

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, September 8, 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; Cynthia Ryan, 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 August 11 and August 25, 2015 were presented to the Board for approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015 and August 25, 2015 as presented.

Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – 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 Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

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

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for August 2015 – Mrs. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She presented the Subdivision plat report for the month of August 2015 and noted that it was another light month. EDA has decided to engage in some strategic planning. As we talked about a couple of weeks ago, there are a lot of different possibilities and opportunities out there. They have appointed a

committee from their group to guide that process. Hopefully we will hear more about that as it gets going. We will certainly have all of your help on that.

Agenda Item 7b – Building permits report – Ms. Terri Morris reported that there were no big changes from last month. This is just for your information.

Agenda Item 7c – E911 Road Name request – There was a road name request from Lynne and Robert DiCesare. There are 3 structures on their property now. The property is off of Huckleberry Road in the Little River District. The cost of the signs would be paid by the property owners.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Vista Drive, with the condition that the property owners pay for the road name sign themselves.

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

Agenda Item 7d – Resolution Recognizing Constitution Week – This same request has been received for a number of years: a Resolution recognizing as Constitution Week September 17 through the 23rd. The request was made by the Daughters of the Revolution.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald and seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution as presented, Resolution Recognizing Constitution Week (Document File Number 842).

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

Chairman Clinger said he would entertain a motion to amend the agenda to include item 7e for an appointment to the New River Valley Community Services Board. On a motion of Supervisor Allen and seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to add the appointment to the New River Valley Community Services Board to the agenda.

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

Ms. Morris explained that Supervisor Turman filled the unexpired term of Mr. William Gardner. The term has now expired and a new 3-year appointment needs to be made.

Supervisor Yoder asked Supervisor Turman if he was willing to continue in the position. Supervisor Turman stated that he was.

On a motion of Vice Chairman Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Turman for a 3-year term to the New River Valley Community Services Board through June 30, 2018.

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

Agenda Item 6a – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director

Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. Ms. Brewster said that the job fair had been a success with 16 people showing up. Workforce Development shared their mobile laptops. People who showed up for the job fair could apply for jobs on those laptops. One employer showed up for the job fair and were able to meet with individuals who were there to apply for jobs. Out of the 16 people who attended, 9 individuals were offered jobs on the spot through the mobile job computers. Those jobs were through Tetra and Gucci, which is the fireworks employer through Radford Arsenal. We are hoping to do that on a monthly basis with our partners through Virginia Tech. You will be hearing more about that as the months go by.

Ms. Brewster presented the August 2015 caseload statistics for the Board's information:

- Adult Protective Services (new) – 4;
- Adult Services Screenings – 5;
- Companion Cases – 4;
- Guardianship Reporting Cases – 32;
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations (new) – 3
 - Family Assessments (new) – 14
 - Family Assessments (ongoing from previous months) – 1;
- Ongoing Child Protective Services – 9;
- Foster Care – 11;
- VIEW – 7;
- Child Care – 5 (8 pending/awaiting funding);
- SNAP cases – 809 ongoing cases and 45 new cases;
- TANF – 41 cases;
- Medicaid – 1918 cases
- Cooling – 236 cases for the season; \$34,466.47 spent.

Chairman Clinger said we are down about \$146 per person. Was it a couple of years ago that we were up to about \$600 per person? I know that part of that is based on federal funding and the pool of recipients. Has the pool gone up?

Ms. Brewster responded and said the pool has gone up and the federal funding has gone down.

Chairman Clinger asked when the heating assistance would start. Ms. Brewster responded in October.

Ms. Brewster said the ABD computer program for Aged, Blind and Disabled folks will start today. We are hoping there will not be as many kinks with that process. We worked out a lot of those years ago with the Children in Families volunteers. We will all be working on that today.

Chairman Clinger asked if SNAP was expected to increase again because of the seasonal work.

Ms. Brewster responded that is what they anticipate. Ms. Brewster said she received an email from Carl Ayers, the previous Director of Floyd's Social Services, thanking her for keeping the Safe Measures numbers. We have Safe Measures numbers where we are measured at the State level on our quality in providing services and how quick our response times are. Carl Ayers has to watch those numbers and we are at a higher percentage than when he was here in this position and he sent a nice email. He has been watching us very closely.

Agenda Item 6b – At 9:00 a.m., the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Eddie Worth, Little River District spoke of an issue that came up when he was politicking. He was at the home of Mr. Curtis Huff on 681 who has an issue with his culvert where he pulls into his driveway. We could mention this to David Clarke. Mr. Huff said a guy came down through there recently...landscaping folks...and hit that hole. He was out mowing and a weed eater went by his head and fell in a million pieces.

Another gentleman, his granddaughter goes to Indian Valley, and the first thing he asked me was, "How do you feel about closing Indian Valley?" I responded that I hadn't really thought about it. I told him I would get back with him after I tried to find out what was going on there. I contacted Dr. Harris by email yesterday and asked him the plan. He said the only people talking about that was the Board of Supervisors. There was no plan to close Indian Valley. So that is kind of where that went. So I don't know how you guys feel about that. You can talk about that at a different time.

I was here about a month or so ago and Ms. Wagner got up and spoke about some type of speaker system so we could hear you all better in the back. I have to tell you for sure that you do need to have it. I am getting older and can't hear as good as I used to. But that would be great if you could look into something like that.

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

Agenda Item 6c – Ms. Angela Covey, Executive Director of the New River Community College Educational Foundation

Ms. Angela Covey, Executive Director of the New River Community College Educational Foundation next appeared before the Board. We are here to tell you about a new program at New River Community College called ACCE. It is Access to Community College Education. The program has only been implemented at this point in Giles County. Dr. Lewis Webb who is on the School Board in Giles County would like to say a few things about the program. Actually he is the person we have to thank for having the program in Giles County. Dr. Webb, I will let you start and then I will fill in with some facts about the program.

Dr. Lewis Webb of the Giles County School Board handed out to each member of the Board of Supervisors a copy of a newspaper. First of all I have an issue of our local rag that came out just last week there. I will let you pass that out if you don't mind. It is a very good article about the ACCE program really getting off in the full class period. This is our first inaugural class to participate in the program. The entering class in New River 2015-2016 is going to be the first class going through a two-year program.

We started thinking about this program modelled after a program at Virginia Western Community College called SECAP, Community College Access Plan. Basically it is a 50/50 partnership between the local governing body and the private citizens and businesses and industry. The ultimate goal of the plan is for our graduating seniors at Giles County to be able to attend New River Community College virtually tuition free. Now the problems we have seen in the past...anytime any of you have sent children to college is you go through all the traditional financial aid forms and fill out everything. Often times a lot of students do qualify for financial aid but they don't have enough financial aid to pay the full tuition costs.

What this plan is designed to do is to fill that gap between where traditional financial aid stops and what the actual tuition costs are. We have been as far as how we actually got into this and Angie will tell you more specifics about the whole program, but we saw this program at Virginia Western. We talked about it a little bit with the Board at New River and the Foundation Board at New River. We decided we couldn't get this thing off the ground if we didn't have the cooperation of the local funding body. I went and talked to Chris McLarney, you all know Chris, and he was all over this from the get go. I don't think it hurt any that he had a board member with a son at New River at the time. One thing kind of led to another. The first thing we know the School Board and Board of Supervisors are on the same activities bus riding over to New River. That was an interesting day just in that right there. But we went over and had a tremendous tour. Angie and Dr. Lewis showed us around the entire campus. We came back and had a nice lunch there in the break room and they explained more about the program. You could just see...you did not have to...as far as those of us on the School Board we didn't have...we were already sold on this project for our students. You could see on the looks of the faces of the Board of Supervisors what an actual benefit this could be to Giles County.

I think Angie will mention to you a little bit about one of the aspects of this program. We've always said we wanted the kids that received ACCE money to have a little skin in the game so to speak. One of the requirements is that everybody who has been accepted into the

ACCE program has to serve 80 hours in community service every year for two years. This has been coordinated through our Community Services Coordinator. Of all the students that have gone through this program this summer and are getting ready to go into New River right now, all but 2 of them have already completed all the community service hours. They have done things like the river cleanup. They have gained so much from it, but Giles County has gained so much from it. I think they have calculated some 3200 hours of community service have been done by these young people. It equates to about a job and a half that would normally come off of the county payroll. These kids have volunteered this time and they try to place these kids in areas of their own interest. They do that to the best of their ability. I think that is where, and Angie has heard me say this over and over again, it is my favorite expression I guess, but this is a win-win-win. It is a win for these students; it is a win for Giles County; and it is a win for New River Community College. I just hope that you would all consider such a program for your students here in Floyd County.

Having been on the School Board for several years often times when we are looking at different things, we in Giles County compare ourselves a lot to Floyd County because the school population is very, very similar. I was telling Angie that a lot on the way in here. I think we have 2400-2500 students. The only difference we have 2 high schools and you have 1 high school. But you have as many students in your 1 high school as we have in our 2.

This is not something you can decide today to do and bring about just like that. There is a lot of work that goes on before this thing can be brought to fruition. Hopefully we have been through it already and any benefit we could be to you all we would be glad to offer that and maybe not allow you to make some of the mistakes we made along the way there. Virginia Western helped us a little bit.

We would strongly encourage you all to give it some serious thought. I think after Angie explains some more of the details of this program to you hopefully you will be more convinced that this is one of the best things you can do for the students in your county. I can personally tell you that I have talked to 2 or 3 parents in the last six months here whose children have gotten accepted into this program and they literally had tears rolling down their cheeks when they talked to us about this. It still makes the hair stand up on my arms when I talk about it because it was just a dream to begin with. To see this thing come to fruition is really...so I am going to let Angie take over here. Any other questions I can answer for you please feel free to do.

Ms. Covey asked, "I know your burning question is 'How much is this going to cost us,' right?" You want to know that first. I have a lot of details but just to rest that burning question, I will give you what the numbers were for Giles and how much it ended up costing and then I will break down the specific requirements for the program. Lewis and I talked about this on the way, I felt like we were building the bicycle as we were riding it when Giles County Board of Supervisors were saying "How much is this going to cost?" Because we had no idea how much it was going to cost. We could look at the enrollment last year fall semester of students coming from Giles County. We could take that number and estimate, but if we have a program like this are we going to have more students coming? But if we have a program like this then we will be able to get more students in the financial aid process so there were just so many factors in trying to figure out how much it would cost. We took the numbers that you can get through the free

and reduced lunch statistics and we used that as a guess. We used enrollment from last year as a guess. And we took tuition and did a lot of guesswork and we estimated that it could cost \$150,000. Giles County put up \$75,000 and then it was my job in the Foundation Office to raise the other \$75,000 in the Giles Community. Thus your public-private partnership. It turns out this semester the tuition for the students who are coming to New River is around \$42,000-\$43,000 is what it costs. You are going to have that number again next semester. You can collectively say that between the two semesters it is going to be roughly about \$80,000. We guessed \$150,000 and we came in at \$80,000. That doesn't happen very often so we are pleased with that. But what is going to happen next year is that we are going to have another group coming in and we are still going to have the 2nd year students. So if it costs \$80,000 this year then it will cost \$160,000 next year because we have 2 classes. We just never know how those numbers are going to fall.

This is a good time to talk about some of the details of the program. The very first thing a student has to do to qualify for this program is to fill out a financial aid application. We don't want to use local money or private donors to pay for something when there is financial aid available. That has always been something students get very frustrated with. If you have a son or daughter who has ever filled out that form, sometimes you get a bit overwhelmed and you don't get through the process and you give up. That is one of our roles in the Foundation Office and some other folks at the college is we talk to every one of those students individually and we make sure they got through that financial aid process. So if there was any federal money available that is what they used first. So with that let's say we had roughly 60 applicants for the ACCE program. We still couldn't tell you how much it was going to cost at the point when the 60 applicants came in because we didn't know how much financial aid the students were going to get. We worked through that process. One-third of the students received full financial aid. So you had 60 students coming in and 20 of those students ACCE did not have to pay anything for. The middle 1/3 of the students got about half financial aid and then there was a gap between their financial aid and what the tuition was going to cost. ACCE picked up the difference in that gap. We didn't fully fund those students; we paid a portion of their tuition. And the other 1/3 of the population did not qualify for any financial aid and that is where ACCE stepped up and we picked up their tuition.

A goal of this program is to walk into Floyd High School and say to those students, "Every one of you can go to college. And you can graduate from New River with a 2 year degree ready to get a good job or you can graduate from New River ready to be a junior at a 4 year college." We feel like when you get that in their minds because there are a lot of first generation college and they don't even think about college being an option. If they have someone standing before them saying every one of you can go to college, it doesn't matter what your parents make, you can benefit from this program. A comment was made from one of the Economic Development folks out of the Roanoke area saying that Virginia Western's SECAP program has been very beneficial to them when it comes to recruitment of new industry and economic development. When new industries come into town the first thing they want to know is "Do you have a trained workforce?" If you can look at that industry and say, "Yes, I have a trained workforce. Here is how I can prove it to you. We go to every single high school in our service region and we provide a 2 year technical education to those folks." They have said it has been very helpful in their recruitment of industry when you can say that you do that.

Now some other pieces of the program...first thing they have to do is the financial aid to be part of the process. We are here to help you through the process. You must have a 2.5 when you come in. It is not just for everyone. If you are not academically achieving in high school, then we're not going to be paying your tuition through this program. So you need to buckle down in high school. Hopefully that is something too that students will begin to understand their junior year and if they think about their future. Sometimes it is hard to convince a 17 or 18-year-old anything like that. But they have a goal that they need a 2.5 and mom and dad understand they need a 2.5 and it is going to make a big difference on how their tuition is covered. They have to carry at least 12 credits each semester. We ask that the students do not take any online classes first semester. We looked into things that created obstacles for students. High school seniors when they want to do their college schedule and they think, "Oh my gosh! I can take 4 classes at New River and I don't even have to go there. I can take them all online. Oh, yeah! Sign me up for that." And they flunk. They don't do well. We see it all the time. But we can't tell the students that they are not allowed to take online classes because it is free for them to choose to take what they want. But if they choose to be in this program then it is one of the things they agree to – they are not going to take online classes the first semester. We want them at the mall site or on campus so that they are a successful student.

As Lewis mentioned, or did he mention they have to pay for their textbooks? We want them to have some skin in the game. We pay their tuition but they need to pay for their own textbooks. Not everything is free. Textbooks are expensive but when you look at the cost of tuition they need to put a piece into this. So we do ask that they pay for their textbooks.

Lewis did mention the community service piece. That is my favorite part of the entire thing because we go out and talk to these students. We're talking about community service so we're talking about giving back. Your community is giving this to you but you need to give something back to thank them for this opportunity. Community service is a huge piece.

A comment that I heard from a person from Giles County is...we ask the locality to manage the community service piece. You know where the jobs are and you know what is needed. The comment that was made is that it has given a lot of employees in Giles County the opportunity to supervise someone. They have never had that opportunity before. You are actually building the skills of your own employees by giving them the chance to mentor and supervise someone. The community service piece is just phenomenal.

We also ask that the students do not work the first semester. That is not always possible. We can't demand that, but we encourage them not to work the first semester to get adjusted to college life and what it is like to carry a full academic load. They need to have at least 12 credits. We pay for up to 15 credits. There are some students this semester who are taking 17 credits or 18 credits. They have to pay for the difference, what is above. One point we looked at is maybe we should just pay for everything that they are going to take. But we highly recommend that we cap it at 15 credits. If someone is covering all of their tuition up to 15 credits and they want to take one more class then they should be able to pay for that. That way we can kind of control the budget a little bit more.

Another very beneficial piece for Giles County is...did you know that New River has an employee that comes over here every single day? There is an employee at Floyd High School who is on our payroll. She is called a Career Coach. She will be very helpful to us in helping those students through the application process...getting the word out, just really talking about college. She can talk about how great college is all day. But if she goes in and says college is great and it is going to make big differences in your life and we have a way to cover the costs. It is back to the win-win-win that Lewis speaks of.

Another feature with this program is we have hired at our college what is called Connections Specialists. We have some new initiatives at New River which we call intentional engagement. We have lots of great services at New River with tutoring and academic assistance and all these things. But what we find is that we set these people up in offices and students never come in to ask for help. There are pride issues and a variety of different reasons of why the students don't come in and ask for help. So what we're doing from this point on, starting this semester, is what we are calling intentional engagement. We have a system in place where if a student doesn't show up for class for a couple of days or a student flunks a test, they put a flag out on that student. Let's say it is "A" student from Giles. The connections specialist we have hired will be the liaison for "A" student will see Johnny got a flag. He hasn't shown up for class in 2 days and she calls Johnny. What is going on? Or she knows Johnny's schedule and finds him in his next class and says why did you miss class 2 days in a row? For these students we want to create a sense of belonging. We want the students to feel like they belong at New River. There is someone at New River who cares about them. So it is more than just paying their tuition. It is really focusing on their success. Because if they are successful, they finish school and are ready to enter the job market. They will be very happy and more folks just like that. I would love to entertain some questions and I am sure I can give you more information.

Dr. Webb interjected I would just like to say that one of the things that Virginia Western experienced after their first 3-4 years of doing this program was a matter of retention of these students. They were finding a lot of these students were getting $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the semester and finding they were getting more and more frustrated and falling further and further behind. Everything that Angie was just talking about there is to try to prevent that before he gets too far along. That is one of the things that we learned from them that we initially installed into our program. That they learn by that mistake. That was truly a problem.

Ms. Covey explained the fundraising piece by saying Giles County put up half. It was very easy for us when it comes to fundraising to go into the Giles community with businesses or individuals in the community and say, "Would you support this program? And here are the reasons why: your local government is supporting it and tell them all of the benefits. We have not had anyone say 'No' to us." We have been very successful with our fundraising piece.

Chairman Clinger asked if they were fully funded with the private sector so far.

Ms. Covey answered that she thinks they are \$5,000 away from the \$150,000 and we are going to do some events this fall. But we need \$40,000 for the first semester so at this point we are good.

Chairman Clinger expressed curiosity as to how the private sector would keep responding down the road.

Ms. Covey agreed and said it was exactly based on funding. The numbers would work typically – and we haven't run into this situation yet where we would have to divvy the funds – the way it works with Virginia Western, all of the students do their financial aid and get an EFC number. That ranks you on your need for financial assistance; 0 meaning you need a lot of assistance and 15000 meaning that you don't need as much assistance. The number doesn't mean anything dollar wise it is just a number that is assigned. If we had a limited amount of funds then what we would do is start at the bottom and 0 to around roughly 6000 EFC students are getting full financial aid. Then we would take the middle group and rank them by the number and we would provide tuition based on the most need. Once you get to the really high EFC number there isn't as much financial need.

Chairman Clinger said Ms. Covey had just answered his next question of, "If Giles is providing \$150,000 how would that be doled out?"

Ms. Covey said that is how we would do it. At one point...we didn't have to actually cross that bridge...but we had talked about one thing...we passed around the idea that we would split the funds equally amongst the number of students left in the pie and they would all get a little bit less. Virginia Western is doing it, you fund the ones with most need first.

Chairman Clinger asked if there were excess funds would it roll over to the next time.

Ms. Covey confirmed that it would roll over.

Vice Chairman Yoder asked about the timeline and how long Giles started looking at it. Here we would obviously have to discuss this with the School Board.

Ms. Covey said that we are ahead of the game here. We had a kickoff meeting in October of last year to introduce the concept to the community. Giles had already committed and felt very confident that it would be easy to raise the funds within the community. We had done a little bit of questions to some individuals asking if they would contribute. We did that kickoff in October and we did not announce it in the high schools until – so parents did not know anything about this until they came back in January. In January we shared with the students you need a 2.5 and they were halfway through their senior year.

Dr. Webb said that once the program progresses they are going to know in the 8th or 9th grade about these stipulations about the 2.5. It was kind of a surprise this year. The 2.5 was one of the things we had a lot of debate over. We looked around at surrounding school systems in the Roanoke Valley that was part of SECAP and it was all over the board...2.0, 2.5, 3.0. Originally we kind of talked about 3.0 but then we started thinking. There are going to be a lot of students who have come to New River especially in the technical trades end of it. When they get there that is when they are going to really flourish. They are going to get into their area of interest and everything. We didn't want to set it so high that we could lose what could be some of our best students. You cannot compare our school system to an inner city school system. But

a 2.5 is just one of the aspects. It is one thing to get it written down on paper after it is all decided upon, but for every bullet that Angie has mentioned to you there was a lot of discussion which goes back to the time table.

Ms. Covey said that we ran a lot of stats on looking at the GPA of the incoming freshmen from our local high schools and 2.5 was very fair. We didn't have a lot of students making higher than 2.5 in that transition of a first year at college.

Supervisor Turman asked how they promoted this in Giles County with local businesses?

Ms. Covey replied with a lot of door-to-door, just knocking on the door and telling them the story. You can see the latest one in the *Virginia Reader*. We did that to share and...

Dr. Webb added we had a kickoff at Mountain Lake where we invited individuals, business, industry and we had {garbled} from New River there to present awards. We haven't had a door slammed in our face yet. Sometimes it is just a matter of asking.

Supervisor Turman said he has talked to a number of businesses in the county and they are very receptive. I was wondering how you got the word out. I think this is really something worth looking at. I think it could really catch on.

Ms. Covey said this is something you can do in a social type of setting in the evening, have at a venue here like we did at Mountain Lake. We would just be the program. You could tell the individuals about it and it could just be...Do you do the Business Chamber After Hours or tie it in with the Chamber? You just tell us where to be and we'll be there.

Chairman Clinger said this is something the Board would be interested in. We need to bring it forward.

Ms. Covey replied that she would be happy to accompany any of you to some of the business leaders and there is someone I already have in mind. She doesn't live in Floyd any longer but has some roots in Floyd. We were talking to this individual about some philanthropic gifts. I remember her making the comment that if you ever get that program going in Floyd let me know. So I do think there are some deep pockets that would be willing to support a program such as this.

Dr. Webb pointed out that this is not an endowed program. You do have to re-load every year. We will be going back this fall to a lot of the same people, all the same people that contributed last year. But we are going to expand that to some other people we didn't quite get through to last year. But our hope there is that this really picks up speed and it just becomes a natural, automatic thing year after year after year.

Supervisor Turman said this is a good tax deduction.

Ms. Covey said the Foundation is a non-profit of course, so any contribution can be used for tax purposes.

Vice Chairman Yoder said he liked the tie-in from the students.

Ms. Covey said that brought up another good point. The students getting full financial aid are not getting any ACCE money so do we call them ACCE students or not call them ACCE students? Well we strategized on that one for a long time. What we said to those young people that were not getting ACCE money, you are still getting money. Someone is still helping you and it is tax dollars, but it is federal money. You still need to contribute; you need to give back to your community. We can't make them do it but we can give them a message about giving back to the community. Here is what we said to them, you can do your community service this year even though you are not getting any ACCE money. Your financial situation could change next year and you may need ACCE money. If you don't do your 80 hours the first year you are not going to be eligible for any ACCE money the 2nd year if your financial situation changes and you need it. We have a good sales pitch and we have a few kids who are doing their community service even though they don't have to. We present it as this is a great way to get something on your resume. When you go out and are looking for a job and you got your resume that shows you have done community service, volunteered to give back to your community, and you have a kid next to you applying for the same job and they don't have anything like that on their resume, you are going to shine a little brighter.

Dr. Webb said emphasize volunteered community service.

Ms. Covey laughed and said yes there is a difference, just a little bit. We explained that but I think they already knew. But it has been a win-win. The students have been so appreciative and the biggest obstacle that we have had in our office is not the fundraising but the financial aid application. You have students having to do that process and there are so many little things that happen to make it get put on the back until the next piece is completed. One of the girls in my office said, "You know, some of these kids are probably thinking if I am not smart enough to do this form then I am not smart enough to go to college." and give up. We have felt that way a couple of times ourselves. We can get into the system and see if they are missing a tax document or if they are missing a child support document, whatever it may be. We are calling them, intentional engagement, and saying you just need to come up with this tax document for your income as a student for 2014. But I didn't work in 2014. Then all you have to do is document, "I didn't work in 2014 and bring that to us." Normally there isn't someone to call and help these students through this process. That is a reason 1/3 of them are getting full financial aid.

Vice Chairman Yoder remarked you are also providing a service because a lot of those kids probably would not have gotten through the process.

Ms. Covey said there is one young lady that I can think specifically of there is no way she would be in New River this fall. No possible way because her EFC was a 0 which means there was nothing. No way she could have paid for even a book to come to school. I mean this young lady had nothing. Her financial aid application was a mess. When it came in we were looking at it and it had 25,000 or some crazy number. How could that possibly be? The only thing that had happened is when she did this form on her own, because she doesn't have any parental guidance whatsoever, I think the only income in the family would have been around \$20,000 for her

parent. But she had checked the box that made it her income too. If a student in high school is making that kind of money and living with mom then suddenly she doesn't qualify for anything. If it had not been for us tracking her down and figuring out what is going on and fix those checks, then she got full financial aid and she didn't cost ACCE anything. But she is going to New River full time on full financial aid and thrilled to be there.

Ms. Covey asked if there were any more questions.

Chairman Clinger thanked her for coming.

Ms. Covey said she was thrilled to be here. She was so impressed with Giles County. I'm from Pulaski County and when we made those trips over there just to see the support from the community was amazing. I look at our service region: Montgomery, Radford, Pulaski, Giles, Floyd and I feel the same thing from Floyd. I feel the same thing from Floyd. I think it is an audience of people who really care about your community and care about your kids and you want your kids to be successful. I would be thrilled if Floyd were to be the next group to come on.

Vice Chairman Yoder said frankly we need to get a leg up somehow because we are at a disadvantage in some ways because we are not on an interstate. Like Giles we have to find an advantage to bring things here.

The Board thanked Ms. Covey and Dr. Webb for coming and Mr. Turman said he would be in touch.

Agenda Item 6e – Mr. Chris Price, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Chris Price, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He said that it has been a fairly busy month for us. We had a couple of construction items and then I will go over maintenance items first. One thing that I'll mention right off is that we had a storm Friday and we worked a little bit over the weekend and today. We had some trees down. We have some areas that are washed out. This is a lot of what we'll do this week; trying to get everything cleaned up. It wasn't an awful storm but it was a matter of rain and washouts we had. We are working on that now. We started and completed many of our secondary road routes. We are pretty far into our mowing now. We are also administering the asphalt patching. We probably have another couple of months of that left. We are working some gravel roads putting some dust control out there. Trying to get those in good shape. A lot of effort on that as well.

On the construction side I wanted to mention the box culvert on Route 619 has been completed. We are working on some guard rail issues. I am working with the district office with getting some guard rails set up there and how we want to put it in and what design we want to use. I will be working on that. The box culverts that are being done by a contractor on Route 705, I talked to the construction management group this morning and they are hoping that will be completed by the middle of October, about a month left on that project.

On the paving/sealing/surface treating we still have some routes that we are chip sealing. That started back up so you can probably see some of that here. We did complete the seal on Route 660 last week I believe. We do have a section of Route 221 that was set up from last year that will be sealed. It is not the latex that we used on this side of town but a different type of application. That is going to be on Route 221 and that is going to start today.

Supervisor Turman asked if that is the one on this side of Camp 5.

Mr. Price said it was the amount of money, the type of seal and the type of application. There is another section that they are going to start today as well. That is a quick overview of what I have. It has been a busy maintenance month and it will continue to be as we prepare for the winter. We are trying to get a lot of these things done. Do you have any questions or anything that you have? I can take that now.

Supervisor Turman asked what type of seal.

Mr. Price responded that it is a slurry seal and it is very similar to what was used on Dobbins Hollow. It is not as thick and it is truly just a seal coat. It dries quickly. It doesn't form a layer.

Supervisor Turman said he thought it was done Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Gerald said that Summit Ridge Road needs work from washout. Where you turn to go up Horse Ridge a lot of people are asking for guard rails.

Mr. Price said that is 619 and yes.

Supervisor Gerald said there is a lot of equipment on Indian Valley Road and are you going to do all of that.

Mr. Price replied that they are working on their lists and he was not sure which roads in a particular area but that it is in that section of Indian Valley Road.

Ms. Morris said that the list is upfront in the Administration Building.

Supervisor Gerald said the spot patching on Route 221 the lines need to be put in there right away. At night when you run up on there it is just scary, especially when you have to go around a curve. There are no lines or anything. It scared me.

Supervisor Allen asked Mr. Worth for the name of the person who had the road concern mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Worth responded that it was Curtis Huff. A culvert washed out and a truck ran off the edge of the pavement not long ago and could have created some serious problems.

Supervisor Allen said the location is on Franklin Pike probably about 1.5 miles on left past McCray's Store with all of the equipment. It is the next house on the left.

Mr. Worth said that you will see the problem when you get there.

Supervisor Turman said Parkway Church wanted to move the end of state maintenance sign. Supervisor Turman pointed out that they maintain that real good and it is actually a little bit better than the VDOT section. I think these last storms really washed it out. If you could give them some attention on that. That is all I have other than to say you did a real good job on Alum Ridge Road.

Vice Chairman Yoder said that Pine Forest Road, Route 644, they recently done some work between Route 865 and Roanoke County line. It looks great. There are a section of houses where no gravel is put. They are concerned because they are so close to the road and are getting a terrible amount of dust. In the past you have done some dust control.

Mr. Price said that we are getting going on that.

Chairman Clinger said that he had two quick things – Epperly Mill there is a 1 mile stretch between 2 paved that got really washed out and then Route 8 on the right hand side past Slusher Store up near Copper Hill has a pretty good wash out on that. Some gravel would really help out. I think those were there before the storm on Friday evening.

Vice Chairman Yoder said that he drove out there the other day. There is a section of that road in Roanoke County and it is washed out. That little section of road goes back and forth between counties.

Supervisor Turman asked how long the slurry put down on Route 221 would extend the paving life of the road?

Mr. Price responded probably between 3-5 years with the sealcoat. It is a frustrating application to process putting it down. There is a lot of work that goes into it. They have printouts with all these numbers where they rate all of these roads that we have. They put numbers to them. Most of your sealcoats are areas where they feel that the structure is still strong and they could get another 3-5 years with it. With the type of crack involved they can essentially seal those and get some more life.

Supervisor Turman said he guess it protects it from water damage in the winter.

Mr. Price said the freeze/thaw and cracks. The slurry seal they are putting down is a little less intrusive than the latex. Mr. Price said they are starting sidewalk work this week in downtown Floyd. The crew actually finished with Route 619 and we will use the same crew.

Ms. Morris said last month we asked Dave to check on sidewalks to the high school for maintenance maybe under the Safe Routes to Schools funds or either Revenue Sharing. I don't know if he had the chance to check on that.

Mr. Price said that he would ask him.

Supervisor Turman asked if they had checked the culvert up at his springhouse.

Mr. Price said he was sure they did.

Supervisor Turman said the last rain turned it out in the road again and he broke his shovel.

Mr. Price said 1 1/2" fell on Friday.

Vice Chairman Yoder said it was a doozy of a rainstorm.

Mr. Price said storms like that put us several days behind. It hurts our operations.

Supervisor Turman asked when they will get winter predictions.

Mr. Price responded in about the middle of October.

Supervisor Turman said *Poor Farmer's Almanac* has it about the same as last year.

Old/New Business – None

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Terri W. Morris, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors