

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 5, 2011**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; 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; Kayla W. Cox, Administrative Clerk.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Vice Chairman Gerald led in the Opening Prayer, noting that May 5 is National Day of Prayer.

Chairman Ingram called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Jesse Lawrence, Locust Grove District – Just a couple of quick things. I'd like to commend you all for your actions last week in moving to manage the School Board budget by the eight categories, or whatever it is. As a result of what came out in the paper in Roanoke this past weekend, on Sunday, if you haven't read it, I'll let you have this copy. I went to the School Board meeting today, my first one, I'm amazed at what this points out. The young lady did an excellent job in summarizing a lot of things that people have been talking about, it is all in one place. As a result of this, I think this backs up what you all decided last week and again I'd like to commend you. The other comment is that today in the Floyd Press, Norma Conner had a letter to the editor which I thought was excellent. It pretty much outlines what a lot of folks are thinking in terms of the people here in the County, particularly the older people, that can't afford these tax increases that you were talking about earlier. She really did a nice job, I thought, you might want to take a look at it if you haven't read it. It really gets right to the point. That's all I have, I just wanted to speak to those two things.

Mr. Al Pierce, Indian Valley District – on the editorial page in the Roanoke Times today, they make mention that it looks like there was never a public vote, in violation of Virginia's Open Meeting Laws, which expressly forbids conducting business in the way the School Board did. It said that the Board of Supervisors should look into the \$2650 per month annuity to see if it goes to him, if it does, it is salary, and should be included in the salary line. If you don't have a copy of this, I'll be glad to give you mine. Thank you.

Ms. Becky Howell, Burks Fork District – unfortunately, Sunday morning I read the Roanoke Times before I went to church and who should appear at our church but Fred Gerald,

and he got an earful. I would also like to say, what is going on at the School Board that they are doing all of this behind doors and not letting people know? Do they care about the students or do they care about the Superintendent? The raises that they are giving him, the travel allowance which is totally out of line with other localities which have larger student populations than we do, so again, I'm glad that you all did the categories. Someone mentioned last week that you didn't want to micro-manage, but I agree with Mr. Allen that it seems like someone needs to do some managing. I also want to say something about the salaries of the teachers because I know that they frequently talk about how low we rank. I think if you look at the salaries which I went to the Virginia Department of Education website; I printed them out, and many of the ones that show in the shaded areas, these are less than 1% difference. So when you're talking about different levels, there is not that much difference. Also, if you consider the \$750 bonus that the teachers got, that moves them up ten slots and true, that's not County money but it is taxpayer money. I would also like to say that the average salary really doesn't mean a lot because it is an average. So that a locality that has a lot of inexperienced teachers is going to have a lot lower average than one with a lot of experienced teachers. So, these rankings don't mean as much as it sounds like they do. The last thing that I would like to say is I understand that everything is going up, it is going up for us and going up for the whole County. But it is time, I think, that you all think about doing a local income tax. That way the burden would be shared not just by the landowners but by everyone who earns an income. That would relieve part of the burden on the elderly with fixed incomes as well as people with lower incomes. Thank you.

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

A work session was held next on the proposed FY12 budget. Extensive discussion followed on various options to cut expenses to meet expected revenue of tax rates approved last week by the Board.

Some cuts/changes made were: cut Budget Stabilization Fund by half; add funding for shift of Line of Duty charges from State to County; cut Regional Jail payment to \$341,114 based on their projected budget; Solid Waste – cut tipping floor repair, gravel, lawnmower purchase, tipping costs; Fire/Rescue – cut operation/maintenance back to current year level; Health Department – cut to current year level; PPTRA – cut payment back to \$115,500; Schools – shift \$109,715 from Debt Service (School Board responsibility) to Facilities; local funding back to current year level.

Consensus of the Board was to request that the School Board develop a new budget for the Board's review indicating the debt service change and level County funding and return to the Board of Supervisors for their May 10, 2011 meeting if possible.

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

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