

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2011**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, March 8, 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 February 8, 2011 and February 23, 2011 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011 as presented.

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

Supervisor Gerald commented that he would like to add, in the February 23, 2011 minutes, where he questioned Sheriff Zeman if he was still working on security for the Board at their meetings. Sheriff Zeman answered that he still had it in mind and would take it under consideration.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2011 as amended.

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 expenses was also presented for the Board's consideration. Questions and discussion followed.

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

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

There were no Constitutional Officers reports for the month.

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for February 2011. Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, appeared before the Board and reported that plat submittal is still slow but picking up slightly. She also reminded the Board of upcoming workshops on customer services, both for managers and employees and a human resource workshop for small businesses.

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

The Vice Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman.

Agenda Item 7b – Request for supplemental appropriation - \$4360 – for Registrar part-time staff. Mr. Campbell presented the request as received from the Registrar at the Board's last budget workshop. These funds would cover part-time assistance for her office for the remainder of the fiscal year. He commented that no funds have been used from Contingency at this time, but there will possibly be year-end transfers needed.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4360 to the Registrar's part-time salary line item, transferring from Contingency.

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

Agenda Item 7c – Transportation planning for Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Campbell presented a summary of the transportation section of the draft comprehensive plan. New Code requirements outline that VDoT must now approve any transportation issues addressed in the comprehensive plan. This section highlights the importance of roads in Floyd County, of which there is over 600 miles, a lot of which are unimproved. The VDoT consultant provided some of the hotspots listed in the plan but our staff and the Planning Commission staff concentrated more on maintenance issues of existing roads.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve submission of the transportation section of the draft Comprehensive Plan to VDoT for their review and approval.

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

Sheriff Zeman appeared before the Board and commented that he had nothing to report this month.

Vice Chairman Gerald questioned if he was still considering security for the Board. You stated last month that you are thinking about it.

Sheriff Zeman – I said that I would consider it if you request it. I would have to take an officer off the road to work here. You need to let me know what you want.

Agenda Item 7d – Resolution for Passenger Rail Service. Mr. Campbell presented a draft resolution from the Blacksburg Partnership requesting rail service in the Radford area. This stop would provide rail service for patrons traveling to Richmond, Lynchburg, DC, etc. instead of having to travel to Lynchburg to board.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, in support of rail service extension to the Radford area (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. Phyllis Beale – don't forget our roads, please do all you can. The next item I want to talk to you about is the most important thing I have ever talked about in my life of 76 years. On February 12 I was in the most dangerous position I have ever been in in my life. I got followed home that night; the car followed me all the way up my driveway. I got out of my car, went in the house and locked the doors behind me. I watched him stalking around the house; he tried to get in the first door, then the second door, and then came up on my deck in the back. I have a dusk to dawn light between the house and driveway so I could see him well but he couldn't see me. I went into the back room and got my phone and called 911 and then went back to the spot where I had been standing, where I could see the driveway. I called the Floyd County Sheriff's Department; I gave them my name, address and told them there was a car in my driveway that had followed me home. The Dispatcher said, well, what do you want me to do about it? I told

her I wanted a deputy sent out there. The tape does not have that on it now, the Commonwealth's Attorney and I went over it twice. I waited and waited, standing there in the dark in my house, watching this individual in my driveway making himself ready to come into my house. I had a watch on but I couldn't see it in the dark. He probably sat in his car about 10 minutes. After 14 minutes, so the Sheriff says, the deputies got there. I had to watch this guy go to two doors and try to get in, and then he came up on my deck. I could see him through the window but he couldn't see me. I was praying for deputies to show up. He banged on that door, I had my 38 ready. He finally left and got in his car and sat there for another few minutes but finally left by the front driveway. I moved back to the window at the front of the house. The two deputies finally got there and came part of the way up the drive and stopped. Several minutes later they came flying up the rest of the front driveway and shined their lights around. They passed the front door and side door and came up on the deck also; I was at the door quickly. The first deputy said that they had been looking for him but he was long gone by then. When I called up to the Sheriff's Office I hadn't given them any description of the person or how many there were, or a description of the vehicle, so I don't know who they were looking for. I listen to the scanner all the time and they were running around like bees, but I never heard anything on the scanner for a deputy to come to my house. I want you to know that my tax dollars failed me and the rest of the women in this County. I have talked to my tax-paying friends, if something like this happens again, it will be dealt with in a different way. I talked with Sheriff Zeman on Wednesday after this incident about how long it took the deputies to get there. He said they could have been coming from Indian Valley. If that was the case, they wouldn't have been there in 14 minutes. He told me I needed to go to the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator and get him some more money for more deputies. This was a deadly mistake. I have since heard from three other women that this person followed from the same place. Anything that you can do or the Sheriff can do, so this situation does not happen to anyone else, I would appreciate it. I was just watching the news on TV two days ago where a sicko was doing this same type of thing in another area, there are sickos everywhere. They come here, do these terrible things and go back home. We need to work on this situation. I chose to let the law handle it this time, but I probably won't if it happens again. This was the worse situation that I have ever been in in my entire life. I am thankful that it did not cost a life. I was prepared but lots of women don't know how to take care of themselves. I am planning to write a letter to the editor advising women to take care of themselves. Lord bless all of you.

Sheriff Zeman – I don't normally respond to things like this but I feel I have to do so today. I am not familiar with any other incidents of this type; they have not been reported to us. It did take my deputies 14 minutes to respond to this call and I want to find out what else was going on. The reason I am responding to you is that I have to support my employees. All our calls are on a recorded line, the Commonwealth's Attorney has listened to the tape, and my Communications Officer did not make those comments. What she is saying is just not true. Ms. Beale called three times that night, not once as she said. This is very offensive to me. We are not perfect but this did not happen like she said.

Mr. Derek Wall – I am here today concerning the tourism/lodging tax and the tourism plan within the Comprehensive Plan. I have spoken with the Town Manager, Lance, as to the tourism plan. He said he came to a meeting to ask the Board of Supervisors to meet with the Town Council on the plan. He said that you objected to the idea of discussing the plan with the

Town. That is up to you but we need something, an answer yes or no. We can work on this as private citizens and businesses but we need your support or not. It is all on the backs of these business owners. We all pay our taxes to the County and we don't see much support. We work our butts off and give you sales tax and the lodging tax and get nothing from you. I always hear we are under budget but tourism needs to be looked at separately by both the County and Town.

Ms. Candace Frey, Inn at Hope Springs Farm, concerning the Floyd County lodging tax and what it is being used for – read the following letter:

I come before you this morning to present another point of view for the use of the Floyd County Lodging tax: to target a badly neglected market, the high end consumer. Repeated surveys and discussions in county meetings show that this market is ignored by Floyd County. Rather than recognize that this market is unique and requires special targeting, it is lumped in with other markets such as family, the young consumer, the baby boomers, the budget minded. None of these directly target their wants and needs. As a result, these consumers are going to vacation areas i.e. Charlottesville and Primland who are targeting this market offering them the luxury and service they are looking for. Floyd need not change itself to appeal to this market. Blue grass music, being green and sustainability are not foreign to the high end consumer. But no marketing is being done on a regular basis to inform this consumer in their print material or websites or blogs that Floyd has more to offer than simple crafts and down home cooking for the budget minded. They need to know about all the highly skilled artisans, the challenging and wonderful outdoor recreation, the musical and theatrical venues that offer pop, jazz and classics and places to stay that offer the luxury, attention to detail and fine dining to which they are accustomed. These folks have money to spend even in hard economic times and Floyd is just a few hours away from their home base. DC has the legislators and highly paid government worker. Raleigh has well paid researchers and educators and Charlotte has the bankers and business people. They are all looking to get away. Some of the comments we have received from our guests indicate that they are unaware that Floyd has anything here that would welcome them or give them a reason to spend their money here. Target marketing is essential for this market. They read specific kinds of material not usually read by the average consumer: The Washingtonian, Virginia Living, The Virginia Sportsman, etc. Primland should be approached to see if they are interested in working with Floyd County to target this market. Chateau Morrisette, Villa Appalachia, Crenshaw Lighting and other high end artisans may also be interested in targeting this market. In bad economic times, if you continue to spend money marketing to the public that has no money to spend, you will get little return on your investment. Floyd must open its heart and arms to those that may be different in order to survive. It is not just about sustainability, it is about viability. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Shep Nance, owner of Woodberry Inn – I support all the things that Candace has just said. We have met numerous times on the tourism plan and ask that you respect our input on this plan. We also request that you consider our designations as to how the tourism tax should be spent representing Floyd County.

Ms. Judy Bryant, Oak Haven Lodge – When I built my lodge in 2002, a research study had recently been done that 12 units were needed in Floyd County. Floyd County has grown a great deal since then with the addition of Hotel Floyd and numerous other lodging establishments. When we're full, we send folks to other places in the County to keep us all filled

up. There is added value besides the lodging tax that we can identify and put a number to. If there are places to shop, eat, get gas, etc., everything builds on each other. We are filled up a lot, which says a lot about Floyd County. We all work cooperatively to help everyone. The very least that we can do is identify the added taxes and where they should go. The 5% lodging tax added year before last to everyone's bill, we've been collecting for you. We want that 5% to show it is for the future of Floyd County, to help us grow.

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

Mr. John McEnhill, New River Community Action Board of Directors – reported that the Federal Community Services Block Grant, which provides funding for NRCA to meet the basic needs of low wage citizens and disabled citizens, is in danger of being cut drastically. Floyd County is among the lowest of wage earners in Virginia. Besides assisting with funding for routine programs such as emergency assistance and food assistance, this grant also provides for programs such as Responsible Rides which provides transportation for low income workers and Our House, which is a housing shelter for homeless men. In the New River Valley, NRCA provides services for 14,676 citizens. There are 11 employees in the Floyd office, and the building will be renovated/repaired this spring from the roof damage. For the FY12 budget, block grant funds are noted to be cut by 50%, with funds primarily going to urban areas because of their large poverty areas. Request that the Board send letters to our Congressional members asking that these funds not be cut. If cuts are made, it will greatly affect NRCA's presence in Floyd County.

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

- Food Stamps – served 2097 people last month, had been at 2070 for several months, paid out \$255,331 the past month;
- Case loads – since June 2007 – Medicaid increased 22%, Food Stamps 63%, TANF 54%, for a total average of 36% increase. We handled 1768 cases then with six employees; we now have 2403 cases with six employees. We are serving one in every five persons in Floyd County. For the New River Valley, Floyd had a 36% increase in cases, Giles 26%, Montgomery County 29%, Pulaski County 27% and Radford City 29%.
- Budget – we were scheduled for a 5% reduction overall, 2.4% last year and 2.6% this upcoming year. Senator Reynolds sponsored a budget amendment that cut it to a 2.5% reduction overall so \$7.5 million was added back to State budget;
- Did lose all Purchased Services funding which we use as prevention to keep folks out of nursing homes, foster homes and other facilities;
- 24% reduction in companion funds which also help with keeping folks out of nursing homes – we had already reduced the number of hours from 40 to 25 to keep some services;
- Title Protection Bill did pass effective July 1, 2013. We will have to change job titles of all positions on the service side (social work). The State will not put any additional funds into the program. This will make it very difficult for us to recruit since so few people have social work degrees. The League is working to try to get public service employees exempted but at least it does not affect current employees.

- CSA – the therapeutic foster care rate did not change which will save Floyd County around \$14-16,000;
- Mental Health Services – bill did not pass so these services will still go through Medicaid. Even though it didn't pass this year a pilot program will be implemented in five areas;
- CSA non-mandated funding was restored but Floyd County does not do non-mandated cases;
- CSA reimbursement to localities – will have new regulations in effect by April 1. A work group is scheduled to meet March 14-15 to draft regulations. Encourage the Board to review them to see how they will impact our locality; CPMT will also be reviewing them.

Mr. Tom King, Floyd Amateur Radio Society, next appeared before the Board. He presented a draft memorandum of understanding between the Society and Floyd County for the Board's consideration. There is already a MOU in place for the emergency communications portion of their society; this MOU would put them under the jurisdiction of the County instead of the State, to meet FEMA guidelines. This new agreement streamlines the chain of command.

On a motion of Supervisor Clinger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Floyd County and the Floyd Amateur Radio Society as presented (Document File Number _____).

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

Mr. Campbell encouraged the Board to review the Society's excellent web site to learn more about the organization. He also reported that the group had toured the County's communication center to familiarize themselves with the operation.

Mr. Dan Huff, Mr. David Clark and Mr. Stacy Keith, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Huff reported that a project number for Route 750 has been opened, to move funding from the Route 860 project, ready for public hearing. Would like to meet with the Board in the next few weeks to discuss maintenance issues.

Supervisor Gerald – Indian Valley School needed a new speed reduction sign, appreciate you getting the new one put up.

Mr. Huff – we provided the sign but school personnel installed it.

Supervisor Gerald – Route 751, Sutphin Road, needs potholes fixed, also on Indian Valley Road; good job done on Macks Mountain Road; appreciate all you are doing.

Supervisor Allen – Bethlehem Church Road is falling apart; County Line Church Road was almost impassable over the weekend with the rains; any idea when Route 615 traffic count

on Poff Hill will be done? This was to reduce the speed limit from Route 705 to the top of Poff Hill.

Mr. Huff – I do not know where it is in the process, will check on it.

Supervisor Allen – gravel that was put down on roads in the last few weeks got washed away from the heavy rains because of bad ditches.

Supervisor Gardner – nothing specific to report, lots of erosion issues from Sunday's rain.

Supervisor Clinger – nothing specific to report.

Supervisor Ingram – secondary roads need maintenance when weather allows; ditching will greatly help with some of these issues.

Mr. Clark – received a call from the Town for speed limit signs and watch for children signs. Do I work directly with the Town or does that need to come back before this Board?

Consensus of the Board was for all requests to come back before them for review since funding comes from the County's secondary road budget.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to include discussion on uranium mining.

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

Supervisor Allen commented that he thought it was time for the Board to go on record against uranium mining and take a stand by doing a resolution to our legislators.

Mr. Campbell commented that there is a target location, Coles Knob, which is ten miles outside of Chatham in Pittsylvania County. The company, Uranium Mining Inc. is looking to explore there. A moratorium has been in place against mining in Virginia for many years. The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors has not taken action either way. The National Science Foundation is doing a broad study on this type of mining which the General Assembly will use in their decision making process. The study will take a long time and the concern is that this company will get the moratorium lifted before the General Assembly meets again next year. A final analysis should be in hand before a decision is made by the legislators.

Consensus of the Board was for the County Administrator to draft a resolution for the Board's review at their next meeting.

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

He reported that the Treasurer had sent 27 delinquent properties to his firm for a sale, which included 13 different owners. Three have been paid already. These were properties that

had a payment plan with the Treasurer but did not comply. They owners have until March 16 to pay or land will be sold in June. The Treasurer reported that she has 40 more to send us that are over two years delinquent.

Agenda Item 6g(i) – Draft application form for tax exempt status for non-profits. Mr. Cornwell commented that Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust has filed an application with the County Administrator for an exemption on their properties of Oxford Academy, Ridgemont and the Phlegar Farm homestead. A public hearing would need to be held by the Board to adopt the determination for exemption by ordinance. The decision for exemption has to be based on items as outlined in the Virginia Code Section that the property is used for specific purposes. Questions that were submitted to the Trust were properly answered. If for some reason the use of the property were to change, the exemption would die with the change.

Consensus of the Board was for the County Attorney to draft an ordinance for the Board’s review at next month’s meeting and possible setting of a public hearing date.

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.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 Clinger, 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 Gerald, 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 property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph 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. Cornwell – as you know, Floyd County has a closed landfill and as part of your duties in accordance with DEQ and EPA, there are numerous requirements for monitoring. The Board has been doing the required monitoring for years, and the situation is good. DEQ has requested that two additional wells be installed off-site on the Phillip and Loraine Wesel property. They have agreed to the placement of the two wells on their property. There were already two wells there that had been placed several years ago. We propose to lease an area from them for the two additional wells and the existing two wells in accordance with DEQ regulations. They have asked that the County pay their real estate taxes on the 25.75 acres of unimproved property. This would be a 25 year lease with a 20 year renewal. This lease would provide space and access to the wells for consideration of taxes owed. If the property were subdivided or improved, we would only still pay the taxes on the unimproved section. Access will be provided only to the County's engineers and DEQ. We have met with DEQ and this seems to be the most advantageous option at this time. The draft lease was put in your package for review. Would ask you to consider the lease. A construction road will be built only for the well drilling equipment, and then access will be by foot.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to approve the draft lease agreement with Phillip and Loraine Wesel as presented; authorize appropriate County officials to execute same (Document File Number _____).

Supervisor Clinger – aye
Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – nay
Supervisor Ingram – aye

Dr. Terry Arbogast, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Presented copy of School Board meeting highlights of February 15, 2011;
- Presented enrollment report as of February 28 indicating 2032 students, January 31 report showed 2039 students. Sixty students have transferred into the system since school began, ninety have transferred out. Beginning enrollment was 2069. Did register 70 kindergarten students last night at Floyd Elementary.
- Presented information on a recently held health youth day focusing on nutrition provided by New River Community Services;
- Presented copy of SOL Fall scores which included history, English and math;
- State of Virginia Index Performance Incentive Program – 4 out of 5 Floyd schools have qualified and received awards. Second year in a row for some schools.
- Budget schedule – have received information from State. With the loss of State funding, we will have a \$825,000 deficit as it stands now; we lose \$5000/student for enrollment loss which equals \$150,000; \$491,000 extra stimulus funds which we hope to give a bonus with, each 1% bonus requires \$125,000; recommendation will be a dollar amount not a percentage.

Supervisor Allen – teachers say kids will suffer if they don't get raises, how is that possible?

Dr. Arbogast – salaries in other places are higher and they can get our best people. We have 17 vacancies right now. We're competing with all systems around us. Studies have shown that 65% of success of a child depends on the teacher. We have to close the gaps because we don't want mediocre people. We can keep people from leaving that way and also when we do have a vacancy, we can get better people.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Dean Gall, Department of Conservation and Recreation – agricultural committee, next appeared before the Board. He gave the Board an update on the second Common Ground group meeting. Eighteen people attended this meeting to prioritize the issues from the previous meeting. The issues basically broke down into two areas: 1) biggest challenges facing Floyd County; 2) ways to ensure that agriculture/forestry can remain viable land use options.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for the group to continue to meet, possibly breaking into two groups, one to focus on agriculture/forestry and the other on policy/land use, with the addition of other individuals as needed.

Mr. Brandon Moore, King-Moore, Inc. next appeared before the Board. He provided a demonstration on the redistricting data received from the Census Bureau and its relation to the County's voting districts. Each district must be neutralized within a 5% range. A workshop was held with the Board to discuss different options.

After extensive discussion, consensus of the Board was for maps to be printed with the final option for the Board's review.

In a work session on the proposed FY12 budget, Constitutional Officers Stephanie Shortt and Maggie Sutphin appeared before the Board to discuss their proposed budgets.

Mrs. Shortt commented that she has requested that funding be restored to the FY10 budget level for part-time assistance. No increase was requested for any other line items. Were fortunate this current year to be able to use asset forfeiture funds for general office expenses. Will not be able to use those funds in the proposed budget for general items. The County is facing numerous crimes of a complex nature which require more time. The Sheriff's Department has requested more officers which fall to my office to prosecute. I believe in fiscal restraint and have tried to operate more efficiently. The part-time person is paid only for hours worked, not for holidays, etc. that previous officers paid them for. Show-cause cases have increased to bring in more revenue, spending was curtailed, travel reduced. Feel if funding is not restored, I am afraid that I will not be able to prosecute all cases.

Mrs. Sutphin commented that they have also tried to be very frugal. Mailings are one of the higher costs in their office and they have gone up tremendously. Appreciate everything that you can do for us.

The Board recessed until 6:30 p.m.

Members of the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department were present for discussion with the Board.

The Board first took a field trip outside to review the Chief's vehicle for Station#3 that has been requested to be replaced.

Mr. Tommy Sowers, Treasurer, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed budget. He commented that the current year budget is doing very well, had to make some adjustments because of the Board's \$15,000 cut but tightened our belts to make it work. Did increase the request back to \$138,000 for next year's request which will be mostly for fuel and electrical rate increases.

Capital Outlay – requesting for the third year, replacement of the Station #3 Chief's vehicle which is a 1999. Did replace the 1998 vehicle last year for Station #1. Have had mechanical issues the last few years.

Furnace replacement Station #1 – service work was done back in the Fall. There are cracks and other issues. You all asked us to try to hang on and put a replacement cost in the upcoming budget which we did. We would request that this until be replaced with heat pumps. We usually do a propane fill-up now at least three times a month.

Station #4 water problems – this is on our ten year plan replacement schedule. Provided two estimates for repair/replacement of asphalt.

We had over 300 calls last year but more demand with increased population.

Mr. Darren Marshall, Chief at Station #4, appeared before the Board to further explain the problems with water backflow and paving at their station.

Mr. Tony Weddle, President of the Fire Board of Directors and Chief of Station #2, next appeared before the Board.

He questioned if an Emergency Services Coordinator will be hired in the near future? Mr. Campbell commented that it would be driven by budget deliberations but the job description will probably be different from the current one, for example, they will not be on-scene for every incident.

Mr. Weddle commented that a lot of thought and many meetings had gone into the vehicle replacement schedule. We are trying to keep rolling stock the best that we can. We don't make these requests just out of the blue.

Contingency Fund – has been cut at least twice. We counted on this for vehicle replacement. Please reconsider putting this back in.

Station #2 addition – we would like to start this addition using our own funds, at least to get the foundation and floor. We need to get the trucks inside so we can fill them up with water which is not possible without extending the building. We would like to add a 52x24 addition if you would please consider it.

Mr. Roger Hollandsworth representing Floyd County Rescue next appeared before the Board.

He commented that fuel costs have hurt the Squad this year; otherwise the budget has been pretty much on target for the last few years. In the current year, the Squad is having to spend about \$63,000 of our own money because of 10% cut the Board did, to meet all the needs. There are two things that can't be controlled and are hard to budget: volume of calls and price of products such as fuel and medical supplies. We are requesting \$175,000 for FY12; our expenses are \$163,000 for this year. We have no vehicle requests this year but will have one next year. The two units that are being refurbished are in North Carolina and hope to have them back soon.

The budget workshop continued with discussion on options for raising revenue, possible cuts, setting aside funds for a rainy day fund, etc.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Gardner, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Gardner – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Ingram – aye

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

David W. Ingram, Chairman, Board of
Supervisors