

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, October 14, 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.

Supervisor Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 9, 2014 and September 23, 2014 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of September 23, 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 consideration and approval.

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Ms. Stephanie Short, Commonwealth's Attorney, next appeared before the Board. She reported:

Had some positive news that I wanted to share with you all. The Compensation Board allocated a full-time position for the office. It is an entry level position. The bar results come out at the end of October so hopefully we can hire someone that just passed the bar. What is even better is that the vacancy savings that have occurred during this time period, they have allowed me to use those funds to pay Mr. Hapgood. So there is no cost to the County. We had carried over \$4400 last year so that looks like we will have plenty to pay him. We are very excited. It is personally rewarding because it validates all the work that we've been doing. The July, August and September reimbursements for the full-time position approved will come back to the County. Our case loads are remaining about the same and the majority of the cases are still drug related. We have requested the funds every year and they finally approved them.

Mr. Campbell noted that the position approval was mainly from Ms. Shortt's efforts preparing the workload analysis and submitting it to the Compensation Board.

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for September 2014. Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, appeared before the Board. She noted that September had been busy with 13 plats, which is a little ahead of last year at this time.

Innovation Center/EDA will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce's After Hours Social on Monday, October 20 from 5:30 – 7 pm.

EDA is discussing rental of the conference room at the Innovation Center for affiliate members at a rate of \$50/month for up to five hours of use. Also considering placement of mailboxes for \$25/month.

EDA received a printing grant in the amount of \$66,500 which will help three companies. It will be similar to a lease/purchase arrangement with the replenished funds used to help other start-up businesses.

Agenda Item 7b – Discussion of Board of Equalization membership recommendations. Mr. Campbell noted that the last Board included five members. Four of the five previous members have agreed to serve again if the Board so desires. After the Board of Supervisors makes appointments, the list goes to the Circuit Court Judge for his approval. Training is required from the State Department of Taxation, which can hopefully be done in December. The Equalization Board serves a one year term beginning January 1, 2015. The members were paid \$150/day plus mileage the last time they served. The State Code outlines the types of appointees, especially that at least 30% of the member makeup is real estate related.

The Board deferred the matter for the next meeting to consider the appointee recommendations and to seek one more member to serve.

Agenda Item 7c – E911 Road Name Request. Mr. Campbell requested that this matter be deferred for a later meeting – more information needed.

Agenda Item 7d – Consideration of meeting date change for November 2014. Mr. Campbell noted that the regular meeting date of November 11 is Veterans Day and also two members will be attending the VACo Conference on the same day.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for the first regular November Board meeting to be changed from November 11 to November 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

There were no Public Comments so the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Agenda Item 7e – Discussion of format of October 28 meeting. Mr. Campbell noted that since the proposed pipeline route had been moved out of Floyd County, there would be no need for those officials to attend the Board meeting. Consensus of the Board was to move the meeting back to the Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 7f – Septage Treatment Permit. Mr. Campbell presented the Agreement for Septage Treatment between the County and Peppers Ferry Wastewater Treatment Authority for leachate disposal. He noted that leachate from the transfer station is hauled by a private hauler to their facility, which is the closest certified facility. He commented that the Agreement is similar to ones from past years.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Agreement between Floyd County and Peppers Ferry Wastewater Treatment Authority as presented (Document File Number _____).

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

Agenda Item 7g – Discussion of Propane Bids. Mr. Campbell noted that three proposals were received in response to the advertisement. He presented copies of the proposals and indicated that Clark Gas & Oil was the apparent low bidder.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the bid from Clark Gas & Oil for propane service, specifically Proposal #1 for a one year term, with renewal options.

Supervisor Yoder – aye

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

Agenda Item 7h – Damage to Wills Ridge Communications Equipment. Mr. Campbell reported considerable damage to equipment on Wills Ridge from vultures. ProComm has visited the site several times and reported that vultures have chewed cabling on four of the antennas allowing water to enter. The quality of transmissions is suffering, especially the Fire/Rescue channel. The County is allowed two tower climbs per year within the maintenance agreement. A tower climb is \$650 plus maintenance time and materials. Their recommendation is for installation of PVC conduit to enclose the cabling. Costs are provided in the report package, which are not budgeted.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the proposal as presented from ProComm for repairs at the Wills Ridge communication tower site (Document File Number _____).

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

Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board and reported:

- Fuel program begins today for walk-ins, last day for applications is November 14;
- Crises fuel program begins November 1 with a January 2 cut-off date;
- Medicaid program is serving 2140 recipients;
- 49 new SNAP applications in September, serving 847 cases currently;
- 13 foster care cases;
- 12 on-going CPS cases with 8 investigations in September and 1 family investigation;
- 22 APS investigation cases in September;
- 39 adult service cases in September;
- Newly hired foster care worker lasted one week and resigned – said he didn't know the job would entail so much work – emergency care worker has filled the gap;
- CPS case worker will be on maternity leave after this week.

Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Planning for staffing tonight because of impending weather;
- Completing dry-run preparation this week for snow removal – Giles and Pulaski Counties today, Montgomery County tomorrow, Floyd County Thursday and Friday. The mechanic from the district visits each site to inspect each piece of equipment with staff there.
- Request has been entered for guard rail on Route 221 near Franklin Pike.

- Check crew is handling the Haycock Road work. Hoping to get the hard surface down this Fall but that may not happen because of having to replace pipes and work on drainage more extensively than originally planned.
- Great deal of patching has been completed in the Willis area;
- Pipe replacement has been completed on Macks Mountain Road, Beaver Creek Road and Boone Road.
- Clean-up mowing is being performed on secondary roads as possible.

Supervisor Gerald – nothing to report this month.

Supervisor Allen – presented phone note request from a resident across from Chantilly Farms entrance on Franklin Pike who is having damage to property from that entrance.

Mr. Clarke – will check on it. I also received a complaint by e-mail from Leann Carico concerning VDoT truck use of a private road as a bypass where Route 642 is closed for repairs. Will check on this after meeting also.

Supervisor Turman – do you know when the culvert on Turnip Patch Road will be fixed?

Mr. Clarke – I will check on it.

Supervisor Turman – Buffalo Mountain Road bridge – when will this be done?

Mr. Clarke – I will check the contract.

Supervisor Allen – introduced Mr. Eddie Worth from the audience who reported on the bridge on Route 615, Little River bridge, abutments are cracked and falling down.

Mr. Clarke – They are inspected at least once per year so I will pull the report and see what they said.

Mr. Worth also commented that Route 615 was scheduled for repaving from Moore Road for two miles toward Christiansburg. When will this be done?

Mr. Clarke – they keep extending the contract. The end date is December 1 now. If it is extended until the spring, the contractors try to pick up where they left off.

Supervisor Yoder – Route 678, Kelley School Road, there was a lot of traffic on that road when River Ridge Road was closed for repairs so now there are several sinkholes that need attention. Also, will the paving on Stonewall Road be coming up soon? There have been several more accidents since last month when we mentioned it.

Mr. Clarke – it should have already been done, I will check on it.

Supervisor Clinger – Route 615, Christiansburg Pike at Route 221 intersection. It is a perpendicular turn into Route 615 coming from Roanoke. Trucks are getting stuck in the ditch. Could the area be widened?

Mr. Clarke – We have a new prioritization schedule and congested areas are usually fixed first so we should be able to do something there.

Mr. Campbell – Do you know when the guard rail will be installed on Route 8 South?

Mr. Clarke – it is in the system to be done but I don't know when.

Ms. Tina King, New River Valley Agency on Aging and Ms. Elizabeth Willis, NRV Homes Consortium, next appeared before the Board. They provided a power point presentation on the Home Matters Workshop recently held. They reported:

- There were over 80 participants with 12 sponsors.
- The 65+ population in the New River Valley is expected to double by 2030, we are an aging society;
- Prediction of 25-33% of population to be over 65 years old in rural areas, currently 26% in Floyd County already;
- Housing stock in NRV is very old - 50% of homes are over 40 years old which will require modification, repairs and energy efficiency updates;
- 90% of older citizens desire to stay in their homes but at least 70% will require some type of assistance or care to be able to stay in their homes;
- Groups were divided into Rural/Suburban/Towns to discuss options and concerns;
- Some of the concerns were single story homes, steps, isolation (both physical and social), maintenance of homes and land, alternatives to institutional-type homes, accessibility, balance between privacy and neighbors, open spaces for gardens or parks, infrastructure costs for localities, affordability to purchase and maintain, flexibility of home design over time to enable planning for future needs, renovation of existing buildings;
- We are encouraging localities to do Universal Designs or Lifespan Friendly Designs to allow for flexibility and accessibility;
- People want to continue to do meaningful activities whether it be gardening, farming, a barn, chickens or other animals/livestock, etc.;
- Recommendations – collaboration across private/public sectors, lifespan friendly designs/features, expedition of permitting process, programs for home repair/modification, livable communities/planning, support services to stay in place, possible time banking to trades skills/services with others and most importantly to develop an aging in place action plan across the New River Valley.
- Next Workshop to further discuss ideas and options is October 22 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Event Centre in Christiansburg with 125 already enrolled.

Ms. Mara Robbins, representing Citizens for the Preservation of Floyd County, next appeared before the Board. She read the following prepared text:
To Board Members:

When my family moved to the Floyd/Carroll County line in 1979, it was in part because my parents chose to abandon a middle-class lifestyle in North Carolina that they could have pursued in a way that achieved some people's perceptions of "The American Dream". My father had a good job at the Research Triangle Institute in Raleigh, NC. He left that position and everything it gave us in terms of financial and social stability and took his family to a small farmhouse with no electricity or running water – until we installed a hand pump – on the banks of Deepwater Creek out in Indian Valley. At nine years old, I learned how to operate a wood cook stove, how to wash clothes in a wringer-washer, how to carry water for a family of five (and how to conserve water for the rest of my life as a result) and how to live with the confusion and judgment of our extended family because many of them could not understand the circumstances that led my parents to make such a seemingly extreme – some would even say irresponsible – decision.

After working in the sawmills and hayfields and a few other jobs that required hard labor and honest effort, my father was hired as the Coordinator for Citizens for the Preservation of Floyd County. The struggle to keep the 765 KV power lines out of Floyd had been ongoing for a few years already and when Dad got involved, most of the community was already aware that APCO planned to build these giant lines that would carry coal-powered electricity from WV to NOVA. What my father did, so far as I can recall, was to bring the community together and help to organize the resistance that was ultimately unsuccessful in keeping the lines out but remarkably successful in bringing the community together. To this day those giant power lines are, to my knowledge, the only existing energy infrastructure in Floyd County that are not related directly to Floyd County's energy needs.

Most of you probably knew my father, Wayne Bradburn, or you may know of him. Over the years he participated in the community in various ways, including a job as the small business incubator manager at the Jacksonville Center, working for the 2000 Census and a brief stint with the Ruritan Club.

When I began to lead the effort to keep the Mountain Valley Pipeline out of Floyd, my father was a huge inspiration to me. Though he did what he had to do over the years to keep his family afloat, his professional decisions were never based on profit. He did not ever choose to own land, claiming that his moral and ethical position was that land is not something that can be owned by anyone, that we all have a responsibility to be stewards for the earth upon which we reside. Wayne died five years ago. It is, perhaps, unreasonable to claim that your father was also your best friend, but I truly felt that way about my dad. As a widow and single parent, he was not only a friend and father to me, he also played a very large role in the upbringing of my daughter. It took me a very long time – and a great deal of community support – to "recover" from that loss.

I'm giving you this background so that you can, perhaps, understand a little bit about why the work I have done over the last few months has been motivated by a true love for community and for the remaining authenticity of the people and the work of Floyd, in the sense that we still carry on some of that heritage. There are those who are still working horses, cooking with wood or choosing to build homes that do not conform to the "standards" that most Americans choose to live by. Most people in Floyd have a deep respect for the earth, whether they consider themselves environmentalists (a word that has some unfortunate associations) or simply people who value and intend to protect the land that they live on.

Floyd also has some unusual alliances and relationships and though there are certainly different "segments" of the community, I believe that when push comes to shove, there's a valuable and

unusual willingness to come together in support of a common goal in a way that transcends personal ideologies, lifestyles or choices.

This is what I have witnessed over the last few months as the Director of Citizens Preserving Floyd County. Everyone has been willing to pitch in. We've worked together in a manner that does not always seem possible in other communities; though I hope that perhaps it is something we are learning, as a society, to pursue. Though this country was founded on independence, our system of government, at its best, encourages inter-dependence.

Though I have voted in every election possible since I was eighteen and participated in social movements of various sorts from the time I was twelve, I have never felt so much like I was truly interacting and participating in local government until now. You have all been incredible. I have felt from the beginning like everyone here was really listening, genuinely concerned and actually committed to representing and supporting the interests of Floyd. There has been an open line of communication, a legitimate sharing of resources and you have all challenged any cynicism I held about special interests, greed, deception or corruption. I am an admitted idealist – and though I think of myself as a practical idealist – I still recognize that my idealism has contributed to my perception of the entire situation in an as-yet-undetermined manner. For example, when I go to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors meeting this afternoon, I will approach them as allies, not as enemies. Until I know differently, I will assume that the information and perspective I have to share will be one that is valued, heard and potentially acted upon. This may or may not be true, but it is you who have given me the foundation to stand on that allows me to believe that it is possible, and for that, I offer you the deepest of appreciation. You've gone above and beyond. Thank you.

As we move beyond the initial threat of the Mountain Valley Pipeline ripping through Floyd County, many of us involved in the resistance are committed to being emissaries for the surrounding region. We have so much to share that we've gathered over the last few months and we're willing to assist them in their own struggle. Preserve Floyd: Citizens Preserving Floyd County (PF:CPFC) has become a chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL) and we are working with this organization to learn how to effectively identify and address threats to our environment. What is perhaps unique about PF:CPFC is that we do not limit our definition of the environment to the ecosystem or the natural resources we have in abundance here in Floyd. We're also considering our cultural heritage and our way of life and looking at ways we can support and encourage that growth and preservation as environmental advocates.

At this point, we have a lot of refiguring and reframing to do and we welcome your participation in the dialogue so that we can continue to serve the community to the best of our ability.

When it was announced that the pipeline would no longer be routed through Floyd, it was a bittersweet victory for me. What I know now about the fracking industry, the sustainability of these proposed high-pressure transport lines and the issues of injustice that surround these sorts of projects are things I cannot ever not know again. Though the proposed route does not pass over our county line, it now could potentially affect our neighbors in Bent Mountain and Montgomery County. My personal decision is to continue my efforts to ensure that EQT, an irresponsible, disrespectful and incredibly corrupt corporation, does not build this pipeline at all. But I did have a moment when I realized that we did, indeed, win. The power lines made it through despite my father's best efforts but the pipeline did not. And I know that he is smiling about that and patting me – and Floyd County – on the back.

Because I have been the public face and the voice for this movement, I am getting a lot of credit for what's happened. It was not me, though. It was Floyd. Hundreds of citizens who have contributed in whatever ways they could – yourselves included – and honestly, one of my biggest challenges over the past few months was to find something for everyone to do. So many, many people have offered their minds, hearts and shoulders. So many voices have been included in my public statements. It has been – and will continue to be – an honor to serve my community in this way. I hope that you will help us to determine the best manner in which Preserve Floyd: Citizens Preserving Floyd County can continue to benefit the community as we move forward.

Mr. Campbell noted that EQT had called him the next day after the announcement that the line was to be moved that they would no longer be attending the October 28 meeting with the Board.

Supervisor Yoder commented that he was still concerned, that even though it was not coming through Floyd County now, it is still very close. Would like to send a letter to Roanoke County offering any information that we have and also that they keep us in their information loop.

Consensus of the Board was for the County Administrator to send a letter to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors offering list of concerns, resources, information sharing, etc.

Dr. Lisa Pluska, Assistant School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. She presented a request from Dr. Kevin Harris, School Superintendent, for additional funding for a driver education vehicle purchase. The letter request from Dr. Harris stated:
Dear Members of the Floyd County Board of Supervisors:
Our Behind the Wheel Driver Education Program has been suspended due to the condition of our vehicles that we have been using for the program. Up until two weeks ago we were using two, 1998 Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers with over 200,000 miles. During a driver education lesson that was headed to Interstate 81, the driveshaft came loose from the rear end of one of the vehicles. The vehicle was disabled on the road but there was no accident. I have made the decision that these cars are not safe or appropriate for driver education instruction. Our budget did not include funding for any additional vehicles. Many of our students depend on school based driver education so they can get their license. Our program costs \$175, making it about \$100 less expensive than commercial programs and a real value for our students as well as a convenience for our parents since it originates from the school. I am asking for your consideration in providing funding so we may purchase a good quality, used vehicle for this purpose. I have enclosed a fact sheet about a car that I would consider a good value and one that would serve as a driver education car for the students of Floyd County High School for years to come.
Thank you.
Signed by Dr. Kevin Harris

Dr. Pluska noted that a conversation had ensued with the Sheriff to see if there were any vehicles available from his department. He stated that he did not have any extra vehicles. Also in the attachments, there was a quote from a local dealer on a vehicle test driven by Dr. Harris.

Request is for assistance from the County to purchase this vehicle. Staff has reviewed the School Board budget and there are no funds available for this purchase. The \$175 charge to the students is used for the instructor salary and gasoline. Each student is required to drive seven hours and there are usually 60 students in the program each year.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to discuss the request again at the next meeting after the School Board has considered the matter. The School Board had not discussed the matter so the Board of Supervisors did not want to overstep their boundary by voting on something first.

Supervisor Gerald questioned if the School Board would be addressing the Bible issue at their meeting later in the day?

Dr. Pluska stated she did not know.

Mr. Gene Bishop, School Board Member (from the audience) – stated that the matter is not on the agenda but he planned to bring it up.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$12,990 from Contingency to the FY15 School Board budget in the Transportation Category for purchase of a driver education vehicle.

Motion died due to lack of second.

Agenda Item 8 – Old/New Business.

There were no items to discuss.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

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

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

