

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2012**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Joe D. Turman, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, 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.

Vice Chairman Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 13, March 27, March 29, 2012 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 13, March 27 and March 29, 2012 as presented.

Supervisor Gerald noted in the March 13, 2012 minutes that he would like to include discussion on closing of Indian Valley Elementary School and that he was 100% against that closing.

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

The monthly disbursements were presented for the Board's review and approval. A list of additional expenses was also presented for the Board's consideration. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Allen – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Sheriff Shannon Zeman next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- March showed 1192 calls for service with close to 25,000 miles patrolled;
- New vehicle has been purchased with insurance reimbursement and drug seizure funds to replace the totaled vehicle – new vehicle is not in service yet;
- One officer in Academy with 12 weeks to completion;
- One officer on light duty from the vehicle wreck;
- Patriot system has been installed and is up and running – had a few minor issues to address – working with the Wireless Board to receive funds up-front. Also working with the warranty company to negotiate a 60 month warranty with the extra funding we had. Also purchasing two additional pieces of equipment with the extra funds.
- Regional Jail work force will be in the County on Thursday and Friday, picking up litter and other jobs.

Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She reported:

- Presented copy of approved subdivisions during the month of March – work has been steady;
- Planning Commission will be meeting next week. Two groups of students from Virginia Tech will be attending to report on their projects in Floyd County;
- Task Forces are holding a Water Summit on April 23, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Rescue Building if any Board member is interested in attending;
- The Task Forces are also presenting their findings and tools they are looking at to-date at the Land Sakes Event on May 5, 2012.
- Economic Development – presented an outline of things that are going on. For most of the time that she's been with the County, time was spent on small business development and business attraction/recruitment, broadly helping anybody and everybody that wanted to start a business. In the past couple of years, more time has been focused on growth company development and limited workforce development. On the back of the sheet, there is a program listed "Economic Gardening Pilot Project" which is an application that the EDA had put together to submit to Rural Development. This pilot program was awarded to them in the amount of \$37,913. The idea is to focus on companies that have real growth potential and want to grow. A lot of companies don't want to grow, only maintain what they have. A key is that their market is outside the County, to bring dollars back to the County. The idea of this program is to provide information based services to these companies, to provide items that they might not be able to afford on their own. These would include market research, strategy and management, new media, project management, and geographic information systems. We also just received word that the EDA received a \$50,000 grant to recapitalize their small business loan program, the 5 & 10 Program. The first grant was \$99,000 with the EDA contributing a \$5000 match. Six companies have been helped so far. Loans range from \$5000 to \$20,000. The loan is based on \$5000 for every job that will be saved or created. The EDA has required a 10% investment from the company, which Rural Development really liked.

Mr. Campbell commented that the Subdivision Ordinance allows for the Building Official to serve as Agent, with other staff also being appointed if needed. With Ms. Martin's schedule, will probably ask at the next meeting for the Building Official to be appointed as Subdivision Agent, with Ms. Martin's assistance.

Agenda Item 7b – Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Ms. Beulah Conner, Communications Supervisor, appeared before the Board, and expressed their appreciation for the Board's support of the dispatchers and communications center. The employees work well as a team, performing a very difficult job.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week as presented (Document File Number ).

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

The Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

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

Agenda Item 7c – Appointment of members to Windmill Task Force. Mr. Campbell noted that Mr. Doug Phillips had indicated that he would not be able to serve as representative to the Task Force, representing the Indian Valley District.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Ms. Helen St. Clair and Mr. John Martinkosky to the Windmill Task Force, representing the Indian Valley District.

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

Supervisor Yoder commented that the first meeting of the Task Force would be held tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Campbell presented a letter from VDoT concerning a program they are having this month, "Day Rides to Inventory Local Road Needs". VDoT officials and Planning Commission staff will do windshield tours of the different counties to survey primary road issues, deficient

bridges, dangerous intersections and local significant routes. Board members will review their schedules to select a convenient date this month for the tours.

Mr. Carl Ayers, Social Services Director, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Case numbers are consistent, for the second month in a row;
- Have seen an increase in AEP termination notices being received;
- No meth labs were found in the last month, so no new children have been received through the agency;
- Budget – no approvals yet from the General Assembly so everything is still up in the air. VRS especially will be a big issue;
- Information sheet presented on a new program from the State entitled “Common Help”. This new computer system will allow applications on line for new applicants and also allow checking of benefits on-line. The program was piloted in four large localities, which have their own IT staffs. One computer will be supplied for the DSS lobby. This is a \$65 million project of the Federal and State governments.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to include discussion of State Secondary Route 808 from Ms. Christy Pugh.

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

Ms. Christy Pugh – I live on Diamond Knob Road, Route 808. Two weeks ago at the meeting, I believe you all heard some comments about some residents who are interested in having the road improved, widened and paved. My husband and I are here today, we live on Diamond Knob. We wanted to express a different opinion regarding the necessity of that. We feel that the road is fairly insignificant in the County, so few people live on it that we don't see the justification of the County's precious dollars being spent to widen this particular road. I also walk on this road quite a bit and observe the number of cars, which is few. I'd hate for there to be an impression that there is a lot of traffic on the road. In my opinion, it is very insignificant. My husband works at home and so does our neighbor, Teegan Dobins, who I think sent you an e-mail about this also. They are able to observe the number of cars on the road daily, whereas the speakers at the last meeting don't actually live on that section of the road. I just wanted you to hear that we don't observe very much traffic on the road. So in general just wanted to see the County's dollars spent wisely and would argue that it is not necessary. I want to see the rural character of that road preserved. Thank you.

Mr. Rick Brown – thank you for your time. I also have a letter here of residents who are against adding Route 808 to the 6-year County plan. As my wife mentioned, we are one of four residents who actually live on Route 808. There are approximately 15 households that utilize Route 808. Being home most of the time, I see the traffic, I see the patterns, I see where people

turn, and I don't see the justification for paving or widening this road. I see approximately 20 vehicles that pass my house every day and maybe double that turn on Level Bottom. Again, I don't see that as justification for improving this road. The elevation of the road would require a lot of excavation, there are a number of curves which would require a lot of funding. Secondly, just for the record, our property would not be affected, across the street would be affected. Regarding the safety conditions, two weeks ago Mr. Vest mentioned a close call with a bus and I would argue that there are close calls on all roads. The issue there is inattention and speed which would be exacerbated with paving this road. Rural roads, by their nature, if you pave them, people will increase their speed because there aren't people to witness them. I am concerned because I am a person who walks, runs and cycles that road. Neighbors also walk. I'd like to express our concern that it is not in the County's best interest to spend their money on this road. Thank you.

Dr. Kevin Harris, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Presented a revised appropriation request for the FY12 school budget. Change is due to receiving additional funds from the Education Jobs Fund in the amount of \$7854.98. This will go into the line that funds elementary teachers' salaries. Funds will be used to pay teachers currently employed. At the end of the year, funds will all be consolidated and hopefully used to buy school buses.

Discussion followed between Chairman Clinger and Dr. Harris on remaining funding for the current budget year in the instruction category and any possible returns to the County. Dr. Harris will provide detailed information to the Board by the close of business today.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7854.98 for the FY12 school board budget, additional funds received from the Education Jobs Fund.

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

Dr. Harris also commented that the General Assembly has not approved the final budget yet so would ask that a proposed budget be relayed to the Board of Supervisors at such time as those final figures are received.

Mr. Dan Huff and Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board.

Mr. Huff commented that, with the recent public hearing on the 6-year secondary road plan, that action needs to be taken by the Board to approve it. The proposed routes to be included are Route 750, 635, and 653. If further funds become available, two projects on Route 615 will also be completed.

Supervisor Yoder questioned if Route 808, that had been mentioned at the hearing, could have some maintenance work completed instead of placing it on the plan. We heard from folks this morning who did not want the road paved, so trying to find a middle point.

Mr. Huff stated that was an option, they could look at it. Also, it may be eligible for Rural Rustic Road funding, which would surface treat it in place, if it had no major pipes or rock that would need to be addressed.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the 6-year secondary road plan as presented, with inclusion of the FY13 budget as presented.

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

Mr. Huff reported that the Transportation Board will consider the reduced speed limit request around the rescue building at their meeting on April 27.

In maintenance items, Mr. Clarke reported that potholes had been repaired on Routes 655 and 619, Route 221 shoulder work continuing, Paradise Lane shoulder completed, Franklin Pike/Shooting Creek intersection, grading on Sawmill Road along with opening of pipe, Route 615 pipe patched – will look further for connection.

Supervisor Gerald – Macks Mountain Road, are sign installations complete?

Mr. Huff – lack vertical delineators.

Supervisor Gerald – curves at the end of Macks Mountain Road, 3-4 miles before end of road, needs signs also.

Mr. Huff – number of signs installed were number recommended by Traffic Engineering. The Rescue Squad signs have been installed also.

Supervisor Allen – Franklin Pike at Smartsview Road. If traveling south on Franklin Pike, cars traveling north can almost hit you coming out from that intersection. Need brush and foliage cut back there for sight distance.

Supervisor Turman – Sugartree Road – gravel keeps washing above culverts at the bridge in heavy rains.

Supervisor Yoder – work being done on Route 221 near Timberline/Goldfield Roads. Is that widening of the shoulders and will the guard rail be put back?

Mr. Clarke – yes to both questions.

Supervisor Clinger – Route 817 – showing that it will be surface treated this year. Which section of Route 817?

Mr. Huff – will have to check, I'm not sure.

Agenda Item 7d – Work session on proposed FY13 budget. Mr. Campbell reported on the conference call with the Governor that he had just participated in. The Governor signed into legislation, HB 1130, and he is recommending certain changes via SB 498, which deals with VRS and pension reform legislation. In essence, the only thing that he is suggesting at the present time is in response to an outcry by many local governments, and that is to allow local governments to do the phase-in, i.e., 1% over subsequent years. He is making the statement that employees will have to get into paying for retirement. It will get up to the 5% over a 5-year period. You're faced with at least a 1% pay raise to provide creditable compensation to all employees who will be required to pay at least 1% toward their retirement. It can range from 1-5%. Some of the questions that came in, one Board member said they were going to do it all in one year. As far as Constitutional Officers and Social Services, don't look for any additional funding for this to come from the Comp Board or the State. They clearly made the statement today that they are looked at as local employees in this instance. There will be a letter from the Governor's staff today that will provide details. It is definitely going to occur and we have to deal with a 1-5% additional cost beginning July 1. At the end of the 5 years, the 5% has to have been addressed. This is the same situation with the schools; they just cleaned up the legislation to include local governments.

We are still waiting on information from the State for funding levels. State legislation requires approval of the school budget by May 1. The caveat there is we have 30 days from the date that the School Board receives communication from the State as to what the funding will be. Once we get those numbers, you have 30 days to approve a budget for the school system and until June 30 to approve the County budget. We're still in a waiting period.

Chairman Clinger asked the Board to consider placing the additional funding for the school system in the County's Contingency fund. If at such time as they need funding, for example for buses, they could come back to the Board to request those funds.

Mr. Campbell also reminded the Board that if they are interesting in beginning the reassessment process, funding would need to be included in this budget to begin the process, at least \$150,000 to start. Consensus of the Board was to delay this for a year, hoping the real estate market will steady itself.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of  
Supervisors