

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Turman, Board Room, County Administration Building.
2. Opening Prayer – led by Supervisor Coleman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Supervisor Yoder.
4. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Dr. Millsaps called the roll.
 - Supervisor Coleman – present
 - Supervisor Kuchenbuch – present
 - Supervisor Yoder – present
 - Supervisor Boothe – present
 - Supervisor Turman – present

It was determined that a quorum was present.

5. Approval of the agenda – Chairman Turman asked if anybody had changes to make to the agenda.

Dr. Millsaps asked that the Board consider changing the wording for the Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.1. to include the general language of “Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.” To be more specific we will be discussing possible candidates for employment with the County and performance of current County staff.

Supervisor Yoder asked that the Board consider also going into Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.4, “The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.” He has a personal item to discuss for information purposes with the Board.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to go into Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.1. to discuss possible candidates for employment with the County and performance of current County staff and to also go into Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.4, to discuss a personal item for information purposes with the Board that is not related to public business.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

6. Approval of minutes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the September 14, 2021, as presented.

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – abstain because absent from that meeting

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

8.a. Public Comment Period.

Chairman Turman read the handicapped statement. He asked that speakers state their name and district and limit the comments to four minutes. Chairman Turman opened the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Jane Cundiff, Little River District, representing Partnership for Floyd – I was just wondering, I don't know if it is okay to ask this question, but how many people here have ever walked the Dodd Creek Trail? (*Quite a few people in the room raised their hands*). All right, great! So, a few people in here have. We want to get everybody raising their hands to get more people out there on that trail. It has been there a couple of years now and we just haven't had enough publicity out there. We are going to have a workday this coming Sunday to get the trail in better shape. It needs a lot of trimming and work on it. Sunday at 2:00 p.m. over at the Dodd Creek Trail. The videographer from Citizens will be there to take some pictures and The Floyd Press should also be there. We've asked them to come. It should be fun. We already have quite a few workers who will bring tools. You can work if you want, or you can just hang out and cheer us on. We really want to thank all of you, especially Dr. Millsaps, for getting the grant for our education on that trail and on all of our trails here in Floyd. We have a lot of people who are really excited about it. A few of us teachers, you can't hold us down, like it or not we are going to teach. We hope to help you out with that. We have a lot of ideas already. On the trail this Sunday we want to get some more ideas from people. We encourage you to come and encourage the people on the trail. From now on we hope to get somebody here at least once a month to tell you what is happening on the trails, how we are coming together, and everything that is going on. Again, I hope to see you Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Dodd Creek Trail. Thanks again for the grant. That is really cool.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Turman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Dr. Millsaps – I would like to thank the Partnership folks for taking the lead on going out Sunday. We have been trying to work through who and how we go about getting all that stuff maintained. They have been great about stepping up. I appreciate that.

7. Approval of disbursements.

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

- Supervisor Coleman - yes
- Supervisor Yoder - yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
- Supervisor Boothe - yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

10.d. County Administrator's Report

- Outdoor Grant – We will move forward with getting a meeting together with the Partnership for Floyd, citizens, and a lot of other groups.
- Grant Opportunity – There is another grant opportunity that I would like some input on. Ms. Betsy Stinson, the Wildlife Biologist, was here a few meetings ago. She mentioned a grant and the opportunity to apply for that grant has been extended to October 15 so we could apply. The intent of the grant is to keep bears and humans separated as it relates to trash. The grant can be used for three things: to help individuals have more bear-resistant containers at the curb, retrofit the tops of our green boxes so they would be more bear resistant, the third option is fencing with electricity or some other type of barrier at the top. The last option would be a lot like the new Indian Valley green box site, but with four sides and a gate. Ms. Stinson has sent some designs that work effectively in other communities. It is a 30%/70% grant. If we went with options 2 or 3 you could use the money you set aside in the budget for green box site development as the match and it would extend your money quite a bit. That would be 70% from the grant and 30% from the County. The grant application has to be very specific so with the fencing option I would have to put the dimensions. We have to have a location in mind. The locations that have the most bear problems are not on County-owned sites.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Would you gate the boxes at certain times of the night?

Dr. Millsaps – Ms. Stinson said that other communities have found it best to have a time when the gates are opened and shut or have the site staffed. I do not recommend having the sites staffed.

Vice Chairman Boothe – You are not talking system wide?

Dr. Millsaps – I will have to talk to Ms. Stinson as to whether we would request 1 site or 2 sites.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Do you know a dollar amount?

Dr. Millsaps – No. I need to talk to Ms. Stinson about that. We were thinking about 1 site as a starting point. We looked for publicly held lands or some version of County or publicly held lands. The green box site right across from the Commerce Center is on property owned by the Floyd County Economic Development Authority (EDA). We have not had a conversation yet with the EDA, but that might be one place that has challenges that is on property owned by a local government agency. We looked at land near Fire or Rescue Stations, but most are very small sites. The only other property we are aware of is 5 acres near the nursing home, but that is not an ideal green box location because of some of the flooding challenges in that area.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The reason I ask about the closing part is because I remember what the County looked like previously. If you start gating the sites off, I know one or two people...

Chairman Turman – ...people will pile the trash up against the fence.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – There are automatic timers that will open and close a gate.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I don't have a problem with specific sites. But if this is going to become something systemwide ...

Dr. Millsaps – That would cost a lot of money and would not be my recommendation. This grant application would be to build probably just 1 test site. We can apply for a grant again the following year.

Discussion was held about putting the new bear resistant green boxes on the Lick Ridge site where boxes had previously been removed because of the bear problem. Plans were to allow sufficient time to lapse to break the cycle of bears coming to look for trash.

Supervisor Yoder – I have had a number of people ask me about it and my response has been that the boxes are coming back, it is just a matter of time. I have only had one person ask me not to put them back. The majority of people have asked that they go back, but not until we have the proper boxes. Maybe a little gravel could be put down first. This could be a catch-22. If we do main sites and close the gate at 10:00 p.m., somebody will not know the gate closes at 10:00 p.m. and they will throw it over the fence. Maybe if we select a small, community site, people who live in that area and use the site all the time will learn the schedule.

Discussion was held on how to prevent people from illegally dumping trash and how to prevent further problems with bears at green box sites.

Dr. Millsaps – Would you like for me to apply for this grant for fencing at 1 site on the EDA property at the entrance to the Commerce Center, if they were willing?

By consensus, the Board requested that Dr. Millsaps work on a grant application for fencing at 1 site and possibly putting new boxes or retrofitting existing boxes for that site and also to put the new bear-resistant boxes back at the Lick Ridge site.

Supervisor Yoder – Please let me know when the boxes are going to be placed on Lick Ridge Road. I will push out that information on my social media account and let people know if the boxes are used appropriately, they will stay. If there are massive violations again, the boxes will go away for good.

8.b. Mr. William D. Newcomb, PG. Sr. Hydrogeologist/Program Manager

Mr. Newcomb provided an update on the status of groundwater monitoring at the closed Floyd County Landfill, SWP #88:

- 1) Overview of Landfill and Groundwater Monitoring:
 - a. Draper Aden started groundwater monitoring in 1988;
 - b. The landfill was closed and capped in 1993;
 - c. Detection groundwater monitoring began in 1995 and assessment monitoring began in 1996;
 - d. Once the Groundwater Protection Standards (GPS) were established the landfill exceeded those standards in 2000, which triggered Corrective Action;
- 2) Overview of Groundwater Monitoring/Corrective Action:
 - a. The landfill is fully in regulatory compliance;
 - b. There are a couple of issues from a technical nature that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Draper Aden have a difference of opinion on, and we are working through those;
 - c. Semiannual sampling, typically in May and November, of permitted groundwater and surface water locations;
 - d. Variance relieves need for semiannual report during Corrective Action;
 - e. Annual report submitted for each monitoring year after 2nd semiannual event;
 - f. When we put in a couple of the Corrective Action wells, we were able to take 2 assessment wells out;
 - g. The most recent Corrective Action Status Evaluation (CASE) report was submitted August 30, 2021 (prior CASE reports submitted 2009, 2013, and 2017);
 - h. The purpose of the report is to show where we are in meeting Corrective Action;
- 3) Approved Corrective Action includes:
 - a. Natural attenuation is naturally occurring microbes in groundwater that consume organic contaminants;
 - b. Stopping accepting waste at the Landfill is a big part of Corrective Action;
 - c. Covering the waste and keeping the rainwater out and reducing leachate is another very important part of it;
 - d. Venting the landfill gas further reduces the source of impacts to groundwater;
 - e. Deed restriction prevents unauthorized use or access to groundwater;

- 4) Alternatives to the currently approved Corrective Action are very invasive, active approaches, which are extremely expensive and not that effective;
- 5) Corrective action monitoring:
 - a. We look at over 200 target analytes once a year and on the 2nd semiannual monitoring we look at a baseline set and anything new that has come up;
 - b. Six target analytes (benzene, trichloroethene, vinyl chloride, 1,1-dichloroethane, tetrachloroethene, and cobalt) exceed the groundwater protection standards;
 - c. The first 5 are organic compounds that we are most concerned about;
 - d. Cobalt is naturally occurring, and you find it everywhere;
- 6) Status of corrective action goal:
 - a. The goal is that every monitoring point or surface water location in the entire monitoring program has to show no constituents above one of the protection standards;
 - b. Once we have met that we can petition to terminate Corrective Action;
 - c. Once that is the situation for 3 consecutive years, we can petition to terminate groundwater monitoring, post-closure monitoring altogether;
 - d. The 2021 Corrective Action Semiannual Evaluation report estimated that all Constituents of Concern will be reduced below GPS mid-2030, but that date for the goal is highly approximate;
 - e. Floyd County's landfill Constituents of Concern are very low (parts per billion range, very near the Groundwater Protection Standards, which are based on end-of-faucet drinking water standards), but this "polishing" phase is asymptotic, meaning a long-tail approach;
- 7) DEQ comments on the status of surface water monitoring location S-4:
 - a. S-4 is essentially the discharge of an underdrain terra cotta pipe installed during active landfilling;
 - b. Cobalt and vinyl chloride barely exceed Groundwater Protection Standards;
 - c. S-4 is also pretty high in iron, so it has stained the stream orange and it stimulates bacteria growth and algae growth and this aesthetic issue has caught the eye of DEQ, and they want it addressed because it flows across the property onto the adjacent property;
 - d. DEQ is requiring the County to address S-4 via an Interim Measures plan;
 - e. We don't want DEQ to say the Corrective Actions are not working and we have to start over;
 - f. Interim Measures are less stringent and less costly than a new corrective action program;
 - g. We sent an Interim Measures work plan to DEQ and they had some comments;
 - h. I wanted to use NW-8 as an injection well to stimulate the groundwater, but then you can't use it as a monitoring well;
 - i. DEQ rejected the plan because they like NW-8 as a monitoring well;
 - j. The Interim Measures plan has two elements to it – one is to get the bacteria above S-4 more excited by giving them a shot of vitamin B-12, and the second component is to get below the discharge at the pipe and cap it off which is a challenge because of the limited space down there to work;

- k. There are still a lot of discussions to be had with DEQ so I am not sure what the final Interim Measures Work Plan will look like;
- 8) Pending Activities per DEQ comments:
- a. DEQ wants us to revise MW-15 from Performance well to Assessment well;
 - b. Re-calculate cobalt background based on Groundwater Protection Standards;
 - c. Address Sentinel well MW-21 which is off site on property of adjacent property owner;
 - d. When we established the groundwater corrective action program, wells MW-10 and MW-11, which were also on property of the adjacent property owner, were exceeding the groundwater protection standards;
 - e. My first thought was to put a well at the far end of the property of the adjacent property owner and DEQ said “no” that is too far away, and it will come back non-detect and you will not have found the boundary plume;
 - f. We put MW-21 in at where we thought the end of the plume would be and it was right where it needed to be and is a perfect sentinel well;
 - g. New DEQ regulations define a sentinel well as having absolutely no impact so you can’t have anything detected;
 - h. They are requiring another sentinel well right where I wanted to put it in the first place;
 - i. We might be able to request a variance to the regulations for this particular well;
 - j. The Interim Measures work plan, and this variance request, is what you will be hearing more about in the next 6 months;
 - k. Maintaining the semiannual monitoring report and everything else we have to do for Corrective Action is important because we are getting close.

8.c. Constitutional Officers’ Report

No Constitutional Officers were present at the time.

8.d. Closed Session under § 2.2-3711 A.1. and under §2.2-3711 A.4.

On a motion made by Supervisor Yoder, and seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1. to discuss possible candidates for employment with the County and performance of current County staff and under §2.2-3711 A.4, to discuss a personal item for information purposes with the Board that is not related to public business.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss under § 2.2-3711 A.1. to discuss possible candidates for employment with the County and performance of current County staff; and § 2.2-3711 A.4. to discuss a personal item for information purposes with the Board that is not related to public business.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

9.a. Appropriate \$1,529,529.50 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appropriate \$1,529,529.50 for American Rescue Plan Act as a revenue and expenditure budget supplement.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

9.b. Discuss and approve ARPA grant applications

Dr. Millsaps – You received a book of applications at the last Board meeting. I have received 2 more applications. One application is for the Tourism program and the amount requested is less than I had included on the initial spreadsheet. The second application is from the Clerk of the Court, and it is similar to the request from the Clerk of the Combined Courts for 4 employees to receive additional financial assistance. The ones that need to be addressed at tonight’s meeting due to timing are:

- 1) The Sheriff’s request for \$39,000 for a one-time \$3,000 hazard duty bonus for County funded deputies to match the bonus that will be received by Compensation Board funded deputies;
- 2) The Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) match of \$100,000 for the broadband being put in by Citizens Telephone Cooperative.

Supervisor Justin Coleman stated the following for the record:

Today’s discussion involves the County budget which includes funding for the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office. As many of you know, I am employed by the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office. The proposed funding would affect the entire department and not just me individually. Together we constitute a group of three or more individuals who are similarly employed by the Sheriff’s Office and similarly affected by the discussion. Therefore, the exception of State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act section § 2.2-3112 A (i) applies to this situation, and I am able to participate in this discussion fairly and in the public interest. Thank you.

Supervisors requested that the following statement be made for the record:

Today’s discussion involves approving a grant application for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative which includes extending fiber to certain sections of the County and to residents whose driveways are longer than 1000’. Some Board members may benefit from approval of this application if we meet eligibility criteria. The proposed funding would affect every citizen in the County who meets eligibility criteria and not just the Board members individually. Together we constitute a group of three or more individuals who are similarly affected by the discussion. Therefore, the exception of State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act section § 2.2-3112 A (i) applies to this situation, and we are able to participate in this discussion fairly and in the public interest. Thank you.

Supervisor Yoder – I have had people reach out to me about the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority projects. Are those time sensitive?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – The Allocation 1 requests, which are the System Disinfection, Well 6 Greensand Filter, and Main Street Sewer Lining, are of the utmost urgency, especially getting Well 6 online so we don’t run out of water.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Basically everything in that first phase, which is \$878,543. If the PSA had one or two existing wells go down, we would be rationing water. It is urgent to get Well 6 back and to do that you have to do the filter system, work on the water tank, and all that. The sewer lining coming up Rt. 221 from Woods Funeral Home

to the Courthouse, the influx of the water there creates a problem. You have stormwater, groundwater, all types of water. That would solve a lot of problems. Right now, we just had a groundbreaking, depending on what moves into that shell building, I don't know that we could handle it on the sewer or on the water.

Supervisor Coleman – Is there a plan moving forward for the PSA as far as the rates or a mechanism to put some funds into the infrastructure?

Vice Chairman Boothe – We are in a position, although it is in hiatus right now, working with Davenport and Company to look at the finances. The last discussion we had about this, the PSA Board of Directors decided to wait and see what we did with this money and then approach Davenport to come in and look at refinancing with the possibility of the PSA borrowing more money.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We are also looking at rate increases too.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The rate increases are on top of all of this. We just can't raise rates as much as we need to.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This is a Public Service Authority, and we don't have enough customers to support it. But if we are going to do the building at the Commerce Center and other things then we must do this work so we can get more usage in. This is once in a generation money. The intent of it was for infrastructure. I don't know that there is a more basic infrastructure need for the whole County than fixing the whole thing [at PSA], but definitely these first 3 projects which are in tandem.

Vice Chairman Boothe – There is a group looking at housing that has put things on hold that would greatly increase our water usage and would also increase the number of our clients.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We would have more customers to help support the system.

Vice Chairman Boothe – But right now we can't take that on.

Supervisor Coleman – Is the Town putting any of their money in this?

Vice Chairman Boothe – I don't know the dollar amount. With part of their money, they are redoing the Town Hall.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – They have to because of Americans with Disabilities Act non-compliance.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I don't know if they have officially committed, but at least two of their members said they are committed to putting the rest of the funds into the PSA.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yes. According to them any and all remaining funding would go toward these projects.

Supervisor Yoder – How much will they get?

Dr. Millsaps – Right around \$400,000. I think the last estimate I heard about the building was around \$250,000, give or take.

Vice Chairman Boothe – They are in negotiations. It is more of a remodel than a new build. Back to the PSA, this is essential. This has to be done one way or another. If we don't do it with this money...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This is once in a generation funding that we are getting from the United States government, and we need to...

Vice Chairman Boothe – The next infrastructure funding package that is geared for this type of project is held up. If that money ever gets released, we will come back and ask for more. We have a plan 2 if the second round of money comes in. We prioritized these but in actuality all of them are essential whether it is plan 1 or plan 2.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yes. All of it is essential and needs to be done.

Supervisor Yoder – Is there a reason we would not appropriate that money for phase 1 tonight?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would ask that we do that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – We have a group assessing the requests. Have they come to any conclusions?

Dr. Millsaps – Our responsibility is really to make sure you are staying between the rails so to speak. We all feel like, and I certainly feel like, all of these projects are very much in the bounds of what is allowed.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I have no problem if we want to go ahead and approve the PSA request tonight. The sooner we get started the better from my standpoint as a PSA member.

Dr. Millsaps – If you approve the 3 items you discussed tonight, \$39,000 for Sheriff's Office support, the \$100,000 match for the VATI grant, and the phase 1 allocation request of \$878,543 for the PSA, that totals \$1,017,543. When you subtract that from the amount you just appropriated that leaves you with \$511,986.50.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – My feeling would be that I don't know after what we have heard tonight that our Floyd County EMS allocation shouldn't be approved as well.

Ms. Ryan – When were they looking at putting the new schedule into effect?

Supervisor Yoder – They could put that schedule into effect because they already have money in the budget and then backfill it with this.

Ms. Ryan – That is what I am thinking.

Supervisor Yoder – With the PSA there is no money to go to bid until this is approved.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – What about our other County requests?

Dr. Millsaps – You picked the first 3 requests that came in. The other requests were: \$94,190 from Plenty!, \$22,400 from the Combined District Courts for premium pay for essential workers and building repairs, a similar request just came in from the Clerk of Court, a request from Tourism for ShopFloydVA similar to what was done last year, \$171,908 each year for Floyd County EMS to help make the schedule work, and the final item is replacing the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) in the buildings.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would like to support our businesses too.

Chairman Turman – We don't have to spend it all tonight.

Supervisor Yoder – Some of these requests are pretty critical.

Chairman Turman – The first three are pretty essential and they need to get started on them now.

Dr. Millsaps – I think it would be helpful to move forward with the different scheduling, that they have your confidence whether you put the money forth tonight or not so they will know what direction to move forward. The situation is becoming fairly critical.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I have no problem with what they are proposing.

Supervisor Yoder – We have to cover calls.

Vice Chairman Boothe – They can go ahead and start the process and we can transfer the money at the first meeting in October. I know we are having problems with getting part-time EMS employees. The money is allocated for part-time right?

Dr. Millsaps – The spreadsheet takes into account the money for all shifts. It includes not filling a part-time administrative assistant that is vacant...

Vice Chairman Boothe – That money is already budgeted. Can we take the money that is in the budget for part-time people who are not showing up and move that around in the budget to hire people on a permanent basis? Within the scope of the budget, they are talking about hiring 3 full-time employees. The money is already in the budget to help do that, right?

Dr. Millsaps – The money that is in the budget is insufficient for the full fiscal year to make that happen.

Vice Chairman Boothe – What we are talking about right now is getting us from December to June. They can start with the funds that are already in the budget.

By consensus, the Board agreed that EMS should proceed with the 24 hour shift every 72 hours schedule.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How do you feel about your HVAC system?

Dr. Millsaps – The HVAC systems are both pretty problematic. The one in this building rains in on a pretty regular basis and spits out ice on occasion.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Do you want to wait on this?

Dr. Millsaps – I have no interest in waiting, but if you need us to wait, we can. It has waited this long. I have asked Mr. Bolt in his new role of Public Facilities Manager to focus on helping us maintain well and preserve well what we already have. This is part of it. The longer the HVAC systems aren't fixed, then the more things happen to the buildings.

Supervisor Yoder – Why don't we go to bid on it and then appropriate the money if we decide to accept a bid?

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise an Invitation to Bid for new HVAC systems that need to be replaced in the County buildings.

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the requests of \$100,000 for the VATI match, \$39,000 for the Sheriff's Office hazard duty pay for locally funded officers, and \$878,543 for the PSA phase 1 projects.

Supervisor Coleman – yes, I want to point out that this covers a group of 3 or more people and was done across the State by the Compensation Board and this match is to stay in compliance with the Compensation Board.

Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

10.a. Voting credentials for the VACo Annual Business Meeting

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Supervisor Yoder as having the Floyd County voting credentials for the VACo Annual Business Meeting and that Vice Chairman Boothe be the alternate.

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

10.b. Request from New River Health District to carry over \$3,577.98 into FY22 budget

Vice Chairman Boothe – What expenditures are they talking about related to the July 2021 5% raises for state eligible employees? Is it something we will be expected to take care of in the future?

Dr. Millsaps – I don't know that this is a permanent commitment on your part.

Supervisor Yoder – What do they mean by “to offset anticipated low revenues in FY2022?” We are in the middle of a pandemic.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It says, “low revenue due to the cancellation of revenue-generating clinics... We have secured state matching dollars for these carryforward funds.”

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I think we need more information.

Supervisor Coleman – Let's ask for clarification on this request.

Supervisor Yoder – My question is will there be an increase in the budget request to continue these raises? Is this recurring?

Chairman Turman – Please ask for more clarification and we can take it up again at the next meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to not carry over \$3,577.98 into FY22 budget.

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

10.c. Revenue and expenditure budget supplement request to FY22 Fire and Rescue Fund from Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for \$3,121.00 more in State Fire Funds received than budgeted

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a revenue and expenditure budget supplement request to FY22 Fire and Rescue Fund from Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for \$3,121.00 more in State Fire Funds received than budgeted.

- Supervisor Coleman - yes
- Supervisor Yoder - yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
- Supervisor Boothe - yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

10.d County Administrator's Report continued

- Elections – A teacher from Virginia Tech and a couple of his students came by with Ms. Amy Ingram last week to look at our network and that seemed to go mostly well. I have sent a clarification email to find out what types of things were covered and what photos were taken and not taken.
- Vehicles – We received 5 bids on the old vehicles. The high bid was for just under \$10,000. The bidder who won has 2 weeks to come and get their vehicles. We have titles for all but 1, and for that one we have a copy but need to request an original title. This clears out a lot of the unused inventory including at the old landfill. The Schools are removing their old vehicles one by one. The remaining questionable vehicles are those for the Transfer Station.
- Recreation Building – The bid announcement will be in Thursday's newspaper. It has a mandatory bid meeting scheduled for October 7.
- Joint Task Force – Every Monday I sit in on the Task Force for COVID-19. This week's update is everything is unfortunately about the same as the week before, with the exception of Giles County which has very high numbers, particularly of patients in ICU (intensive care unit). As of Monday, they had 13 people in Giles County ICU, which was half of the ones in our health district.
- Redistricting – Now that we have final numbers from the census, we need to have some conversations about redistricting shortly.
- Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council – Every other year you have to do the conflict of interests training, with the alternate year being freedom of information act training. This is your conflict of interests year.

11. Board Member Time

Vice Chairman Boothe – I’ve already had some conversations with citizens about redistricting. I thought we had a company that suggested the mapping. Is that incorrect?

Dr. Millsaps – We have the company who handles all of our GIS mapping. They have reached out to Ms. Ingram and me. Our next step is for Ms. Ingram and me to meet with them. I indicated to them that I would like for you to have some options so you can go from there. I told them we definitely wanted more than 1.

Vice Chairman Boothe – So there is not much we can do until they get their proposals together.

Dr. Millsaps – Since you only have 4 meetings left this year, I wanted to make sure you had this on the top of your minds. Ms. Ingram and I will schedule a meeting as quickly as possible.

Supervisor Coleman – With only 4 meetings left this year, we are going to have some pretty stacked meetings. We need to very diligent about the next 4 meetings.

Dr. Millsaps – He has the data so he can start running maps. We will either send those to you electronically, or if the files are too big, we will print the maps for you to take home and review.

Vice Chairman Boothe – If we need to, we can have a special called meeting for nothing but that one subject.

Discussion was held about the number of citizens in each district and the impact that would have on the redistricting.

Dr. Millsaps – From the email I received last week from King & Moore, “We received the new numbers from the State census. Floyd did not lose any population but did gain 84 persons spread over the County in 59 different blocks. The State says these are final numbers so we can continue with redistricting.” When we meet with them, I will get all the final numbers and data. I will ask for 3 to 5 maps to start.

Vice Chairman Boothe – When you start the budget process at some point Mr. James Pritchett from New River Valley Community Services will want to come and address the Board. For the last several years the State has based their funding to the agency on the 10% we are supposed to be contributing. They have granted a variance because no jurisdiction is meeting the 10%, but there are rumblings coming from the State that this could change and for us to get our full State funding, the local governments may have to go to the full 10%. Just so you know, that will be coming.

Supervisor Coleman – I became aware of a county benefit about 4 or 5 years ago that employees can elect to take and contribute to if they choose. Through that it came to my attention that we are now the only locality in the Commonwealth that does not elect the ProAccount for Nationwide retirement funding. It would allow employees to elect Nationwide to manage the employee’s funds for them at a rate of .5% annually. I believe

the holdup has been the County Attorney approving the terms of the plan. We have been in limbo with this for at least 4, if not 5, years. If this could be addressed, it would give the County employees more options and better benefits. Please look into this.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I need to report that early voting got underway last week. As of this afternoon’s count there were 297 ballots sent to voters by mail, 78 people came to the General Registrar’s Office and returned the ballots, early in-person voters were 147. They have been busy at the Registrar’s Office.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Early voting helps, but at some point, this Board will have to look at adding some additional precincts.

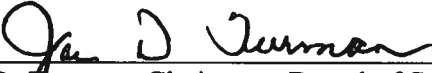
12. Adjournment

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to October 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes



Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

