

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2012**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald (entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.), 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 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called for the Public Hearing on the proposed 6-year secondary road plan. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Dan Huff, VDoT Area Land Use Engineer, to serve as moderator.

Mr. Huff outlined the three proposed projects for the upcoming year's funding – Routes 750, 635 and 653. He also noted two additional projects on Route 615 if further funding becomes available.

The Public Hearing was opened for comments from the audience:

- Mr. Michael Vest, Route 808, Diamond Knob – requested widening and surface treatment. There have been several near accidents and the school bus travels this road now.
- Mr. Hank Bowen, Route 808, Diamond Knob – presented a petition of 13 families requesting widening and surface treatment. He has a business on the road and the narrow road makes it very difficult to get equipment in and out.
- Mr. Bill Grafe, Route 683 – more and more traffic on the road now, easily over 100 cars per day. Very bad spot on one hill with limited visibility. 4-5 accidents on the road in the last few years. Especially needs surface treatment, at least to the point that the school bus travels.

After no further comments, Mr. Huff declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Supervisor Gerald entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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

Dr. Harris presented the School Board meeting highlights from March 19, 2012.

- Calendar for the new school year was approved, with school starting on August 14, 2012 and ending May 30, 2013;

- Proudly noted that Floyd County's math scores were 20 points higher than State average in all test areas;
- An alternative education program is being discussed for Floyd County – working with a group of interested people to get this program started again;
- Inspections have been completed of all schools and facilities for any needed repairs;
- School safety audits have been completed with assistance of the County's Building Official and Emergency Services Coordinator.

In discussion of the proposed FY13 budget, Dr. Harris noted:

- There are two models that school boards in Virginia have been following: 1) use the Governor's proposed budget to submit to Boards of Supervisors and Town Councils, or 2) wait for real numbers and then present. The Floyd County School Board have chosen model #2.
- Some of the large increases in the proposed budget can be attributed to fuel costs – note a \$156,000 increase in costs if amounts used remain the same; and also to the VRS proposal where a 5% raise will be required to be given to employees and they will pay the 5% employee share. Do not know details of this proposal yet.
- Appreciate everything the Board of Supervisors has done and is doing for the school system.
- School Board requests that a budget presentation be delayed until such time as real numbers are received from the State. A budget can be prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors within five days of receipt of those numbers.
- In response to a question concerning costs of operation of Indian Valley Elementary School, Dr. Harris noted that facilities costs are around \$72,000 annually, and up to \$600,000 annually with personnel costs included.
- In response to a question concerning busing of students to after school classes such as music at Floyd Elementary School, Dr. Harris commented that those costs are borne by the Jacksonville Center in a partnership to provide other educational classes such as music and art.

Ms. Lee Chichester, Jacksonville Center, next appeared before the Board. She gave an update of the past year's activities and made the following comments:

- There are 14 Board members serving and 18 staff members;
- The Center operates by the following phrases: 1) keep the community in community arts; 2) No Floyd County child shall be without the tools or teachers to explore their creativity; 3) Economic development and arts are a winning team.
- Board of Directors serves on various other regional boards and commissions;
- Thankful each day for the County's support of the Center and its programs.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of monthly disbursements.

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

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

Agenda Item 6 – defer for later in meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Appointment of members to Task Force on windmill issues.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint: Indian Valley District – Doug Phillips; Burks Fork District – Gary Ytema and Michael Turman; Locust Grove District – Tony Morisco and Elizabeth Aldridge; Courthouse District – Jerry Boothe and David Dixon; Little River District – Jeff Walker and Bob Bonsignore as members, with Supervisor Yoder serving as Chairman.

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

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of Windmill Task Force parameters. Consensus of the Board was to include the following parameters for discussion by the group: noise, water issues, fact finding, research, economic impact, field trips, environmental impacts, legal expenses, legal consultation, goals, and time line. The Board also discussed payment of travel for purposes such as field trips and payment for legal services would be paid out of the General Fund legal line item.

Agenda Item 6 – Application for Phase III of Virginia Public Authority Lighting Program. Mr. Campbell reported that the County's grant application for funding by AEP was approved in the amount of \$4937.00 from a \$5791.60 application amount. This grant would be used for fixture/lighting upgrades at the Library, Courthouse and Administration Building. Reimbursement recoup is expected in less than a year.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to proceed with the Lighting Program Grant program as outlined.

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

Agenda Item 9 – E911 road name request – Light of Freedom Way. Mr. Campbell noted that the Building Official does not give individual homes a numerical address until the first inspection is done and site is noted by GPS. This request is from homeowners on a private road and signage will be at their expense.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of the private road as “Light of Freedom Way” as per landowners’ request, with costs to be borne by the landowners as per County policy.

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

Agenda Item 10 – E911 road name request – Blue Deer Run. Mr. Campbell requested that this road naming be deferred until such time as the subdivision is approved by VDOT and County staff.

Agenda Item 11 – Work session on proposed FY13 budget. Mr. Campbell noted that without State funding numbers for schools or any other departments, it is difficult to proceed much further at this point. The only item that needs to be decided tonight is whether the Board is interested in any type of revenue enhancement. Consensus of the Board was for all tax rates to remain the same.

Agenda Item 13 – Tour – BC Genesis, LLC’s lab space at the Jacksonville Center on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. with the Economic Development Authority. Mr. Campbell updated the Board on the recent grants received for construction of an innovation center at the Floyd Regional Commerce Park. He congratulated the Authority and Ms. Lydeana Martin, Staff, for their hard work in obtaining these grants. BC Genesis will be the first tenant in the facility. \$1.169 million was approved by the Tobacco Commission, \$369,000 by ARC, and \$800,000 approved by the Federal Economic Development Authority. This will enable construction of a 15,000 square foot multi-tenant facility.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Allen, 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 property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

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.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of Number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

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

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Center.

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