The Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held a Budget Workshop on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof.

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; Kalinda Bechtold, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch and Levi Cox, Board Members; Dr. Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator; Kim Chiddo, Assistant County Administrator, Christopher McNabb IT Manager to Livestream and film the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. – Meeting Called to Order.

Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Cox.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bechtold led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Quorum

Dr. Linda Millsaps called roll and a quorum was determined.

Agenda Item 5. – Budget Workshop Discussion.

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler presented the school’s proposed budget however noted that this is all contingent on what the state comes down with. Dr. Wheeler continued to share that if the numbers reflect House’s current budget it will be $100,000.00 less. Dr. Wheeler noted the following which affected the increase in budget this year:

- Increased cost of goods, approximately 150% increase
- A 5% increase from the state is included
- Increase the Fuel line item
- Insurance increases

Dr. Wheeler noted that his team proposed a bare minimum budget and reflected the method of the school’s past budgeting and followed the same format as this one.
Director of Emergency Management, Kevin Sowers presented the first department, EMS. Mr. Sowers discussed the challenge within the department regarding retention. Mr. Sowers continued to expound on the necessity to visit salaries with regards to the competition with surrounding areas such as Montgomery, and Roanoke. Brief discussion continued with the new schedule of 24 hours on 72 hours off and the struggle due to the staffing shortage. Mr. Sowers stated that they are continuing to work with management and staff to drive a solution for all.

Further discussion continued regarding the E911 budget. Mr. Sowers explained in detail the NG911 (Next Generation) that will begin next and the preparation that will need to take place regarding equipment and staffing. Mr. Sowers explained the EMD, Emergency Medical Dispatch, and the staffing requirements of 2 people 24-7.

The Board of Supervisors asked Mr. Sowers about vehicles within his department and Mr. Sowers stated at the present time no new vehicles are necessary.

Following the Board Supervisors’ discussion, it was requested/recommended at this time complete the following:

- Change the Description of line items to accurately depict what they are for
- Add $2000.00 to the Board of Supervisors line for mileage
- Add $2000.00 to the Board of Supervisors line for Travel/Conference/Lodging

**Agenda Item 6. – Adjournment.**

On a motion of Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and carried out, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to April 5, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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Dr. Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator

Joe D. Tarman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors