

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 2, 2013**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Joe D. Turman, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

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

The Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Jackie Vangunten, Little River District – The rule of politics starts with citizens who elect officials in their community to represent them. I wish to thank Chairman Clinger and Supervisor Turman for their no vote regarding the storm water ordinance. I was wondering if this is under Agenda 21? Also, I would like to know your opinion about Richmond forcing you to pass regulations regarding this. Thank you.

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

Agenda Item 3 – FY14 budget work session.

Chairman Clinger commented that he was surprised with the draft, that he thought we were doing a level funding budget and look at adding things to it. This put us in a position where we are cutting things rather than adding things. It was rather presumptuous on the first page to add a tax increase. I'll turn it over to Dan and let him explain how he came up with number one on the bullet sheet. Unless you'd rather take it back and bring us a budget with level funding.

Mr. Campbell – Mr. Chairman, my role in the Code of Virginia requires me to take my experience and best estimations and put together a recommendation. I have tried to do that. I realize that any recommendation from staff of an increase in the real estate tax levy is not desirable but again, I did try to look at what I do over the course of the year – talking to department heads, staff, hearing from citizens, local comment periods, input sessions, meeting with the school system and endeavor to provide you with a starting point or recommendation. I apologize if that is not the way it needed to be done but that is the way I see my job. Bullet #1 is a recommended tax increase of 5 cents. That would result in \$50 over the course of a year on a \$100,000 house, \$100 on a \$200,000 house and so forth. It is also a 10% increase over the current rate of 50 cents. I gave you in the mailing, comparative rates from adjoining counties. Also gave to you the spread sheet from the Weldon Cooper Center that covers the levies that

were applied in calendar 2012 by counties, cities and towns across the Commonwealth. Also gave you a spread sheet from our audit that showed what our historical rate had been for real estate and other local levies since 2003. Thought those were types of information that you would like to see, put us here in Floyd County in some type of perspective. What does the proposal do? Again, it is an increase of 5 cents on real estate, no other adjustments upward or downward in levies. It also proposes to increase the school system's budget by \$254,238. Again, that is information for you and is a starting point. It is nothing more than a staff recommendation. Some of the perceived needs were matching funds for teachers, of course, I would never go so far as to dictate what the school board does with the funding, but it is a number of things that have been proposed that need to be addressed. We also programmed in some increases that we anticipate which is a slight increase in sales tax revenue based upon data from the Commonwealth. There were some other small increases from the State, primarily in the area of the Compensation Board payments based upon offices such as the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney. The Comp Board staff are receiving pay raises and for the small number of local staff, there would be a recommendation of a 3% pay increase for County funded staff. Our understanding is that Comp Board employees will receive a 3% pay raise. Also, number 7 on page 2, based on increased difficulty, which I think you are aware of, answering 911 calls, getting the 2nd and 3rd team calls primarily. You had a presentation and information from Mr. Steely and myself. We are recommending two new BLS paid personnel. I also put in the draft an increase in flex time, I have looked at that further even today, that probably allows for some room to be decreased. That amount in the draft is \$137,500; the current amount is \$100,000. We are highly dependent on the flex time folks. That is certainly an area you may want to look at. Our estimate for revenue in EMS is \$350,000, same as the current year; we should be able to attain that. In this draft, we had talked about a number of times, we borrowed some funding several years back, there is approximately \$82,000 available and we would like to consider a skid steer loader and one more police cruiser, that could cover most of that. The estimate on the skid steer is around \$50-55,000. The Sheriff's cost for the cruiser was \$28,675. Number nine was reduced from the department request; Mr. Reed reiterated the need for green boxes in a recent presentation to you. We tried to put in \$18,000 for green box purchases. Another request was for a used fork truck for recycling. All of these items that I'm hitting here are things, with my understanding of where we're at, reading everyone's requests when submitted, attending regional budget discussions and presentations, that included all regional entities, Terri and I spent an entire day listening to presentations as to what they need to continue to work in the County. The fork truck need was articulated by the department head. \$60,000 – we started work on the Courthouse parking lot, everybody knows what a bad condition it is in. We fix it or we don't. Takes money to do it. The reason the 5 cents is in there, we can stop all this, adopt the budget we have, we can do that, but all these are things that were requested by folks that are out there working, and strongly feel they need them. The parking lot doesn't have to be done, if it is going to be done, we need more money to do it. I've tried to take my understanding of the County and pick what you might want to at least think about in terms of priorities. It is a simple process. \$60,000 to pave the parking lot is a true estimate. We've done some work on the Courthouse, some of the offices you know the shape they are in, the walls are bubbled. That is an estimate from our Building Official, based on his research to address all the damage from water infiltration. I will say that number 13, \$160,000 was requested by the Rescue Squad, I have also looked at that one again. Mr. Yoder is fully aware of this. You could probably do a refurb on the unit and the cost could be reduced to

\$90,000. That is not the desire of the Rescue Squad but it would probably work. We recently, during our tours, looked at the refurbished units, some issues with weight distribution but they seem to be working fine. Number 14, not the full amount requested for Station #2 Fire paving. We also saw the condition on our recent tours. In some cases, these particular bullets are not the exact amount they requested, you can add more and fund them at the full amount requested or this could be a way to help the department overall to get the work done. Less than what was requested, replacement of the toughbooks. Stretchers, half of what was requested. We actually looked at some of the stretchers at Station #1; there are some issues with stress points, connections, weight that they are carrying. The ones we looked at were very worn. Number 17, not the full amount, the Equipment Committee inspected Station #1 Fire restrooms, this is part of their requested amount. Other locations, sealing parking lots for Stations #1 and #3. You've heard from our Commonwealth's Attorney on multiple occasions, funding for an Assistant Attorney. I've suggested \$25,000 to perhaps match, or at least provide some assistance. There were other things that I make note of, that are not in the draft, such as additional assistance for the Social Services Department. I'm not saying that it is not legitimate, it is just not in the draft plan. The Electoral Board asked for the county to assist them with their future equipment needs, they requested \$25,000 to be started annually for equipment replacement. Important but not in draft. We've seen increases in juvenile detention and at the regional jail, they have been increased slightly. A kicker, which if nothing is done, makes this budget difficult because we are embarking upon a mass reassessment of real estate. What we put in there is a starting point of \$175,000, same thing we've done before, stretch it over two years, that is in there. I note the contingency amount. The total estimate is \$30,835,506. Represents \$726,953 or 2% increase over the current year. It is not easy to balance everything here, the 5 cents, again on a \$100,000 house is \$50 over a course of a year. I don't want to discount the importance of that but I don't want to discount the importance of being able to answer an EMS call short of going to a 3rd or 4th team. When we need to be out, I don't think anybody would be worried about that extra \$50 if it was their house on fire or their family member needing EMS. Tough example but this is reality. Doesn't do everything, we go through this every year. Again, I apologize for any confusion but my job is to try to present you with a starting point. You the Board are the ultimate decision makers. I've tried to consider, from my perspective, where the County is at, what may be attainable and I feel an obligation to let you know some of the things that we need. Not an all encompassing list, I've tried to hit the highlights.

A budget work session/discussion was next held. Discussion on raising various fees such as health department fees, food inspection fees, etc.

Consensus was to cut Friends of Southwest Virginia to \$5000; cut \$1000 to Mountain View Humane; cut \$7500 for rolloff; cut \$12,000 for fork lift; possible exchange from CSA to DSS for an additional position.

After extensive discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to re-do the proposed budget from level funding and present again at the Board's meeting on Thursday night.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Yoder – nay

Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – nay
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors