

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 23, 2013**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Thursday, July 23, 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; Kayla W. Cox, Account/Finance Specialist.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Dawn Barnes with the Virginia Cooperative Extension spoke with Board members about the 95210 Campaign being promoted by the Floyd Moves Committee. This program is funded by the Virginia Foundation of Healthy Youth. The 95210 Campaign represents: 9-Nine hours of sleep, 5-Five daily servings of fruits and vegetables, 2-No more than two hours of screen time (outside of school), 1-One hour of physical activity and 0-Zero sugary drinks. The Floyd Press will be doing a series of six articles to kick off the program across the County. Barnes noted the campaign was established to help with youth obesity and that she would like to have non-monetary support from the County, either verbally or a written statement supporting the program. The deadline for statements of support for the Floyd Press is August 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Presented copy of the School Board meeting highlights from July 22, 2013 for the Board's information;
- The media specialist will be reinstated to Indian Valley Elementary School.
- Their meeting was basically a budget work session to review ways to spend the carry-over from FY13. The School Board approved the spending plan presented by the Budget committee.
- With Carry-Over funds the following priorities have already been met:
  - New longevity Stipends and New Degree Stipends
  - 2% additional compensation on base salary
  - 4 additional Instructional Assistant positions
  - Art Teacher position
  - Psychologist Intern (still looking for this position)
  - Reinstatement of the Reading Recovery Program
- With additional Carry-Over funds the following priorities can be met:
  - 3 additional teacher positions at Willis, Indian Valley, and Floyd Elementary
  - 1 new School Bus
  - Renovation of the Tennis Courts

- Increasing hours of Office Assistant positions (1 extra hour at Indian Valley, 1 extra hour at Willis, 1.5 extra hours at Check, and 4 extra hours at Floyd Elementary)
- Reinstate the full time Media Specialist at Indian Valley and Willis Elementary Schools. These positions will also assist with the remediation of students.
- Purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for elementary schools
  - According to State Law each teacher is required to know how to use them.
- Irrigation system at FCHS football field
  - Important for June, July, and August when the fields get depressed more quickly and deteriorate more quickly.
  - Would allow more programs to be able to use the field.
- Repairs to Technology House
- Payment of Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance
- School Resource Officer
- They have \$676,425.00 of Carryover funds available to distribute.

Supervisor Yoder questioned if the \$250,000 previously requested was for operational, if we move additional funds to operational, not capital expenses, how do we go about continuing to pay for that?

Dr. Harris noted some of the money we will not realize again, we are going to cut down. We have overestimated some things. We use the state numbers for the ADM, and we are going to realize some gains from that. The 1 time expenditures like the \$78,000 for school bus, \$70,000 for the tennis courts, the AEDs, the irrigation system, and repairs to the technology building total \$266,000, the money will actually come from cashing in the Trigon stock. It was about \$240,000. For the recurring expenses, there is close to \$232,000 in recurring. We have underestimated our revenue in the past that has constituted some of the carryover. Some of it will be recurring, but not all of it. Will we continually have the \$232,000 to do the recurring things? I don't really know.

Supervisor Yoder noted if we are expecting a \$250,000 shortfall next year, we will be looking at an additional \$232,000 shortfall; will we be looking at cutting teachers in the next budget?

Dr. Harris stated that is not what he wants to do. The reduction in teaching staff is starting to show some damage in our school system. We can't stand to reduce our teaching staff, we need to look for ways to keep our teaching staff where it needs to be.

Chairman Clinger noted that the reduction in teaching staff was a School Board decision, not a Supervisor's decision.

Dr. Harris stated that it's the superintendent's responsibility to deal with the budget, and I present a budget to the Board. We are trying to understand the budget; we have developed cost centers to track funds.

Chairman Clinger asks the Board if they are okay to continue this matter to the next meeting.

Dr. Harris reiterates that the School Board has approved this budget, and there is money in this budget to hire teachers. If we delay until August, we do not have money to run the school system the way he feels it should be run. We are trying to identify where the savings are, and how we will spend them. I can't predict how many kids are going to be at our school next year, it looks like the trend is going up. A budget is a planning tool, it is not a financial tally sheet, this is a process that is our best guesstimate, and we are still doing a good job of estimating what things cost. And that is what we are trying to do, and I thought we were working together to create the best school system that we could for our students.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Allen it was resolved to approve the carryover request as presented from the School Board.

Supervisor Yoder – no  
Supervisor Turman – no  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – no

Motion failed due to lack of consensus.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder it was resolved to approve all the categories except instructional.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Dr. Harris asks the Board to tell the School Board what is acceptable and the directions this Board wants to move in.

Supervisor Yoder states that the issue is not hiring teachers; the issue for me is how we are going to pay for it in upcoming years.

Dr. Harris states repeatedly if this is the School Board's money and it is up to us to decide how to spend this money, this is how my Board wants to spend it for FY14, FY15 is another budget year. If the money isn't available in FY15, then who's responsibility is it to bring to you a budget that has what we can afford to do with the money we have. Whose responsibility is that? The School Board's that is what they were elected for. My position is this is money you told us we could spend how we wanted to spend, we told you how we wanted to spend it for FY14, not FY15, if we have decreases in funding for FY15, whose responsibility is it to deal with that shortfall? Is it this Board or my School Board? That is really all I have to say.

Chairman Clinger stated that all the Board of Supervisors is asking for is a few days to review the information presented to them.

Supervisor Yoder reiterates that he feels the responsibility to not set the County up for disaster next year.

Dr. Harris reminds the Board that he doesn't know how to predict what will happen next year. We are basically running this school system one year at a time based on the economic whos that have come our way. The Board can tell him where to use the money and in which category to spend it. You all have been doing business with a rich man and his checkbook for years. I'm trying to be forthright and honest as I can be about what happened.

Dr. Harris concluded his remarks and departed.

Agenda Item 4--Ms. Kristin Snyder, Summit Place.

Ms. Snyder presented information about the Summit Place, Supportive Living for a Healthy Life. This project is part of the New River Valley Home Consortium and receives federal funding for low-moderate income housing. The construction of this new location will start in Spring of 2014. The Summit Place offers supportive daily living, including daily meals, housekeeping and laundry assistance, transportation and planned social activities. The facility will be located in Rich Creek, Virginia and priority will be given to Giles County residents. However, not all residents can come from Giles County. Some other quick facts about Summit Place include accommodation of 23 private, fully furnished rooms, with fully-accessible bathrooms, safe courtyard, common dining area, and they will be energy efficient. Fees are determined by a sliding income scale, ranging from \$14,560.00 to \$29,120.00. Applications will be accepted starting in 2014. Please help publicize this opportunity.

Agenda Item 5a – Approval of FY13 year-end disbursements.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the month-end disbursements as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5b -- 2015 General Reassessment -- Mr. Campbell explained the committee was comprised of Supervisor Allen, Commissioner Lisa Baker, Assistant County Administrator Terri Morris and himself. The highest rated firm was Wingate Associates. The contracted cost will be \$18.25 per parcel and \$14.00 per mobile home. There are approximately 14,009 parcels and 1,170 mobile homes. This is an estimated cost of \$272,000. We have budgeted \$175,000 in the current year and would need to budget the remaining cost next year.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to award the reassessment contract to Wingate Associates.

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

Agenda Item 5c – FY13 carry-over request -- \$5133.32 -- Rescue Squad

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the FY13 carry-over request to the Rescue Squad in the amount of \$5,133.32.

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

Agenda Item 5d -- Congressman Griffith's luncheon invitation -- RSVP due back by July 26<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in attending the luncheon to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Supervisors, Yoder, Clinger, Turman and Gerald will attend with County Administrator Campbell.

Supervisor Yoder gave a brief synopsis of where the Windmill Committee was in their research. We have created subcommittees to look at different aspects of Windmills. In the near future we will have a presentation from the committee.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors