VDoT that would like for us to discuss in the rural setting. Last year in the data collection process, we looked at water/sewer lines across our region. From there, we took a step back to look at where we're going to have transportation demands based on where infrastructure is currently located. We're re-looking at the map that we created last year, to figure out where our corridors of concern are. Also in the second year, we're looking at transit demand. We do have a couple of transit services in the region and we want to look at where they're thinking about operating in the future. They've asked us to look specifically at these corridors and intersections that might need further study. That's what I'm here to talk to you about this morning, if we could look at roads or segments of roads, or a specific intersection that might need some further study. VDoT has coined the phrase "hot spots". Across the region we need to identify 25 of those, which exclude Blacksburg and Christiansburg, they are not in the rural program; they are in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Some of our areas that we think might think have a lot of problems, are in the MPO areas and won't be considered as part of this program. We're actually trying to figure out the most critical 25 transportation areas that need study, across our area. It will be difficult, but we have a transportation planning committee that meets bi-monthly to talk about these issues and try to figure out the most critical areas. We're looking at probably five per County. VDoT says that an

intersection would be considered one hot spot, if you have a segment that takes a little more engineering work, that would be the second hot spot. I think the benefit of the planning process is that we need to identify as many of these as we can, not just five for Floyd County but as many as we possibly can. And this would also include what we can see in the Town, and we're also talking with the Town on some of their input and issues. I brought the map for you to jog your memory as to some of the roads in the County and maybe you can think of some areas that are a safety concern, maybe a limited sight distance in a curve, or maybe an intersection that are poorly aligned.

Supervisor Gardner – Sowers Road, as you go around there is a home-made sign that says “Proceed with caution”.

Supervisor Ingram – Route 221/642 intersection – sight distance.

Supervisor Boothe – Route 8/730 left turn lane

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Supervisor Boothe – Route 221, about ¼ mile from Town, sight distance at curve at Little Dress Shop;

Supervisor Gardner – Route 750/730 intersection – sight distance/speed

Mr. Byrd – VDoT will not be doing the study themselves, but will be contracting with private engineers to complete the work and they will come back with a recommended solution as to how to deal with the issues.

Supervisor Boothe – will that then come back to this Board for some type of final approval before it is forwarded on, to make sure that this is what we want done?

Mr. Byrd – the way the 6-year program works is that before a project is put into it, you all have to vote to agree to put it in, and how the program will be implemented. The Rural Planning Transportation Committee that staff participates on, they are the ones that discuss the projects and how they will look ultimately. We had that discussion with VDoT recently, how much interaction will we be able to have with the contractors? They assure us that it will be there.

Supervisor Boothe – especially here in Town, if they come back and recommend that we have to knock out four rows of houses each way, we need final approval before something like that happens.

Supervisor Ingram – like the area I told you about, some of the solutions they come up with may not be practical.

Mr. Byrd – we need to see if there are other options out there.

Supervisor Boothe – Oxford Street, on either end of it, it may simply need a traffic light.

Supervisor Gardner – or restricted parking.

Supervisor Boothe – we've been down that road and it didn't work. Any of the Floyd County projects need to come back to this Board before it's sent somewhere else.

Mr. Campbell – I heard you say that the County makes five suggestions and the overall committee is going to look at the larger area, and they have to package 25, so Floyd County may have to be what they've determined to be the worst 2-3 out of those?

Mr. Byrd – approximately five. There isn't a formula established to figure out what are the most critical ones and see if there is something that can be done. If there are 6-7 in Pulaski County that take up more and Floyd County has one, we haven't gone through that yet.

Supervisor Boothe – there will be a needs assessment, and like you said, one County might have 6 or 7, it just depends on how it all comes out.

Supervisor Gerald – Kevin, I apologize for not getting this information back to you. This is the first time that we've all been together and I hope I didn't put you behind schedule.

Mr. Byrd – no, that's fine. We understand that the input process takes a little time to figure out these items, so we got it out as early as we could to give everyone a chance to think about it. We'll talk with the committee and come back to you.

Consensus of the Board was to research the areas further and report back to Mr. Byrd by the March regular meeting with an itemized, ranked list of projects.

Agenda Item 8i – Invitation to join NRV HOME Consortium. Mr. Campbell reported that Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski Counties and the City of Radford have set up this consortium with Blacksburg as the lead agency. The PDC provides staff support. The group has received an allocation of \$ 845,772 already, to begin the program. The allocation can be used for activities such as housing, rehabilitation, renovations, new construction, rental assistance, or down payments for homes. The program is LMI driven. Mr. Campbell presented a cooperative agreement and bylaws for the Board's review. They do request two appointments from County staff to the Board for quarterly meetings. Funds would be sent to the County based on population. Blacksburg estimates that \$45,000 in additional funds could be realized if Floyd County participates. Floyd County would receive part of the allocation on a project by project basis. They have not worked out the details of distribution. The allocation pool would be ranked by the committee by priority. We would have to commit to the program for three years to participate. Consensus of the Board was to pursue the matter further for more information, perhaps having someone from the Consortium attend a Board meeting to answer questions and provide further information.

Mr. Gene Dalton, EMS Operations Manager, next appeared before the Board. He presented the report for Agency #1219, career staff. Total number of calls were 49, 30 were transported, 18 refused care, and 1 was sent by Life Guard, 1 cancellation, 1 fire stand-by, so we responded to a total of 51 calls for career staff last month. Total of 82 calls with the additional calls made by the Response Person with the volunteers. Nursing Home page, total of 7 calls for the last month, 2 with ALS, all were non-emergency calls to the hospital. Total of 38 calls to the nursing home for the year to-date. The last page is the State report which breaks down the calls by day, time, type, etc.

Supervisor Allen – could you take a map and show me the lines for the Roanoke Valley hospitals and the New River Valley hospitals?

Mr. Dalton – Kings Store Road.

Supervisor Allen – to the left, how about to the right?

Mr. Dalton – Steve should be able to help you with that better than I can. That was set up with Dr. Landers.

Supervisor Allen – is Dr. Landers the reason we don't get to go Roanoke Memorial or other Roanoke hospitals?

Mr. Dalton – Dr. Landers is our OMD, we have to operate under an OMD, every Rescue Squad does, even Roanoke County. There is a law in place, you have to take people to the closest, most appropriate facility.

Supervisor Allen – who passed that law?

Mr. Dalton – the State did. It's a State law for EMS. If somebody was having a heart attack here in town, and there's an appropriate facility 20 minutes away, we're going to Radford Hospital, or where we end up going to Roanoke which is 45-50 minutes away, running emergency. That person dies from that 20-45 minutes difference because I passed up an appropriate facility to go there, I'm actually liable, the County's liable because we passed up an appropriate facility to go to, to get these people treated.

Supervisor Allen – and you feel NR Valley is an appropriate place for a heart attack?

Mr. Dalton – yes, they have a cath lab in there.

Supervisor Allen – what about doctor of choice? And hospital of choice?

Mr. Dalton – I don't understand what you mean.

Supervisor Allen – your insurance policy allows you to go to whatever doctor or hospital that you choose. If you take me to Radford, I'm not getting either one of those.

Mr. Dalton – I understand that. It comes down to the fact that we are a very rural area and you have to think, if we were down in the furthest part of the County, and somebody wanted to go to Roanoke Memorial with just the flu, you're looking at probably over four hours before that ambulance is going to get back into the County. Now in that time, going to Roanoke Memorial, everybody deserves the same treatment, whether they are sick with the flu or whatever, in that amount of time, somebody has a heart attack because that ambulance is gone on over a 100 mile trip, to go there and come back, some trips are 3-4 hours. If we go to that facility, as I stated, they were to die because I passed up the most appropriate facility, I would be

liable, the County would be liable, and the next person who needed us, might not get that care as quick as they could because we were out of the County so long.

Supervisor Allen – can you get me a copy of that law that says you have to go to the closest hospital?

Mr. Dalton – yes sir.

Supervisor Boothe – wasn't it at one time, with the situation between Montgomery and Radford, in certain instances, aren't you giving patients the choice between Radford and Montgomery County?

Mr. Dalton – yes, Radford is associated with Roanoke Memorial and Roanoke Community, their computers are inter-linked. Lewis Gale and Montgomery County are linked.

Supervisor Boothe – of course that depends on equipment also. If you're on the way to Radford and they have equipment down, they'll send you to Montgomery.

Mr. Dalton – right.

Supervisor Boothe – everybody understands that. But as a rule, the patient has a choice between Montgomery and Radford.

Mr. Dalton – especially with somebody having a heart attack for example. If we would leave right here and go to the hospital, if somebody is having a true heart attack, and you have to remember one thing about heart attacks, time is heart muscle tissue dying. We can treat you and take the pain away, but we cannot fix your heart.

Supervisor Boothe – it's the same thing with strokes, there's a certain window that depending on the stroke and where it is, some medications can help in a certain time frame. But you get them to the hospital, the patient basically gets the same meds until they can access a doctor to tell them different.

Mr. Dalton – or do surgery to fix the problem.

Supervisor Allen – do you think there are people being transported from this area to J&J Market to get service to Roanoke?

Mr. Dalton – I think some people do it, yes sir.

Supervisor Allen – do you think there have been any calls in this district that does not qualify to go to Roanoke that have been there?

Mr. Dalton – I think a lot of the calls that go to Roanoke Memorial because that's their hospital of choice. They think because it is a high level facility, that they get better treatment. I

think Steve will back this up, a lot of people that go there are just sick from the flu or something like that, which they can get the same treatment from Radford or Montgomery. It's a perception.

Supervisor Allen – you didn't answer my question. Do you believe in your heart that people have been transported to Roanoke that don't deserve to go there that are in the New River District?

Mr. Dalton – that don't deserve to go there?

Supervisor Allen – that are in the New River District instead of the Roanoke District that are on this side of Kings Store.

Mr. Dalton – as far as I know we have followed the policy set by the State and our OMD.

Supervisor Allen – I can prove you wrong.

Mr. Dalton – if we are there at the County line and obviously appropriate facility means the type of call. If we are around the Check area and it's a bad accident, and Roanoke Memorial may be 5-10 minutes further to get to than Radford, but because of the severity of the injuries, yes, in that case, Roanoke Memorial would be closest, most appropriate facility to go to.

Supervisor Ingram – I think the key word is closest, appropriate facility in the law. There has to be some determination by the crew members.

Supervisor Gardner – there's always the option to be taken to NR Valley and be stabilized and then transferred to Roanoke Memorial.

Mr. Dalton – we let people know that but 98 out of 100 times they don't go anywhere else, they end up coming back home after they're treated, because the facility is an appropriate one to go to.

Supervisor Boothe – the Veterans are really the ones that are taking it on the nose in this whole situation. That's as much a VA problem as anything because they won't go outside of their set rules to make allowances for rural communities. What happens is, the Veterans get taken to whichever hospital, they have to pay out-of-pocket that initial expense, and then pay the transport to the VA hospital.

Mr. Steve Love – that has changed. If it is actually an emergency situation, they've activated 911, according to the State policy, we can transport them to the closest, most appropriate facility, get them stable, and then they can be transferred to the VA. The whole thing is covered now.

Supervisor Boothe – have you all received notification of that?

Mr. Love – I just transported a gentleman from Willis the first part of January and it was taken care of.

Supervisor Boothe – so they have changed that. Can you get us a copy of that? Any paperwork that we could get to the local commander would be great. At one time, we had two Veterans that were loading people up and hauling them to the VA and I mean you talk about a great personal risk.

Mr. Love – I will try to get it. We can take them to the hospital and get them stable, they make their own arrangements to be transported. If they're at the ER and say they want to be transported to the VA hospital, the hospital has to make the arrangements.

Supervisor Boothe – we need to get this information to the commander so he can get it out to the Veterans. That's great if that situation has been taken care of. That's a big problem out of the way, I know it's a problem for the crew, but we need to get that information to them so they are fully aware of it.

Mr. Love – Mr. Allen, I wanted to make a comment on something you said a while ago. If we go to the Carilion Clinic up here, or Dr. Kuiken's office, and they determine it is a medical emergency, they have called Roanoke and set up for a doctor to see that particular patient, we have to transport to Roanoke unless when we get them in the truck, we feel we cannot make it to Roanoke, then we go to New River or Montgomery.

Supervisor Allen – regardless of what the doctor requested?

Mr. Love – correct, because once they're in our truck, they're our responsibility.

Supervisor Allen – there is so many gray areas that people don't know about, it's really confusing.

Mr. Love – we've been dealing with this for a long time, I think I know where you're going with the comments you said earlier, but that was arranged by Dr. Kuiken for a doctor at Roanoke to see this patient, which was not a medical emergency, but because he had made the arrangements, we transported them. I called the State before we ever made that transport, we had to make the transport.

Supervisor Allen – so it works the same with any local doctor in town.

Mr. Love – yes, if they go to Dr. Osborne, we have to go to Roanoke, even though it takes us out of our area for three hours and it's a basic transport, when they should be using Carilion, Lifeste, or one of those.

Supervisor Boothe – same thing with the doctor in charge of the nursing home?

Mr. Love – no, that's a totally different ballgame. He's not on premises. If we get called to their office to take the patient, that's not his office. I don't think he comes over but once a month. I hope that helps you Mr. Allen.

Supervisor Allen – yes, it does. But I would still like a map drawn showing your lines so I can tell the people in my district what to expect.

Mr. Love – Boothe Creek, Kings Store all the way to the Roanoke County line has the option.

Supervisor Allen – how about the Franklin County line?

Mr. Love – it depends on where we are at out there.

Supervisor Allen – can you draw the lines on a map for me so I can answer some questions?

Mr. Love – I can try. I hope I was able to shed some light. I've been here 15 years and we were able to transport people anywhere they wanted to go. But the State law changed. A Squad had somebody die, and the squad and the State got sued, because they didn't have a law in place that said you have to go to the closest, most appropriate facility.

Supervisor Allen – if I have a heart attack and my wife gets me to Dr. Marshall, he calls Roanoke, then you would be on the way with me.

Mr. Love – if it is a true heart attack, we're going to take you to the closest, appropriate facility.

Supervisor Allen – I'll try to get to J&J Market. I have documentation, I know its happened. I know of people in this area that have been transferred to Roanoke Memorial, I have documentation of that too.

Mr. Love – If it has happened, I didn't know about it, unless it came out of a doctor's office.

Supervisor Allen – it wasn't from a doctor's office. I'll bring it next month to show it to you.

Mr. Love – Report for agency #216. Volunteers answered 44 calls last month. Something that we're very proud of is, from the time the tones were dispatched, we had a unit in route in an average of 8 minutes and en-route to the scene. Arriving on the scene 13 minutes, that's great even counting the Buffalo area, coming even from Indian Valley or Floyd, our averages are very good. Transported 14 ALS, 21 BLS last month, 6 auto accidents, 21 medical emergencies, 7 cancelled, 26 went to NRV Medical, 1 to Roanoke Memorial, 5 to Montgomery Regional.

Mrs. Myra Grim, EMS Administrative Clerk, appeared before the Board and presented her monthly report. Report pretty much as usual, except for last page of the report, for personal payments, four families have paid completely, which is unusual. One, if not two, will probably be reimbursed. Cards are still going out after calls, most are calling back with questions for

clarification, instead of requests for hardships. Percent collection shown is actual collection now; I would suggest using 50-55% collection rate for your budget preparation.

Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, next appeared before the Board. He reported: fire service was busy over the weekend with downed power line fires and wind damage. The Rescue Squad had applied for and was granted a 6x6 ATV last year, this was used a great deal this weekend by the fire department and helped a great deal. We did have a large structure fire yesterday in Willis, which turned into a brush fire also. The structure was almost destroyed by the time the Fire Department was called. Presented copy of the monthly Regional Jail report. Monthly meeting was held last Friday; we received proposals for a construction manager as advertised. The proposals were over the contract price so we will be reviewing those for reductions. We hope to open in the latter part of 2009, or early 2010. Floyd County had 31 inmates the prior month, current month 23. The per diem is now \$23.50 and will probably increase to \$25 with the new budget. The new jail to be opened in Roanoke County will be charging a per diem between \$40-60.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the disbursement to Virginia Truck Center as presented, in the amount of \$620.46.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Bob Beasley, VDoT Residency Administrator, next appeared before the Board. He reported that the Revenue Sharing Program has a March 20 deadline if the Board is interested in participating. This is a 50/50 funding program for improvements, for paving, maintenance, etc.

Mr. Beasley also reported that Route 635, Haycock Road, has been in the 6-year plan for a number of years. We have been unable to obtain the necessary right-of-way for the project. Suggest that it either be removed from the plan or placed in the Rural Rustic Road program. This program requires an 18' travel surface, 2' ditch and it is paved as it lies. This will be the only way to improve it without additional right-of-way. Once it is in the Rural Rustic Road Program, that is all that can be done, it cannot be put back in the 6-year plan.

Supervisor Allen – nothing to report this month.

Supervisor Gardner – already talked with Mr. Beasley about issues, also appreciate work on Turnip Patch Road.

Mr. Beasley reported that a lot of brush cleanup from ice and wind storms is being done.

Supervisor Boothe – appreciate work you are doing, nothing to bring up specifically except some roads will need machining when the weather allows.

Supervisor Gerald – appreciate yellow lines being painted, it is especially helpful on foggy days. Do you know the latest on the Route 114 bridge?

Mr. Beasley – they are gathering the money for it, I believe construction is supposed to start in late 2009.

Supervisor Ingram – nothing to bring up this month.

Mr. Will Dotson, VDOT Permit Inspector, next appeared before the Board concerning the Thompson Farms street acceptance issue. He reported: The developer approached the department and working in conjunction with the County as far as developing this subdivision, their goal from the outset was to bring this road and the other two roads in the subdivision, into the State maintenance system. What they did was, they submitted a set of plans showing typical cross-sections of the roads, vertical grades, all the drainage structures, drainage calculations, all of that came from the developer to the department. Our specialists reviewed each of the applicable items. Essentially they were in agreement with the department to build the road to State standards, at which time it was completed and inspected, it would be requested to be taken into the system. I have done the final inspection and it passed. The road does serve three houses or more in that subdivision. After that, I ran the computer program with all the information about the road and it generates the fee schedule based on a particular road's length and also calculates the bonding. Essentially, the road when it comes into our system is bonded by the developer for a year. Anything that happens, they have a choice to fix it or we can pull from the bond and fix it. It's usually cheaper for them to fix any issues that would arise. We also communicated with our folks in Richmond and they assigned the road number of 1035, and we also have two additional routes numbers reserved for the other two roads in the subdivision. Those roads have already been paved and once they have enough houses on them, then they can approach us to bring them into the system also. It has been inspected along the way, designs were approved ahead of time, and then a bond put in there to ensure that if anything did go wrong, then there's not an issue of funds coming from the department to fix it. One additional thing that they have to do is eliminate a 50' right-of-way and also drainage easements. There's no real amount that we could determine, as a set amount for the drainage as far as width. What we like to do is allow enough room if we have to go downstream to do anything in the future, that we have the easement that would allow the Department to go down and fix it. All that is delineated on the plats. There are essentially two notes as far as VDOT is concerned, that would go on a plat for subdivision. That includes any residual land of the parcels. Essentially the first note is to dedicate that to public use and is intended to be brought into the system. The second note would be for agricultural subdivisions for Floyd County, or in Carroll County, some of the recreational subdivisions, there is a note saying that its not built to State standards, not going to be built by VDOT and also not eligible for the 6-year funds or any kind of County money. Unfortunately, this becomes a big issue in the future because if the work's not done initially and done properly, it's often very difficult and expensive to go back and bring things up to standard. This has been a model project as to how the process needs to work as far as bringing a new road into the system from a subdivision.

Supervisor Boothe – as far as the bonds or set-aside money, we don't have anything to do with that do we, that's VDoT's money?

Mr. Dotson – that's right. There's a copy of the letter of credit in the pack made out to VDoT. One of the issues that has been added that the funds must be drawn on a local bank, where the funds can be drawn locally, and you don't have to travel to California to draw the money out. This project has met all the requirements. I've been around road building for about a decade, and this has been one of the best projects that I've seen. They've spent the money and done quality work.

Mr. Campbell – you've inspected per base and everything?

Mr. Dotson – that's part of the process, just like a regular construction job. We have the phase inspections where the inspectors go out. On some of the roads, depending on the scope of the project, that the contractor is responsible for having their own testing done, for density checks and that type of thing. We tend to inspect, essentially an oversight role, of what they've contracted out.

Mr. Campbell – since the lane mile increase in the County, will a minimal amount of additional funds be available?

Mr. Beasley – it is adjusted. We send it into the State, for their software program, and that is the base for funding.

Mrs. Martin – I had a question on our ordinance concerning the bonds. Our ordinance requires a defect bond of 10% of any improvements. The County holds a bond on the construction of the road and on E&S work, two separate bonds. So VDoT already has something that covers maintenance?

Mr. Dotson – yes, our maintenance fee. They are responsible for anything except snow removal for the first year. They have the option to take care of things themselves.

Mr. Beasley – that's from the day it is taken into the system.

Mrs. Martin – I don't know if there is an overlap or not. What about the E&S one? Do you all cover that one?

Mr. Dotson – within the limits of the easements and right-of-way. The County could possibly reduce their part.

Mr. Cornwell – the developer will ask for a reduction of the surety bond at such time as the road is taken into the system.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, to bring State Secondary Route 1035 into the State highway system (Document File Number _____).

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – nay
Supervisor Ingram – aye

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

Agenda Item 7k(i) – Flood Hazard Ordinance draft. The State did have a couple of changes to our draft. We don't think they are substantial. On page 10, Other Permits, they want to add the Federal Insurance Administration as someone who would be involved in the review process of permitting. Under item c, they suggested that the owner be responsible for notification instead of the County. The others were more typo related. There is a definition for structure in this ordinance on page 5. It is a walled and roofed building. We cannot change the definition of structure, we cannot put an agricultural structure. But what we can do, if it doesn't have walls or a roof, it's not a structure. How many walls does it have to have? I don't know, that's up to the agent's determination. Four walls, three, two, one, it's up to the agent. We cannot change the definition of structure. There is, as far as we can determine, no substantial change in the flood plain. As far as we know at this time, we do not have to give written notice to landowners. If that were to change after we adopt the ordinance, and we got it in a format where we could do actual comparison, we could give written notice at that time. It would not affect the adoption of the ordinance. The only requirements at this time are to advertise it twice and have a public hearing. So change in the properties affected as far as we can determine. No real change in the ordinance itself except to change items to bring it up to date with the new requirements of the Flood Insurance Program.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise on a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on March 11, 2008 on the proposed Flood Hazard Ordinance.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; and 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 Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

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

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, 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 and contractual matters in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 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 judgment it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Joe Gallimore to the Industrial Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia, for a four year term, term ending December 10, 2011.

Motion died due to lack of second.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. C. D. Abernethy to the Industrial Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia, for a four year term, term ending December 10, 2011.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Discussion followed on the presentation from the Sheriff earlier in the day concerning his gas budget overage. Consensus of the Board was for the Sheriff to work within the current budget as per his suggestion, with funds coming from the tires line item until year-end adjustments can be made, if necessary. The main request from the Board was to not impair public safety in any way.

Discussion followed on Agenda Item 8e – Courthouse trees and landscaping, after the Board's field trip at lunchtime, to view the trees.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to coordinate removal of the diseased trees on the Courthouse grounds due to infestation and moisture damage to the Courthouse.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget work session.

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye