

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:00 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.

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2. – Mr. Kevin Sowers, Emergency Management Coordinator regarding 911 Services, Emergency Services, Fire/Rescue budgets.

E911 Fund

- 1) Once Floyd County's E911 Automatic Location Information (ALI) Database is moved offsite, there will be an annual \$4,500 maintenance of data cost.
- 2) We might be able to replace the GIS large format printer for \$9,800 this year if we don't have any large repairs on it for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- 3) Applying for a VITA grant to purchase a Dispatch Recording System to replace one that failed. In budget \$150,000 was estimated but from meeting with vendor yesterday it may only be about 1/3 of that amount. The vendor is requiring 18% service contract annually. The 18% is based on the purchase price and it covers parts and labor.

Emergency Services

- 1) Applying for LEPMG grant issued from Homeland Security through the state Emergency Management grant system for \$7,500 annually. It is difficult to use that grant system. We usually use it for salary. I would like to still use it for salary for ease of the grant system. But I would like to add \$7,500 to address preparedness activities such as shelter trailers. Please put \$7,500 toward miscellaneous emergency activities which is 4-001-035050-5899. This would give us some flexibility but you would still be able to say yes or no.

Fire/Rescue Fund

- 1) Applying for a FEMA grant. We have applied for the last three years. The last one we received was 15 years ago. I have a high confidence level in the one submitted this year. Barry Nichols did a great job on it. The request is for \$580,000 and requires a 10% match, or \$58,000. I think we need to help them if they get the grant. There will no extra requirements beyond what they are already doing that will have to be met for this grant.
- 2) Station 3 has some major septic issues and it would be in our best interest to address those issues.

- 3) EMS is applying for a \$60,000 grant for 2 cardiac monitors. We are currently borrowing some volunteers' equipment and this is a better monitor. It has either a 50/50 or 80/20 match. It could range from \$30,000-\$9,000 for the match.
- 4) Several EMS and Fire vehicles are scheduled to be purchased this year.
- 5) Station #2 has roof leaks.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said in my opinion just because we don't spend money in one year doesn't mean we don't need it next year. I do question why you requested \$2,000 in office supplies?

Mr. Sowers explained that the increase was for damage assessment software.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that Mr. Sowers' work is vital to the community and she appreciates all of his hard work and long hours.

Supervisor Yoder asked which vehicles are being replaced this year?

Mr. Sowers responded that Tanker #1 will go out to be bid. Another ambulance was scheduled.

Supervisor Yoder said Tanker #3 should be in service before the end of this fiscal year.

Mr. Sowers said the timeframe from award of bid to getting equipment takes over a year. Mr. Sowers went on to discuss a high school vocational program for EMT. Montgomery County started a program 2 years ago. The first class had a 95% pass rate. They changed teachers and the next year the pass rate was 25% and they dropped the program. Patrick County started one and they said we trained people and they went to work elsewhere. What is your goal with this program?

Vice Chairman Turman answered I would like to see students here get EMT, Firefighter I & II trained. They could volunteer here and it would give them a foot in the door if they want to go into a medical field. I want them to have as well rounded an education as possible. If they can bring it back to the county and help us out, great. It is hard to get volunteers now. If you try to get a student to come down here 2 nights a week for so many weeks, they are not going to do it. If they can get trained in a school setting, then they will probably follow through with it.

Supervisor Yoder said a bill unanimously passed both the House and Senate of the General Assembly that would lessen the requirements for certification.

Mr. Sowers said he needs to check the age requirements.

Supervisor Yoder replied that he thinks the age is 16. One advantage of this bill is that it should reduce the costs for certification.

Mr. Sowers said the requirements now imposed by the State have just about run off all the volunteers.

Vice Chairman Turman said he talked to people in counties in the eastern part of the state and the high school students are what keep the volunteer programs going.

Supervisor Yoder said he talked to Dr. Kevin Harris and there might be logistic problems in that the class would be longer than the semester hours for a regular high school course.

Agenda Item 3. – Ms. Pat Brown, Women’s Resource Center.

- 1) Have provided services to Floyd County citizens for about 35 years and you have provided an allocation to us for about 27 years.
- 2) Have a staff of about 30.
- 3) We serve around 4,000 and provide public education to about 25,000.
- 4) The Women’s Resource Center is non-profit and has been around for 40 years.
- 5) Its purpose is to create communities free of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- 6) We have a 24/7 hotline and it is a live, local hotline and those are getting rare.
- 7) Our emergency shelter sleeps 26 people, adults and children.
- 8) Last year we had 9 families from Floyd with 10 children and altogether they spent 1,000 nights at the shelter.
- 9) We provide children and adult counselors, food, shelter, and legal advocates who help them in the court system. But they are responsible for taking care of their own children and cleaning their own space.
- 10) We assist them in finding a job and getting back on their feet.
- 11) Domestic violence victims who do not want to stay at the shelter can also receive services, such as counseling.
- 12) All services are free because we are hustling to get funding. We are 75% public funded.
- 13) We have a sexual assault program.
- 14) We have volunteers that will go to our 4 hospitals on a moment’s notice and stay for several hours as needed and follow up afterward.
- 15) We saw 230 people from Floyd County last year and provided services to them.
- 16) We offer prevention programs for 6th-10th graders and are in all of your schools except one elementary. Last year we did 62 programs in your schools and reached 1,276 students.

Agenda Item 4. – Ms. Paula Alston, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

- 1) We think our employees are happy being Floyd County employees now.
- 2) Montgomery County is the fiscal agent. Anything that touches both counties we split 85% Montgomery County - 15% Floyd County. We based that because at one time Floyd County was 15% of circulation. For the last couple of years Floyd circulation has been around 18%. But we have not altered the formula.
- 3) Databases, collections agent, maintenance on the band is split that way.
- 4) Until this year we have not adjusted the regional salaries. There are 14 employees who work technically for both counties – myself, IT staff, children’s librarian, the cataloguer, the business manager. Their salaries have been under the 15%. We have increased the Floyd portion to bring it up to 15% but we dropped one of the employees, the adult programmer.
- 5) Money collected from fines or copies in Floyd go into Floyd’s budget as does the money received from the Town of Floyd. They increased their contribution from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a couple of years ago which means a lot to a small library like Jessie Peterman.
- 6) We average \$40,000-\$50,000 in the book budget, which is adequate for a library of this size but we could always use more. We are moving away from print and spending more on e-books.
- 7) We ask that you give your Floyd library staff a pay increase if your other county employees receive one.
- 8) Since December 1 we added doing passports at 3 libraries, including Floyd. We collect \$25 per application. After expenses we recognize \$18-\$19 per application. We do passport photos in Floyd. Between the three locations we did 106 applications in February.
- 9) The conference rooms are highly used.
- 10) Floyd County staff is great.
- 11) All 3 Town Councils and 2 Counties are invited to Christiansburg Library on March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- 12) Ginny Gardner’s term on the Library Board ends June 2016.

Closed Session – Personnel §2.2-3711 A. 1.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, 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.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Mr. Tommy Sowers and Mr. Nathan Miller, Fire Department.

- 1) We got all but 4 parking lots sealed, but then stopped in order to get Tanker #2 repaired which cost \$10,000.
- 2) Engine #1 from station #1 had \$6,000 in repairs to get rid of algae.
- 3) The Indian Valley standby generator went down last August. It took about \$4,000 to repair that one. The standby generator in Floyd is now down and we expect another \$4,000 in repair costs.
- 4) The septic system at Station #3 is on a holding pattern. Mr. Vest said he couldn't dig any more around the fire station without the possibility of causing foundation problems. We are going to wait until the spring after it dries up and then we will try to figure out what is going on.
- 5) Back in September when we had the heavy rain the roof at Station #2 developed a bad leak over the old part of the building. We got three estimates. We want to get the local contractor in Floyd to fix it. We want to get it fixed immediately so we want to propose that we go ahead and pay the contractor and ask you to reimburse us next fiscal year. When the new metal roof was put on it was over the old shingles.
- 6) Need a replacement vehicle, not a new one, for Chief Link at Station #3. We have talked about this for several years now. We are still repairing it to keep it on the road. The Vehicle Committee reviews all rolling stock. These vehicles were left out because the amount was small compared to the other items.

Chairman Clinger asked why all the repair bills are for a vendor out of County?

Mr. Sowers explained that a local person was taking the vehicle to the place where he worked.

Supervisor Yoder added that he suspected, but did not know, that it was for ease of being able to take it to work.

Mr. Sowers said I don't know if it could have been done cheaper.

Chairman Clinger explained that he wasn't concerned about the expense but that the work was not going to a local vendor.

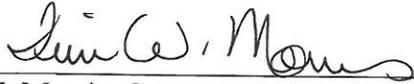
On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to transfer \$14,200 from contingency to Fire Department Operation and Maintenance for Station #2 roof repairs per quote from Wade's Seamless Guttering and Construction, LLC.

Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye

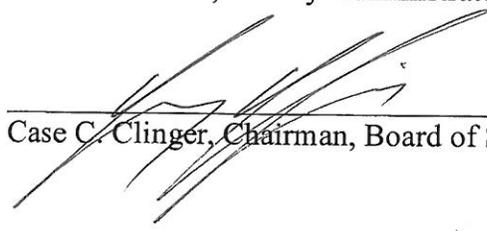
Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

- 7) Did ask for more in operations and maintenance for next year.
- 8) Have more insurance bills coming up.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

