

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 2013**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: 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.

ABSENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman.

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 Supervisor Gerald.

Mr. Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 9, 16, 22 and 23, 2013 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2013 as presented.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – absent

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013 as presented.

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

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

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

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

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for April 2013. Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, appeared before the Board. She reported very few plats for the month of April. The Planning Commission will have one large plat to review at their meeting next week. The Planning Commission will also be having a joint meeting with the Land Policy Task Force tonight to discuss their suggestions for improvements to the Subdivision Ordinance.

In economic development matters, Ms. Martin presented a list of various business workshops that she would be facilitating during the rest of 2013. She reported that an application had been submitted to the Tobacco Commission by the Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$837,000 for BC Genesis and also for some equipment for the Innovation Center. Four of the five hurdles have been completed in the long process. The application goes to the full Tobacco Commission on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for their review. Hope to get bid documents out in mid-June for the Innovation Center, with bids back in mid-July with construction to begin shortly thereafter. The EDA were nominated for a leadership award with the New River Valley/Roanoke Technology Council. The banquet will be Thursday night where the winners will be announced so Mr. Russell and I will be attending that function. The EDA works really hard so I'm glad they've been nominated for that award.

There were no Constitutional Officers reports this month.

Agenda Item 7b – E911 Road Name Request – Little River Crossing. Mr. Campbell presented a map of the area and noted that both property owners are in agreement for the name.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve the road name of Little River Crossing, as presented.

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

Agenda Item 7c – Appointment – New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Authority, three year term. Mr. Campbell noted that Mr. Sagebiel indicated his willingness to continue to serve in this position.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Neil Sagebiel to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Authority for a three year term, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

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

Agenda Item 7d – Appointment – New River Community Action Executive Board, 2 year term. Mr. Campbell presented a letter of interest from Mr. John McEnhill, the incumbent board member.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. John McEnhill to the New River Community Action Executive Board for a two year term.

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

Agenda Item 7e – Appointment to the VASAP Advisory Board, 1 year term. Mr. Campbell reported that no letter of interest was received but Mr. Thompson has indicated his willingness to continue to serve in this position.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Doug Thompson to the VASAP Advisory Board for a one year term.

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

Agenda Item 7f – Appointment to the New River Community College Board of Directors for a four year term. Mr. Campbell noted that no letters of interest were received. The Board deferred the matter for the next meeting to try to find a candidate.

Agenda Item 7g – Appointment, Floyd County Social Services Board, Indian Valley District. Mr. Campbell noted that one letter of interest was received and also that the incumbent was interested in being reappointed. Supervisor Gerald requested that interviews be set up with the two candidates for the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7h – Appointment to the Ninth District Development Financing Board of Directors, 4 year term. Mr. Campbell requested that the Board defer this appointment until research can be completed to ascertain that the Board is still in effect. Defer for the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7i – Appointment of one Board of Supervisors member to a committee to review/interview assessment firms for the upcoming general reassessment. The Board deferred the matter to the May 28 meeting when the entire Board is present.

Agenda Item 7j – Discussion – direct deposit for employee payroll. Mr. Campbell noted that numerous requests have been received from employees for direct deposit of paychecks. Would also cut down on cost of checks, time, etc. Ms. Morris commented that the school board had been doing direct deposit for several years and it had worked out well. Previous boards had not approved this option because the Bank required the funds to be available at least 4-5 days ahead of payroll date, which tied up investments. Their requirements have lessened to 1-2 days now.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to authorize direct deposit of employee payroll.

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

Agenda Item 7k – Dog pound improvements discussion. Mr. Campbell reminded the Board of updates/improvements needed as required by the State Veterinarian. He noted that there are two contractors in Virginia who are certified to do this type of work. We have had some limited results with a type of epoxy that our part-time Officer found. Unfortunately it did not last long. The contractors use a different type of material. Only one firm responded to our bid request. The total price they quoted was \$14,340. We will have to make some logistical plans for the animals while this work is being done, we'll need to close for at least two weeks.

It was the consensus of the Board for the County Administrator to proceed with the proposed improvement plan as presented.

Agenda Item 71 – Approval to advertise FY14 County budget/tax rates for public hearing. Mr. Campbell outlined the changes made by the Board at the last budget workshop: \$7500 added to revenue for an emergency planning grant; adjustment to solid waste revenue – increase of fees received from Franklin County; school budget - \$66,000 added in local funds with a forecast of \$250,000 in carry-over funds which will be transferred at the end of June; update of revenue numbers from Compensation Board for Constitutional Officers budgets.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this item until the May 28 meeting when the entire board will hopefully be present.

The Vice Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda for a report from Mr. Joe King, Floyd County Rescue Squad Captain.

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

Mr. King – Appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today. I believe some of the business that you all will be discussing today includes the possibility of some additional paid staff. Myself, as representative of the volunteer Rescue Squad would like to give you some input as to what the volunteers have to say. Right now, as many of you may know, our volunteer membership is rather low. I have some of the lowest membership numbers that we've ever had. This is a trend that is not any way, shape or form with the volunteer staff here in Floyd but a national problem with volunteer rescue squads are facing today. The requirements that volunteer EMT's are having to fall under and work with now are greater than what they were in the past. Training has gotten more strenuous plus much more expensive than years past. All of these things have contributed to low memberships, not just for Floyd but nationwide. As far as our take on Floyd EMS's for additional paid folks to be able to cover some shifts that the volunteers have typically run, we agree that there is a need there due to our low membership. However, I would like to say that through funds allocated here from the Board of Supervisors for additional training put forward for EMT classes, we do have several more members that are coming on. I have another EMT class starting June 11, which will complete September 1, pending that all students from that class and the class we're in now, we will double our numbers in membership for EMTs. That will help out tremendously. In saying that, while discussing budgets for additional paid staff members, it may be advantageous for the County to look more toward, instead of hiring full-time positions, to be able to hire more flex-time positions to be able to come in and cover those shifts until I get my classes completed. Once I get EMTs out of the classes that we have now, there is a 6-month probationary or precept period, to where those new students come out of that class and get certified through the State, they have to precept with us

for six months to ensure that they have the proper skills and proper patient care. Really, with the classes that I have right now and membership going up, it still will be upwards of eight months before we'll have more volunteers. With that being said, we can't deny the need for additional paid folks. However, it may be more beneficial to everyone that you look toward additional flex time instead of full-time positions. Once I get folks cleared and able to run as cleared EMT's on the volunteer staff, the need for those additional paid folks will diminish, there won't be as great a need for them. However, in the long-term, say next year and the year after, to say that we won't need additional paid members at that time, I can't say. This is something that is nationwide and it really doesn't show signs of getting better. Another thing that the volunteer staff would like to see is where the system we have where the volunteers and paid staff run together as one unit, has worked fantastically in the past. We want to see that continue. We don't want to see any type of diversion or change from the way we're running now. Reason being, it brings a lot of flexibility into the way that we work. I daresay that 80-90% of the calls we have are BLS calls, calls that the regular fundamental basic EMT can cover and can run to the hospital. However, that 10-15% of the calls that are ALS call, it is vital that we have ALS on-scene to work it. The way that we've been operating with the paid and volunteer working together, it is our core goal when we're running a call, that any chance we see to try to leave our paid ALS member in the County we do so. If it is a BLS call, we get them to run that in. If additional paid members are hired, the paid BLS member and volunteer BLS member can possibly run the call to the hospital and leave the ALS member here. This is a great system that has worked fantastically and we really don't want to change it. It had been made mention of possibly getting an additional set of tones and toning out the paid staff separate from the paid staff. I have spoke to the Squad and line officers and we do not want to see that happen. Reason being is the way the volunteers work, the big benefit it brings to us, say I'm at home at 2:00 a.m. and the tones go off for a neighbor across the road having chest pains, difficulty breathing, needs immediate response, I want to be able to go on that call. If the tones are separated where I don't hear that set of tones, I wouldn't even know my neighbor was in need of help until the truck came in from town. We don't want to see that happen. We want to operate under the same set of tones and give Floyd County the best care we can, collectively.

Vice Chairman Allen – is patient refusal a big pain?

Mr. King – to be honest, I'd rather get a patient refusal than anything. That means the patient is doing ok, what we want to see. We try to encourage transport if it is needed.

Supervisor Yoder commented that he had asked Mr. King here today to give his perspective on the operation and greatly appreciates what he and the other volunteers provide.

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

- Energy Assistance Program – 582 cases this year, paying out over \$182,000 with an average of \$312.80/each;
- 132 crises cases with a \$281 average benefit;
- SNAP cases – 2100 individuals served with \$243,536 paid out last month, with \$118 average benefit;
- Medicaid – 3100-3200 individuals served;

- Sequestration – will have an 8.8% reduction in funds which will affect Adult Services Protection, Adult Services, Independent Living, Promoting Safe, Stable Families Grant which are our fastest growing programs in Floyd County as far as population, with less funds to serve.
- CSA – the County chose years ago to not serve the non-mandated population which we have used the Safe Stable Families grant to provide some services, so we won't have as many services available there;
- DSS Board appointment for Indian Valley District. The incumbent, Mr. Stauffer, did not see the advertisement in the paper but he is interested and willing to serve again if the Board so desires. He is eligible for a second term.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and 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.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION  
 CLOSED SESSION**

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 Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Clinger – absent

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Kevin W. Sowers as Floyd County's Emergency Services Coordinator.

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Clinger – absent

Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. In work completed during the past month, he reported pothole repair on Sandy Flats Road, patching on Indian Valley Road, clean-up from storms. Pipe replacement is planned for Route 659 Boothe Creek Road (2 pipes) and one placement on Stonewall Road. The public hearing for primary roads will be held on June 4 at Northside High School in Roanoke for the draft transportation plan. This hearing will cover four of the nine districts in the State including the Salem district. Route 221 bridge is back on schedule. Bridge replacement for Route 221 South is planned for 2017.

Supervisor Gerald – commend VDoT for patching on Indian Valley Road, appreciate that work. Also, on Indian Creek Road, the banks are washing out and the culvert is washed out.

Mr. Clarke – we are awaiting the environmental permit for the washout repairs.

Supervisor Yoder – ditch work on Conner Road near the 649/792 intersection is needed desperately, especially after all the rains lately. Appreciate patching/grading on various roads.

Supervisor Turman – gravel is needed on a lot of roads in my district.

Supervisor Allen – Wilson Cemetery Road has lots of potholes. Will Route 615 towards Christiansburg be paved this year?

Mr. Clarke – no, there is no surface treatment scheduled this year. Will send paving schedule as soon as I get it.

Dr. Kevin Harris, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported through presentation of the School Board meeting highlights from May 13, 2013:

- Lisa Bolt, Teacher at Willis Elementary, was chosen as the Bank of Floyd/Floyd County Teacher of the Year;
- Reviewed appointment of Barbara Dalton as School Board Deputy Clerk along with other staff changes in central office;
- School Board approved an amendment to the Resolution to File a Petition for Writ of Election – the resolution should have noted that it was a “Special” election, which was not included so the resolution had to be amended;
- Provided a letter request for a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 school budget in the amount of \$210,000 for additional Federal revenue received.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$251,000 to the FY13 school budget as presented, for additional revenue received, \$229,000 in Federal revenue and \$22,000 from Medicaid revenue. Also approval for a transfer of \$210,000 from Instruction category to Operation and Maintenance category \$40,000; School Food category \$60,000; Technology category \$110,000.

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

In continuing with the School Board meeting highlights, Dr. Harris noted:

- April membership of 2026, with attendance averaging about 95%;
- School safety zone concerns – one of the State Troopers gave a speeding ticket to someone in the Willis area. They got out of the ticket because the sign was faded and they said they couldn’t see it. We would like to change the type of signs and are researching options. We may do new signs and flashing lights during school sessions.
- FCHS Personal Technology Trial period – there is a movement going on for students to use cell phones for instructional work. We are testing our network to verify strength and storage, etc. and testing the students to see if they can follow use guidelines. We will be providing a digital device to all 9<sup>th</sup> graders next year since textbooks are now on-line.
- Renewed Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff’s Office for the School Resource Officer;
- School farm lease agreement is almost ready for execution. Some repair work was required by the insurance company for the barn on the property to clear their requirements;
- James Board Estate endowed the school system with \$60,000 for a scholarship for Check Elementary students attending college. The will also included a \$300,000 endowment for Mr. Board’s son with a \$2000/month stipend for life. If there are funds left after that time, they will also come to the school system;
- New Superintendent evaluation forms were reviewed;
- Proposed FY14 budget was approved by the School Board in the amount of \$20,193,463.24 with \$250,000 carry-over from the FY13 budget. Items put back in the

budget included the Reading Recovery Program, second elementary art teacher, psychology intern, three instructional positions, some salary positions were changed, materials/supplies costs decreased and fuel costs decreased.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors was for School Board to proceed with their work with contracts for the upcoming school year. Local funds allocated to the schools for FY14 would not be decreased.

Dr. Harris also noted that 29 children had moved into the system this school year due to being in foster care. 19 of the 29 children had IEP's that had to be followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Clinger – absent

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Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

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Virgel H. Allen, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors