

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.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 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Chairman Clinger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 14, 2014 and January 30, 2014 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

Supervisor Yoder noted on page 6 of the January 14, 2014 minutes, that the term for Chairman Clinger on the Tourism Authority should be two years instead of one year.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Turman and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 as amended.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2014 as presented.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

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

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – abstain  
Supervisor Gerald – abstain  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for January 2014. Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, appeared before the Board. She noted an ordinary month on the subdivision front.

She reported that the Innovation Center construction is progressing well. The Center is about one-third of the way complete and hoping the August completion date will be met. Completed work on a local marketing brochure and working on a new web page for the Economic Development Authority. Have completed two proposals on opportunities that came from the State for possible industrial sitings. Also completed a Federal grant submitted for H&V in cooperation with the schools and Montgomery County.

Agenda Item 7b – FY15 budget timeline. Mr. Campbell reported that the School Board will be meeting on February 20 for a budget work session. Do not know if the February 27 date will work for the joint meeting, hopefully Dr. Harris will confirm later during his report. Staff is ready to assist in any way if we could have some direction from the Board as to how to proceed.

Agenda Item 8 – Old/New Business.

Mr. Campbell reported that a resignation had been received from an appointee on the New River Valley Community Services Board. Position will be advertised in the local paper next week.

Copies of the Music Festival Ordinance were provided to the Board as information as requested by one board member.

Mr. Campbell presented a letter request from the Electoral Board for an appropriation of \$925 from Contingency for travel for the three board members for training. The Board deferred the matter for further discussion.

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

Mr. Derek Wall, Courthouse District, President of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce – I am here today to request a FY15 allocation of \$2700 for the Chamber which represents level funding from past years. With these funds, they will be used to support the

Chamber's mission, to support our local business community. While the Chamber is a member organization, the mission of the Chamber has changed to specifically include support of the entire business community regardless of membership status. Membership provides enhanced business privileges outside of our primary programming. The Chamber is painfully aware that many businesses in our community are still struggling in a still sluggish economy and our efforts will focus on providing support to those businesses. We have a committed, engaged board this year that has an aggressive work plan for 2014, which this year's Executive Committee started developing last fall. It is designed to have measurable outcomes. We will assist the Tourism Development Council by producing the visitor guide for at least one more year, which is open to all businesses, which has not been the case in the past it was only membership, we now open it to all businesses. We plan to transition to a larger, better visitor center in the Village Green. We will be continuing our Lunch and Learn seminars which provide education in key areas of business development and plans for the business community. We will be continuing our commitment to local youth with our internship program and seek ways to expand it beyond the Chamber's office. We will also be continuing our Business After Hours social which not only showcases our local businesses but provides great networking opportunities for our local business leaders. We are surveying both local government representatives and the local business community to find out what the businesses need from the Chamber. We will be doubling our support of traditional businesses to strengthen our local economy and we're taking steps to ensure that we have the right staff to meet those needs as well. Since last fall, our board has held on-going strategic planning sessions to ensure that we not only meet the needs of the business community today but also in the future. Some of the ideas that are being explored are workforce development and partnership with local government agencies, particularly the younger generation, group plans for certain employee benefits and buying/purchasing programs, and shop local programs. We look forward to meeting these challenges and ask for your support.

Mr. Jim Knapp, Courthouse District – I just wanted to offer my time to maybe, again on the dog issue, animals and whatnot, dogs particularly. I just wanted to offer my time to collect people's ideas and concerns about dogs in particular. Maybe also put together some potential solutions for people with dog problems. Maybe I'm barking up the wrong tree with this but I sense there is quite an issue in the County with people and dogs. I'd just like to offer my time, maybe a public meeting for people to come in and express their concerns and also to collect views about what could be done with the various situations. I just wanted to offer that, I don't know if it is anything that might be of use at all, but just wanted to say that. Thank you.

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

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

- Case load – we are running about 2000 clients in SNAP benefits. \$230,000 paid out in benefits last month.
- Energy Assistance applications – average receiving 55-60 for the year, we had that many applications in January this year. This is for emergency heating expenses, mostly for electric bills.

- FAMIS – this program will come back under DSS, will have about 300 more cases. The State did provide extra funding for the program; Floyd County will receive only \$854 more.
- CPMT – will be asking next month for an additional appropriation. Requested \$160,000 in local funds for FY14, only \$92,000 was approved. Have a balance of \$82,000 now. We can request the funds on a month-to-month need or a lump sum. We have had some extremely difficult cases. We will not be over the total budget, but do not have enough local funds to finish the year.
- Farm Bill – if passed, this will affect the amount of benefits that a person receives, not the actual case loads. Will push more need on the local food banks. If it passes on the House side and goes through, our case loads will probably drop.

Ms. Marty Holliday, Workforce Investment Board, next appeared before the Board. She commented that they represent thirteen jurisdictions within the consortium. Within the region, she noted that there are actually three separate economies. A skills gap analysis was completed by two staff members in the Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development. During the analysis, they studied 1) what are the major economic drivers; 2) what skill sets are needed; 3) capacity of each locality for the needed skills. In Floyd County, work was done in collaboration with Lydeana Martin.

Ms. Whitney Bonham, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development, appeared before the Board. She noted that the Study Objective was an enhancement of the understanding of workforce needs of employers in the region. Manufacturing, health care, professional/scientific/technical, agriculture, tourism were the areas studied. The main focus was on manufacturing and health care. The Approach used was industrial/occupational analysis, knowledge/skills identification, employer outreach processes, examination of existing training/educational assets, identification of gaps/opportunities. The information would be used in looking at national data, looking at knowledge/skills and how they could relate to other types of businesses. What we learned about Floyd County: manufacturing is largely concentrated on one employer; biolife/biosciences offer new opportunities connected with education; most important skill set is people being of the “Jack of All Trades” heritage; strong agricultural history; tourism is very important – building on assets that are unique to the community.

Mr. Patrick O’Brien, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development, appeared before the Board. He presented a copy of the Executive Summary for the Board’s information. Key Recommendations include: 1) Develop workforce pipeline of younger workers; 2) Improve regional workforce system coordination; 3) Tailoring regional occupational training offerings to industry needs; 4) Improve data analysis and outcome tracking in support of items 1-3. Manufacturing sector skills needs include: 1) industrial maintenance; 2) industrial electricity/mechatronics; 3) industrial drafting and design; 4) firm-specific hardware and software through on-the-job training. Health Care Sector Skills Needs include: 1) home health care; 2) surgery technician. General skills across health care occupations that are also required include: 1) computer literacy/proficiency; 2) customer service and communications/teamwork; 3) safety/hygiene; 4) regulatory and legal framework for health care providers. He also noted that Floyd County has a high number of self-employed or entrepreneurs.

Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He reported that during the last month, they had been busy cleaning up gravel roads from various storms; putting stone down where possible; repairing of potholes; replacement of pipe on Parker Lane, Berry Creek Road and Macks Mountain Road.

Supervisor Gerald – Sumpter Road – in bad weather, a 4-wheel drive is required to get through this road. The bus runs on this road and there is also a RN who lives on the road who is on call and needs to get out. Some gravel was put down in spots but it needs further attention.

Supervisor Gerald – will signs be put up on White Rock Road?

Mr. Clarke – we can put them up when weather allows.

Supervisor Allen – Vest-Tannery Road – needs attention badly, almost cannot get through the road with a 4-wheel drive.

Supervisor Allen – huge pothole/mud hole on Sandy Flats Road near the intersection with Shooting Creek Road.

Supervisor Allen – will Christiansburg Pike be paved this year?

Mr. Clarke – some of it is set up for this year.

Supervisor Allen – pipe replacement on Thompson Road. If and when?

Mr. Clarke – will check on it.

Supervisor Turman – Reedsville Road – I e-mailed you about the problems on that road. Mr. Campbell noted that he had driven through the road on Friday and there were numerous soft areas.

Supervisor Yoder – Diamond Knob Road (Route 808) is in rough shape. Route 221 shoulders still need attention – especially from Jacks Mill Road to Bear Ridge Road.

Supervisor Yoder – questioned how signs could be erected recognizing State Championship Teams.

Mr. Clarke – usually Towns or Cities erect the signs and do maintenance on them. VDoT does the permitting process. I will check on that for you.

Supervisor Allen – could you find out the width of Vest-Tannery Road for me? There seems to be some confusion as to the width.

Mr. Clarke – will get that information to you.

Supervisor Turman – signs for curves at Route 221/Gardner Road intersection – are you able to get those signs?

Mr. Clarke – I can get them but it will probably be spring before they are installed.

Supervisor Clinger – nothing to report this month.

Supervisor Gerald – are there any plans to pave Route 787 on the Montgomery County side?

Mr. Clarke – I don't think it is on the schedule for this year but I'll check.

Supervisor Yoder questioned if crews from Floyd County go to other areas when needed?

Mr. Clarke – we can ask for volunteers to travel to hard-hit areas as long as we are not in a bind. We use a lot of local contractors. It doesn't happen very often that we are asked to send crews, usually only for ice or hurricanes.

Mr. Jim Smith, Summer Green Solid Waste Project, next appeared before the Board. He commented: Three of us here in the County have formed a company to do household garbage collection to deliver to the transfer station and also to do recycling. We'll start operations the first of April. We are waiting to start after the weather since it depends on an ironclad schedule. We have a good crew lined up and a good operational plan. We think that it will be mutually beneficial to the County, our customers and to the company. The County has a soft spot with regards to recycling; it is the second lowest recycling rate of any jurisdictions in the State. It just barely clears the regulatory minimum which is 15% recyclable by weight. It is way under the 40% that is the State target goal. Our model will make recycling convenient and easy. Our first choice is to deliver the recyclables to the County so that the County will get credit for them. Dan has been very helpful in guiding us in what he thinks will or will not work. As pointed out, our original idea of single stream recycling with the plastic, metal, bottles, all in one bag for the County to sort would not work. We've changed our model and we'll do the sorting so that the County will get the recyclables separate. The only thing that I'm asking from you is that I would like you to consider empowering Dan to negotiate with the company for a reduction in the \$55/ton tipping fee in recognition of the benefits to the County for the recycling. That would be the only action needed. Our operation requires no State permits of any kind. That's basically it and I'll be glad to take questions.

Mr. Campbell – would you please discuss your target zone?

Mr. Smith – the business model works with as few as 50 customers. We think that it is realistic to expect 1000 within a year. There are 6000 households, 7100 dwellings in the County. We're going to start with Route 8 from the Town limits to the Montgomery County line and 221 North from the Town limits to the Roanoke County line. Roughly two miles on either side. The third target area is to reach out to the Green Mountain/Mabry Mill area because of the hassles with the two adjacent counties and the nature of the neighborhood. The fourth would be the Parkway; we'll have a category for seasonal homes and part-time retirement homes. Eventually

our goal is to reach out County-wide. This is a Floyd County company with Floyd County people. This is the only County in southwest Virginia that does not have at least one private company doing this. I haven't been able to figure out why no one has done this. I lived in Franklin and Craig Counties where it was done very successfully. We think it will succeed here. It is a subscription paid in advance. No one is required to do it. It will not increase the amount of overall garbage going to the transfer station; it will probably reduce it slightly because of our greater recycling pullout. The difference between 15% and 40% will make some difference in what the County has to send to the landfill vs. recycling. Of course, the County makes some money from recycling and this may increase the economics for the County. If we do it right, it's going to be a win-win-win situation. Our regulations will mirror the County's regulations as to what will be accepted.

After further discussion and questions, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate/discuss further with Mr. Jim Smith and bring findings back to the Board for discussion.

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

- Provided copy of School Board meeting highlights from February 10, 2014 meeting;
- During public comment period, parents of two homeschooled children requested that their children be allowed to participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports activities. Will be put on the next School Board agenda for discussion.
- School Board approved the 10 point grading scale beginning with the next school year.
- School Board approved new Payment Procedures/Vendor Payment Schedules.
- School Board approved the FY15 school calendar.
- Budget work session will be held on February 20. School Board did request that the February 27 joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors be held later in the day instead of noon. Consensus of Board was to meet on February 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the School Board office.
- Student membership for January 2014 was 1995. Have lost 31 students since school began.
- Own 57 buses, run 44 every day.
- Have had several maintenance problems at various schools in the last month. Costs \$1500/week to heat FCHS with coal, \$3000/week with oil. Auger broke in half at Indian Valley Elementary; part is not made any more.
- Budget forecasting is going well, budget is in line with time of year.
- A new greenhouse is being donated by Riverbend Nursery, grading of site donated by Hebron Quesenberry, another person is donating time to cut pines for timber.
- Graduation is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2014.
- At this time, have 6.5 days left in the calendar for built-in days for weather.

Supervisor Allen – do you advertise all positions, even Assistant coaches?

Dr. Harris – Assistant coaches are the responsibility of the Head Coaches and Athletic Director.

Supervisor Allen – are you planning on having an 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball and softball team?

Dr. Harris – if we get enough interest.

Ms. Amy Ingram, Registrar, next appeared before the Board. She presented a letter request from the Electoral Board for a \$925 appropriation from Contingency for travel costs. She noted that all three board members would like to attend the training at the Homestead (two of the three members are new to the Board). She noted that various vendors would be showing new voting machines and also new voter id laws that go into effect July 1 would be discussed. Cameras may be required in the near future to take photos of citizens who do not have photo ids. The State is supposed to provide the equipment. This appropriation is requested to add to the remaining balance in the board's travel line item.

After further questioning from the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Ingram commented that this is not a required training session for the Electoral Board, this is an Associational training. The required session during the summer is paid for by the State.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Turman, it was resolved to approve a transfer of \$925 from Contingency to the Electoral Board line item for travel costs.

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

Motion denied.

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

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Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

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