

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2012**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, June 12, 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 Board Member Gerald.

Chairman Clinger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 8, 2012 and May 22, 2012 were presented to the Board for review and approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012 and May 22, 2012 as presented.

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements and additions as presented.

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

Ms. Stephanie Shortt, Commonwealth's Attorney, next appeared before the Board. She reported:

- Introduced Mr. Clifford Hapgood, who is serving as the temporary part-time prosecutor in her office. Funding has been requested from the Compensation Board for the upcoming year for this position to become permanent.
- A Circuit Court Judge has been approved by the General Assembly for this Circuit. Court will be held at least one day per week now in Floyd County due to the case load increase.
- Number of defendants asking for jury trials has increased. There are two scheduled this month already so things are very busy.

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

- Presented copy of monthly call report indicating 1356 calls;
- One Deputy will be graduating the Academy this month and will be in rotation, the one injured Deputy is back full-time;
- Grand opening of the Academy is Thursday at 2:00 if anyone would like to attend the ceremony. I will be chairing the Academy this year.
- Did have a Federal funded training at the high school on June 1-2. It was a real learning experience for us, lots of room for improvement but we did do some things well. Our communications definitely needs to improve, our system is great, we just need to use all facets of it. We'll continue to work to improve our skills.

Ms. Lydeana Martin, Subdivision Agent, next appeared before the Board. She presented the Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for the month (Agenda Item 7a). She commented that quantity seems to be steady.

In other matters, she reported that the Task Forces continue to meet. The Agriculture and Forestry Task Force should have a draft document for your review in a couple of months. The Land Policy Task Force will probably need a few months more. They decided to increase their meetings to twice per month for four hours each.

Land matters – we will be hosting a game here next week. A different way to engage people in thinking about their community and issues therein. Two sessions, one on Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m. and one on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Economic development – we will be hosting a tour of H&V sometime in July if any Board member would like to attend. Remind you of the recent \$750,000 grant that they received to research the next generation of work at their Floyd plant. We are hopeful that this will keep this company's strong presence in the County.

Agenda Item 7b – Resolutions for VRS Employer/Employee Retirement Contribution Rate Elections. Mr. Campbell commented that there are separate resolutions indicating the percentage contributions for both employer and employees.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve resolution #1, indicating the VRS employer contribution rate of 11.98% beginning July 1, 2012 (Document File Number _____).

Supervisor Yoder – aye
 Supervisor Turman – aye
 Supervisor Gerald – nay

Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – nay

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve resolution #2, indicating the VRS employee contribution rate of 5% beginning July 1, 2012 (Document File Number _____).

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

At 9:00 a.m., the Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Linda DeVito, Little River District and representing Across the Way Productions – I come before you today to thank you all for your support and continued support of Across the Way Productions and specifically Floyd Fest. We appreciate our County's level of commitment and desire to want to see Floyd County do well in its tourism efforts as well as folks coming out and visiting our lovely jurisdiction. I have for you a gift of some tickets that the Board can use for its discretion and also for your two employees here seated at the table. One of the things that I'd like to say is that the direction that Floyd Fest has continued to strive and focus on is not only our music and arts, but we have seen a very specific level of interest in Floyd County and its outdoor recreation. I know that there have been discussions at our County level as well as our Town level, specifically on trails and parks and the way we develop these. We have seen a direct correlation with the folks that come and want to be with us for a weekend in July and their desire to want to experience the outdoors. Let it be at Rocky Knob, on the Parkway, camping on our site, the facilities that we have started to build within our infrastructure, mountain biking and hiking and disc golf. There has been a lot of deliberation about these things but I want to go on record as saying that this is an important aspect to Floyd County's growth in the next 10-20 years. It is something that I think we all need to take a serious look at continuing to find ways for us to develop this important part of tourism and the natural and scenic beauty of the County in which we live. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Frank Rudisill, Indian Valley District – I wanted to discuss the local school system. I have two grandkids, one with permanent custody and one with 50% custody. They are both six years old. One goes to the Floyd school and one is in the Montgomery County school system. There is a big difference between the two. The boy at Indian Valley School is very advanced ahead of the girl that goes to Eastern Montgomery, she is very far behind. Take funds from somewhere else if you have to, we need to fund the school system.

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

Dr. Kevin Harris, School Superintendent, next appeared before the Board. He reported:
- Presented copy of School Board meeting highlights from June 11, 2012. He commented that Ms. Jennifer Bishop had been appointed last night as the Accounting/Finance

Specialist to replace Ms. Mandy Hall, who is leaving at the end of the month for a job in Salem.

- Budget amendments – School Board approved budget is very similar to the last draft that I submitted to you except for a couple of changes. The first change is simply the carry-over funds. The bottom line is different; the \$55,680 is the data grant carry-over. That is a three year grant which is carried over from this year's budget to next year. We'll spend that down and in three years, all that money will be gone. That is the only thing that increases the bottom line. The other change, since I'm not on the pay scale, I'm sort of on my own pay scale, when we increased the VRS for all employees, we neglected to do that for me, that's just reflected. We gave all employees a 1.2% raise to offset our 1% contribution to VRS, that affected me as well, this was an oversight. The last thing that occurred again, we neglected to add in \$54,416 to cover our Group V employees. We have two groups of employees, the Group IV employees which are the teachers and professional folks. Then we have the custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, maintenance, those folks make up Group V. We neglected to add in the 4% VRS that we have to pay for those folks. What we've done to keep the budget balanced, we removed \$54,293 from the fuel line cost, which still gives us a 30% increase in fuel from this year. We think we'll be ok with that, but it was the only place in the budget to maintain that balance. I'm sorry we neglected that the first time through. We continue to comb through the budget to ensure there are no more errors and it is correct as possible. In a \$20 million budget, it is difficult to catch everything.
- Had a School Board member resign effective June 5, 2012 from the Locust Grove District. Our Board accepted his resignation at their last meeting. What we have to do at this time is pass a resolution to petition the Circuit Court to hold a special election in November to fill this position. With a school division, just like the Board of Supervisors, if someone leaves, the Board has 45 days to appoint a new member until an election can be held. The person elected in November will fill the remaining three years of Clay's term. We are in the process of doing this. The system can be simple or complex. What our Board has decided to do is to have anyone in the Locust Grove District who is interested write a letter of interest by June 19 to be reviewed. They will choose a candidate to fill out Mr. Link's term through December 31. Whoever wins the election will serve the remaining three years. A person who chooses to run in that election would have until August 17 at 5:00 pm to submit their intentions of petition to run.
- We participated in an active shooter exercise recently at the high school. We had all types of people there – SWAT teams, local law enforcement and regional law enforcement, emergency services. The school system and law enforcement responded just like it was a real situation. We learned a tremendous amount from this exercise. We learned where our weaknesses are, where we need to improve, that our crises management plan needs to be a little more precise. The Sheriff's Department learned about their strengths and weaknesses also. The event was completely funded by Federal funds.
- Had a report from the School Gifted Advisory Committee. This year the Governor allowed us to do away with two committees that we currently have – the Gifted Advisory Committee and the School Health Advisory Committee. Our School Board decided to keep the committees because of their importance to our programs.

- Last night the School Board hired Ms. Jill Lane as the Floyd Elementary School principal. She has been a teacher and administrator, both at the elementary and middle school levels. We will be introducing her today to her staff.
- School Board will be meeting on June 19 to consider Mr. Link's replacement and again on June 26 to close out the fiscal year.
- Thank you for making my first year in Floyd County a good one.

Mr. Dan Huff, Virginia Department of Transportation, next appeared before the Board. He reported:

- Signs have been installed on Daniels Run Road to extend the 35 mph speed limit;
- Request to look at improvements for Stonewall Road/Coles Knob Road intersection has been turned in to Salem staff for review.

Supervisor Gerald – need to catch up on mowing secondary roads, especially at intersections.

Supervisor Allen – counted 18 potholes on Wilson Cemetery Road between Stonewall Road and Goff Road. On Stonewall Road, past the Gearhart Barn, asphalt is breaking up badly. Also on Stonewall Road, beyond Wild Cherry Lane, asphalt is breaking up badly there also.

Supervisor Turman – Harris Hollow Road/Route 221 intersection – brush obstruction – after I looked at it, it is actually across the road at Topeka Church that is the obstruction, if people pull up too close to the intersection.

Mr. Huff – I had looked at that site on the way back from the last meeting. We may need to put a stop bar further back at the intersection.

Supervisor Turman – Sugartree Road, near the end – culvert is filled up and water is ready to overflow the road. Appreciate your quick responses to my questions.

Supervisor Yoder – have had a request for a school bus stop sign on Daniels Run Road. How do I go about this process?

Mr. Huff – we would like for you to go through the School Bus Garage Superintendent if you will. That way, they can verify the student attendance and will notify us of the need.

Supervisor Yoder – on Conner Road, where the green boxes were removed, there is a low ditch that collects water up to the road level. It seems the culvert is not draining properly. There is a row of houses across the road that are having trouble with well contamination and think it is coming from that standing water, if it could be checked. Also greatly appreciate the mowing, especially at intersections.

Supervisor Clinger – also appreciate the mowing, the intersections are very important.

Supervisor Allen – if the culvert on Stonewall Road is planned to be replaced, I would appreciate knowing so I could inform the folks at the cattle buying barn.

Supervisor Gerald – the ditches on Indian Valley Road from Route 221 to the end need to be cleaned out.

Agenda Item 7c – Fire Department Station #3 heat pump/air conditioning. Mr. Campbell presented a letter request from the Station #3 Fire Department to install air conditioning in the basement of their building. There were two bids attached as well. In the last couple of years, there was some work done there to address a significant leakage problem through the basement foundation, some improvements to cabinets and appliances were also done. Mold has been forming again and they are hopeful that an air conditioning unit would control the humidity. There were two options presented: 1) air conditioning only; 2) heat pump to provide heat and air.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, it was resolved to accept the bid from Accord Heating and Air in the amount of \$4000.00 for the heat/air option.

Supervisor Yoder – abstain

Supervisor Turman – nay

Supervisor Gerald – abstain

Supervisor Allen – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Motion failed.

The Honorable Charles Poindexter and The Honorable Nick Rush next appeared before the Board. They presented a Resolution as approved by the General Assembly in honor of Mr. David Ingram's 23 years of service on the Floyd County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ingram was also present to accept the resolution.

Agenda Item 7d – Fire Department request to begin research/development of specifications for tankers. They commented that this is a 12-15 month process. To have a request ready for the FY14 budget process, they would need to begin now.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to begin discussion of specifications in June 2013 for possible inclusion in the FY14 budget. There would be several pieces of fire equipment that would be paid off by this time also. The Board also concluded that they would like to have an equipment replacement schedule based on need.

Supervisor Yoder noted that the Rescue Squad is working diligently toward submittal of an application for grant funds for the 12 LED monitors for all vehicles. There may be some trade-in options that they are researching also.

Agenda Item 7e – Appalachian Power rates correspondence. Mr. Campbell provided a copy of a letter from the AEP President indicating a proposed 9% increase in rates, which could go into effect early next year. Our power rates for the next year's spending plan were really not

bumped up much so this could be an area that has to be adjusted. On the bright side, they indicated that there would not be any increases for the rest of the year. Years ago, AEP had their own economic development staff, which was pretty effective. They are beginning this program again to work with prospects around the region. This will be an asset to our own staff as they are working with prospects.

Agenda Item 7f – Tax Revenue Anticipation Note Payoff/New Loan. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of the invoice that will be paid on Thursday by wire transfer. These loans are required to be opened and closed within a one year time frame, which we will be able to do. The current loan was \$2.5 million, of which we drew \$2 million. By mid-July we will have the new loan available in the amount of \$2.4 million. We will have all required resolutions and other paperwork for your review and approval at the end of the month meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise the change of the regular June 26, 2012 Board meeting to June 27, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to reconsider the matter/motion of the Station #3 Fire Station air conditioning.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to award a contract to Accord Heating and Air in the amount of \$3800 for Station #3 Fire Department air conditioning.

Supervisor Yoder – aye – am a member of Station #3 Fire Department, but there are no personal financial conflicts, so I will vote on the matter
Supervisor Turman – nay
Supervisor Gerald – nay
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to transfer \$3800 from Contingency to 4-010-032030-3202 for payment of the Accord Heating and Air invoice.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – abstain
Supervisor Gerald – abstain

Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

The Board recessed for the 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the proposed FY13 budget and tax rates.

At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called for the Public Hearing on the proposed FY13 budget and tax rates.

The County Administrator read the call for the public hearing.

Mr. Campbell gave the following synopsis of the proposed budget:

Following this public hearing, the Board of Supervisors can make minor changes to the spending plan prior to adoption. Any changes could be in relation to the public comments received this evening. It is anticipated that the Supervisors will approve the 2012-2013 County budget at their next meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 27th. The actual appropriation of the budget will need to occur in early July (probably at the Board's meeting on July 10th). Please note that the County budget that has been developed by the Board does not include any tax increases. Likewise, there are no proposed increases to any fees or charges. The proposed budget totals \$30,106,053 for the overall County government. Of this total amount the budgeted amount being allocated to the Floyd County Public School System is \$20,013,997. The School's figure accounts for 66% of the County's planned expenditures. Local funding for our public schools is being increased by \$215,112 and will total \$6,913,144 next year. The Board is also allowing the school system to carry over \$300,000 from the current budget year in order to cover expenses next year. Revenues have been conservatively predicted and our expenses have been scrutinized, decreased and/or eliminated. At this point there is very little flexibility in the County's overall budget, and not much, if any, flexibility remaining in the budget of our school system. Going into next year's budget we will have a contingency of approximately \$157,000, which represents a very small figure for a \$30 million spending plan. I want to conclude by observing that our real estate tax rate, at \$0.50 per \$100 valuation, is surely one of the lowest in Virginia; however, the tradeoff (for low taxes) is that we, as a local government become more and more fiscally stressed and in time, we will encounter deficiencies and quality decreases in areas such as education, public safety, fire and rescue response, handling of solid waste, and the myriad of other services and programs supported by Floyd County government. While the budget for next year is "workable", it is possible that we are going to face growing and significant issues in 2014 and beyond.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for comments from the audience.

Mr. Jack Lawson, Little River District – Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight, I know you all put a lot of time and effort into this budget. First thing I'd like to do is thank you from the Skyline Soil and Water Conservation District for holding the line. It is very important to me and I think you get a lot of bang for your buck. My complaint tonight would be for taking the funding for the Crooked Road out of the budget. As owner of the Farmers Supply, I see the

advantages and results from funding this program. If you can't fund it completely, fund it partially. Thank you for your service.

Ms. Catherine Pauley, I was one of those Burks Fork Buffalo Mountain Vaughn girls for a number of years, taught some of you, worked on committees with some of you. The first Board of Supervisors meeting that I attended I was 21 years old. I came back to the County to teach, I wanted to teach here although we didn't have much of an art program. I taught two classes at the elementary school and two at the high school each day and it was a hard thing to do. This is my County, and this is something that I've always wanted to do, to be supportive of my friends and neighbors in my community. That first Board meeting that I went to, I'll have to tell you this story, because I never forgot it. Elmer Quesenberry was on the Board at that time from Indian Valley. Indian Valley is a lot like Buffalo Mountain, just on the other side of the road. We all have our drawls which should be taken into consideration in the four minute time limit to speak – to monitor the drawls. They were talking that night about paying somebody for some chickens that had been killed. At that time we were being responsible for that type of thing. Elmer leaned back in his chair and said, well, fellas, I'll tell ya, the first thing we gotta do is decide if them chickens was young pullets or them chickens was old hens. Because everybody knows that a young pullet is worth more than an old hen. I learned a valuable lesson that night that the Board of Supervisors and all the community members need a lot of common sense. We all value things differently. What one person sees the value in, another person may not. When deciding on spending, we have to decide the value of things. Are we spending money on old hens or young pullets? The eggs haven't been made yet, they haven't hatched, but there is a lot of potential there. This is sort of what the arts initiative is. Being an old hen myself, I see the value of an old hen for stew in the pot. I've watched the arts program, especially the visual arts program because I can't sing even with the radio. I love the music programs, the Crooked Road program, the families, and the community that music is so much a part of who we are as a people. I also started working with Case's mom and Kitty Conduff on setting up what we saw as the first art gallery in the County. Some guy from Roanoke drove all the way up here and he said he just wanted to come up here and see who had the guts to open up an art gallery in Floyd County. I thought he was strange. But when I got involved in these things and in teaching, I wanted to help young people in the County recognize the value in their creative natures. We did not appreciate at that time who we were as a people, we were put down. Why do you want to go to Floyd, why do you want to live in Floyd? Those of us who lived here and stayed knew why we wanted to be here. I wanted to also touch the people that I taught or worked with in the gallery, to say, you have a strong, beautiful, viable culture. You don't need to have culture brought to you, you need to learn to celebrate who you are as a people and a culture. This is what this initiative has done. I haven't been real physically involved in it, but I sit back and watch. I wanted to come here tonight and say please think about this young pullet and the possibilities of the eggs and hens and all the possibilities of this program to bring money into our County. The reason I like the way that this is bringing money into the County is because people are bringing money here and visiting and going back home. Thank you.

Ms. Linda Petrie, Courthouse District – this past spring I have had the pleasure of being able to work with the JAMS program. This program is the Junior Appalachian Musicians. We were able to serve 84 young people, grades 3-8. These young people were able to learn how to play the fiddle, guitar and banjo. Being able to be part of the Crooked Road and part of the 19

Counties that form the Southwest Virginia Cultural Foundation enabled us to have seed money to pay for these instructors, who were professionals that taught these children how to do this. It gave them money also so every child had an instrument. The parents paid either nothing, \$5 or \$10 for these lessons. At the end the children were able to play. Why this was important to me is that I live in Town, in the Courthouse District and I walk up on Friday nights to South Locust Street. It is not just the Country Store. When you walk up there, you see groups forming. The groups that are forming are children, high school students, young adults, middle-aged adults and senior citizens. The inter-generational bond of music pulls together. This is such a cultural wealth for our County. I would hate to see this fall apart because I'm not sure we would be able to make it without having the support from this alliance. Thank you.

Mr. Ernest Bryant, Locust Grove District – I have been a resident of the Locust Grove District since 1973. When we moved here, there were numerous manufacturing jobs, mostly in textiles and seemingly a dairy farm every mile or so. Today, most of the manufacturing jobs are gone and only a handful of dairy farms remain. As a former member of the Planning Commission, I had the opportunity to work on several comprehensive plan up-dates. The main issue that came up at all of our public meetings was how to grow and sustain our local economy without sacrificing our quality of life. With the beauty of our sparsely populated County and Blue Ridge Parkway running through one end of the County to the other, tourism became an important part of rebuilding our economy after the mid 1990's. Since then we have seen a steady growth in this aspect of our economy driven in part by federal, state and local dollars, as well as our many artisans, craftsmen, musicians and local businesses. Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation provides support for this effort throughout our whole region of Southwest Virginia. The money and time invested in the Crooked Road, Round the Mountain, Heartwood and the arts are paying big dividends compared to the local tax dollars invested in this effort. I believe this is not the time to abandon support for the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation and I urge the Board to reconsider funding this important initiative. It makes good economic sense to support our artisans, craftsmen and musicians that do so much to enrich our economic diversity and well-being. Thank you.

Mr. Woody Crenshaw, Little River District – I am here to request that you reinstate the \$10,000 contribution to the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation in this budget year coming up. I'll just tell you a little story. In 1926, a band of musicians from Floyd County called the Floyd County Ramblers went down to Bristol and recorded a song that was called "The Old Step Stone". That song and that group of musicians became sort of a national and international hit. That recording ended up in Asia, Africa, and other places and it embodied the spirit of the music of this place. The fiddle and banjo and the music that came out of the hills and hollows that are Floyd County. Fast forward to 2003, two people, Todd Christensen and Joe Wilson, a State employee and a musicologist, got together and formed The Crooked Road. On a table napkin, they drew a road; on that road were seven little destinations. The Carter Family Fold, the Ralph Stanley Museum, the Galax Fiddlers Convention. In Floyd, two destinations, the Floyd Country Store and County Sales. County Sales at that time, and still may be, the largest distributor, mail order, of bluegrass music in America. They put this road together and they invited the ten Counties that represented that road to a meeting at the Carter Homeplace. Among those ten counties, they got together and decided that each of them could contribute. One person led that conversation. That was Mr. George Nester, who was the County Administrator of this

County at that time. He said, we've got to stand behind this, this is important to us. Fast forward, we're now 19 Counties. We are the Southwest Virginia region and that region last year was designated an official region by the State Legislature. Floyd County is a part of that. Nineteen counties that have never worked together are now working together. They are working together on music, crafts, agriculture and on outdoor recreation. Initiatives that help us all. For any one of those 19 Counties to say that we're not going to support this anymore would be really difficult. When I first heard that Floyd might step away from this, I didn't hear it from the newspaper here in Floyd. I heard it from an employee of the Department of Housing and Community Development in Richmond, they called me about it. This is really important for us. Floyd has a lot of riches. Riches of artisans and musicians, natural scenery and outdoor recreation. We need to support that, and this \$10,000 contribution is really important to a lot of people. I would appreciate it if you would reconsider.

Mr. Dan Vest, Locust Grove District – Lot of good comments here tonight. What I want to convey is I'm a Check resident, I go outside the County to make a living. I'm sure you realize what private industry has to do to make ends meet. We have to look for every speck of waste in our budgets and see what we can do to "lean up". That's a term we've been using where I work for years and years. We've got to get lean and do more with less. I don't mean the quality should go down but we've got to do more with less. I'm not an expert on the budget but I did go through some of the things that interested me. The County Administrator hit on one which is solid waste. Solid waste is a big hitter in the County budget and looking at surrounding Counties, I think we're giving that service away. I think the County residents as a whole are subsidizing a few big contributors. Looking at the budget, solid waste tipping fees, if I bring a ton of solid waste or garbage to the station, I pay \$55. Somebody has a semi, they pay \$300-400. That is a heck of a deal. Other Counties, like Patrick County, it is a flat rate of \$50/ton. I was looking at their budget last night, they bring in close to a quarter of million dollars in fees for that. That needs to be regulated. One way to do that is get creative. Most of the quantity comes from construction. You could integrate that into the building permit process. If somebody wants to do an addition or tear out something, you could estimate the impact of waste and tax them for it instead splitting that to everybody in the whole County. Other forms of waste, 60% of the County budget goes to schools. We need to quit acting like we have a middle school in this County and quit using big ole diesel buses to bus one kid to Check, to Floyd, or whatever, to play sports. That's gotta end. That's just wasteful and disrespecting my tax dollars to see money being spent that way. If the parents, on the other hand, want to do that for their children, that's their prerogative. And by the way, they are doing that. If you look at AAU teams, parents are spending a lot of money on their kids which is a great thing. I've done it too. The impetus is there. Push it in a private direction. Look at other funding. Why is that happening? If the private sector is taking that over, maybe we need to review the funding for the rec department too. That's all I have.

After no further comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

The Chairman noted that the budget cannot be acted on for seven days and will be taken up at the meeting on June 27, 2012.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to include discussion on the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation budget.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to restore the \$10,000 contribution to the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation in the FY13 budget.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors