

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman (entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.); J. Fred Gerald, Vice Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Case C. Clinger, William R. Gardner, Jr., Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Vice Chairman Gerald.

Supervisor Gardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 9, 2011 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011 as presented.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – absent

The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for review and approval. A list of additional bills was also presented for the Board's consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements and additional disbursements, as presented.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Ms. Stephanie Short, Commonwealth's Attorney, appeared before the Board. She reported: Wanted to speak to you briefly about some of the things that have been going on recently. I'm sure you know we had a homicide of a two year old child. That charge is for

capital murder. As a result of it being charged as capital murder, and with the changes in the last 5-7 years, they have a capital public defender that have four full-time attorneys, a full-time social worker and they appoint a local counsel. So whenever there is a capital charge, the resources of the State really open up for the defendant with many options. How that affects someone in my position and our office is that there is only one full-time person and it becomes very difficult. As I did this past summer when we had the big drug round-up, I made an on-line docket request through the Compensation Board for funding to hire a full-time person to assist with this. I don't know what will happen with that. The way the Comp Board works is that I have to request funding through fiscal year 2012 and then re-apply for July forward. It is my sincere hope that they will allocate some resources to make it a little more of an equal playing field. It is hard to express how this case can totally take up the entire docket. In offices with more than one attorney, when they have cases like this, they can use a team approach. This case is further complicated because almost everyone is non-English speaking so translators are required and there is a lot of time involved. I'll keep you posted on that. I'm sure you're aware that we're still with some of the drug indictments from the past summer and crime doesn't stop. We can't have anything worse than the two year old being killed but in that same week we had two more meth labs. Between my office and the Sheriff's Office, we are keeping extremely busy. This past summer after I requested funding for the part-time assistant, we had a manslaughter case and it has been a very, very busy time period. I really appreciate the funding that you all gave me and I still work to get the State to help with some of the staffing issues. It is my hope that at some point they will re-look at the staffing and see that Floyd County is entitled to have an assistant. I just wanted to keep you apprised of this situation. I'm not sure when their docket meetings are but it is usually once per month, hope to hear something in January. I have used all resources that I have available to me. I have contacted other Counties and some of their attorneys have been gracious enough to come help. It is a sad situation and it is a sad day in Floyd County that we're having so much crime, so much serious crime. We expect some touches of crime but we've just had a real period of very serious crimes. I really do appreciate everything that you all have done to help my office.

Chairman Ingram entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Vice Chairman Gerald turned the chair over to the Chairman.

Ms. Mary Turman, Treasurer, next appeared before the Board. She commented that she would like to thank the Board for working with me and my office for the last four years. Mr. Campbell is really good about letting me know when money is coming in or going out and most of all I want to thank Terri, I couldn't have done it without her, she's been great. Thanks for all your help.

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for November 2011. Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, appeared before the Board. She commented that November was busier than usual, don't know what means about the economy.

- Economic Development Authority continues to work very hard to create jobs and investment in the County. They recently submitted a small grant application, about \$40,000, to be able to provide marketing and strategic assistance to businesses within the County that are in a growth sector and want to grow. If this is funded, for example, there

is a marketing professor at Virginia Tech that could provide hours for this grant. Hope to hear back from that soon.

- Continue to work on the innovation projects that we've discussed before. Your EDA works very hard.
- Update on tourism issues – last Saturday a week ago was Floyd County Day at Heartwood. Myra and I spent the day there, taking a lot of products made in Floyd County. A lot of the folks already had items for sale at Heartwood but we wanted to make the point for folks to look at how many of the products are from Floyd County. That was a fun day. Tomorrow night, Virginia Tourism Corporation staff will be bringing a couple of tour bus operators to Floyd and they are scoping out the Crooked Road for potential tours. I'll be meeting with them and showing them around.
- Agenda Item 7b - On behalf of the Planning Commission, I would like to hand out copies of the Comprehensive Plan as they voted to recommend it to you all. We're just going to hand out copies to you and Chairman Sowers will come to your January meeting and do a formal presentation.

Agenda Item 7c – Appointment – CPMT – family representative – 3 year term. Mr. Campbell commented that the incumbent is eligible and willing to be reappointed.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Ms. Beth Deskins to the Floyd County CPMT as a family representative for a three year term.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 7d – Appointment – Economic Development Authority of Floyd County, Virginia, 4 year term. Mr. Campbell presented letters of interest from the incumbent and two other interested parties.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Jon Beegle to the Economic Development Authority of Floyd County for a four year term.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – nay – because of not interviewing other applicants  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 7e – Appointment to New River Valley Regional Jail Authority, Board appointment, one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Ford Wirt to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority as the Board of Supervisors representative for a one year term.

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

Agenda Item 7f – Memorandum of Understanding with Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority for septage service. Mr. Campbell commented that this is our annual authorization of the memorandum and it has not changed from previous years.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority for septage service as presented and authorize appropriate officials to execute same (Document File Number      ).

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 7g – Resolution for Department of Emergency Management. Mr. Campbell commented that this resolution will establish the Department of Emergency Management for the County. This has not been formally done in the past that we can recall. Mr. Clark provided a draft resolution which does set forth the office and the position of Coordinator. We're not in violation of anything. We gave you the State Code sections that reference this appointment with the consent of the governing body. It is more of a housekeeping item but will allow for more efficient reporting, especially with the State Department of Fire Programs.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented to establish the Floyd County Department of Emergency Management (Document File Number      ).

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

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

Ms. Virginia Neukirsch, Courthouse District – I've lived in Floyd for 11 years, on Radford Circle, which is off of Barberry Road – I'm involved with a group of Floyd citizens who are watchdogs on a company who would like to lift the ban on uranium mining in Virginia. I applaud the Board for taking a stand on not lifting the ban and understand that there was a

resolution to that effect which you adopted this past summer. We're here today because I fear that the ban might be lifted and that the resolution will not be enough to protect Floyd County's clean water and air. At this point in time, Virginia Uranium, who wants the ban lifted, has spent \$600,000 with lobbyists. They have promised their stockholders that they'll introduce legislation in the upcoming General Assembly session. If the ban is lifted, it will be too late for the County to put anything in place. One of my colleagues attended one of the Task Force meetings. The information that she brought back was that the commission was under the impression that you couldn't ban something outright but you could have tools to make the process difficult, such as a special use permit. I'm sure your legal counsel could make suggestions. I know that you have many things to work on but I ask you to take the time now to put tools in place to protect our County. I've read a lot about uranium mining since I became aware of this situation. In every report about mining, there has been a level of water contamination. Because of the County's existing water concerns, we do not want to exacerbate the situation. Although I've already mentioned it, I have to say it again; I'm very concerned that if the ban is lifted, it will be too late to establish procedures to help keep mining out of Floyd County. Thank you for your time.

Ms. Anne Armstead, Courthouse District – I've also been working on keeping the uranium mining ban in place. I don't think anybody in this discussion has been talking about the value of clean water. In the near future, within 10-20 years, there are going to be wars in this world because clean water will become so scarce. I do believe that it is one of our greatest resources; its value will go above oil or other natural resources. We are within that 50 mile radius of Coles Hill but we are also where windblown radiation could hit us if that ban is lifted. I would like to see Floyd put into place, some regulations. They say that if the moratorium is lifted, you won't be able to do it after the fact. So unless the regulations are in place and the ban is lifted, it is alleged that you won't be able to do it afterwards. So I really do hope that you will do what you can to put some regulations in place to at least keep that from happening in our County. Thank you.

Mr. Joe Montague, Locust Grove District – I would like to address the discussion about the Tourism Authority. Who needs it? Floyd does not need a publicly tax funded, privately and narrowly dominated tourism authority. We have a department, a director, an economic development authority who as near as I can tell, are doing a good job. Private sponsors should promote their private business. Private business shouldn't get public money to promote their private business. If you and I are going to do business together, we usually have an agreement on goals and procedures, we collect credentials, decide who is going to do the work, and what we consider is satisfactory completion of the work. I see no evidence of this in the public presentation of this authority. What do these people intend to do? What are our advantages that we are not already doing? What do we get for our money? About six months ago, we couldn't decide how to pay our fundamental expenses without raising taxes. Where is this money coming from? You could buy a couple of police cars with this kind of money. If these people really want to be in business, let them get together for a collective promotion. If they want to pass the hat, I'll lend them a hat. That's what needs to be done, they don't need tax money to do the job, let them do the job. My recommendation is that we go back as a County to doing what we're fundamentally supposed to do, take care of our infrastructure, take care of our roads so the tourists can get here. Take care of public safety. Let private business take care of promotion of private business. I don't know whether you've seen this or not (showed a Floyd County

brochure), I think we're doing a good job of showcasing our County. Spend your money on things that do the County good.

Ms. Tammy Belinsky, Locust Grove District – I totally agree with the comments made by ladies preceding me in regard to uranium mining. The Town of Halifax, several years ago, passed an ordinance to criminalize criminal trespass by air. This County may want to consider what the Town of Halifax did several years ago to protect themselves in anticipation of uranium mining. I'm here first to thank Mr. Gardner and Mr. Ingram for their service on the Board, thank you very much. I'm here because of what I've been reading in the paper and talking to my community members about wind turbine development and this company, Nordex. I got an e-mail message, I don't know where it came from, that pointed out that some of the large turbine developers made very, very large campaign contributions in the last Presidential election. There were some companies listed and some amounts. The Beechridge project was mentioned and the amount of money that was contributed. I decided to see if I could find out if Nordex had made any campaign contributions, just out of curiosity, I was not looking for anything in particular. What I found out though, is why I'm here. What I found is that the President of Nordex, I have copies for you but they are not dated. Someone has done some significant research in writing has identified that the President of Nordex, Gregoria Luchanski, is considered a Mafia ring leader of some kind. I know this sounds crazy but this is in black and white and in writing here. Officials of the United States Congress, the State Department, the CIA, pleaded with an Israeli government official named Shuranski, to sever his ties to Luchanski, who is the President of Nordex, who told Shuranski to stop taking money from Luchanski. We told him about Luchanski's MO, he influenced foreign governments and traditional organized crime. None of this is really that shocking, right? Organized crime is everywhere, governments do business with who knows who and who knows for what purpose all the time. I'm not saying that it is unusual. What I am here to ask you to do is to make sure that if you are going to partner with somebody like this, if somebody like this is coming to Floyd County and promising you the sun, stars and moon, that you deal with them with your eyes wide open and that you do your research and you find out just what kind of business reputation these people have, what they're coming here to Floyd to do. They are not coming for this community; they're coming for other purposes. Please pay attention. This is not the first time that government has gotten involved with organized crime but do it with your eyes open.

Mr. Wayne Boothe, Courthouse District – presented more signatures on petitions that are against windmills on Wills Ridge. I appreciate anything that you have done and are doing.

Ms. Linda Wagner, Courthouse District – I didn't plan on speaking today but after talking with Mr. Gerald, he suggested I present what I had put together. I want to thank you for your diligence and for the most part I feel you research issues. At the last meeting you dropped the ball. Derek Wall came and presented his wants with his group. It was a very segregated group of our community. I think what he presented was very limited and not to the scope that you had requested in a previous meeting where you asked him to come back with a proposal that made common sense so you could approve or disapprove whether they needed a tourism authority. What he presented was a power point presentation. Right off the bat, he said the position would be under minimal supervision which may or may not be a big issue. I'm not here to determine whether there should or should not be an Authority, I'm just here with an accountant mentality. I

questioned some things right off. If you're giving out money, do you really want to have minimal supervision? They also brought up the fact that there was a very detailed requirement. I believe Derek Wall has created this position for a friend of his, the word is out there. Again, I'm not here to say that it has or has not been done. I did request a copy of his presentation, I have not received it yet but I'm going on what I heard. He first stated, we really don't need your approval because we have the Chamber's approval. Right there, as an accountant, I would have said, well, if you've already got approval, let's sit back and see what 2, 3, 6 months of an effective Tourism Authority can produce. The second right off, on page 2, they want their money January 1, the \$21,000. I don't know if you're required to, or mandated by, your contract with them, they aren't even going to put a management proposal together until March 12<sup>th</sup>, I believe was their deadline date. Those seem to be backward to me. Again, for the most part, I think you do an excellent job, you question things that need to be questioned. There were no questions asked of this group, there was no discussion, and their goal is to strive for certain things. Well, good Lord, I strive to get up in the morning but one day I'm not going to get up in the morning. I think some metes and bounds need to be established. They went on to say some ridiculous figures in my mind, \$18.5 million as gross receipts I believe they said. I went to Lydeana after the meeting and she couldn't tell me where those figures came from. I wondered if Floyd Fest has been taken into consideration in that figure and if so, there is nothing that our County, Town or Chamber does for those receipts. Floyd Fest has their own marketing plan which is working very, very well. Then he said that their goal is to increase tax revenue for two venues, occupancy and restaurants. We have a whole lot more to our Town and County besides occupancy and restaurants and that's why I feel that this is a very narrow-minded authority and they have specific goals for their own purpose. We have a lot more to Floyd than 2-3 venues and I think we need to concentrate on everything. I don't know if it was mentioned at that meeting or the Council meeting, but there needs to be a hearing on this and I would encourage you to bring this to a hearing and get the general public knowledgeable about what is happening. This is a duplication of effort.

Ms. Kathleen Ingoldsby, Courthouse District – It has been difficult to assess how the wind project would affect neighborhoods because mostly what we have been able to compare to is the Beech Ridge development which is not in a neighborhood, it has a 1 mile set-back, it is a cutover for Westvaco land, and the towers are 100' shorter than what was proposed here. And so, last month, a project came on-line in West Virginia, Pinnacle. It is in Kiser, West Virginia. It has 23 turbines which are 450' high, it is very comparable and it is in a neighborhood. I have a news clip that I would like to show you. I also printed out the text from the news clip of the residents that live nearby. In addition, this development has allowed me to look at the figures that are generally put out. I would like the Board to be aware, for instance, again, the company that is in West Virginia has stated that their capacity is 55 megawatts, which is their rated capacity of the turbine, so when the actual production, and any industry spokesperson will tell you, and Nordex will tell, it is 40. In New England, they have been producing 22% efficiency. That means 22% of that name plate in an annual production. It is variable but it is not generally what they state as the number of homes powered based on that full capacity which it never produces. I wanted you to be aware of that. There was another letter to the editor in West Virginia to that effect so that is here too. (She presented each Board member a copy of the text and proceeded to show the news clip to the Board).

Ms. Amanda Chartier – one of the previous ladies mentioned legislation drafted in Halifax County that would, you know, talk about the nature of destroying large expanses of the environment as being a criminal offense. It is kind of like a grand larceny in a way. If someone comes and burns down your house, then that is a crime. The environment is where we live, it is kind of like our home, and to have large expanses of it all of a sudden inhabitable, is like a criminal offense. And so I am curious about what a County can do as far as working with neighboring Counties in a timely fashion to draft out protective legislation and I don't know how I would get that information. So I guess, is there anything here the Board of Supervisors could tell me or write out about how to work with the neighboring Counties and maybe have more public meetings where more of the people can talk to each other.

Mr. Jeff Walker, Little River District – thanks for the opportunity to comment. I'm not involved in this fight about the wind energy properties, my property is less than 2400 square feet and I don't think that falls into their consideration. But I do have an interest in the community and I'm excited that people are interested in this issue and that they have an attentive audience in the Board and coming Boards. I'd like to share a perspective on some other things that I'm concerned with, with the Supervisor changes coming. I don't think it is fair to restrict the use of property without proper study of the issues. I've heard a lot of discussion about information people have found on the internet or from e-mails, much of this is not well considered, and perhaps this is not the right forum, but a lot of these people that are opposed to wind energy have very little experience with it, or they are afraid of the unknown. I worked at the alcohol plant back in the 80's and early 90's; we had a small wind turbine that sat up on the ridge. In my experience, it was a very appropriate use of that site and caused our energy bill at the alcohol plant to be negated in part during the winter months. If we look at the winners and loser in all situations, the Mobile Home Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance, and you see the consequences that are unintended. The Subdivision Ordinance, in hindsight, has caused the most productive land in the County to become housing lots. In some ways, this wind energy question also has unintended consequences. I didn't like to see the cell towers go up four miles south of my house. From four miles away, I can see the flashing strobe light at night. I got used to it. They put an amber light on it, and things have gotten better. I'd like to propose or suggest that if there is going to be more discussion about regulating wind turbines, possibly establish a task force with people with experience in these issues and in water and soil and development. I would be interested in volunteering my time to serve on such a committee. I don't think we're going to solve this question by five minute public comments but I do think it deserves full attention. People who stand to win, people who stand to lose, we have to find some middle ground. Just like the example of the cell towers, for one person to receive all the benefit in a region of the facility is not fair, there has to be middle ground. It is complicated issue and I hope that the new Board will follow the footsteps of the existing Board and consider all sides of an issue before making a decision that affects the entire County. Thank you.

Mr. Frank Rudisill, Indian Valley District – I didn't make it to the last meeting, I had it scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and it was Election Day, you all moved the meeting and I was out of town with my trucking business. I am in support of the wind turbines and that is no secret. But now, the people that is against it and is running around getting these petitions up, I think the petitions need to be truthful instead of misleading. I've talked to people that have signed the petitions that feel they have been misled. One woman that is a landowner, just dropped 700

acres of land in my hand in support of wind turbines, if they could get them to keep their farm going. There is talk about there wouldn't be any tax revenue. The one in Roanoke County, they estimated their tower to be \$3 million. I was told by a wind turbine company that there is no Code in Virginia but the taxes that could be made out of this could be based on the personal property tax or the real estate, however the locality chooses. The personal property tax is \$2.95/\$100 value which would be \$85,500 per turbine. If you went the real estate route, it is \$0.50/\$100 value which would be \$15,000 per turbine. I'm sure we don't need the money in the County. That's \$450,000 over a 30 year period on real estate, \$2,655,000 on a 30 year period for personal property on one turbine. It was talked at earlier meetings that it was all about the landowners. The landowners, myself included, have been promised \$8000/year/turbine. That's a lot of money considering you, the County, would get \$15,000. Now who's going to benefit out of this? Everybody will. At the last meeting, I believe it was, it was brought up that there is no construction equipment in Floyd County; nobody could do these types of jobs. It is a maximum of 50' square, 8' deep at the deepest hole. Quesenberry says he's got the equipment, Huff says he has equipment, Spraker has equipment, Reed has equipment. It was told that they would have to go out of the County to get the equipment in here. All of these would be interested in putting roads in, if need be, or digging the holes. I've got ten landowners total, and this has nothing to do with Wills Ridge, I know everybody on Beaver Creek Road is fighting Wills Ridge, this goes from the Buffalo all the way to Route 8 by the way of Alum Ridge, I've got ten landowners right now, and seven of us has 570 acres and two of the landowners have right at 100 acres apiece, that are willing to strip the timber completely off of it to go with solar panels if the wind turbines don't go. I've got three landowners, totaling 270 acres who want to go the wind turbine route. It takes, Horizon Wind Company had called me, she said the proposal was presented to the Board that the restriction would be the wind turbines, but there are no restrictions for solar panels. I talked with Mr. Quesenberry about grading some more land off if we had to go the solar panel route, that it could be seen from Route 8, Indian Valley Road, Alum Ridge Road and parts of 221. I would prefer to see the wind turbines because I'll still be able to use all my farm and the other farmers can use their farms. Some of the landowners are checking into what they can get with solar panels to be able to keep the farm. Thank you.

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

Mr. Chris Banta, Brown, Edwards & Company, next appeared before the Board. He commented: I am the Director on the Floyd audit engagement and I was out of town last year and didn't get to make this presentation, so I'm happy to be here today. To wrap up, touch base with the Board, and go over the audit at a really high level, the results of the audit. It is a long, drawn-out process for Terri and Dan; we start in April, and go through the end of November, off and on, looking at numbers, looking at how you spend your Federal money, looking at how the State funds are spent. It is a long drawn-out process and ends today. In about a month or so, we'll call Terri and see if she's ready to start for next year. We had a meeting last week with Terri, Dan, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Gerald and we went over, in detail, all the numbers in the various documents. What I'd like to do is hit the high points today and answer your questions. First of all, in the financial report, on page 1, after all the hard work from your staff and my staff, this page is what we're here for, the audit opinion. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph down, it says, in our opinion, the financial statements present fairly – what that means is, this large financial

document and the statements behind it, are fairly presented. What that means is, the highest level that we as auditors can provide. It is a clean set of financials for the year ending June 30, 2011. Next item, on page 15, when you look at the strength of an entity, you want to see that what they own, their assets, cash, buildings, facilities, is in excess of what you owe your vendors or debtors. If you look at the bottom of page 15, you'll see positive numbers there for all three entities, the County itself, the School Board and the EDA. Positive numbers in the unrestricted column for the County are about \$2 million. What we talked about last week is that this is an improvement over what we've seen over the last few years. If you go back to 2009, that \$2 million positive number for the County itself was a negative number. So we've seen over the last couple of years, due to cost management, we've seen that number go from a negative to a positive. Now, that number is there to fund your future expenses or activities. That \$2 million compared to your actual expenses for the year are about \$15 million, the \$2 million would carry you for a couple of months. As you're aware, there are some short-term borrowings that cover your cash flow needs about mid-way through the year, then tax money comes in. Compounded with the fact that the Federal and State governments have cut their funding, I want to commend management and the Board for seeing that swing in numbers. On page 17, these are your governmental funds on general government activities for the County itself. As a Board and users, we use this document a lot of times to review the fund balance. This shows how much you own in excess of what you owe at the budgetary level. In the fund balance section, that shows how the excess amount is planned to be used, it is spendable. That is positive once again, which you didn't see a couple of years ago. On page 81 and 82, when we come out to the County, we are responsible to review how you spend your Federal moneys, not only at the schools but also Social Services, and at the County if you have Federal grants. We have to issue an opinion, similar to what I was talking about on the financial statement, on how you spend your Federal money. The majority of the focus is at the schools because that's your bulk of funds from the Federal government. We had a clean opinion on compliance, no significant findings and we also had a clean opinion over internal controls, how are you controlling their spending, what is your oversight, and how are you doing that? A lot of activities are going on in the County and to see those two reports from us that show unqualified or clean opinions, I commend your staff and the Board itself. We had other documents that I won't go into detail on that we provided you as a Board. One is a letter that details things out like the journal entries that were done during the year, the management representation letter, which is a letter that your management signs on your behalf, that we hang our hats on as auditors, where management says, we gave you everything, we answered your questions, it is provided for you to see what management is doing on your behalf. Also in that report is our list of internal control suggestions. We also as auditors, look at your operation and offer some things for you to work on to be a little more efficient, to help you out for next year, this is there for your review. The other document is called the Financial Analysis. For people who are not into financial reports, this is the report that a lot of Boards and Councils use frequently. This shows you, in picture form, graphs and tables, how the County is doing. On pages 4, 5, and 6, you'll see a trend; you'll see a level of unrestricted assets has increased to a positive. It went from a negative in 2008 to a positive level. Cost cutting, cost management, that has helped save funds and push you into the positive. Especially commendable with all the cuts in Federal and State money. On page 7, what this shows is how much of what the County owns is actually covered by cash or assets that were debt funded. This shows what percent you own, how much does not have some sort of debt associated with it. From 2008 to 2011 you went from 13% to 38%, you've almost tripled the

amount, not using long-term debt to finance projects. You are repaying debt, therefore, you own more than you owe. On page 8, this is the quick ratio which looks at cash that you have on hand and what you're going to spend that cash on. You always want to see at least a 1:1 ratio there which means, at this point in time, one dollar for every dollar you owe. You'll see another positive trend here; in 2008 it was a 1, now it is up to 2.3 so you see an increase. This is at a point in time, June 30, if you looked at it a couple of months out, it would be different. On page 12, this shows the amount of debt you had outstanding per citizen. You can see that it is a decreasing trend, which you would expect since you've not taken out long-term borrowings and you are in the repayment period. Another positive indicator. On page 16, pictorial view of your general government expenses per citizen. You'll see that it is relatively stable in some phases and some have decreased. That shows where the cost savings have come from to boost the fund balance the last couple of years. Clean audit opinion, clean compliance opinions and we're done for the year but will be back out in no time at all.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the June 30, 2011 audit as presented by Brown, Edwards and Company.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

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

- SNAP program – 2116 recipients the past month, expenditures of \$255,000, another record month;
- Foster care and child protective services have had a difficult month with the fatality and meth labs – we continue to address these issues and how to best cope;
- Newspaper articles in Floyd Press – feel Wanda Combs did a good job of reporting the information I provided her. Have had a lot of questions and calls from citizens. Has had a positive impact with sharing issues with the community.
- CSA – I was asked to speak with the House Appropriations and Senate Finance two weeks ago in regards to the proposed changes to CSA including those in the budget cuts that are being proposed and the Care Coordination proposal. I did a presentation to them, went through the main discussion points. The proposal for Care Coordination under CSA is for a medical model, taking the local decision making and putting it in the hands of a provider. If you look at CSA, total State pool expenditures since Child Welfare Transformation started in 2007 are down 45%. \$75.8 million State-wide. Medicaid is down 18.7% State-wide and total pool expenditures are down 9%. I'm telling you that because sometimes people look for solutions to problems that aren't there. Child Welfare Transformation came through with the last Governor. CSA expenditures are already under control and sometimes you don't need to put additional things in place. If you look at total State pool expenditures, in 2008, \$381 million was the total State-wide, in 2011, it was \$332 million. If we went down \$50 million State-wide, why do we need to add a bureaucratic layer onto this program when costs are going down and children are being served? That was the presentation that I made to them as part of my responsibilities. It

was received well but the Senate Finance Committee make-up will change in January. Our local costs have continued to go down the last several years.

Mr. James Politis next appeared before the Board to discuss industrial hemp. He presented several handouts for the Board's information. He commented: industrial hemp, or a non-narcotic form of cannabis, has a variety of uses. It is also a plant that has been used for over 12,000 years. Been used for fiber for clothing, for oil, for cosmetics, biofuel, what is left over as scrap materials is being used to build homes. In North Carolina, there is a builder who has built three homes out of it and it is called "hempcrete". All of this information is available on the internet. One good site is [www.votehemp.com](http://www.votehemp.com) and I've been doing kind of a lobbying effort trying to get this changed as a legal plant to grow. I've gotten resolutions from Montgomery County, Town of Blacksburg, and City of Charlottesville. I have appointments with other Counties to come and make a presentation, you all happened to be next on my list. I hope you will consider this resolution. I made a statement in a newspaper article a couple of weeks ago that this plant could create 10,000 jobs. I've been questioned on that several times. My answer to it is: 1) there was a study made that claimed 10,000 jobs; 2) the plant can create 25,000 different products. We have areas in the State where people realize 20% unemployment rates and why? Because we've lost our industry, like textiles, building materials, etc. My object here is to get our folks to grow it, be competitive and all the products that we buy now with hemp in them from Canada or China. The economic impact of hemp in the United States is about half a billion dollars. The United States buys about half of all the hemp manufactured around the world and we should be growing it here. Law enforcement can identify it, with technology today, from its bad cousin marijuana, and they will know the certified growers. The certified growers will send an annual statement to the State with taxes assessed accordingly. This is something that I've been working on for over three years now. Hopefully this is something that the farmers can grow, put on the market and make some money. Second is to create some jobs. The ag field could benefit from this product and do a tremendous amount of good.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented "Resolution Urging the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress to Adopt the Industrial Hemp Farming Act" (Document File Number \_\_\_\_\_).

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Members of the Floyd County Electoral Board and Ms. Amy Ingram, Registrar, next appeared before the Board. They presented Ms. Kimberly Shoup, owner of Unisyn Voting Solutions, who gave a demonstration of their new machine for election services online. These services can be used either for the central absentee precinct or for other precincts as well. She commented that the WinVote machines now used in the precincts will not have replaceable parts as they wear out. Members of the Electoral Board noted that they would be requesting one of these machines in their budget request for the fiscal year 2013 for the central absentee precinct.

Dr. Kevin Harris, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- School Board has scheduled a public hearing on January 16 at 6:00 pm to allow public input for our school budget. We are currently waiting patiently for December 19 which is when the Governor releases his budget. I will start formulating our budget around those first numbers. As you know, those numbers will change a lot during the General Assembly session, which is a long session, so it may be a while before we have absolute numbers. We'll begin our budget process based on what the Governor releases and look forward to working with this Board to come up with a mutually agreeable budget.
- Supplemental appropriation request – our Board last night approved me asking you for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$94,161.67. On the back, I hope I've done what you asked me to do in terms of outlining what this appropriation will be used for. These are Federal funds and local escrow funds.

Supervisor Gerald questioned what the purpose is for the purchase of a van?

Dr. Harris – we have many transportation needs for students, we transport students to a variety of activities. We also, with the van, we transport students to day treatment programs; we have a variety of needs throughout the system for transportation. Our vehicle fleet from buses right down to the cars we're using is getting really old. Mr. Carr, our Transportation Supervisor, said that we have three vans right now; two have over 100,000 miles on them. His request was to replace one of the ones that is simply worn out.

Supervisor Gerald – will this be a new van?

Dr. Harris – I wouldn't anticipate a new one with that small amount of money. We'll buy something used. We are really blessed with a bus garage that does a good job keeping things put together. We haven't bought any new buses, I understand, in three years. I've done some bus inspections and we are piecing things together to keep them on the road. We realize that is what we have to do right now. We're actually looking into some different programs. Carroll County just purchased seven used buses from Chesapeake City. They retire their buses at 100,000 miles. We'd love to have some buses with only 100,000 miles on them. They can be purchased rather inexpensively. They were purchasing those buses somewhere between \$7-8000, standard sized. They bought one of the huge snub nosed transit buses for \$12,500 with 100,000 miles. That is something that we're looking into given the price of buses new between \$75-80,000. That is certainly something that we're going to look into. You gentlemen know, much better than I do, that the roads in Floyd are treacherous and wear buses out. We're making do with what we have and I hope you appreciate that.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$94,161.67 to the FY12 Floyd County school budget, as presented.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
 Supervisor Gardner – aye  
 Supervisor Allen – aye  
 Supervisor Gerald – abstain  
 Supervisor Ingram – aye

- Special education – Mr. Hollandsworth, Director of Special Education, spoke last night about how our special education population is experiencing a downward trend. We attribute this to a lot of early intervention, catching situations early and remediating. We’re not having to enter so many students into special education. At one point we were almost at 20% of our students receiving special education services, we’re down right now to 14.4%, and getting very close to the State average of 13.5%. The people who came before me are doing a good identifying our students who need extra services, getting those services early on for them and taking care of those needs so we don’t have to provide much more expensive services, many of whom require aides or one-on-one teachers. The one-on-one folks will probably always need those services but the people with a slight learning disability; we’re accommodating them without all the extra services which saves money in the long run.
- We did lose ten students last month, from 2042 to 2032, a natural influx of students coming and leaving. For your information, each student is worth about \$6000 to us on the revenue side so we certainly don’t want to see that trend continue in that direction.
- Student attendance is still good, it averages 94.4%, our goal is 95%, so we’re almost there. The colds and flu at this time of year has caused some absences. We actually don’t want children coming to school when they are infectious and making the rest of us sick.
- The School Board and I have been visiting schools – we’ve been to Willis, Indian Valley and the high school. We have been receiving input from teachers, meeting with them about their concerns. This Thursday we meet with the teachers at Floyd Elementary and any other interested persons. Next week we go to Check Elementary. We are also inviting Mr. Smith and Mr. Rush to either of these two meetings. The VPSA designated December as Invite Your Legislator to School Month so we’ve extended invitations to those two gentlemen to come to these open houses.
- On behalf of the School Board, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Gardner and Mr. Ingram for their service on this Board and their service to Floyd County public schools. I understand that you guys have made a tremendous difference in the way this County functions, this County’s view on education and the relationship with the School Board.

Sheriff Shannon Zeman next appeared before the Board. He reported: As you very well know, we have a grant that we’ve been getting extensions on for some time. It is a PSAP grant in the amount of \$298,000. We currently have a system called Rescue Star, for lack of a better term, is the “brain” of the communications center. It works well and there is nothing wrong with it. But, it is like the voting machines and others, there are no more parts for it after 2015. We do have a grant to replace this system. In your packet, the vendor is Century Link. There are two systems out there, the Patriot and the Viper. We have elected the purchase of the Patriot system. If you’ll flip on in the packet a little further, you’ll see the costs for the equipment, the maintenance contract for a total of \$205,000. The life expectancy of these systems is five years. When we met a few weeks ago with Century Link, we tried to talk to them about any anticipated expenses that we might have since there is more in the grant than what we need for equipment. You can see the extra expenses listed, Noland Electric, who did all the electrical work for the new communications center, we need two additional 20 amp circuits; I spoke with Pro Comm, they may be needed on the day we actually put the system into service; King-Moore, who does

the County's IT work; Day Pro, software provider for law enforcement; Citizens Telephone, for additional telephone needs. I also went so far as to speak with Ford Wirt, who has worked for years on this grant, if there would be some need for his services. These are all numbers that are probably a little bit exaggerated but to make sure that there is no interruption in our service, we feel this is reasonable. We have asked for extensions in the past and we have one until June 30, 2012. They have made it clear that there will be no more extensions past that date. The time is a factor here. We have looked at Montgomery County's contract and I provided that to Dan, he has spoken with them about us piggybacking on their contract. Mr. Cornwell has already reviewed it and has no problem with it. The last thing that we have is the agreement and that is something we can deal with a little later. We do need a decision today as to whether to move forward. The equipment is built in California and takes about six weeks, freighting it here takes 5-6 weeks and then installation. The Board of Supervisors has to pay for this up-front, then the funds are reimbursed. I've been told that there is a 30-45 day turnaround on the money.

Mr. Campbell – I have been in contact with Heather Hall, Montgomery County's Purchasing Agent, she has set forth actions to modify the original contract with Century Link to include Floyd County. Jim has looked at the process and with the extension, feels everything is ok. I think Shannon's comments about time being of essence is right on, we don't want to take any chances on losing the wireless grant by going beyond the June 30 deadline. Seems we do need to get your approval to proceed with this grant process and ordering the equipment. Shannon has done a great job in identifying any and all additional costs, most of which are straightforward. He did add Mr. Wirt, which was new to me. They seem to be realistic costs. These costs have dropped quite a bit, our original estimate was \$300,000. I was told years ago that the life of the Rescue Star is seven years at the most and we are past that.

Sheriff Zeman – other centers have used the Rescue Star longer than we have and still are having good luck with it but we can't sit here and depend on that, especially with the grant opportunity.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize proceeding with the PSAP grant process as outlined; authorize approval of contract with Montgomery County for the RFP agreement with Century Link, up to the grant amount of \$298,000.00.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

In other information, Sheriff Zeman reported:

- Answered 12,742 calls for the year, not including December, which is over last year's numbers;
- Did receive \$5103 from Department of Justice for inmates housed at the Regional Jail, the County was reimbursed for those immigrants;
- The Regional Jail will give the County credit on the monthly bill for inmates that were State inmates;

- Academy – construction is going well, hope to have under roof by the end of the month;
- Since last meeting, we found another large meth lab with 12 pots. The Task Force was involved so they paid for the cleanup.
- Am at full staff both in communications and road deputies. The very last officer was just hired. So, the vehicles are now an issue. We have an Explorer that you all gave us from the Fire Department, the transmission has gone out but we will have it repaired. My next request is, there is an Explorer sitting in the back lot that belongs to the County, I think it was a Rescue vehicle. If no has requested it, we would love to have it for our department. With the hiring of three new officers and no new vehicles, it has been tight trying to keep everybody on the road. Consensus of the Board was to transfer the vehicle to the Sheriff's Department as requested.

Mr. Stacy Keith, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He reported the following maintenance items completed over the last month in the Check area: 2' shoulder wedging on Route 8, moving to Route 221 before Christmas; replaced pipe on Hummingbird Lane but it is not patched yet; patching on Routes 673 and 640; brush cutting with long-reach arm machine; machining on various roads. In the next 30 days, hope to complete shoulders on primary roads; machining on various roads and continue brush cutting. Reported to Supervisor Allen that the shoulder situation past the Country Club had been checked, the pipe seems to have separated. Permits will be required to fix it so it will take a little longer.

In the Willis area: Route 739 pipe replacement; ditching; brush cutting, machining, grading; training for some new employees; have a pipe to replace on Route 760; potholes on Route 787 were patched.

Supervisor Gerald commented that the Route 787 potholes were patched with tar/gravel and they last about a week. Appreciate the work you have done.

Supervisor Clinger – Otey Road – fence on right-of-way – have you found out anything on this situation?

Mr. Keith – we are still working on the actual right-of-way. We do have a prescriptive easement.

Supervisor Gardner – nothing to report this month – do appreciate your cooperation and responsiveness to my concerns over the last four years.

Supervisor Allen – could you check on the shoulder on Paradise Lane/Cannady's Gap – there is no shoulder there now.

Supervisor Ingram – nothing specific to report – appreciate work on secondary roads, they need the most help.

The Board recessed for lunch.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion, consideration or interviews 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; 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 Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

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

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, 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 personnel and property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraphs A.1 and 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 judgment it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

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

Agenda Item 6j(i) – Draft ordinance regulating/prohibiting tall structures on certain ridgelines. Mr. Cornwell commented: A draft ordinance was circulated to you earlier. As you are aware and as we've discussed before, Code Section 15.2-2295.1 gives the Board the right to adopt an ordinance regulating mountaintop construction. I brought you an ordinance at the last meeting, you had discussion concerning it, and at your direction, I brought you back another one for your consideration. Basically, the ordinance in front of you uses all the definitions from the Code, no big surprise. The map is referenced, which you will have to decide which map to use. It does provide that no tall buildings or structures will be built located on a protected mountain ridge. It sets forth regulations that the Building Official's office will not issue a permit for any tall buildings or structures on a protected mountain ridge. If the parcel appears to be partially on the mountain ridge and partially off, it will be up to applicant to show that the construction is not on the protected mountain ridge. The ordinance will be effective immediately. There will be no building permit issued if there is a question as to whether or not the Building Official's decision is questioned as to where the building is being built. The challenge or appeal would be directed to the County Administrator. I took the ordinance which was fairly long and reduced it.

Supervisor Clinger – if we adopted this ordinance and the State came along with a ridgeline ordinance, would ours be grandfathered into whatever the State might pass?

Mr. Cornwell – as you know the Dillon Rule only allows you to do things that the State allows you to do. You can adopt this ordinance because the State gives you that authority. It depends on what changes the State would make. If they made changes to the State law that requires it, you would have to amend your ordinance.

Supervisor Clinger – if their version was looser than ours, we'd have to go back and amend ours.

Mr. Cornwell – yes.

Supervisor Clinger – if we pass this, it is under the Dillon Rule in effect at that time?

Mr. Cornwell – yes, they can give and take away. As we discussed, there is another way to do this, but it is the "Z" word. Other than that, this is the authority that you have right now. This Code section has been in effect since 2000 and that's good. I will tell you that only a few localities that have adopted it, Patrick and Tazewell, the other jurisdictions have used their zoning regulations. Of course, in order to adopt an ordinance, you have to advertise it and have a

public hearing. Since a map will be part of the ordinance, when advertising, you'll need to select a map for public viewing. You can't do anything about the definitions, they are mandated by the State. The question becomes prohibiting or regulating.

Extensive discussion followed between the Board and staff concerning the different maps and pros/cons of each.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance known as "Regulating and Prohibiting Tall Structures on Certain Ridgelines in Floyd County, Virginia".

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – abstain  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – abstain

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to set the public hearing on the proposed ordinance known as "Regulating and Prohibiting Tall Structures on Certain Ridgelines in Floyd County, Virginia" on January 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Floyd County High School Auditorium.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – abstain  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – abstain

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion, consideration or interviews 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 – discussion of specific employee.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – 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 Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Allen, 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 personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 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 Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item 7h – Committee report/recommendation – RFP for banking services. Mr. Campbell commented that per the Board's direction, a RFP for banking services was advertised in late September. A selection committee consisting of Mr. Clinger, Mr. Ingram, Terri, Missy Keith, Treasurer-Elect and I reviewed the proposals. The RFP was thorough and well defined. It included the following process which was issuance of the request for proposals. We had individual review of all the proposals that we received. We had a meeting of the selection committee to discuss the proposals that were received. We scheduled interviews with the respondents, we conducted the interviews, and allowed for the banks to give a presentation on their proposal and programs and followed with informal discussion and questions. We all scored the respondents based upon the written proposals and the presentation during the interview. We received two proposals from the Bank of Floyd and Stellar One. Following the review process, the committee unanimously ranked Stellar One as the highest ranked respondent and as such, the

committee wanted to recommend to the entire Board for the County's banking services to be transferred to Stellar One for the three year period. We all had a scoring matrix. Out of 500 possible points, Stellar One came out with an overall score of 358, Bank of Floyd with 267 points. We all felt that both of the banks did a good job in their presentations, were responsive to the proposals and put in a lot of time/work on them. It was a good process and we come to you with that recommendation. In terms of our schedule, we had talked about a January 1 implementation date, but we have gotten a little off schedule.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, it was resolved to award the contract for County banking services to Stellar One for a three year term with a possible two year renewal, as per their stated proposal.

Supervisor Clinger called for a vote since the recommendation came from a committee and does not require a second.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – abstain  
Supervisor Allen – nay  
Supervisor Gerald – nay  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

After discussion, and review of Roberts Rules of Order, it was decided that a motion was not needed since the recommendation had come from a committee, only a vote was needed.

Agenda Item 7i – New Board member seminar hosted by Sands, Anderson. Mr. Campbell provided an invitation to the Board for their one day seminar on December 16. The two new Board members are already registered and they are also attending the VACo training in January.

Agenda Item 7j – Legislative recommendations. Mr. Campbell presented a draft list for the Board's review and consideration. He also presented one addition from Mr. Ayers, Social Services Director for possible inclusion. Extensive discussion on the various items ensued.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to submit the list of legislative recommendations as presented; said list to also include the recommendation from the Social Services Director as presented (Document File Number \_\_\_\_\_).

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 7k – CPE equipment purchase for E911. Covered earlier by the Sheriff.

Agenda Item 71 – Road name request. Mr. Campbell presented a letter request from landowners for a new road name off of Franklin Pike. Two of the three landowners on the road had agreed on the road name.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the name of Apple Way for the road as presented.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Agenda Item 7m – Set date for reorganizational meeting – January 2012. Consensus of the Board was to set the date of January 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. for the reorganizational meeting with the regular meeting to follow.

Vice Chairman Gerald presented a plaque to Chairman Ingram for his twenty-three years of service on the Board.

Chairman Ingram presented a plaque to Board Member Gardner for his four years of service on the Board.

Mr. Campbell presented both gentlemen with a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Supervisor Clinger – aye  
Supervisor Gardner – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Ingram – aye

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Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

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David W. Ingram, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

