

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Joe D. Turman, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Linda Devito Kuchenbuch, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Case Clinger 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.

Supervisor Linda Devito Kuchenbuch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2015.

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On the motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On the motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the January 2016 monthly disbursements.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 7.c. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director – provided the December 2015 Floyd County Department of Social Services Caseload Statistics and information on total expenditures for the past three fiscal years in the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Fund.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 10  
Adult Protective Services (ongoing from November): 14  
Adult Services Screenings: 7  
Companion Cases: 4  
Guardianship Reporting Cases: 27  
Child Protective Services Investigations (new): 1  
Child Protective Family Assessments (new): 4  
Child Protective Family Assessments (ongoing from previous months): 1  
Prevention Child Protection Services: 8  
Court Ordered Home Studies: 1  
Foster Care: 6  
View: 11  
Child Care: 7  
Trolinger Emergency Services: 15 applications received, 10 approved and 5 denied

Benefit Programs:

SNAP (new): 43  
SNAP (ongoing): 798  
TANF: 42  
Medicaid: 1,443 – not recipients but cases

Total fuel applications for season: 455 (out of 503) approved fuel cases encumbering \$179,299.88. Crisis applications through 12/25/15: 14

Additional Services Provided in December which are not mandated but done in addition to regular duties:

Christmas Bikes and Coat Drive (Partnership with West End Market & Riner Food Center): 49

Silver Bells: 29 seniors served (Children at Blue Mountain School made wrapping paper for the gifts this year)

Elves United (United Way Partnership: 6 Families referred for assistance with Christmas

Cops & Kids Program (Partnership with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 21 members): 3 families and 5 children were served

Supervisor Kuchenbuch commended the Social Services staff.

Ms. Brewster said the extra projects are not mandated services that they are told by the state or the locality to do. It is additional work her staff does because they feel it is important. It is amazing what the staff does; the extra projects are in addition to maintaining their caseloads and keeping everything up-to-date. They still meet all of their deadlines and work diligently.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would love to see the coat drive start earlier, like start in October.

Ms. Brewster said the coat drive actually starts in November.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said possibly an earlier start because people are going through their stuff and getting rid of it in October. She thinks the program is a wonderful effort of the staff.

Ms. Brewster referred to the information on total expenditures for the past three fiscal years in the CSA Fund.

CSA			
Fiscal Year	County Initial Allocation	Mid-Year Expenditures	Final Expenditures
FY 14	\$600,000.00	\$279,539.17	\$745,596.73
FY 15	\$775,500.00	\$230,740.42	\$410,087.82
FY 16	\$700,000.00	\$134,868.60	

Mid-year of FY 14 expenditures were over \$279,000; mid-year FY 16 expenditures are over \$134,000. Prevention efforts in DSS have saved a tremendous amount of money.

Supervisor Yoder said with CSA expenditures you never know if a big case will come up.

Ms. Brewster agreed and said foster care numbers are also down. At any time you can see an increase; a large sibling group could come into care. Right now we are doing a lot of training with staff. We are doing recruitment effort to hire highly trained staff in prevention and trauma care. We are doing a lot of training in house – looking at what services should you look at for families to make sure there is no duplication of services being asked for through CSA. We are doing a lot of education with staff. Because of the training, this is why I feel the expenditures are coming down. When I came here I looked at what services were being provided by the staff and there was a lot of duplication of services.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out that expenditures have dropped by over 50% between FY 14 and FY 16, which is impressive.

Ms. Brewster added at any time a large sibling group or a child with significant needs could make that number go up. Children could need residential placements. But we are training the staff when doing a residential placement to be very specific with the placement in what is being asked for. There is nothing wrong with us as the payer saying we want your services but we are only going to pay for this, as in certain tests for a child, and we want it done in this timeframe.

Chairman Clinger said that Ms. Brewster made a good point. By putting in a 30 day time period Medicaid will pay for it, but if it is open ended then CSA pays for it. We are talking almost \$15,000 a month for one person.

Ms. Brewster said we are doing a great job of training our staff about what Medicaid resources are available and exhausting those. But if exhausting those doesn't meet the child's needs then we use CSA. I think that is why you are seeing this cost savings.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch again commended Ms. Brewster and her staff. Supervisor Kuchenbuch expressed interest in meeting with Ms. Brewster and taking a ride with a staff worker and becoming more acquainted with what is going on.

Ms. Brewster welcomed that suggestion. Ms. Brewster directed the Board members' attention to a FY16 Budget Summary that had been included in their Board packet. Ms. Brewster said that while doing a mid-year review they identified a shortfall in their budget. She has met with County Administrator Morris. Ms. Brewster requests that a transfer be made from CSA to the agency budget. The State, for the first time ever, included our employees in a 2% raise. We have not gotten that before because we are neither State nor local employees. There was also an increase in Anthem employer costs. Our state mandated on-call, which had not gone up in years, increased from \$10.00/per 8 hour shift to \$16.00/per 8 hour shift. Those things alone made our budget go up \$22,487.00. Our budget was already lower than the past couple of years. We had already taken what appeared to be a cut and we think that was just an oversight. We would like to transfer some of the CSA savings to the agency budget just in case we see an increase in mandated services, such as foster care kids or senior assisted living facilities or adoptions. Already at mid-year we have had to request more money from the State to cover those mandated services. You will see that in the packets. Today we are requesting a transfer from Comprehensive Services Act-Fund 111 to Department of Social Services-Fund 110 budget.

County Administrator Morris explained that the Board of Supervisors approved the DSS budget at the State approved amount which was a preliminary budget. But the State approved an additional \$72,411.00 in November. After numerous discussions we request that you transfer up to the amount DSS spent last year with the understanding that they may need more if they get more State money approved. Right now we are asking you to approve the transfer of \$100,173.00 from Comprehensive Services Act-Fund 111 to Department of Social Services-Fund 110 within the FY16 budget.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$100,173.00 from Comprehensive Services Act-Fund 111 to Department of Social Services-Fund 110 within the FY16 budget.

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 8.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for December 2015 – Ms. Terri Morris explained that Ms. Martin was at another meeting and could not be at this meeting. But Ms. Martin reports that December was a routine month. The yearly report also shows significantly less divisions than the previous year.

Agenda Item 8.b. – Building Permit Report for December 2015 – Ms. Morris said the building report is pretty much the same as it was last year at this time.

One other thing Ms. Martin wanted to relay to you is that the Planning Commission is in the middle of reviewing a proposed townhouse development. There are limitations in the current subdivision ordinance to how specifically to deal with this. She is going to prepare an outline for you. They will make a presentation to you at the January 26 meeting. The Planning Commission wants to get your thoughts on changing the ordinance and give you a briefing on the proposal.

Agenda Item 8.c. – Quotes on speaker system for Board of Supervisors conference room – Ms. Terri Morris said we have two quotes on just the speaker system for this room and the recording system. I did not go as far as getting quotes of the video recording or broadcasting. I thought we would take it a step at a time and gauge all of your interest. We recommend that you go with the quote from Citizens.

Chairman Clinger concurred that it is the lower quote and from a business in the County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch also concurred that we should spend as much of our money locally whenever we can. It is important and a great message to send. I am in full support of videoing, recording, and broadcasting whenever possible to allow our citizens to see and for us to be as transparent as we can. I know Citizens does a wonderful job at the many things that they do. I have become the de facto voice of Citizens sports through my work with the local school system. Everybody on staff at Citizens tries to work here within our community. I think it will enhance our lines coming into this building if we go with them.

County Administrator Morris replied that Citizens is researching now what we would need for the full broadcasting, maybe some updates. The speaker system will work right into it. If you want to go ahead with that we can.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Citizens Telephone Cooperative for a speaker system for the Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 8.d. – Quotes on repairs to Floyd County Administrative Building – Ms. Morris explained that Ms. Brewster notified us of mold issues down in one of her offices. The situation started in the office in the corner downstairs and has travelled up the hallway through the offices. Our maintenance person tore into the wall to see what is going on. It is more than he can handle so we put it out to bid. We had an outline of all the things that we thought needed to be done. We are also having problems with drainage along the side of the building. We wanted that repaired also. We received two bids from our advertisement. There is quite a variation in

prices. The Building Official has reviewed the bids thoroughly and he feels the lower bid will do what we need to take care of it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she had looked over the two bids and it looks like exactly the same work being done.

Ms. Morris said that in the meantime while the work is being done, all of the workers will have to be moved out of that side of the building.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked, "Both floors or just the lower floor?"

Ms. Morris replied, "Just the lower floor." She and Ms. Brewster have met numerous times over this. We hoped we could move her staff up to the Carilion room while this was being done. But all of the computers have to be hardwired into the State router so that wouldn't work. We have to get approval from the State and that can take months. We have come up with a plan to move a few of them into the large conference room. We have made arrangements for the wiring. We already have that taken care of so they can move their computers up here for the few weeks it will take. Ms. Brewster will move some of her other staff into the other side of the building.

Chairman Clinger asked if the records would be moved into the center part of the room and covered? Is there a way to secure the records while the work is being done?

Ms. Brewster said a new box was installed for the IRS audit they had. We will be able to use that. We won't have access to the eligibility files during the construction, but that is scheduled to only take 14 days. Some workers will be quadrupled up downstairs and 4 workers and 1 intern will be upstairs in the large conference room.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how long the problem has been going on.

Ms. Brewster replied that the problem became known right before Thanksgiving break. It came to her attention when a brand new worker in Adult Protective Services went to her doctor with health issues. The doctor said that something in her office was triggering her sinus and allergy problems. We always knew there was kind of a weird smell. Several people have had allergy problems. She asked for permission to pull the wallpaper back that was discolored in that office. We discovered the problem then. Kenny Cox came down and did a chlorox treatment to the area.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she was glad the issue was being dealt with quickly.

Ms. Morris added that Kenny Cox did not think it was a black mold because it came back so fast after the treatment.

Ms. Brewster said she has had staff out of that office. Staff have been tripled up and spaced out. It has been quite cumbersome but they have still functioned very well. No clients have gone without service during the whole time.

Chairman Clinger pointed out that the two week time period for work completion is not mentioned in the quote.

Ms. Brewster responded that the contractors who came to the meeting were told about the two week time period when they submitted bids. They are aware of the time period.

Ms. Morris said the contractors are going to work nights and weekends and whatever is needed to get the work done.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if both contractors were aware of the time requirement.

Ms. Morris said she did not attend the pre-bid meeting.

Ms. Brewster said both contractors were aware of the requirement.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added that all inside work is the priority and then they will take care of the outside work.

Ms. Morris said we do not expect to do the repaving until April or May. Ms. Morris also said additional workers can be moved upstairs if they have problems with conditions downstairs during construction. She and Ms. Brewster would make sure work continued.

Supervisor Turman wondered if there was some temporary funds available to take care of the drainage issue.

Ms. Morris replied that we plan to leave it graveled right now just to make sure it is doing what it is supposed to.

Supervisor Turman asked if the drainage problem is what led to the mold issue.

Ms. Morris agreed that the drainage problem led to the mold problem.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to award the bid to Home Plus Custom Building for the repairs on the Administrative Building.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Ms. Morris said there was one other issue about paving she wanted to bring to their attention. Haymes, the company that is doing the handicap sidewalk ramps around town, called her last week to look at the area next to the courthouse parking lot. They are going to have to dig up part of two spaces in the newly paved parking lot to get the form in. VDOT has promised to put it back in the way it was.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. David West, Locust Grove District, I appreciate your time to hear my complaints. I am a very concerned citizen about the road conditions in this county. I am fortunate to work all over this state. Things are being neglected in this county. It is a shame you have to make the phone calls. You have to go over to the office in Christiansburg and complain to get something done about the roads. I had to do it last week. We have a serious problem up there on Franklin Pike Road, at Hall's Road where water was running across the road. It froze right there. Last week they had to send two graders up there to take care of that problem. That problem had been addressed two years ago when water first started running across the road. Nothing was done about it. Also down between Paradise Lane and 2172 Franklin Pike Road on the right hand side of the road was addressed over two years ago. I was told that it would be taken care of. I had to make another phone call last year and nothing has been done to that ditch where water is running out. Also on Cypress Drive at Hartman's Garage, three years ago they laid out to put a new culvert in to take care of that problem. It was marked but never done. Every time we get anything done on our roads we have to create a serious problem and make everybody mad. The people who work for the highway department in this county, we all know them. You hate to get hateful with them and be a total jerk about things to get things done, but that is what it has come to. I have been making phone calls, and making trips and nothing is getting done. I know there is only so much you can do, but you have to keep the pressure on them because they are not doing their job. I put it on Administration. I don't put it on the workers. I put it on Administration not doing their job. You see them driving up and down the road all the time in their pickup trucks and they are inspectors and supervisors and if they don't take the notes and take care of the problems, I put it all on them. Thank you for your time.

Agenda Item 8.e. – Resolution Seeking Continued Operation of the Catawba Hospital – Ms. Morris said this draft resolution had been requested by the Board at last week's meeting regarding continued operation of Catawba Hospital.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution seeking continued operation of the Catawba Hospital (Document File Number 853).

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Turman said we go to the Community Services meetings and the State pushes mental health and pushes mental health. We have a lawsuit against the State right now because of it and they keep cutting back.

Chairman Clinger described it as another unfunded mandate.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is the best thing about doing these types of resolutions. We are going on the record and letting them know.

Agenda Item 8.f. – Resolution Authorizing Certain Officers to Sign County Warrants – Ms. Morris explained that whenever there is a change of people in positions with authority to sign County warrants, this resolution must be done.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adopt a resolution authorizing certain officers to sign County warrants (Document File Number 854).

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

Agenda Item 8.g. – Wythe County Resolution 2015-26 – Requesting that Section 58.1-3831 be Amended – Ms. Morris said we received this resolution from Wythe County and I wanted to see if you had any interest in doing something similar. The resolution seeks to amend Section 58.1-3831 so that all Counties have the power to tax cigarettes and not just Fairfax and Arlington.

Supervisor Yoder asked if this had been addressed in the Legislative Request packet?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if Wythe County requested that we support their resolution?

Ms. Morris said it was common practice for one County to send this type of resolution to other Counties.

Chairman Clinger said a resolution carries more weight than the Legislative Request.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it is unfair that Fairfax and Arlington can tax cigarettes and nobody else can. Cigarettes are a choice that people make. I'm not much on taxing people. But cigarettes cause so many problems that result in us having to care for people, that I don't have any problem supporting Wythe County's resolution at all. It does send a message when counties get behind another County's resolution. Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if Ms. Morris had any idea how many other counties supported Wythe County so far.

Ms. Morris replied that she did not know but could find out.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adopt a resolution requesting that Section 58.1-3831 be amended to allow all Virginia Counties to have the power to levy tax upon the sale or use of cigarettes (Document File Number 855).

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – no  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 8.h. – Appointment of Member and Alternate to New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Consortium Board of Directors for one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Chairman Case Clinger as a member of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Consortium Board of Directors and County Administrator Terri Morris as alternate for a one year term.

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 8.i. – Appointment to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board – Ms. Morris explained that the previous agenda item was for the Board of Directors and this agenda item dealt with an appointment to the Workforce Development Board. The position has been open for several months and has been advertised. We need a business representative and we have not been able to find anyone. We have talked to different people and want to see if you have any ideas.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if Citizens had been contacted?

Ms. Morris replied that they had been contacted, along with H&V. We contacted them because they are our largest private employers. One person at H&V was interested but could not commit to the time required.

Supervisor Yoder suggested talking to the Chamber.

Ms. Morris replied that she already contacted the Chamber. Mr. McEnhill was willing to serve but he is not eligible in this category.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested Jack Wall or Kamala Bauer from Wall Residences.

Chairman Clinger said we will table this until next meeting. We will make calls and bring it up again at that meeting. We will keep putting it on the agenda until we find someone.

Supervisor Yoder suggested to the other Board members that they send an email to each other if they find someone who is willing to serve on the committee.

Agenda Item 8.j. – Appointment to the Recreation Authority from the Burks Fork District, four year term – Ms. Morris said this position was advertised and we received no letters of interest by the deadline. We did receive one yesterday.

Supervisor Turman said that letter came from Jason Dalton. We know him and he is big in sports.

Chairman Clinger said the position has been advertised and only one person expressed interest. He asked the other Board members if they wanted to go through the interview process?

Supervisor Turman said we would just be spinning our wheels since we only have one person interested.

Chairman Clinger replied we all know the person.

Supervisor Yoder said nothing against Mr. Dalton. But since we normally interview people, I think out of fairness we should now too. I don't have a problem voting for him. But sometimes you go through the motions just so everyone has been treated the same.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch concurred that we should handle this appointment in the same manner as other appointments.

Ms. Morris said she would set up the interview with Mr. Dalton for the January 26 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Agenda Item 8.k. – Appointment to the Floyd County Tourism Development Council, two year term – Ms. Morris explained that when Supervisor Kuchenbuch's appointment letter was sent to the Tourism Council it was discovered that all other appointments had also expired.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Lauren Yoder to the Floyd County Tourism Development Council for a two year term.

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

Agenda Item 8.l. – Discussion on joint meeting of Board of Supervisors and School Board.

Chairman Clinger said that after the previous week's meeting he had thought about it and would like to see the participants broadened out to include EDA. We could have a strategic planning meeting. We would need to get a location large enough to hold all three boards. Each board could put together a presentation of 15-20 minutes of what their goals are. All the boards would work together and then something informal afterward.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested including the Town Council.

Chairman Clinger agreed saying he meant Town Council too.

Ms. Morris confirmed that the participants would be the Board of Supervisors, School Board, Town Council, and Economic Development Authority Board members.

Chairman Clinger said that the earlier we can pass this information to the other participants the better. This would give them an opportunity to see what dates would work for everybody, preferably at night. We want the people on the other Boards to be able to make it to the meeting. Chairman Clinger directed County Administrator to send an email to the other participants. He suggested the Eco-Village as a large enough facility. Each could give their strategic plan of what they are looking at for the next 5-10 years.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested that Culinary Arts from Springhouse could provide refreshments afterward. This would give students the opportunity to do something in a real-life setting that they can work in. Supervisor Kuchenbuch said early February looks open but she does not know the other board's schedules.

Chairman Clinger said the other boards are still getting organized and the meeting will need to be advertised. After we come to a date we all agree on, we have to advertise.

Ms. Morris asked if we would also be having meetings with the School Board on the budget process.

Chairman Clinger responded let us wait and see how the School Board's leadership wants to handle the budget process.

Agenda Item 9. – Closed Session – Personnel §2.2-3711 A. 1.

On a motion made by Supervisor Turman and seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and 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 Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

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

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, 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.

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 7.d. – Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Clarke said the cold is not stopping us from working. We are out on Rt. 8 north of town repairing the shoulders. We are trying to keep up with the gravel roads. I know it has been tough on people. We are still trying to catch up from the flood with a lot of pipe replacements, including Woods Gap Road and Dobbins Farm Road. They've got Hope Road open. The headwalls are not poured but the road is open. They also put in another big pipe on a road off of Rt. 221 close to the Copper Hill area. They are patching Daniels Run Road close to Rt. 8. We've done ditch work on Bethlehem Church Road.

I know we have a request on Cypress Road. Someone called you and you sent that on to me. Everyone has taken all of their vacation pretty much. We are buckling down and trying to catch up on a lot of stuff.

We got a hot box, which heats asphalt. Before we relied completely on cold mix. We can now get some warmer materials to put in potholes for the first time. Usually towns have a hot box because you don't have to haul very far and they have a smaller system to take care of. This is the first time we've had a piece of equipment like this and we are really looking forward to using it. This will hopefully provide better patching that will last longer in the winter.

Chairman Clinger said that when the cold mix is put down, the first time the road is scraped the patch pops right back out.

Mr. Clarke said we still have some storm damage to take care of. Haycock Road actually held up pretty well. A new road we finished paving in Montgomery County did not fare as well. But on Haycock we need to do some ditch work that eroded. But overall Haycock survived the storms back in September.

Supervisor Gerald said the potholes are getting bigger on Indian Valley Road and Horse Ridge Road. The wooden bridge on Sumpter Road is coming apart and needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that she and Supervisor Yoder have an area that overlaps and we've gotten calls about Franklin Pike. I know we will be visiting the 6-year plan. But I do want to make you aware that the intersection of Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek, we are quickly having an industrial zone there. There is going to be a metal fabrication plant built. There is a major pallet construction company housed there as well as Griffith Lumber. Adding to that the reopening by Salem Stone of the gravel quarry on Shooting Creek. It is of utmost importance to county residents that every single ditch on Franklin Pike, absolutely between Shooting Creek and town, be filled with gravel. If you meet one of those trucks – I have and I'm in a 4-wheel drive and I can manage to ride 'em cowboy over ditches and whatnot – but there are a number of people who drive that road in 2-wheel and all-wheel drive. I implore you to really look at Franklin Pike from Shooting Creek to town. I don't want our citizens' safety to be jeopardized.

Past Franklin Pike at the Parkway there are also some issues that I want you to look at. I think Lauren and I are in agreement, he will address his part which is a small part. Franklin Pike needs to be looked at with a fine tooth comb.

I also have a road in my district, New Haven Road, everything on New Haven Road is paved except for a little portion. We probably need to take care of that.

Mr. Clarke said we can put that on the 6-year plan if the Board chooses. We actually looked at that a week or two ago. It could be done pretty much as is. It is pretty wide, has decent ditches, there aren't a lot of curves and alignment issues. We'll get an estimate on that. The Board will probably decide today when the public hearing will be. We can put that on the 6-year plan. We are working on Vaughns Mill Road right now and we have it for next summer. If New Haven is as easy as I think, we might be able to look at both next summer.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch concurred that it is pretty easy. Also, it has been brought to my attention that brush cutting along the sides of our roads, since they are not having to remove snow until probably February at this point, we might be able to get out and get some of the brush cut along the roadways. Given sight clearances are sometimes minimal, it would be great to have that done. Also, anybody who knows about Alberta Clippers knows this afternoon we might have another burst like we did last Monday. Copper Hill and Check, though not my district, there were some severe conditions that caught everybody off guard. I don't know why. If VDOT wants to be part of my blog about weather on Facebook, I have been pretty accurate lately. This may happen again today. With squalls coming over the mountains, we all think

squalls are going to break up, but they don't. They stay together and Floyd, in particular, gets its full share of immediate treacherous roadway. Especially with the conditions we had overnight, if it gets up to 25 degrees today we are going to be lucky. I appreciate every bit of work you do. I met your counterpart in Richmond this weekend about local roads and I hope to learn more.

Vice Chairman Turman thanked Mr. Clarke for all the work that has been done in his area. I know you have been busy. I have been getting a lot of calls about Rts. 769, 747, 743, and 728, Graham Road, Reedville, Ferney Creek both ends as it switches numbers there; people have been calling wanting to get gravel or machine work or anything. Down on Reedsville where it comes out on Rt. 728 there was an accident about a month ago. A truck went off the bank. People try to get away from the potholes and he got too far over and went over the bank.

Down here at Slaughters Supermarket where the green boxes are is a County-State venture as far as maintenance. They said you did some digging and made a pothole that fills up with water and mud. People can't get into the green boxes. They were wondering if you could build that up? Maybe put in a culvert to drain that out.

Mr. Clarke responded that we will take a look at that one.

Supervisor Yoder expressed his concern about Good Neighbors Road. There is a pipe with a creek running through it. One side seems to be collapsing. It is probably at the edge of the road. It is at least a foot that the road is collapsed down. It looks like it has been repaved and then it has collapsed some more. It is a pretty good sized pipe. It has gotten bad enough that if you hit it...if you are meeting someone and hit it...it will throw you off. I am concerned about the stability of the road there.

Mr. Clarke answered I'll see if we have that on our list.

Supervisor Yoder said you probably know about it because they have obviously worked on it a little bit.

Mr. Clarke said he would check the schedule and let Supervisor Yoder know.

Supervisor Yoder expressed his appreciation because he has had a number of people asking about it. Just up from the side of that pipe as you are heading southbound, the road turns to the right and there is a big fir tree that is right on the road where your mirrors will hit the edge of the tree if you are on the edge of the road meeting somebody. But where the road turns to the right, you can't see at all. I guess the sight distance there isn't very good just as you are travelling down the road. It isn't impairing anybody pulling out or anything. I noticed it the other day when I drove the fire truck through there. They train us to stay in the middle of the road. I realized when I got to that point that you can't stay in the middle of the road because you can't see very far at all.

I have had several complaints about Deer Run Road near Holland. There is a pipe that is under the road that is either stopped up or not big enough. This fall they've had flooding across the road several times because of the rain.

I have been getting a lot of calls about the intersection at Check at Rt. 221 where they are doing the surveying. Is there any information on the work?

Mr. Clarke responded that signs with flashers will be put up at that location. He will check the schedule and let Mr. Yoder know.

Supervisor Yoder said he has seen it surveyed multiple times. The rumor mill is going strong. Everyone is convinced that a stop light is being put there.

Mr. Clarke said it will not be a full stop light. It will be flashers.

Supervisor Yoder said I had another call last night about the stop light that was being put in. A few weeks ago I drove through Radford which is a little road off of Cypress. I know Cypress has already been brought up. At one point there seemed to be a creek running down through the middle of the road on Radford. I don't know if it was just wet that day or if they have done some work down there. I was also told but I haven't seen it myself, that there was a pipe on Cypress that was scheduled to be replaced and never has been. At one point there had been some flags put up near Hartman's Garage. The road usually goes downhill pretty quick right there in the wintertime. Please check on that to make sure that it is addressed. Supervisor Yoder concluded by expressing his appreciation to Mr. Clarke.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Sunny Ridge Road connects Bethlehem Church Road to Stonewall and it is a major thoroughfare connecting Rt. 615 to Rt. 221. It is not a well-known road, but it gets a lot of traffic. That road is a disaster. I implore you to get someone out there to look at that immediately. Thompson Road as well. There are areas on Thompson Road that get a lot of traffic from Rt. 221 to Franklin Pike. There will be more visitors on Thompson because of Woody Crenshaw's large farm.

One other thing that I would like you to look into. I understood from a conference that I went to that there are 7700 unpaved road miles in VDOT's inventory. I would love for you at the next meeting to come in and tell me how many miles of unpaved road there is in Floyd County.

Mr. Clarke responded 300.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she expected the number to be higher.

Mr. Clarke said there are 600 total road miles. I think Carroll County has more unpaved roads but they are a larger county. Montgomery County has about 120.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said they took an initiative years ago to pave all of their roads.

Mr. Clarke responded that the 6-year plans of almost all the counties are using that to address their unpaved roads. Montgomery County has been putting a lot into revenue sharing, where they will pay half and VDOT will pay half. I have learned from working with VDOT that most of the easy ones are done. The ones that are left are some pretty tough roads.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there is a need for some roads in Floyd County to stay gravel for a safety issue. You get better traction.

Mr. Clarke said some roads are just so expensive because if you did pave it you would want guardrails. For a guardrail you need another 3-4 feet. You would have to drill a mountain and it would be cost prohibitive.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that some people don't mind living on dirt roads. They like to be away from everything. There is something to be said for living on a dirt road because you usually don't have the growth around you that you have on a more developed road.

Chairman Clinger said for the 6-year plan Epperly Mill Road has a 1 mile stretch that would probably be easy. It already has the width. It is just a matter of doing the last part. I think it was on the plan 14-16 years ago and it got dropped and then back on. When looking at quick fixes that might be one as well.

Mr. Clarke said he will present a draft plan at the public hearing for the 6-year plan. Since we have quite a number of candidates, my draft plan won't include anything new. It will show what we already have on it and say we have about 3 spots open. We will hear from the public on their input and talk about some candidates. The month in-between the time of the public hearing and the Board meets to pass the plan...some counties put together a road committee, which includes two board members and his staff to go around and look at the candidates.

Supervisor Yoder said I know Roger Road is on there and I would be curious to know the traffic count now that Green's Garage is not down there anymore. I think the numbers showed it was really high at one time. I'm not sure it would be the same now. It would be an extremely expensive one to do.

Mr. Clarke I was going to recommend that we only pave the first half mile of Rogers Road. It gets you to the first residence but not to the big cliff.

Chairman Clinger said on the sidewalk to the school, the school division prefers the sidewalk be placed on the right hand side of the road going up. If the sidewalk has to be on the left that is okay, but they prefer for it to be on the right.

Also, we don't know how much funds are available, but from the end of the street on Baker Street to South Locust Street children are walking that way to school. If there is any extra money can we get part of that done?

Mr. Clarke said that a lot of the sidewalk work can be done in colder weather. Perhaps he can get this crew over to the high school when they finish the handicap ramps in town.

Chairman Clinger said he thought the Baker Street to South Locust might be harder because of trying to get right of ways. Residential people will be having to give up a front yard or back yard. Up through Peak's residence you probably wouldn't have any trouble. If you could get through the curve that would be the biggest help.

Mr. Clarke said he would look at that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said when it rains or when we get this cold weather the drainage coming down from the high school can be severe, then it freezes and we have sheets of ice. Is there anything you can do?

Mr. Clarke responded that when he was up there looking at the sidewalk situation he noticed that the pipe at the lower end needs some drainage work. There is a high shoulder in there and maybe they can do a little bit of work about the water running off.

Vice Chairman Turman said I noticed you have been reflagging at the bridge on Rt. 221 just out from my road. Are they getting ready to start something there?

Mr. Clarke answered that the little bridge over Mira's Fork will be replaced, but that is a couple of years away.

County Administrator Morris said she had been contacted by a gentleman who had been travelling on I-77 and wondered why there was no signage on I-77 or Rt. 58 for Floyd. He took exit 14 off of I-77 at Hillsville. I told him that it took years to get signage on I-81 for the Parkway.

Mr. Clarke replied I know there are some kinds of rules about what can be put on an interstate with something so far away. I'll find out. Last year's public hearing on the 6-year plan was held March 24.

Chairman Clinger suggested that it be scheduled for March 22 this year. He asked Mr. Clarke to advertise it for 7:00 p.m. We will have our meeting proceeding it.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Old/New Business

Ms. Morris explained that she and Treasurer Missy Keith met with an official of VACO/VML Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund. It is a statewide investment pool with other counties of general fund monies. As we talked with them it seemed that it would be another option for the Treasurer. She has control of investing all of our funds. They suggested long-term investments, such as 1 year.

Chairman Clinger asked if she was talking about 1 year or so? He thought they were talking longer periods of time like 5 or 10 years.

County Administrator Morris said that longer term investments were also available. One year is what they work with the most. The County Attorney has reviewed all of the documents and made a few changes in the ordinance and the trust joinder agreement. The agreement is what the Treasurer would actually sign with the pool. We need to have a public hearing to adopt this ordinance to allow her to join this investment pool.

Chairman Clinger asked if the investment would be at her discretion?

Ms. Morris affirmed that it would be and that Ms. Keith was quite interested in having another option.

Chairman Clinger said I think we are in a better position than we have been in a long time to have the funds to invest. Being able to join with other counties is probably a good thing.

Ms. Morris explained their rates are running higher than anything we are getting locally.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said this came up at the VACO meeting I was at and right now the investment pool for 2013 paid 6 times what any kind of state or local that they surveyed. That is a good return on an investment and it is very safe. They don't get crazy.

Ms. Morris said they had a different type of investment pool years ago that we worked with a lot. I am not sure why that one went by the wayside.

Chairman Clinger asked if we decided to move forward would we have to advertise for two weeks for a public hearing on this ordinance?

Ms. Morris confirmed his understanding. Ms. Morris said she prepared the ad for this week and next week and the public hearing would be at the January 26 meeting.

Supervisor Yoder stated he would be interested in seeing the rate of return on investments over the past 10 years just to get an idea on how safe this is.

Ms. Morris replied that she had all of that information but had not copied it for the Board. She would be happy to share that information with you. All she was asking for today was authorization to advertise for the public hearing.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise a public hearing on the Ordinance to Authorize Participation by the County of Floyd in the VACO/VML Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund for the Purpose of Investing in Accordance with Section 2.2-4501 of the Virginia Code.

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – no  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Kuchenbuch explained that while she was in attendance at the December 8, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting, she was not a member of the Board at that time. Therefore she should have abstained from the vote approving the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting.

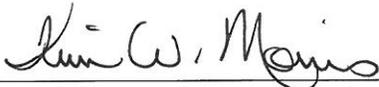
On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reconsider the vote on the approval of minutes of December 8, 2015.

Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Chairman Clinger explained that the original motion and second to approve the minutes of December 8, 2015 stood so a new motion and second was not needed and a vote could be taken.

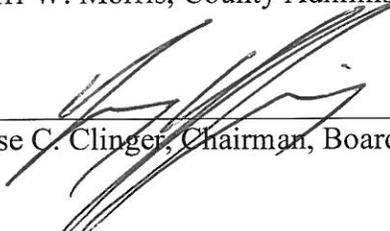
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – abstain  
Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Gerald – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



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Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors