

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman (entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.); J. Fred Gerald, Vice Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Case C. Clinger, William R. Gardner, Jr., Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Vice Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Dan Vest, Locust Grove District – I've been researching and reading about the reassessment, and you can see the effects of the math. 60-70 cents of every tax dollar goes to the schools. I am very interested in seeing that budget brought out in more detail to see what we are paying for. School teachers make sure you show your work, we need to hold the school administration to show their work. Break it out by each school; the details have to be there somewhere. They have to have details to manage it. Have it brought out in the open to see exactly where our money is going. We need to be as transparent as we can. The least we can do is be transparent especially based on the last tax assessment. Everything is going up and I know the new levy will be applied and we want to know where it is going. We were reading Mr. Gardner's blog and were wondering why the County is taking out \$900,000 more in debt for solid waste and fire items, is this more remediation at the landfill?

Mr. Campbell – it is actually for equipment, two garbage trucks and one fire truck, to replace very old equipment.

Mr. Vest – solid waste should be charged on a user fee. I only go to the green box once a month; other people that use them fill them up. I see pickup trucks stop at them and throw away everything besides the white household waste bags. There is a lot of garbage that we should not be paying for, the contractors and others outside the County that bring their trash here.

Mrs. Kirsten Vest, Locust Grove District – I would like to echo Danny's request about breaking out the school budget in more detail. Also, in particular, on the County budget, as to what part is the school budget. When things first came up and we heard that you were considering the budget, I looked at the School Board budget from last year. It is very general. I looked up the State Code as to what is required, and we do adhere to the State Code, but it is

very minimal. They do account for revenue and expenditures but there is no extra information. You either have to be an accountant or have taken accounting classes, or look up all the terms to see what they mean. If you don't, you don't know what is going on and what is being spent where. Break down the budget by schools, list everything out. Sports expenses are a great part of the budget. I am sure they are in there somewhere but it doesn't show in the line items. I thought when I looked at the Code and how other school districts do it, that I could figure it out. Other schools give more information and break down the information so it is more user friendly. Other states that I've researched, like Pennsylvania for example, list sports, textbooks, art, music and it is easy to understand. I understand that for the sake of not taking up a lot of space with a large document on the internet, but there needs to be more information for the citizens of this county to look at. One reason for our concern is the 7th graders now being allowed to play 8th grade sports and busing them from outlying schools to the high school. When I'm sitting in the car at Check waiting for my kids, I see a bus pick up 3-4 kids every day to take them to the high school to play sports. It takes a lot of gas and the driver doesn't get paid much. There are expenses for maintenance of the vehicles and the vehicles themselves. I don't have a problem with the idea, but is that what is more important and where we need to spend our money? At the same time, Check has a driver who was driving an old bus at the end of the year, and now he's driving a brand new bus to pick up 3-4 kids at Check to take to the high school. It does not make good financial sense, something to consider. I know that everyone is antsy because of the State government cuts for education and everything else. I looked at the Governor's proposal today and I know that everything is going to have to be tightened; Floyd County should be no different. In regards to the Algebra program, why are we busing from the elementary schools to the high school for these classes when a gifted teacher came to Check Elementary every day in the fall? Parents are wondering what is going on and shaking their heads. Are we paying all this extra money for a few select kids? Use some common sense, please think about it, don't go with the same old thing, and be creative. We have some new faces; don't let the good ole boys tell you how to do things. We love Floyd County; we have great citizens and leaders, do us proud.

Supervisor Allen – I did address Dr. Arbogast about the bus situation.

Mrs. Vest – what was his response?

Supervisor Allen – he did not know about it.

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

A work session was held on the proposed FY11 budget. Mr. Campbell presented a first draft of the budget for the Board's review and discussion. He outlined several cost cutting proposals for the Board to consider. He did report that a 30 day advertisement is required of any increase in the tax rate under the reassessment guidelines. The Board reviewed the draft of revenues and expenditures.

On a motion of Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Clinger, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Gardner – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Ingram – aye