

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Vice Chairman; 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 October 14, 2008.

Mrs. Morris presented the balance sheet and revenue/expenditure summary as of September 30, 2008. She reported that, at 25% through the fiscal year, General Fund collections are at 15% and expenses at 28%. The FY08 audit has been completed and a copy will be distributed to the Board members. The County's financial condition is improving slowly and steadily. The auditors will make a formal presentation to the Board at their November meeting.

The minutes of September 9, 2008 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of September 9, 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 disbursements was also presented for the Board's review. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Supervisor Gardner – aye

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

There were no reports this month from the Sheriff, Clerk of Court or Commonwealth's Attorney.

Agenda Item 8a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for September 2008. Mr. Campbell reported that he and Mr. Bryant, Planning Commission Chair, continue to meet weekly to review plats. Overall lot creation has decreased from 130 last year to 102 this year. Several plats have been reviewed in October.

Agenda Item 8b – Legislative agenda of Virginia Library Association. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of the legislative agenda as approved by the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board. They had requested that it be included in the County's legislative agenda. Consensus of the Board was to hold the matter for discussion with the County's legislative agenda.

Agenda Item 8c – Application of Planning District Commission for FY09 Brownfields Assessment Grant opportunity. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of an application prepared by the Planning District Commission, to participate in the FY09 Brownfields Assessment Program. The grant award is for an assessment process instead of construction or improvement. A Phase I environmental survey will be performed by an engineering firm. The grant is for \$1 million for five assessments. There is no required local match. We have no knowledge of any eligible local sites. Even if a site is identified, this is strictly a voluntary program for the property owner.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to participate in the application process for the FY09 Brownfields Assessment grant process as outlined by the New River Valley Planning District Commission.

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

Mr. Campbell next introduced Mr. James Taylor, the County's new Building Official, to the Board.

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

Ms. Susan Honadle, reside on Tuggles Gap Road, Burks Fork District – when I opened my personal property tax bill, I noticed a \$25 charge for a vehicle decal. The decal on my vehicle shows that it is good through April 15, 2009. Why should I be paying twice for the same time frame? If you want to charge us for the fee, it should have been on the next tax ticket, after this one expired. Also, on my telephone bill, there is a fee charged for 911. I understood that

this was to help pay for the installation of equipment. That should have been paid off long ago and the fee should be removed.

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

Ms. Tammy Lemons, Director of the Floyd office of New River Community Action, next appeared before the Board. She presented a sample proclamation for the Board's consideration, proclaiming October 2008 as Poverty Awareness Month in Floyd County. She also outlined some of the programs that their agency provides, and the numbers of citizens served through these programs.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Proclamation in recognition of October 2008 as Poverty Awareness Month (Document File Number _____).

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

There was no report this month from the Town Manager.

Agenda Item 8d – Resolution for change of regular meeting date for November 2008. Mr. Campbell presented a proposed resolution for change of the November regular meeting because of the Veterans Day holiday and since several Board members will be attending the VACo annual conference November 9-11.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution changing the November 2008 regular Board meeting to November 18, 2008, and authorize the County Administrator to advertise same.

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

Agenda Item 8e – Voting credentials for VACo Annual Business Meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to appoint Supervisor Fred Gerald as voting delegate for the 2008 VACo Annual Meeting.

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

Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to appoint Supervisor Jerry Boothe as alternate voting delegate for the 2008 VACo Annual Meeting.

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – abstain

Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 8f – Floyd Community and Wellness Center project. Mr. Campbell reported that he had met with the group again and they had provided a business plan for the Board's review. They are looking for assistance from the County for a building site in the Industrial Park. The business plan outlines the types of activities that will be at the center. It also indicates the expected revenue and expenses. They are requesting a minimum three acre site, but would prefer four-five acres. They are planning to raise 60% of the funds before going public.

Supervisor Boothe commented that he would be interested in moving forward with the planning but would like to review a draft deed with restrictions as to the property itself, not the building. Would like to have a reversion clause to the County included. He also suggested that the other party interested in the property be contacted to ascertain his plans, since he did contact the County first.

Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- 10% reduction in State funds – cost savings will come through an auxiliary grant program;
- 80 positions have been eliminated State-wide, none of these are in Floyd County;
- Next level of reductions will eliminate the companion program. This program serves the elderly and disabled population with assistance such as cooking simple meals, cleaning, etc. to allow the person to stay in their own home instead of a nursing home. The Virginia Caregivers Program was eliminated last time.
- Next level of reductions will be a 1% State-wide reduction in administration. Would end up around 3% because of matching funds from localities;
- We are accepting applications for heating assistance through November 10. The program has been allocated \$5.1 billion in Federal funds, up from \$2.1 billion last year. We expect a large number of new applications. The average benefit last year was \$244/person. We do have problems with the fuel companies that want to deliver at least 100 gallons, and want to increase that to 150 gallons, which the benefit will not cover. Hopefully with the prices down this year, we will be able to handle that.

Agenda Item 8f – Floyd Community and Wellness Center project. Mr. Campbell reported that he had spoken with the individual first interested in the industrial park property, but he is not ready to move forward at this time. Consensus of the Board was for the County

Administrator and County Attorney to move forward in working with the group, and prepare a proposed deed for review.

Agenda Item 8g – Scheduling of public hearing and adoption of resolution for change of name of Industrial Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia, to Economic Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia. Mr. Campbell commented that, after Mr. Cornwell reviewed further, he realized that the Board would need to hold a public hearing also.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, for comments on the change of the name for the Industrial Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia to Economic Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia.

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 8h – Vehicle decal overlap. Mr. Campbell commented that he had been requested to place this item on the agenda due to complaints received by the Treasurer’s Office and individual Board members concerning the three month overlap in fee. Discussion centered on providing a rebate of one quarter of the fee; possibility of dropping the fee for next year; amendment of the ordinance to allow for proration. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the County Administrator to meet with the Treasurer to research options and report back to the Board next month for more discussion.

Ms. Dee Wallace, representing Trails in Floyd County, next appeared before the Board. She commented that the group is interested in construction of the Scotts Mill Road Trail first, but need an entity to hold the easement, so the group can move forward with their plans. A draft memorandum of understanding was provided for the Board’s review.

Supervisor Boothe commented that he had also requested copies of the grant applications and supporting documentation from Mr. Anderson, but they had not been provided. Would like copies of both the current grant and the one that was turned down.

Supervisor Allen questioned that since the land belongs to Floyd County Parks & Recreation, did they receive a copy of the memorandum of understanding?

Ms. Wallace indicated that they had not, but she would provide same.

Supervisor Allen commented that in the Board’s minutes from last month that Mr. Anderson stated that there was no land swap indicated, but in the memorandum of understanding there is a reference to a donation of land.

Ms. Wallace stated that the land is being donated by deed by Mr. David Larsen. There is a prescriptive easement there that he wants to use also to be able to access his property. One-half acre will be donated to the Recreation Authority. He is just retaining what is already in place.

Supervisor Gardner – the last statement of the memorandum indicates that the Recreation Authority has given approval, has this been done?

Ms. Wallace – formal approval has not been done but they have no problem with the trail, only the easement and liability, and where the trail is proposed to be.

Supervisor Allen – does your group have any problem with beginning and ending the trail on Recreation property and leaving the Larsen property out of it altogether? I feel you should pursue the issue with the Authority.

Ms. Wallace – and leave the Scotts Mill property completely out?

Supervisor Allen – yes, you should pursue with the Authority.

Chairman Ingram – I suggest that the Trails group and the Recreation Authority need to discuss the issues further and come to an agreement before it comes to us for the easement.

Ms. Dawn Barnes, Unit Director for Virginia Cooperative Extension, next appeared before the Board. She presented a letter request to the Board concerning the vacant 4-H position. She stated that the hiring for this position has been placed on hold, not frozen. Agent's salaries come from three sources – USDA, State Funds and Local Funds. Local funds account for 33 1/3% of the salary. Ms. Barnes stated that Virginia Cooperative Extension is requesting a new policy whereby Counties would pay 50% of the Agent salary cost. The letter request is for an increase to 40% of County funds. The percentage would change but it would not change the budgeted amount for FY09 because of the position being vacant for several months, and also the new Agent will enter at a lower salary amount. The second part of the letter request is for an interim proposal. They would like to transfer funds from the Agent salary line item to the 4-H Technician position to enable her to provide additional hours to keep the 4-H program running. This would increase her hours from 80 to 96 per month, on an interim basis.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the transfer of funds from the 4-H Agent salary line item to the 4-H Technician line item in the FY09 budget, to increase the Technician's hours from 80 to 96 per month, on an interim basis.

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the percentage change in funding request with officials at the District and State level.

Sheriff Shannon Zeman next appeared before the Board. He reported that the communication center project is progressing very well and hope to be in the building by mid to late November. He also reported that their fuel budget is already running high, \$4490 for four months. 50% of the allocation has already been expended.

Mr. Kenny Bartlett, EMS Operations Manager, next appeared before the Board. He reported 54 calls for the month, with 38 transports, 6 cancellations and 1 fire stand-by. The response unit responded to 35 calls, for a total 89 calls for both units. The career staff responded to four calls at the nursing home for September, for a total year-to-date of 14.

Mrs. Myra Grim, EMS Administrative Clerk, appeared before the Board next. She presented a new collection percentage of 51% for the last quarter. Other sections of the monthly report are normal. She also reported that a visitor from Germany was in the County last week. He is producing a pod cast for the German airwaves. One specific spot he wanted to visit was the Country Store. He was also interested in local history, so she and Judge Gino Williams, a local historian, took him to dinner and discussed the area's history. Mrs. Grim reported that she is also attending all Round the Mountain meetings, representing the County in Mrs. Martin's absence.

Supervisor Boothe commented that teacher salaries are also included in the State budget cuts. Would like to request that the County Administrator confer with the School Superintendent as to their plans for this reduction in revenue.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Kevin Byrd, New River Valley Planning District Commission, next appeared before the Board to discuss the Rideshare Program and the proposed Mobility Manager Program. Both are free programs to the citizens in the District.

The Rideshare program is a State funded program. It has two parts – one, work with local employers to locate employees who can carpool to work at specific sites. Two, work with VDoT to improve the Park & Ride lots for the commuters. There is a web site, at www.ridesolutions.org, which gives citizens a map and commuter opportunities. The site is maintained by the PDC, Roanoke and Virginia Tech.

The proposed Mobility Manager position would coordinate transportation programs and rides. There are several different programs that provide rides for citizens. The administrators of these programs feel they are overlapping services and/or missing people who need rides. This would be a two year grant. The first year, the manger would research all programs/opportunities/people. The second year would be the implementation of the program. We see this program becoming part of the PDC budget once the grant is completed. Montgomery County, Pulaski County and the City of Radford have all committed their share to the program. We will be speaking with Giles County soon.

Mr. Johnnie Hurst, VDoT, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Route 735 – speed study was completed and approved for reduction – will be posted at 45 mph at east end of road and 40 mph on the northern end of the road.
- Washout on Route 729/731 has been repaired; Route 700/729 washout repaired; Route 8 – pothole fixed; Route 8 guard rail repair will be completed next week.
- Crews have been doing shoulder work on Routes 8 and 221;
- Mowing is completed;
- Brush cutting is continuing.
- Route 793 – question concerning rocks sticking out too far for school bus to travel the road – we have reviewed the situation, but it is more than can be done with maintenance crews and would have to be placed in the 6-year plan as a project.

Supervisor Boothe questioned Route 705, he had reported a wash-out beginning, hope it can be fixed before it gets any worse.

Mr. Hurst commented that he would check on the situation.

Supervisor Gardner reported that he had received a request for a center line to be painted on Fairview Church Road.

Supervisor Allen – nothing to report today.

Supervisor Gerald – Route 787 – white lines still have not been painted on the sides of the road from the intersection of Route 749 to the intersection of Route 754. Mr. Beasley had said that it had been done, but this section has not been done.

Supervisor Ingram presented a petition for a speed study request on Route 642. There is a considerable amount of farm equipment, children and elderly on the road. The residents also suggested a tractor crossing sign if the speed could not be reduced. They also requested that a middle line be painted on the road because of the dense fog so often.

Also appreciate the brush cutting on secondary roads – it really helps.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to provide the local match of \$900 for implementation of the Mobility Manager/Rideshare Program as outlined by the New River Valley Planning District Commission.

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

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

Supervisor Gardner – aye
 Supervisor Allen – aye
 Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Boothe – aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye