

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.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 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Supervisor Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4 – the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Linda Wagner, Courthouse District – I would just like to remind you to speak up. I don't have any other comment. It was already hard to hear you.

Donnie Martin, Locust Grove District and James Knapp, Courthouse District spoke as representatives of VFW Post 7854. The town merchants, 10 years ago, went around and paid for all the flags. The last couple of weeks we went around and asked all the merchants, there are 119 of them believe it or not, and we've had a good showing. The merchants have donated well. If the amount came up short the VFW and American Legion was going to make it good, but we didn't want to leave anybody out. We went to the Town Council and the office here tonight just to ask for a donation to the flags. There are 125 of them as you can see on the paper. We have certain bylaws that we have to go by. They have to be American made flags. It is a bylaw we have. The whole bill counting brackets is \$2,556. We would appreciate any donation that you want to give.

Supervisor Allen asked how long do the flags last?

Mr. Martin replied that the ones in town now that are sun faded, tattered and everything; they have been up almost 12 years. They do last. Since the merchants bought them 12 years ago, it was just a nice thing to ask if they would like to do it again. All of them except 1 have. I'm not the kind of person that would drop a name.

Chairman Clinger asked if there was a special fund set up if the amount collected was more than needed.

Mr. Martin said as long as the county had a Virginia one to go along with it. The ones you have on the pole are sort of tattered, sun-faded. We just want them all to look good for the parade and Veteran's Day.

Supervisor Turman said he thought it was pretty easy to get Virginia flags and American flags, just go to Google.

Mr. Martin explained most places – the 6 companies – if I had my...

Supervisor Turman said Flags, Inc. or something.

Mr. Martin continued by saying somehow or another I let this fall through the gap. When I realized I was a flag short was yesterday. Every place was like 6 to 10 days to get them. I can't get one overnight. It was my fault. I've got a 4'x6'. I just don't have a 3'x5'. That was my fault.

Supervisor Turman said I think the 4'x6', they may want for the parade to put it up.

Mr. Martin said I know that some people are particular about certain poles the size of flag they want to put on it. Mr. Martin offered 4'x6' Virginia and American flags.

Ms. Morris offered that the County will give back what we don't use.

Mr. Martin responded No, you keep them and use them. When they get tattered, if you can't get hold of us and we are pretty easy to get hold of, Dirk Davis of the Boy Scouts, he retires flags.

Vice Chairman Yoder said we appreciate all that you do, have done, and will continue to do. We hope it is good weather for the parade and are looking forward to that.

Mr. Martin said that is the game plan. Mr. Martin asked if the Board wanted a receipt tonight?

Chairman Clinger said that Ms. Morris would get a check to VFW Post 7854.

Mr. Martin and the Board of Supervisors concluded by again thanking each other.

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

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of month-end disbursements. The monthly disbursements were presented to the Board for approval. A list of additional expenses was also submitted for the Board's consideration. Ms. Morris said that Shortt's Excavating had been removed from the disbursement list. Later on the agenda in New Business Ms. Morris would explain about proposals for that work.

voting members and Mr. Campbell was serving as the other member. Ms. Morris said there are no specific requirements as to who you can appoint. If you would like me to do it, I will.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Ms. Morris as a member of the New River Valley HOME Consortium.

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

Agenda Item 7a – Mr. Kelcie Bower, President of Floyd County Rescue Squad, Discussion of Draft Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Roger Hollandsworth and Mr. Jason Schumann from Floyd County Rescue Squad came up to speak on behalf of that organization. Mr. Bower was present in the audience.

Chairman Clinger stated that the reason the Floyd County Rescue Squad was invited to the meeting was to try to get the Memorandum of Understanding signed and acted on and we don't know what needs to be changed and what the holdup is. We are waiting for some feedback from your group as far as what needs to be done so we can move forward with this Memorandum of Understanding. We figured if we invited you here and find out what needs to be done we can maybe do it.

Mr. Hollandsworth explained that we had some rough drafts that came back to us. There is one big thing on the second page where it talks about a 3-5 year plan or something. The middle bullet on that back page, "It may be determined during the review that a 3-5 year implementation plan for overall..." is something we had not talked about at all. It was not in the rough draft that we received. Then whenever it came back to us, we had some questions about what that pertained to or not. This has gone before our general membership. At the time it was voted to not sign it at that particular time.

Chairman Clinger asked if that was because of that part.

Mr. Hollandsworth replied that and some other parts too, I think. That is one of them. I know, Jason can speak to this more than I can, I know when we were talking about to do the bid or rough draft of the specs for a new vehicle I know he was supposed to represent the squad. I don't know if there was any representation, if he got anything when that was done. The squad is kind of confused too why you want there to be a separation of the budget items also. You are taking one that had been all of these years working that we thought of; all of a sudden it's been pulled out to why some of it is going one way and some of it is going another way. How does this affect the memorandum of understanding that is currently in effect? It was signed in 2004. A little bit confusing.

Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Morris if she wanted to respond to why we are splitting the budget out.

Ms. Morris said she would refer this to John and Kevin since they had been in the meetings the whole time.

Mr. Hollandsworth said Dan Campbell started all of this and then left for greener pasture or whatever. Terri has kind of come in on the very back end of it.

Chairman Clinger asked John Steely to touch on why we separated the costs out as far as the tracking part of it.

Mr. Steely said I think the reason that the budget was separated in the original memorandum was really based on performance. That coupled with the fact my budget here in the county had no provision for buying supplies, for stocking, for equipment that we felt we needed that might be separate from what the volunteer crew has. That with the number of calls that each agency is now covering, which has gotten to the point of 85% covered by EMS and about 15% covered by volunteers. Dan felt that we needed to have more of the budget available to the paid side for equipment and supplies.

Chairman Clinger asked, "Staffing?"

Mr. Steely confirmed staffing is part of it although that was not through the volunteer budget but through the county budget. But the way it was divided was based on the number of hours that the volunteers and paid crew were originally responsible for and it was about 50-50. So his division based on Roger's budget from 2014 either divided the costs 50-50 or whichever was the higher cost of what Roger's 2014 budget had. That was the logic behind the division.

Chairman Clinger asked because of the percentage of calls that paid staff was running?

Mr. Steely explained that the original 60-40 split was based on the number of hours that was true in 2004.

Chairman Clinger asked if it was still like 60-40?

Mr. Steely said the budget we have right now is 60-40 but the division of calls and the division of hours is not.

Chairman Clinger asked if EMS is handling more or less since that time?

Mr. Steely answered at present, the last quarter, EMS covered 87% of the calls and the volunteers 13%. So that percentage has changed appreciably since the original agreement was made and since then we have developed this division of the budget.

Mr. Hollandsworth responded the debt service has always been there. It has been over \$200,000 but you all only funded \$168,000.

Chairman Clinger responded, "Okay, I thought you said it had gone up \$45,000."

Mr. Hollandsworth replied, No, no, no. We in order to meet our budgetary needs for the coming year we are in, we as the squad have to get the short change or whatever to make the budget numbers meet up. But like I said we are a group of diverse people with different backgrounds; everybody has their strengths. Some of this is tough to sit down and talk to some of our members about. Like I said, there are a lot of unanswered questions with that and that is one of the reasons we have been hesitant. We will have to take this piece of paper and take it back to our general membership and then vote on whether to sign it or not. These are some of the questions they had.

Chairman Clinger said that is what we want to get agreement on. I can't speak for Dan's frame of mind for bringing it up, but I think what he was looking at with our current EMS staff we are handling 85% of the calls, 87% for the most recent numbers, eventually we are going to have to add more EMS staff. And this is a way of tracking what our expenses are so when we come into next year's budget time, we as a Board knows whether we need to put more money into the EMS part to help keep the services up to the people of Floyd County.

Mr. Hollandsworth replied your costs are pretty much going to be the same regardless of which organization is running it.

Chairman Clinger answered that is what we are getting at but we are running, at first I think we said it was 60-40, so we are running 85% of the calls with 40% of the budget.

Mr. Hollandsworth responded okay you still got the same pot you are working out of, whether it is used by us or whether it is used by his organization. It is still the same number.

Chairman Clinger said I think that is why we are trying to unwind the two so we can see how much it is actually costing the EMS side.

Mr. Hollandsworth said there are still a lot of unanswered questions about who pays for what. I sat down with John a month ago. We went down the bills for a couple of months and there was some unanswered questions. He was going to try to find the answers to some of them and everything so therefore we will know what goes one way or another if you are trying to figure out a true cost.

Chairman Clinger said to move forward we just need a clean copy of the MOU with the stricken parts out of it.

Mr. Hollandsworth said we are still talking about one other thing that our people brought up too about that vehicle. I know we had an individual in the office that was going to make it tough to work with on everybody's part. That person, Jason more or less took his role in the

Mr. Steely asked if it was brought up to Jason or the line officers?

Mr. Schumann said he was not at that meeting.

Mr. Hollandsworth confirmed that Mr. Schumann was not at that meeting. But yes, it has been brought up.

Vice Chairman Yoder said he wanted to know what do we need to do to move forward because we need some type of...

Mr. Hollandsworth replied basically this memorandum here everything on there is being done. It is being done except for the few questions that we are trying to clear some matters up for our general membership. I mean we have separated the vehicles. John is able for his people to order supplies. They take care of their own vehicles. So basically pretty much everything on this is being done anyway.

Chairman Clinger stated so you should have no problem signing it.

Mr. Hollandsworth said we'll take it back to the membership. I am only one person.

Chairman Clinger said that is what I am saying. That is what I am trying to get at.

Mr. Schumann said that one big question he had heard raised is how does it affect the other agreement – the 2004 agreement.

Mr. James Cornwell, legal counsel for the Board of Supervisors, said the 2004 agreement does not go into the detail that this memorandum does. The 2004 agreement says that the County, the squad, and EMS will cooperate and they will arrange a protocol for the provision of services. And I see this as that protocol. It does not supplant the 2004 agreement. It is just a protocol for an operation as called for in that agreement. That is the way I see it.

Mr. Schumann and Chairman Clinger both said they were not part of the 2004 meetings.

Mr. Steely asked why does the squad have a problem with the sentence in the second part? What is wrong with a 3-5 year implementation plan? A look ahead. What is the problem with that?

Mr. Hollandsworth said it has never been talked about before.

Mr. Steely said why not now? Go back to the membership and talk about it. Don't strike it. Talk about it. There needs to be a plan. There needs to be something that looks forward. And that specifies that there is a time table to look at what we have, where we are going. If you don't have a plan, you are just slogging along in the same path that you've been for 40 years. You need to take it back to the members and show them that and say do we need to have a plan.

augment some of it. I know we help on the training once in a while. The 3-5 year plan is just looking at what can we do to help bolster our numbers.

Vice Chairman Yoder said I think it is important to remember what we are actually trying to focus on. The end goal should be trying to get all our calls covered. I think right now we are struggling to do that sometimes. And possibly some of the reasons that we are discussing this today is because we haven't sat down and planned for it or talked about it, whatever needs to be done. Whether it is developing a 3 year plan or whatever it is, I do think next year it would probably be a good idea to try to get everybody involved at the table and start from a clean slate and try to come up with ideas on whether it be the county supporting the volunteers or whatever it might be.

Mr. Hollandsworth said we didn't start off very good because it was here is what we are going to do and we want it done in a two-week period.

Vice Chairman Yoder said he understood that.

Mr. Hollandsworth said it started off rough. It really has. But we are past that; we have gotten past that.

Vice Chairman Yoder said I guess what I am saying is that it might be a good idea if we can get a protocol in place. Take a few months and then at some point sit down with a clean slate and start working on some ideas on how can we assist the volunteers.

Supervisor Turman said I thought that was what the 3-5 years was for so you can sit down and plan a goal to work for. Where both can work toward a plan and somewhere along the line you are going to have to tweak it. You can't make a solid plan and stick to it. That is what I thought that 3-5 years was for.

Mr. Hollandsworth explained that one thing – the 3-5 years just the history of what has happened in the past for not just our organization but statewide and nationwide – is that in 3 years you will probably have a turnover of the people, a large number of turnover, just because of the demands put on by the State.

Supervisor Turman said he understood that but what I am saying is you've got to plan the work towards no matter what happens and when that happens you've got to tweak it and move it around to keep going towards your end goal. That is what I am saying. That is what I understood. I may be wrong. You are more up-to-date on this stuff than I am.

Supervisor Allen asked how come with a heart attack or something like that volunteers don't come but if you get a wreck everybody and his brother turns out?

Mr. Hollandsworth answered I don't think you see that anymore. It is hard to get people out on wrecks anymore.

Supervisor Allen said he has a scanner and he listens to it.

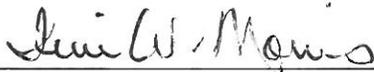
has just gotten too bad. We can't do it anymore. We would like to explore some options as to what we can do there too.

Chairman Clinger said that is basically where a dust catcher settlement would go in, scoop it out, and take it back up, let it dry and then re-spread it. I guess ask them what they recommend, whether it is getting a larger one. I know we used to take a backhoe go down there and do it but we can't get in there.

Supervisor Allen said you got to get it fixed.

Ms. Morris said we will research those options and come back to you.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.



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Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors