

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Lauren D. Yoder, Vice Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, J. Fred Gerald, Joe D. Turman, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, 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 Turman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 14 and July 28, 2015 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2015 and July 28, 2015 as presented.

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

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

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

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

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for July 2015 – Mrs. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She presented the Subdivision plat report for the month of July 2015 and noted that it was another short month. Hollingsworth & Vose closed out their Research & Development grant from the Tobacco Commission. It was for

\$750,000.00 and they finished \$100,000.00 under the budget. They are working on their next generation projects and have recently started hiring again. As of three weeks ago they were moving employees from Plant 1 to Plant 2 and plan on backfilling the positions at Plant 1.

The EDA had a request from Buffalo Mountain Brewery that had acquired Lot 5 in the Commerce Center to get dirt from Lot 1. Lot 1 is the big, undeveloped parcel. The EDA asked that Buffalo Mountain Brewery to fund an assessment by Anderson and Associates to determine if the dirt could be removed in such a way that would help the future development of that lot. The assessment was completed and they found that there would be a way to allow a certain amount to be removed. It will keep it under the one acre disturbance, help to begin a future entrance into Lot 1, and give Mr. Bryant the dirt that he would need to create his site. The big pile in the back is more topsoil and he is looking for fill dirt. Almost directly across from Pioneer Way where the steep bank is, he will be able to take dirt from there. My understanding from Gary Crouch was that he envisioned that would be an intersection one day so the access to Lot 1 would be directly in front of the other one. It seems like it could be a win-win for everyone.

Thank you for approving the access study to look at ways to improve access to the Floyd Regional Commerce Center. The working group will begin on August 24th. The study will last about a year. We need good ideas and evidence to build a case to get funding. This will give us the first step towards that.

All of the small spaces at the Innovation Center are now occupied. Someone is taking half of Suite 5, which is the interior one, around mid-month so that will leave the other half of it vacant still. Other than that we only have the large spaces left. At some point, we may need to look at if someone is interested in only half of one of those, installing a dividing wall and increasing the lease to compensate for it. It is encouraging that all of the small spaces have been leased. The EDA is looking forward to joining with you all on August 25th to give you a detailed update.

Agenda Item 7b – Building permits report – Mrs. Terri Morris reported that we have had several more alterations and additions this year than last with much higher values. There are fewer permits with new construction but the values are higher so people are building bigger houses.

Agenda Item 7c – E911 Road Name request – There was a road name request from Mr. Belcher. The small road serves only a few mobile homes. The adjacent property owners do not use the driveway. There have to be three properties on the road for the County to pay for the sign but Mr. Belcher is willing to pay for it. It is not a right of way to any other property besides what Mr. Belcher owns.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Belcher Lane, with the condition that Mr. Belcher pay for the road name sign himself.

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

Agenda Item 7d – Resolution Establishing the Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, Resolution Establishing the Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief (Document File Number 838).

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

Agenda Item 7e – Summary of Tax Collections – information – Mrs. Missy Keith, Treasurer, has provided a summary of the tax collections for 2014. Our percentages of collections are very good again. Personal Property was at 96.9% and Real Estate was at 97.9%.

Agenda Item 7f – Presentation of delinquent real estate and personal property tax lists – Board decision on advertisement or public review in Treasurer’s Office

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise the availability of public review of the delinquent real estate and personal property tax lists.

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

Mrs. Morris advised the Board that they had been provided with the monthly reports for the Sheriff’s Department and Animal Control. Mr. Sowers, Fire Department Treasurer, also

included an update on the repairs needed on Tanker 22. Mr. Steely, EMS Supervisor, had provided a report on the first month of dividing the expenses out between Rescue/paid EMS.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to add Mr. Kevin Sowers to the agenda to discuss the purchase of an ambulance.

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

Mr. Kevin Sowers reported that the Board appointed equipment committee proposes that they go with a four year plan. The first rescue unit that they replace would go to the paid staff. The bid came in at \$139,436.00. He requested that a purchase order be issued. There would be a 45 day delivery date through Vest Sales & Service. Maintenance and service on the ambulance should be more efficient due to it being a local company.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to purchase the ambulance through Vest Sales & Service for \$139,436.00 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

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

Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. She presented the July 2015 statistics for the Board's information:

- Adult Protective Services (new) – 6;
- Adult Services Screenings – 4 (combination of nursing home & personal care);
- Companion Cases – 4;
- Guardianship Reporting Cases – 32. This number is up due to an audit after a staffing shift. Some of the cases were being reported as Adult Services when they should have been listed as Guardianship;
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations (new) – 3
 - Family Assessments (new) – 8

- Family Assessments (ongoing from previous months) – 1;
- Ongoing Child Protective Services – 9;
- Foster Care – 10;
- VIEW – 9;
- Child Care – 7;
- SNAP cases – 825 ongoing cases and 34 new cases;
- TANF – 47 cases;
- Medicaid – 1466 cases.

She also reported that in combination with the Partnership of Self-Sufficiency team at Virginia Tech, they are holding their first job fair this month. It will be hosted at the New River Community Action site. They are partnering with them as well. The Virginia Tech folks have been handling setting up the businesses that are to come to the job fair. Invitations were sent to all of Social Service’s VIEW recipients. The numbers for helping to get residents of Floyd employed have been low for years. They are hoping that this will help to get people connected to employment and will increase that number. She extended the invitation to the Board to attend.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to discuss closing on the property at the Industrial Park.

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

Mrs. Morris reported that she received noticed yesterday that T & E had received financing to put up their building in the Industrial Park. They are going to try to close next week. She has not seen any of the documents but she was informed she will need to be there at closing and execute those documents. She needs the Board’s approval to execute the closing documents on the Board’s behalf. She is hoping that they will close before the next board meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to act on the closing documents for the property in the Floyd County Industrial Park on the Board’s behalf.

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

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

Linda Wagner, Courthouse District – I would like to put in a request that we have some sort of speaker system here. We absolutely can't hear you in the audience. The only one we can hear is Mr. Allen. I'd like consideration for that please. Thank you.

Becky Howell, Burks Fork District – I wasn't going to say anything but I will second what Linda said. We absolutely cannot hear and it just goes against public input and participation when we can't hear what you are saying. Thank you.

Macle Conner, Locust Grove District – I've got a private road going through my property that Richard Lewis has put a name on. It's my understanding that they haven't found the records up here yet but I was never notified anything about it. The name of the road has always been Plantation Road in all the deeds and everything. It has been changed to Merlin's Way. The way that I found this was that I was checking on all my property cards and stuff and was getting ready to do some stuff on some of the surveys and trying to see if all of the deeds matched up. He didn't have a survey but his deed and it calls for his address being 315 Merlin's Way. On the property that the names went through, there aren't any houses on it. There's been a sign put up and I want to know if I can't get this Merlin's Way took off and put back to where it should be on my deed. On his deed it calls for Merlin's Way now. I shouldn't have to change my deed. Just take it under consideration and see what you think about it. Maybe they will find the stuff where it's been done up here. They claim they can't find nothing on it. Am I correct?

Mrs. Morris – We haven't found it yet.

Mr. Conner - That's right. That's what I said. That's all I have to say right now. I appreciate it. I think this ought to be changed back to Plantation Road.

Supervisor Allen – I didn't hear what you said Terri.

Mrs. Morris – We haven't found it yet. We found some information from 1995 where it was named that but I haven't found anything back past that yet.

Mr. Conner – Shouldn't I have been notified something about that the name of the road was changed or something?

Supervisor Gerald – Shouldn't we refer this to the County attorney?

Supervisor Yoder – We probably need to find the paperwork first.

Mr. Conner – Yeah, I believe I'm in Mr. Yoder's area over there.

Supervisor Allen – Yeah, and I talked to you about it on the phone.

Mr. Conner – You did.

Chairman Clinger – We’ll look into it some more.

Mr. Conner – Thank you.

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

Supervisor Turman had questions from someone in his district regarding the removal of greenboxes that had been at Rock Church Road and Shelor Road. He asked Mrs. Morris to look into it. He thought he remembered that they moved some of the greenboxes because the bridge couldn’t take the weight of the trucks and it was costing too much for the trucks to back track. There is no weight limit listed on the new bridge.

Agenda Item 6d – Floyd County Electoral Board – voting machines update.

Ms. Tammy Belinsky next appeared before the Board. She spoke with Dan Campbell before he left. When they gave a figure in January, they were estimating what the amount they needed might be. They were unsure of what type of voting equipment they were going to get and what the options were. When they attended the annual meeting at Homestead in March, they were introduced to the company that is on the cutting edge of voting equipment. The Electoral Board really did not like the proprietary equipment that is available now. They build the components themselves and then put the machines together so they are entirely proprietary machines.

What is on the horizon right now, are off the shelf voting equipment where it is electronic and the software is what is proprietary. All of that is in development. What the Electoral Board did was to purchase used voting equipment that is certified. The WinVote machines were decertified in April. Stafford County had some “retro voting equipment.” It is very solid, sturdy, well maintained equipment. ES&S made the equipment and PrintElect maintained the equipment. They also had factory maintenance on the equipment the entire time they owned it. It is optical scan voting equipment. We will purchase pre-printed ballots that currently everyone in the state fill in the bubbles by hand. We are not very happy with this because we think voters make mistakes that way which is why we are looking forward to the future of voting equipment technology.

One of the things you may see this fall, is ballot marking technology that has to be approved by the state. There is a company working with Microsoft to use a tablet device that is touch screen just like we have been using. You would touch the screen, run the ballot through a printer, and a computer will print the ballot after you have marked on the screen. This technology is being developed for persons with disabilities, primarily vision impaired people. The WinVote had the capacity to allow a visually impaired person to wear a pair of headphones and be instructed on how vote on the WinVote machine. We had a couple of voters in the county that had to use that. We had to buy ADA accessible equipment. Again, it is used equipment but it

actually not as old as the regular machines. The optical scan tabulators are big and clunky. The new marking device would replace those but would also allow people to vote that like to use the touch screen or who may have problems with shaky hands trying to fill in the bubbles. It would give others with disabilities or anyone that wanted to vote using the marking device instead of filling in the bubbles by hand that option. We would like to use it this fall as an option or in certain precincts but the device is still running through the laboratory processes at the national level and the state is starting to conduct its review. This is just the marking device and not the tabulator so it doesn't have the big certification hoops to jump through that a tabulator has. Microsoft and DemocracyLive are also working on a tabulator that is compatible with their marking device but it isn't ready mostly because the national level certification is geared towards proprietary components and they do not have a check list for off the shelf components. I went to the state annual training a few weeks ago and they had a commissioner there from the federal elections commission. They are having a meeting in December with their regulatory review panel to start to look at changing their certification procedures to accommodate off the shelf technology.

We have some stop gap equipment and it cost \$2200.00 to replace our voting equipment until we can get to the next level of voting equipment. It was explained that we need to use the loans as soon as we can. The maintenance is going to cost more a year than the equipment did. We don't want to take any chances and we want to make sure that the equipment is maintained and all the parts stay in working order. We bought ten scanners for \$100 each and the six ADA accessible machines were \$200 each.

Supervisor Yoder – So you think the time line is the next couple of years we'd be looking at new equipment?

Ms. Belinsky – Yes. I think so.

Supervisor Yoder - I'm glad you all are being cautious about it and trying to get a good product in the end result. I'd hate to buy something now that three years from now is obsolete.

Ms. Belinsky – I don't know the future of the optical scan units but the horizon is something different. The optical scan machines are huge and heavy. They create other problems. Larger localities hire moving companies to move them on election day. That's how burdensome they are. We actually have the ballot boxes stored in the garage back here because they are large.

Chairman Clinger – The loan, if they are looking three years out, would we have to approve a separate loan at that time?

Mrs. Morris – We may have to because we need to use those funds within three years.

Supervisor Yoder – We don't even know what the cost is yet.

Ms. Belinsky – The cost of the new equipment will be much less than what is out there today. It is going to be a cost savings in the long run. The cost of the new equipment will be a savings. I think I can say right now that we wouldn't even need all of that money because it is off the shelf. You aren't paying a company to develop their company which is what the cost is in the equipment.

Agenda Item 6e – Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He provided a road maintenance update. They have started the paving overlay on 615 and will work their way from the north towards this way. We fixed the latex issues on 221. This was different than last year's latex in that there were a lot of cracks that required a tack coat. I think that is why it didn't stick really well especially down by Ray's. It is a process of trying to figure out when to use that tack and when not to. We did some pothole patching on 221 South, Indian Valley Post Office Road, Camp Creek Road, and Rose Hill. We have been working on pipe cleaning. We have some pipe to replace but haven't gotten to those yet. Those will be in the next couple of months because we are still working on permits for those. There are two bridges we are working on. The one on 619 (Horse Ridge Rd) should be done at the end of this week. The one on 705 (Beaver Creek Rd) still has a couple of more months to go. We have been doing some work on Vaughns Mill Road. It is on the six year road plan. We have been doing some preliminary work staking it out, working on the drainage, and looking at where we may need some slope adjustments. That won't be done this year but hope to have it done next year. We are still in the design phase of Alum Ridge Road to work on some of the curves. The date of that is late next year and we hope to have a citizens meeting before then. Because we are getting right of way, everyone on the road is pretty much aware of what the project will be like because we have sketches and plans. The right of way agents have spoken to all of the property owners where the project will be affecting them. It still might be nice to have some sort of public information meeting with the Board before it happens to answer questions if people stop by and ask. There are quite a few areas that will be getting surface treatment. Alum Ridge Road and Cannady School Road have already been done. Stuart Road, Jerry Lane, Smartsview Road, Starbuck, Penn Road, Cox Store Road, and Fairview Church Road will also be done.

Supervisor Gerald asked that Sumpter Road be checked on because heavy rains have washed out a lot of the gravel.

Supervisor Turman asked that they look into changing where the end of state maintenance falls on Parkway Church Road due to a request from a resident on the road. There are only two or three houses (about 600 feet) that would be included in moving where the end of state maintenance falls. The area that is currently state maintained is in rough shape after recent heavy rains have gutted it. Supervisor Turman will email Mr. Clarke the resident's information. Supervisor Turman also mentioned that he had received questions about why only one asphalt truck was being used on 221 because a lot of times the spreader was sitting for an hour or two.

The company said that they were just backed up and that the trucks were having to wait in line to get asphalt.

Supervisor Yoder thanked them for the work on Deer Run Road. He asked why on Daniels Run Road when they paved they skipped about a half mile between Stonewall Road and Huffville Road. Mr. Clarke said there was an issue with route numbers and road names that caused a computer error. The contractor will come back to work on this. Supervisor Yoder also noted that he had received complaints about Griffith Creek Road that goes down to Goose Creek Road. It is badly washed out and is very steep through there. There is a dead tree that has fallen partially across the road and is being held up by one branch of another tree on Stuart Road near River Ridge Road. He has also been getting a lot of calls about accidents on 221 at the intersection of the Check Country Store and asked about getting a copy of the speed study that was done in 2012. Mr. Clarke said that they were looking at possibly doing a project involving installing flashing lights in that section.

Chairman Clinger thanked them for the work that has begun on 615. He also asked that Pioneer Way be looked at to see if it could be added to their snow removal route for this winter.

Mr. Clarke discussed the Revenue Sharing Program. It is up to independent towns and counties to sign up to participate in but VDOT will match funds from the locality. The funds do not affect the construction program or maintenance dollars. The projects can be big or small. Applications are due at the end of October. The projects can be locally administered or VDOT can do them. Other counties have used it for unpaved road projects. VDOT can also help with the estimate. The county would put up half of the funds and VDOT would put up the other half of the funds. Ms. Morris said that the program had been used in the past for paving of connector routes. Mr. Clarke said that there is nothing binding and there is no risk associated with signing up for the program. He also said that the funds could be used for sidewalks. There is also a program called Safe Routes to School for sidewalks that would be near schools and that program does not require a 50/50 match. Chairman Clinger asked Mr. Clarke to look into if connecting the sidewalks near the high school and having one run all the way up to the high school would qualify under the Safe Routes to School program by the next time they meet.

Agenda Item 6f – Mr. Billy Newcomb, Draper-Aden Associates – groundwater update.

Mr. Billy Newcomb, Draper-Aden Associates, next appeared before the Board. He presented a map of the current groundwater monitoring at the closed landfill. He spoke about the gas monitoring that also takes place. As far as compliance and regulation go, everything is good to go on the gas monitoring. They are working on presenting the information to DEQ regarding the methane levels to see if they can stop monitoring for it.

Ceasing groundwater monitoring is more difficult than gas monitoring. There are several wells installed in and around the landfill that characterize and describe how the groundwater behaves, moves, and what is in it. The wells all have different roles. In Virginia, all closed and

active landfills have to go through groundwater monitoring. If there are no statistical indications of anything changing in the groundwater quality, the landfill would stay under detection monitoring.

Unfortunately, over the years, they have detected a difference in wells that are down gradient of the landfill compared to wells that are up gradient. Floyd's landfill is now in assessment monitoring. It has expanded the kinds of chemicals they look at. They have also had to establish a groundwater protection standard. The chemicals that exceed those standards are listed so the landfill has moved into the corrective action program and has been there for several years now. They have established a corrective action program with DEQ. The landfill is closed and no longer accepting waste, it is covered so it is shedding water off of it which reduces the amount of leachate. The second part of the corrective action that has been approved by DEQ is monitored natural attenuation. It entails physical, chemical, and microbiologic processes. They are made naturally in the groundwater and when a food source presents itself in groundwater, in this case some of these chemicals we are seeing, certain kinds of bacteria and microbes like that sort of chemical and they begin to consume it. We see evidence that process is working. Semiannual monitoring will have to continue under corrective action and we will have to continue to monitor the natural attenuation process. Overall, the trends in the chemicals are steady or decreasing. Once the chemical levels are under the levels set by DEQ, you can petition DEQ to terminate corrective action and ultimately terminate groundwater monitoring. It is indicated that what we are doing now is working and that we are on the right course but it is uncertain of how long we will have to continue the monitoring.

Something that is relatively new is a request to assess all water sources that are adjacent to and around the landfill. We are in the process of identifying that and we have information on public water supplies and we have all of the groundwater wells identified. The County has been ahead of the curve on this for 10-15 years now. The wells have been sampled and the County has been very protective of human health. The first indication you had that something was wrong with the groundwater, one of the first things you all did was to identify the wells, talk to the residents, and sample the water to make sure everything was good. Everything that we have looked at shows that the impact to groundwater is contained and not expanding. DEQ has sent this request to all landfills that are in corrective action so this was not just something sent to this county.

Agenda Item 6g – Mr. Eli Sharp, New River Valley Regional Commission and Mr. Michael Gray, Virginia Department of Transportation – H2B update.

Mr. Eli Sharp, New River Valley Regional Commission next appeared before the Board. He presented a PowerPoint Presentation on HB2 and UDAs.

- May need to establish some urban development areas.

- House Bill 2 (HB2) for the first time has established a scoring system for each type of project (0-100). Projects will be awarded based on the highest scoring projects first but the Commonwealth Transportation Board does have some discretion to take into consideration.
- VTrans2040 has been linked directly to the programming of state transportation dollars.
- If a project is operation, capacity, or safety and does not comply or is not consistent with VTrans2040, the project is not scored.
- Capacity/Operations projects need to be located along a corridor of statewide significance, a regional network, or an urban development area (UDA).
- House Bill 1887 also just brought in safety projects which will be scored.
- State of Good Repair, maintenance dollars will continue to not be scored and be a separate program.
- Capacity/Operations projects include speed delay and cue length, spent time following, storage, left and right turn lanes, and intersections.
- Office of Intermobile Planning Investment is going through a public input process and is quantifying the markets and travel patterns statewide.
- There are not really any opportunities for Floyd to fall under a CoSS.
- What is a factor for Floyd are Regional Networks. They have a focus on economic competitiveness and accessibility/connectivity between and urban development area and a region. In order to identify a regional network outside of the area listed on the map, we need to start exploring how they are connected through urban development areas.
- UDA- area where jurisdictions intend to concentrate future population growth and development consistent with the Code of Virginia.
- Route 8 and 221 are not currently identified as a regional network. In order for them to be considered a regional network, we would have to have a UDA somewhere near the Town of Floyd or in the County of Floyd so we can justify Route 8 and 221 as an economic connector between the region that OIPI identified and a potential urban development area.
- Action needs to be taken before October 1, 2015 by updating the Comprehensive Plan or adopting a Resolution. There is no rush and one could be put in place next year.
- Updating the Comprehensive Plan- must meet the “intent” of VA Code. It must be re-examined every 5 years, identified in Comprehensive Plan future land use maps, incorporate principles of Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND), and describe any financial and other incentives for development.
- Passing a Resolution- identify a designated growth area in the most recent, approved comprehensive plan. There is a template that is available for use. A

profile would need to be given for each of those designated areas. If the County has no zoning, they would use current land use.

- If you aren't ready to identify a UDA or UDA like area, there is a Technical Assistance Grant which provides some on-call consultant services. Floyd would be in a Tier 1 category based on population. Floyd would be awarded \$65,000 for technical assistance. They could work with the County and Town to explore options of where UDAs might be located and engage the public and get their opinions and perceptions on that as well. More information can be found on Vtrans.org.

Mr. Michael Gray, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He provided handouts on the HB2 process.

- HB2 is a new prioritization process for selecting projects around the state and relates to VTrans and HB1887.
- The formula for funding used to include secondary funding, urban funding, and primary road funding. That no longer exists. HB1887 replaced it with 45% of state of good repair (bridge replacements, paving) and 27.5% for high priority program (competitive state wide), 27.5% for the district grant program.
- VTrans is a 25 year vision statement looking forward to 2040. The needs assessment online now that you can review and comment on through the 17th is for 2025. For you to be eligible to submit a project through HB2, you must meet a need through the VTrans2040 to be considered. Information on CoSS can be found online as well as information on regional networks and UDAs.
- Floyd should consider UDAs and safety projects that are eligible statewide. Any safety project that is identified as a need in VTrans is eligible to be submitted.
- Local Designated Growth Areas are the same as UDAs.
- Projects are scored based off of five factors (congestion, mitigation, economic development accessibility, safety, and environmental quality). If you submit a project, you have to put information related to each one of these into an application and it would be submitted to the state and then scored and provided to the CTB for their review.
- Floyd falls into Category C for the weights of scoring factors. Congestion/Mitigation 15%, Economic Development 25%, Accessibility 25%, Safety 25%, and Environmental Quality 10%.
- Any locality in the state can submit based on safety.
- It used to be that you would go before the CTB and talk to them about what improvements you wanted. Now you must submit an application with specific information. David Clark and Michael Gray (both points of contact) can provide support on projects and cost estimating when submitting an application. If the

estimated cost changes a certain percentage, the application can be removed and forced to be reentered.

- HB2 is due September 30th. VDOT is working with localities to determine new roles and what projects may exist. If you are going to submit something, let VDOT know as soon as possible. It must be submitted by someone at the County. After that there will be a three month screening and scoring process by VDOT and DRPT. The information will be provided to the CTB and public in January. At that point CTB can move through their typical cycle of developing a 6 year program that will be adopted in June. CTB still has the ability to choose whatever projects they want.
- Floyd will now be competing at the district or state level to get projects funded. The projects do not necessarily have to be big to score well.
- Your cost estimate of the project gets divided into the final score so it important to have an accurate cost estimate. It is important to pick the right project that will compete well with others.
- The six year program will be adopted next June. There will be \$48 million for the Salem District for the next six years. There will be \$500.1 million available statewide for high priority projects. This makes up about 10% of the overall funding for the state in terms of transportation. The HB2 program will grow to about 25% by about 2021 so it will make up a bigger portion of the overall funding program. Telecommunications fees are not being impacted.
- There is no way to figure out your score ahead of time. Projects will need to be picked that meet more of the criteria listed. The scoring is relative to how the other projects are scored. The process was developed by the CTB and the Secretary's Office.
- Route 8 and 221 lead into Regional Networks so there may be a case to make an argument on projects for those two roads.
- The revenue sharing program is set to decrease from \$185 million to \$50 million. A lot of localities are taking advantage of this. He assumes that the money coming out of the revenue sharing program is going into HB2 process.
- Right now it will be a yearly process but the recommendation from the Secretary's office is that this be a two year cycle. One year would be the HB2 high priority and district grant program and the next year would be state of local repair.
- For Route 8 to have work done to it, it would have to be related to a UDA or safety problem. There is an interactive safety map online under VTrans. There has been some talk with VTrans people that a major road leading into a Regional Network could be defined as part of the Regional Network.

Old/New Business – None

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Terri W. Morris, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors