

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.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 adjourned meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A work session on the proposed FY17 budget was held.

Budget Item 1. – Dr. Molly O’Dell, Health Director for the New River Health District which includes the Floyd County Health Department.

- 1) For FY17 the Floyd County allocation requested is \$116,595. This is an increase of \$13,406 over the FY16 allocation which ended up being \$103,189. The entire amount is specifically to allow the Floyd County Health Department to be open 5 days a week. It is the only health department in the New River Health District that is not open 5 days a week.
- 2) In 2014 in order to make budget and for safety concerns we stopped having the health department open 5 days a week, and it has just been open 4 days a week. We have been able to maintain basic, minimal services, but not value-added services. It really crimps on the public health nurse being able to serve on committees and other coalitions. We have tried to minimize that impact.
- 3) Besides the cooperative budget that Floyd is part of and is used to match State funding, the Health Department receives federal and state money for specific things, like preparedness, communicable disease control, obesity prevention, tobacco and e-cigarette cessation, as well as WIC. We also get Title 10 or family planning to prevent unwanted pregnancies. We get minimal funding for uninsured pregnant women. We also handle environmental services such as wells, septic tanks, inspections, and rabies.
- 4) At the end of the year if money is left over we can ask the locality to carry it over but we have to ask the state for a match. This is how I increase the state match over time. For every \$1 spent here the locality pays about \$0.333.

Budget Item 2. – Mr. Doug Thompson, Chairman; Mr. Dustin Hollandsworth, Director; and Andrew Morris, Board Member – Floyd-Floyd County Recreational Authority.

- 1) For FY17 the Recreation Authority requests \$75,000. This is an increase of \$20,000 over the FY16 allocation of \$55,000. The Town Council is also being asked for \$20,000 more. The money would be spent on improvements such as putting in lights on the big field and patch up the dugouts for this year. However, all the dugouts need to be replaced at some point.

While these are capital items we want to plan on increasing the budget by \$20,000 in future years too so we can plan on growing the programs.

- 2) A new soccer summer league is being started in FY17 in June and July. There are no other recreation activities during that time frame. New equipment will be needed, but we have some old equipment. Other equipment is also needed.
- 3) Fundraising activities might include selling banners to line the fences at the park. Have begun looking at possible grants that might help with capital expenditures.
- 4) We are looking at the possibility of moving the office and storage area up to the recreation field area and adding a utility field.
- 5) Bill Ellis, one of the Recreation Directors, has been doing studies on how many Floyd children go out of county to play recreation sports. The amount is staggering. We want to get them back in the county. Our goal is that all children in Floyd County have the opportunity to play sports.
- 6) We want to add adult sports activities.
- 7) Have looked into the possibility of having recreation sports during the week. The problem with doing that is having the facilities and referees available during the week.

Budget Item 3. – Sheriff Brian Craig, Sheriff's Office.

- 1) Three new fully-loaded police interceptors are being requested because 48% of our fleet has over 100,000 miles, 8% of the fleet has between 175,000-200,000 miles. Officers average 15,000 miles a year on a vehicle. We want all-wheel drive vehicles that are fully police loaded. One is already planned for purchase out of the loan and there is a possibility that there will be enough carryover because of fuel savings to purchase another.
- 2) Repairs to autos needs to be increased as the fleet ages. Repairs are done in county as much as possible. In FY16 only 18% of budget remains with 33% of the year remaining. There are 11 vehicles with over 100,000 miles.
- 3) Employee compensation needs to be increased in order to retain experienced officers. There are 11 patrol officers in the County, 36% or 4 have 5+ patrol experience in Floyd. Two of them are expected to leave in FY16. One of the 4 will be handling the dog pound so there will only be 1 patrol officer with over 5 years of Floyd experience. Three of the 11 officers have less than 3 years of experience in Floyd. Five of the deputies have less than 1 year of experience in Floyd. Local experience is essential for community connections, resources, and ability to solve crimes.

Montgomery County pays more to a starting officer than Floyd pays to an officer with 22 years of experience. There are 11 officers who live in Floyd but work for neighboring jurisdictions.

I would like to create additional pay for certain positions in order to create an incentive for officers to stay and work to attain those positions. There is also a possibility of a 2% across the board pay increase from the Compensation Board. But that would be across the state and does not make us any more competitive with our neighboring jurisdictions. There is also a possibility of a compression increase.

- 4) Additional training is needed as we hire younger, less experienced officers.
- 5) Ammunition is expensive. I hope to purchase 6 vests with outside funds and not have to ask the County for this.

Budget Item 4. – Mr. Kevin Sowers, Emergency Management Coordinator regarding Fire, Rescue and 911 Services.

Mr. Sowers offered to reschedule as the time was now into the next agenda item. The Board of Supervisors accepted Mr. Sowers offer,

Budget Item 5. – Mr. Mike Maslaney, Ms. Tammy Belinsky, and Mr. Dale Profitt, Electoral Board and Registrar.

- 1) Compensation for Electoral Board is fixed by the State.
- 2) There is 70% turnout of registered voters in Floyd County.
- 3) In FY17 we expect to hold 2 elections: a Presidential election and a primary.
- 4) We are using paper ballots and those cost more both for the paper and processing.
- 5) There is a new line item for the rental of vans and drivers and assistants to set up polling equipment.
- 6) Under Registrar we requested a 2% pay increase for the part-time employees. Two new computers are needed for the part-time staff.
- 7) This year we plan to recommend the equipment we want to buy for elections.

Ms. Morris reviewed the budget process: departmental and agency requests; how estimates are determined on the revenue side of the budget and their sources; etc.

The Board recessed until 7:00 for the regular meeting.

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Supervisor Linda Kuchenbuch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of month-end disbursements.

On the motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the February 2016 month-end disbursements.

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

Agenda Item 7.a. – Appointment of member to New River Valley Regional Commission for a three year term – Ms. Morris said that just one person responded when the appointment was advertised in The Floyd Press. Ms. Morris asked if the Board wanted to interview Mr. Mike Maslaney since they had interviewed him recently as well as having an opportunity to hear him earlier in the evening as part of the budget work session? The Board stated that an interview with Mr. Maslaney was not necessary.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Michael Maslaney to the New River Valley Regional Commission for a three year term.

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

Agenda Item 7.c. – Renewal of consulting agreement with Kiser Computer Consulting – Ms. Morris said the original agreement was for just one year. There is one small change in this agreement from the one in effect previously. That change is in item 3 Scheduling. Previously it stated that if there was an emergency and the system was down that Mr. Kiser would respond in person within four hours. It was virtually impossible for Mr. Kiser to do this as he has other clients out of the county, out of state, and one that is out of the country. It now reads that Mr. Kiser will handle problems in person if he can or by phone if needed. Everything else in this agreement is the same.

On the motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the consulting agreement with Kiser Computer Consulting and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement (Document File Number 863).

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

Agenda Item 7.d. – Revised revenue appropriation request for FY2016 School Board budget – Ms. Ryan explained that the final amount of the federal funds to be received are not known until November and each year the budget has to be amended.

The amount of money from the state is determined by the average daily membership (ADM). The Governor's caboose bill shows revenues for Floyd is based on 2004.3 ADM, which is based on a September 30 snapshot. Since September, membership at Floyd County Schools has declined. The School Board is taking a conservative approach and is basing their request to you on 1975 ADM. The final allocation from the State will be based on the March 31 snapshot. The School Board will come back once the final ADM is determined and request an additional amount for revenue appropriation.

For the School Food category the state and federal money received is paid to the school division. All expenditures are paid by the school district. Money collected from parents for their children's meals goes into a School Food checking account. Each month when the expenditures exceed the revenues a check is cut from the School Food checking account and deposited with the school district. Every penny raised in revenues from money collected from parents, and state and federal funds has to be spent in the School Food category and cannot be used for anything else. The state comes in and reviews the School Food program periodically. A requirement is that the checking account has enough funds to cover at least 3 months' worth of expenditures. However, the checking account cannot accumulate too much.

A survey of students revealed that a salad bar at the high school would be desired. This fiscal year the school division used money accumulated in the checking account to purchase a salad bar, the pots and pans needed for the bar, a computer, and 2 additional part-time workers to man the salad bar. The salad bar has been a big success. The purchase of the salad bar, related items, additional workers, and food account for about half of the additional revenues requested to be received by the school division. The entire amount of \$135,349 is higher than the school division is likely to spend or receive. However the final amount will balance between revenues and expenditures.

Medicaid is one of the most difficult areas to budget. Expenditures are made and Medicaid later reimburses part of the costs. They budgeted to receive \$58,000 in Medicaid for FY16 and \$56,000 has already been collected. The school division is basing the revised revenue request on receiving about the same amount for the second half of the fiscal year. There are a couple of reasons why revenue increased in FY16. A previous Medicaid audit stated Floyd had been over reimbursed. Instead of asking for the money back, Medicaid reduced the percentage paid on future reimbursements. Floyd County believes Medicaid has now increased the percentage of reimbursement because the previous overpayment has been satisfied. Also, the software vendor was not requesting reimbursement for all expenditures that it could. An employee at the school division is now reviewing requests and going after every reimbursable dollar.

At the time the FY16 budget was being prepared the school division was notified that the AmeriCorps grant was approved; however, details on how the grant would be managed between Floyd County and Carroll County had not been determined. The FY16 budget included just the Floyd County portion of the AmeriCorps tutors cost. The revenue and expenditure requests

indicate that Floyd County is paying the full amount for AmeriCorps tutors and Carroll County is reimbursing Floyd County from the grant.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental revenue appropriation request as presented in the amount of \$388,044.20 in the FY16 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Agenda Item 7.e. – Revised expenditure appropriation request for FY2016 School Board budget – Ms. Ryan explained that while some money received from the State has to be spent on particular programs in certain categories, most Basic Aid money can be spent in any category.

The Instructional category includes expenditures that will be reimbursed to Carroll County for the AmeriCorps tutors.

In the Administration category part-time clerical help was hired over the summer.

The Transportation category includes purchase of a new van to replace one that was totaled in an accident. Leave payout for two heavily tenured employees was included in the original budget. However many bus drivers are eligible for retirement and the payout might be for some of them.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental expenditure appropriation request as presented in the amount of \$388,044.20 in the FY16 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Agenda Item 7.f. – Reconsideration of Request from School Board – Transfer of \$30,000 from Instruction to Administration, Attendance and Health, position replacement.

Chairman Clinger said you have the original letter, our request for clarification, and Dr. Harris' explanation. At a previous meeting we brought up the question of whether he was requesting a new position or replacing an existing position. We also wanted to know if the cost of \$30,000 was for a whole year. Dr. Harris' letter does not specify if he wants just enough money for the position to finish out this year.

Ms. Morris answered that Dr. Harris did not say.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that Dr. Harris did not revise his original request. He clarified the items we were questioning, but the request remains the same so we have to vote it up or down as it is.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added that Dr. Harris said he could try to make it work by taking the money from Transportation.

Supervisor Yoder said this is a letter from the Superintendent explaining but the original request came from the School Board. If we vote it has to be on the request we received. The School Board has not met again since the request was made. We could take action on this. If it fails, we will have budget meetings soon after. We could take action if they sent another request.

Chairman Clinger said we can only vote up or down on the request in front of us. If it fails we can tell them we will entertain a revised request in the right category in the right amount for the remainder of the year. By consensus the Board of Supervisors agreed to not take action and to ask the School Board to send an amended request with the transfer coming from Transportation to Administration and either a revised amount or explanation of the amount requested.

Agenda Item 6. – Mr. Jon Beegle, Chairman, Economic Development Authority (EDA) spoke on behalf of the EDA concerning their FY17 budget request to the County.

Mr. Beegle said the last time we came before you was in August 2015 and we gave you an update on what we were working on at that time. Mr. Beegle asked Ms. Martin to make a list of work accomplished by the Board since August 2015. The result was a three page report which was distributed to those present and discussed by Mr. Beegle.

- 1) Improve access to the Floyd Regional Commerce Center
 - a. Had meeting in February with VDOT to talk about grant funding;
 - b. New River Valley Regional Commission has drawn some concepts on improvement that might be made to access off of Rt. 8 and access off of Rt. 221 and improvements for access within the commerce center.
2. An EDA Strategic Planning Committee has been formed and priorities established which are the budget requests for FY17.
3. EDA hosted a conversation on water in Floyd featuring Gary Crouch.
4. EDA started hosting Online Sales workshops and have had 2 events with over 20 participants at each workshop.
5. The federal EDA was looking for a rural success story to be presented to the White House and the Floyd Innovation Center is being showcased as one.

The priorities for the FY17 budget include:

1. Pursuing funding for preliminary engineering reports on lots 1 & 2 (51 acres) and lot 4 (9.4 acres)
 - a. A grant will be submitted to the Tobacco Commission Fund and we would need \$25,000 for match.
 - b. If the grant is denied we still want the \$25,000 to fund our own study.
 - c. We are trying to get an understanding of how these lots can be used.

2. Pursuing a \$10,000 Agriculture & Forestry Industry planning grant. This is a 4-prong approach to agriculture in the county:
 - a. A few years ago Sustain Floyd did a feasibility study on a processing facility. The study found that while it would work here it would have to be built on such a scale that we couldn't afford to build it. Since that feasibility study was done, Plenty has built a kitchen, Eco-Village has a kitchen, Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine has a processing kitchen, Riverstone is building a facility, and I have had to build one for my Bar-B-Q business. The people with means are doing it on their own. The people without the means are stuck. The planning grant would look at a way to start a facility on a small scale.
 - b. Floyd is a brand but there is no logo and no way to manage the brand. Right now anybody can do what they want with the Floyd name. We need to understand the brand and how we can manage it.
 - c. The grant would also look at having an online store so people who produce in Floyd could sell nationally and internationally.
 - d. Look at opportunities for agritourism throughout the county.

3. We want to have money available for matches as we pursue various grants. This would include workforce development and incentive packages. We want a marketing package we could send out to prospective businesses. We want to be more aggressive in contacting companies and enticing them to come to Floyd. We need to be able to offer them something. We need to have an incentive package so we can sit down with a prospective business and tell them the incentives that we can offer.

4. Requesting operational support for the Innovation Center for FY17.

We will try to spend all that you give us. But since a lot of what we are requesting are for matches for grants we are pursuing, some may not be spent if we do not receive the grants.

Last year we received a \$16,000 grant and put together a business development C-4 program. Out of that we got 3 startup businesses and 4 spots on National Public Radio.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said managing the Floyd brand is imperative and we should have been doing it 10 years ago. Why didn't we know how we could use lots 1, 2, & 4 before?

Mr. Beegle explained that we didn't have a budget until last year. Now we are trying to be proactive.

Ms. Martin added that lots 1 & 2 are the 51 acres and are totally undeveloped. It is not that there wasn't an initial drawing and development plan. The Floyd Innovation Center was built where it was because it seemed like the right location for the building.

Mr. Beegle said the Floyd Innovation Center was built because we had a business that pushed that project forward.

Chairman Clinger said it was built with grant money and not out of the county's money.

Ms. Martin added we received \$2.3 million in grant money and the Board ended up spending \$50,000 in construction costs.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the Floyd Innovation Center is wonderful and will hopefully bring more business to the county. Incentive programs are tough for a county the size of Floyd. What we can offer is what Floyd is. I know everyone wants a tax break, but we need it in the coffers so we can bring business in.

Mr. Beegle said when he brought up incentive packages he was planting the seed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said anything we can do to help grow our county with clean and constructive types of business is important. I want to know what we do for the businesses that are already here?

Mr. Beegle replied that we don't overlook them. We have an economic gardening program, the 5& 10 loan program... We don't want to overlook the businesses that are here. The budget we are requesting is for the Commerce Park and what we are trying to do to develop it. One of the things that will help us is having this marketing material and incentive package to be able to go out and aggressively seek companies that we want to have here.

Ms. Martin explained that developing sites has a dual purpose. It may be for a company outside or it may be a growing local company.

Supervisor Yoder asked if it would help if we reduced or eliminated the Machinery and Tools tax? Would that be an incentive?

Mr. Beegle responded that should be part of the conversation. It is worth exploring.

Ms. Martin read a note from Mr. Nester saying it wouldn't be losing any tax dollars that you are already getting but if someone is considering investing, possibly giving a 50% discount their first few years. You can't give away the farm, but sometimes to show good faith...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if we lost any business by not having incentives.

Chairman Clinger answered we probably lost business because we didn't have business sites ready.

Ms. Martin explained that the state gets inquiries from site selectors or businesses and they pass it down to regional organizations stating what they are looking for, the size building, infrastructure they need. If you have something that meets a number of the needs, you submit a proposal. The site selectors visit the top 2 or 3. At that visit it is critical to have something to share. It is hard to say we lost business because we didn't have incentives. The biggest challenge for us is available building sites. We are blessed that we don't have a lot of vacant buildings like some places, but on the other hand it makes it hard to compete with places that do. Our other problem is the perceived distance from the interstate. We need to find people who fall in love with Floyd and have businesses. We need to go around the normal paths businesses use to find locations. If they contact Richmond and have to be within 4 miles of an interstate or have rail, we are not going to be part of that conversation. But if we can find our own routes to businesses that need welders and broadband and don't mind or prefer to be a little bit out of the way that is what we need to do.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said this grant is to find those other routes to businesses?

Mr. Beegle explained we are looking at everything from site development to marketing. We want to be able to reach out to companies. We want to know what type of building they would need so we would know what it would take to put it on a lot. If a government agency were to refer someone to us and we were not ready, the government agency is less likely to refer a business to us in the future. It is all part of a process. We are looking at a lot of different things but they all tie together.

Supervisor Yoder said I think we have not invested enough in the past and I hope we consider investing more in the future. I think a lot of our financial problems in the county can be solved by growing jobs. I don't know if you are asking for enough. I appreciate how active our EDA is.

Mr. Beegle thanked him but said a lot of credit goes to Ms. Martin who is out pounding the streets. She won't take the credit but she deserves it. We are trying to be as financially responsible as we can and we are trying to push the envelope as much as possible. Hopefully we asked for enough and next year we'll see.

Supervisor Yoder said I keep coming back to not having sites ready is holding us back. We have things that are limiting us. I want to see us get sites ready and eventually build a building.

Agenda Item 7.b. – Resolution Regarding Interest in Programs Which Could Provide Funding to Improve Access to and within the Floyd Regional Commerce Center – Ms. Martin explained that she thought she would need a general resolution from the Board. However, she heard back from VDOT and until the project was more scoped out, a resolution would not start the clock I was hoping to start. So a resolution is not needed tonight, but stay tuned. The hope is to improve access from Rt. 8 and from Rt. 221 to get to the Commerce Center and to look at the 51 acres to potentially extend Commerce Center Drive up and around through that. I will keep you posted on that.

Agenda Item 8 – Old/New Business

Ms. Martin said that in the fall Ms. Angie Covey from New River Community College presented information on the ACCE program to the Board. The Tobacco Commission has a program for community colleges. We are the only county in the New River Valley area that is part of the area served by the Tobacco Commission. It might expand the number of students that could be served. The Tobacco Commission deadline is in the summer but the date is not set yet. It will probably be fall before we hear back. Potentially you might get \$50,000-\$75,000 from them. For other communities they have funded for multiple years. Over time trying to get the private raise from the community will get more difficult so it would be good to keep that to a minimum. That way you wouldn't have to hit the same companies every single year. Maybe you could rotate among companies. I will keep you posted as we learn more.

As you recall from working on the Floyd Flex building with H&V, the Code of Virginia states if there is a publicly owned building leased to a private business you can collect a fee in lieu or a payment in lieu of real estate taxes. It is pretty clear on the Floyd Flex building because H&V is leasing the whole thing so they pay an equivalent amount to the tax. We are looking at the Floyd Innovation Center and how we might do that. I have not checked with Jim Cornwell yet, but my understanding is if real property is held by a public entity and it is leased to a taxable entity then that taxable entity is responsible for paying the real estate taxes. We have built the tax into the leases for the spaces leased out. I am expecting about \$3,200 in taxes for the current year. I just wanted to bring this to your attention and let you read the code section and see if you want me to follow up with Jim Cornwell. We still have the two large spaces that aren't occupied currently. We might have to look sooner or later at dividing one of those large spaces into smaller spaces since that is what everyone seems to be interested in right now.

The Board expressed appreciation to the EDA members as they left the meeting.

Ms. Morris explained that payment in lieu of taxes on the Floyd Innovation Center came up because Ms. Arianna McKnight is working on those for other property that is leased such as at Jacksonville Center. Ms. Morris said we wanted to make sure you understood this the same way we do.

Chairman Clinger said you can't expect a tenant to pay the full amount when they are only leasing part of the building. We won't collect all of it, just a portion for the space that is rented. The rest is still held by a nontaxable entity.

Ms. Morris concluded by saying if this makes sense to you that is how we will go with it. We are not attorneys but that is the way we both understand it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch again expressed her appreciation for the active and invested EDA board. We are on the threshold. Now is the time to make the moves.

Ms. Morris said each member of the EDA Board brings a lot of individual experience and talents to that Board.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch concurred and said the makeup of the demographic of the EDA Board is amazing. We don't have an interstate and a railroad but we have what we have.

Chairman Clinger pointed out that we are the same distance from I-81 and I-77. We are right between the two.

Supervisor Yoder added we are also close to Virginia Tech and Winston-Salem for places like Wake Forest.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said Greensboro and other places are so close. We just haven't marketed ourselves.

Ms. Morris said that at one time Mr. George Nester prepared a map that showed all the things that Floyd was close to and it included 11 universities and colleges.

Agenda Item 7.g. – Explanation of Specific Maintenance Category Expenditures from the FY15 Carryover Amount of \$111,899.63 – Ms. Morris explained that the carryover had already been approved by the Board and at that time they asked the School Board to come back with a list of items that the carryover would be expended on. Your suggestion was that it be used for one time capital outlay expenses.

Chairman Clinger said as long as these were things that weren't built into their repair budget anyway. I was thinking more for the larger dollar items rather than \$300 for a garage door spring for the bus garage. You would think that would be out of the regular operating maintenance budget. Hopefully they will have that much again out of their operating budget. We have already approved the action.

Ms. Morris confirmed and said this is just for your information.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it is transparency.

Agenda Item 5 – Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period. After no comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Closed Session – Prospective Business or Industry §2.2-3711 A. 5.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.5, Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

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

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

Agenda Item 8 – Old/New Business continued

Supervisor Yoder said that he had talked to Ms. Pat Sharkey, Floyd County Tourism Director. There is an opportunity right now for a \$10,000 grant that does not require a match. The Floyd Tourism Council and community members previously identified areas that we should focus on. One priority is helping the County fair with advertising or something. A second area is signage. The third priority is promoting safety for bicyclists. We are trying to find a route to get bicyclists from town to the Parkway. People are already coming and we are looking at how we help keep everybody safe. Ms. Sharkey has talked to VDOT and they do not need any action from our Board. But because we are involved in some road issues they wanted consensus from our Board. Ms. Sharkey is looking at doing 'Share the Road' signs on Barberry Road. It wouldn't be on Rt. 8. It helps to identify a road from the Parkway to town but not one of our busiest roads. The cross-country team uses Barberry sometimes. 'Share the Road' signs would help them too. The County does not have to put out any money for it. If anyone has questions Ms. Sharkey can come to a Board meeting. The grant is due in March so it is a little bit time sensitive.

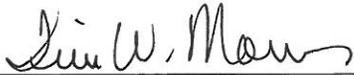
Chairman Clinger said that Barberrry Road runs mostly through his district and he does not have any problems with it. Other Board members expressed agreement with the idea of 'Share the Road' signs on Barberrry Road.

Supervisor Yoder said this will not make Barberrry Road a bike route but it is the route most bicyclists use anyway. He will let Ms. Sharkey know that she may proceed with the grant.

After some discussion it was decided that the next Budget Work Session would be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Supervisor Yoder requested a schedule showing when each of the debt service was ending.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m at the Floyd Innovation Center.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors