

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

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

ABSENT: J. Fred Gerald, Board Member.

Chairman Case Clinger called the adjourned meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A work session on the proposed FY17 budget was held.

Budget Item 1. – Mr. Doug Thompson, Chairman and Mr. Dustin Hollandsworth, Director – Floyd-Floyd County Recreational Authority.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hollandsworth handed out an operational budget and a five year capital budget. Mr. Thompson thanked everyone for allowing the Recreational Authority to come back and speak again at a meeting.

We went back and did some adjustments to our budget items and developed a five year plan. In one year some of those things could be operational expenses and we have them on a 1-year goals plan. On the single page you will see a capital expense budget with categories of Field & Grounds Equipment, Existing Fields, Existing Facilities, New Building Facility, and New Fields. With that in mind you will see that we broke it down within the category.

The Fields & Grounds Equipment you will see some expenses there for some equipment for grounds keeping, mowers and so forth. We want to try to get into doing all of our own work instead of contracting out and going that route. We put in a vehicle for transportation from one end of the county to the other. We appreciate that you have let us use one occasionally.

Existing Fields could also be operational expense. Dugouts need replacing. They were donated by the Floyd Moose Lodge somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 years ago. They are getting pretty worn out. If you go by there you will see that it is a good decision to replace those. For fields and field maintenance we have \$1,000 expense. We talked about lighting one of the fields, which would definitely be a capital item.

Existing Facilities, we have the old trolley that used to be located here in town. It made for a great concession stand. Everybody loves that trolley. Unfortunately it rusts. It is at the point now where we need to have a professional come in and barricade it and sandblast and repaint it. I think it would last for a long time for the community. That is something that needs to happen pretty soon.

The five year goal looking down the road is for a building with gym space, possibly an office, storage for our facility, an indoor batting area, an indoor walking track, and classrooms inside for different things for senior citizens. That is our big goal.

The Recreational Authority is aware that the County has purchased some land and we would like the opportunity to sit down and talk to you about developing field space up there, if that is your intention. That is where we went and broke everything down. We could break it down even more, but I think this is hopefully sufficient enough for you.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked where will the building go?

Mr. Hollandsworth replied that we have land down at the park. But if we are going to build a building we want the office in there and that will take some further communication with you. Our board wants to see if we want to move everything to the park or if there is an opportunity on the land to have it up there. That is going to take more thought and communication.

Mr. Thompson added if we could all sit down and figure out what direction we want to go. Obviously you wouldn't want a facility one place and then 2 miles away having all your future fields. Centralizing everything would obviously be in the best interest for everyone.

Chairman Clinger confirmed that they wouldn't even start on that until 2018 according to the capital expenditure budget handed out.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if this would be like a miniature wellness center like the one in Hillsville, where you have walking tracks and office spaces?

Mr. Thompson replied that he has not been in that one. He has been in Christiansburg Recreation facility.

Vice Chairman Turman said Hillsville has a weight room upstairs and gym for basketball downstairs.

Mr. Thompson replied that would be a wonderful direction for the senior citizens, the youth, everyone having a facility where recreation is year round. The wellness committee here in the county have been wanting this for years. They spoke to us at our board meeting about 2-3 years ago and they wanted the same direction.

Vice Chairman Turman said they have therapy pools too for people recuperating from surgeries.

Supervisor Yoder said he really sees this as a step-by-step process we need to go through. I think more recreation opportunity in the county is needed. There is not that much as far as facilities, whether it be ball fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, indoor track facilities. I really see it as probably needing to go through a step-by-step process. If we are thinking about this land as a possibility for it, our Board needs to decide how we want to approach that. Because we also want to keep the schools in mind. We probably need to make decisions there.

After we make those decisions, bring Recreation in and say what do we want, 10 baseball fields or 2 baseball fields and a gym. There are a lot of decisions to make there.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added I think anybody has to look toward Christiansburg. All the board members say recreation and the quality thereof is an economic driver. All you have to do is look at Christiansburg and see the kind of money that the Town of Christiansburg is bringing in at their new facility with AAU tournaments and such. It has been bantered around that an indoor track is something. Everybody has to go to Lynchburg. In the wintertime it is horrible. There is a lot to be said for the importance of recreation and it is a step-by-step planning process. Obviously we want everybody to be working together. Everybody is in partnership for this. We are steering the boat but there are a lot of passengers on it. I want to make sure that we are deliberate in how we approach it and assess the needs. There is no doubt that recreation is an important part of Floyd County. It is part of its heritage. The athleticism with which we approach life from T-ball all the way up to high school basketball and beyond is really, really important. I appreciate your work here breaking all of this out. This is definitely food for thought.

Mr. Thompson responded that one thing in working in the school system, like you said, do this in steps to where we plan for the future. The schools were built based on the times and we're out of space. I would rather see us plan and take this thing slowly in steps, possibly get an architect or engineering firm to consult with to make sure we are taking the right path.

Vice Chairman Turman offered to take Mr. Thompson to Hillsville one Saturday morning to check out that facility to get some ideas. They just finished up a big walking track that starts at the Wellness Center and goes all the way up to the edge of town and comes back down almost to Rt. 100 and back around. It is a good little hike.

Mr. Thompson said every community around us is focusing more on community fitness. It is a good time for us to look and plan.

Vice Chairman Turman said the membership built and maintains the Hillsville Wellness Center. It is very nice.

Chairman Clinger pointed out that the biggest change was a \$20,000 increase in revenue from both the County and the Town. He asked if they heard back from the Town yet?

Mr. Thompson replied that they had been asked to come to the next meeting.

Chairman Clinger said if you do get the increase from us but not the Town would it effect more of your top category on the single sheet with the Field & Grounds Equipment rather than your operations? Those look like your biggest expenses this year.

Mr. Thompson answered we would have to adjust some of it there and then some from the Existing Facilities with dugouts and possibly the trolley. Nobody wants flakes of rust around their hot dogs. We would have to take what we were allotted and work it that way.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how much they spend now for grounds maintenance?

Mr. Thompson replied that in past years our Recreation Director was a 30 hour employee and we relied a lot on volunteers. We contracted out all of our mowing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what that cost?

Mr. Thompson replied \$3,600.

Supervisor Yoder said something else to keep in mind, from talking to Mr. Hollandsworth and other board members, is that if you had more of your own equipment you would better be able to maintain your fields throughout the year.

Mr. Hollandsworth agreed and said that is the big thing. Field maintenance is a lot more detailed than what you think. You have to maintain fields so they drain. We appreciate every volunteer that we can possibly get in Recreation. But sometimes one person that has been trained properly results in better maintenance of fields and it works better.

Chairman Clinger thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hollandsworth for coming back and supplying additional information.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked them for the detail.

Supervisor Yoder said he hoped they could continue the conversation about planning for the land. If there is a way we can start going through the process, maybe it is bringing an engineer in to look at the way the land lies. There is probably some steps we should take even before we talk to the School Board and Recreation. We need to learn what our usable space is.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would like to walk it too.

Chairman Clinger asked if any debt came off of Recreation this year?

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Spence, retired Recreation Authority employee who was in the audience, both responded no. It was several years ago that any debt was paid off.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about the difference in revenue between FY16 and projected for FY17. Do you feel that you are just going to have a more aggressive approach? Do you think there is just more interest? How are you making up the differences? For instance on girls' basketball alone you are looking at \$200. Are you going to be more focused on getting people to sign up and advertise more?

Mr. Hollandsworth answered with the girls and boys basketball we are going to start a league at a younger age, 2nd and 3rd grade. We looked at K and 1st but that might be too much of a stretch. We want to get out to the schools and promote it to the kids about the time the registrations are going out so the kids are looking for it.

Mr. Thompson added that they used social media and Facebook this year.

Mr. Hollandsworth continued that the increase in football was because the high school has taken some action so 7th graders can't play high school football. We are looking at restructuring at how we do that as well. We have a 3 year gap in the older group and we will cut that back.

Supervisor Yoder said your donations are up. Are you looking at sponsorships?

Mr. Hollandsworth replied since the previous budget I gave you, I added underneath the donations and the team flow-through donations, our sponsorships. This is just through February. We've received quite a bit more. We received a \$2,500 donation last week that is not on here. Those numbers are up.

Supervisor Yoder said I know you have been a lot more aggressive on that in the last little while. Andrew has been hounding me about it anyway.

Mr. Hollandsworth said we developed a fundraising committee, which he is the chairman of so he is focusing on that.

Supervisor Yoder responded that is great. It makes our money go farther when there are other sources coming in.

Mr. Hollandsworth said last time I was here I was asked about grants. Andrew and I looked into grants. For most of them you have to have land first. We have land but don't know how accessible it is. We did do research there. There are some possibilities for the future.

Supervisor Yoder said if we make some decisions on how we want our property to look like then it might facilitate Recreation getting a grant.

Chairman Clinger pointed out that there is about 30+ undeveloped acres at the park.

Mr. Hollandsworth replied that there are 45 acres with what you see with the fields and playground is 15. There is 30 acres left but only about 20% of that is accessible to where you could put fields or something. It is kind of an elongated rectangle back to Rt. 8.

Mr. Thompson added if you go by the green boxes on Rt. 8 and see the slope on that side, it is the same slope on the other side. You have a little plateau that runs along the ridge there. It would take a lot of excavating.

Chairman Clinger and other Board members thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hollandsworth for coming and for the additional information.

Budget Item 2. – Mr. Eric Branscom – Commonwealth Attorney for Floyd County.

Mr. Branscom said he had not been around for morning Board of Supervisors meetings because Drug Court is held at the same time as the Tuesday morning meetings. By the way, we are off and running with that. We had our 2nd session of Drug Court today and have 2 inductees. We are off to a start. Hopefully we will be able to make more progress as we go through the

year. I will probably be back about this time next year to see if you can throw in a little bit for it. We will have a better idea of how much it is saving us by then.

I came to address some questions you have on my budget in the areas of travel mileage and meals and lodging. I can tell you the postage is going up a little bit because over the past year we are being a little bit more aggressive in our policy about drug forfeiture. When we are finding drug dealers with properties from the benefits of their drug dealing, we are being aggressive in grabbing those. That involves more filing of papers and has increased the civil side of what we are doing. An example of some of the things we have done with that is we've recently upgraded what we can do for presentations in court by seizing a 60" flat screen television from one drug dealer. He was stopped by one of the state troopers hauling a bunch of drugs. We went through the process and were successful in prosecuting for that. He surrendered the television to us as part of the process. We are able to make use of that without having to spend any of our funds. It gives us a new presentation method for circuit court.

Mileage has gone up a bit mostly because there are two of us there. Also, I am sending my assistant, Ryan Hupp out to do more training exercises in different places. The best possible way to train someone to be a good prosecutor is to go out to training opportunities that are available around the state. Since we don't have the high volume of cases here, thankfully, there are a number of training seminars he can go to and other events. Tomorrow he is going to a search warrant that is being served in Harrisonburg. He will be participating in that as it ties to Floyd County. He is going to be there to give advice and as part of a multijurisdictional operation and see how that operates. He will be working with the local law enforcement up there, as well as the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Rockingham County. All these little bits of experience will pay off in the long run. That is why we will have an increase in that, trying to get him around to those things.

As far as the meals and lodging I actually expect that to go down in the future. It is a little bit more this year because there are two of us, but it doesn't double it. I expect it to decline quite a bit. Our service organization, the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Service Council (CASC), was the beneficiary of a settlement that the state Attorney General's Office and the feds had in prosecuting on the oxycontin liability some years ago. There was a \$2 million benefit from that which is put into an account to cover training for all Commonwealth's Attorneys in Virginia until the money runs out. That should go for quite a while because we are putting it into an interest bearing account. We are increasing how much that covers. Over the next year or so we will see it be able to cover all the hotel bills as well as the cost of the training. We have already reached the point where we don't pay anything to go to the trainings they sponsor. They are starting to cover more of the hotel bills for that. Hopefully they will ramp it up to the point that they will be covering the lodging as well as the training bills. Essentially it will just take the time and mileage and perhaps some of the meals cost to send someone away. For example this summer Ryan will be going to a week-long training in trial advocacy. He will learn more advanced trial skills, preparation, jury trials. That is a week-long training program down in Williamsburg. I believe that one will have all the lodging taken care of. It won't cost us anything. We may have to cover the meals cost. But that is invaluable. I did it years ago and I know most of the instructors and they are top notch people. That is one of the things we get a benefit from that pays back in dividends as tough cases come up over the course of the year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about dues and subscriptions going up from \$500 to \$1,000?

Mr. Branscom said that with two of us there that is the cost of dues. That is one thing we can't control – the state bar dues. Those keep climbing.

Chairman Clinger asked if it had helped with drug seizure having Ryan employed in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Mr. Branscom replied, "Yes, tremendously." He has more recently come out of a civil background. I had that from years ago, but it has been awhile since I have done any of that. It is more largely civil. Between the two of us we can put more into it. He can put a lot more time into it. I will be dealing mostly with a court case and keeping an eye on all that. The more pressing issues are: can we go into a house, getting a search warrant, etc. When you are dealing with asset forfeiture that is a civil question and the attention is in the detail, making sure you are filing the right things. A lot of times when you are dealing with real property or seizing vehicles you have to go through the DMV or the property records and contact either the banks involved or the lenders and make sure they are all notified when we are going through a seizure process.

Chairman Clinger thanked Mr. Branscom for coming in and clearing up their questions.

Supervisor Yoder said he looked forward to seeing how the Drug Court goes.

Mr. Branscom replied that it is promising. Judge Long is very excited about it. You can tell right from the beginning that he is definitely dedicated to it. Our next step is to start putting together an advisory board to meet on a quarterly basis to give us some input from the community about other things that can help it. Drug Courts reflect very much the locality where they are. Drug Court for Floyd County will have a different approach to things than they will have in Pulaski or other places. We have a much stronger sense of community than a lot of places in surrounding jurisdictions. That will come through with the people who are able to help and the connections people have with one another.

Vice Chairman Turman said Judge Long is supposed to speak at our Re-entry Council meeting next month. I am hoping he will talk about here. We haven't really been getting too much for here.

Mr. Branscom asked if he meant for the Re-entry program.

Vice Chairman Turman confirmed that is what he meant.

Mr. Branscom explained that the Re-entry program is to help people ease back into the community after being incarcerated for a while.

Vice Chairman Turman said since he has been on that board, it seems like Pulaski and others have been getting the lion's share.

Mr. Branscom said most people who fail in their probation do it pretty quickly. The trick is trying to get them readjusted. There are programs out there. At the moment probation and parole will be spearheading that. They are putting the Drug Courts first and the Re-entry programs are going to follow along after that. That is still on the "to do" list.

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

Sheriff Craig said I understand you have a question about some of the retention funds. Sheriff Craig passed out a handout showing the current schedule of how retention funds have been distributed over the past few years. This is how the previous sheriff had it divided out. Looking into it, it was really hard for me to try to come up with some way to switch that up. They get this November 1, right before Christmas, and everybody looks forward to it. With the current amount that is on there, the way I could move things around was to take from what some of the senior officers and dispatchers had. It makes it difficult from my standpoint to deviate from what they had.

Sheriff Craig handed out a sheet showing a distribution based on years. Instead of 0-2 years, 2-5 years, for law enforcement it would be \$100 per year and for civilians \$60 per year with a cap after 20 years. It would keep everybody who had been here at least getting the same amount. But once again it added more to the cost. I am open to ideas and suggestions. It does bother me to have to turn around and try to tell people to switch things around. They are going to have to take a cut in pay or a cut on this. But if that is something you are adamant that I need to explore...

Chairman Clinger stated it is not the Board's intention to cut it. It was more looking at how it is spent. One of the main things is that it is top-end loaded. People with 15+ years have less chance of leaving than someone who is out of the Academy with 1-2 years. That is the way the retention fund was originally proposed to us. It was to keep these guys coming out of the Academy from being lured away somewhere else. We discussed that we would rather see it just built into the salary. So new employees know coming in this is your salary.

Sheriff Craig said he would love to do that but when you take someone who has been here one year, on the new schedule that would be \$100 retention. If you take that and spread it over 12 months you are just looking at a few dollars per paycheck. Whereas the way it has been done in the past, this is a check that comes right before Christmas. Everybody looks forward to this before Christmas. Even with people who get \$500 if you spread that out over 12 months you still don't see it. Me, personally, this is something I looked forward to for years. You know you are going to get a \$500 check November 1 when that paycheck comes out compared to taking \$500 and dividing it by 12 and saying I am getting an extra \$20 per month.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if that keeps a young deputy who starts in 2016 from leaving us in 2018? Does that stop that deputy that we trained, outfitted, and tried to make stay here from leaving? Does it keep him here?

Supervisor Yoder said it does if you put enough money behind it.

Sheriff Craig agreed and said if you put enough money behind it. I would love to quadruple this. I would like to be able to tell our officers that in two years they will get another \$2,000 increase on their pay. I've prepared another schedule that shows that if you are interested.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is what I want to see. I want us to keep these officers.

Sheriff Craig replied, "You and me both." He handed out two additional schedules.

Chairman Clinger said he likes the step increase because it is more concrete. Retention might come and go as it did one year in the past.

Sheriff Craig explained that one sheet is the civilian side and the other is the law enforcement side. The law enforcement sheet shows \$1,000 increases for years 5-9, \$2,000 increases for 10-14 years, and \$4,000 increases for 15+ years. I have made it to where law enforcement employees, who are getting out on the streets and putting their lives on the line, have more of an increase than the civilian side. The amount is yearly and not just one here and there. I am still open to suggestions. I would love to double or triple that, but I know funds are always an issue. This is what I came up with if I look at it as a step increase.

Chairman Clinger said he personally likes the idea of a step increase. I know it will cost more but it is more sustainable in the long run.

Sheriff Craig said if you've got to have that significance. I can't tell an officer you are going to get a \$500 increase this year because once again you don't see it on your check. It is kind of like the state proposing a 2% raise. When dispatchers only make \$26,000 it is pretty minimal. You really don't see it. We are very thankful and hopefully we will get it.

Supervisor Yoder asked if anybody would take a cut based on the last handout with step increases compared to what we are currently doing?

Sheriff Craig said nobody would take a cut. This is in addition to what they are making.

Supervisor Yoder asked if we went away from the retention money and added it to the steps, would it take away?

Sheriff Craig said no because the cap on the retention is \$1,000.

Supervisor Yoder said I am wondering about the younger officers, the guys who don't have 5 years in yet.

Sheriff Craig agreed and said all those would lose if the retention were taken away.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if 5 years was too far out?

Sheriff Craig replied at 3 years it would be nice for a road officer to get a raise.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said once you get that at 3 years then the chance of leaving decreases because they have set down roots. Their sense of community has increased because they have served.

Chairman Clinger said in the private sector it is often at 3 years the extra vacation kicks in. If you get them over that hump, you know they are trained well.

Sheriff Craig agreed and said one of the kickers for them is that at 3 years they are married and start having kids and realize what insurance will cost. Then they leave us and go to Christiansburg or Montgomery County.

Chairman Clinger said this would offset part of that. I would rather see you do 3-8 years with five year increments but start at 3. You will top out a little bit quicker.

Sheriff Craig said that would be great. Once you hit 12 years, most likely you are going to stay unless a new sheriff comes in and gets rid of you. One of the things that pushes people away from the sheriff's department is that every 4 years it goes through an election and they don't know if they are going to lose their job or not.

Supervisor Yoder said I hate to leave some of the younger officers out of it because they are probably the face the public sees.

Sheriff Craig replied that he was very excited about the officers employed now. In my opinion, this is the all-around best staff we've had if we get to keep them. I'm not saying that just because I am up here and they will be working for me. When I look at who we have been fortunate enough to hire here lately and those who are still maintaining with us, we have some major promise here. One of the reasons one of our deputies went into the National Guard was to subsidize his pay. He didn't want to go to another department. He wanted to stay here. It costs about \$23,000 for fuel, equipment, uniform for a new officer for six months at the Academy that we will blow in 3 years if they leave. If we can keep them it will almost pay for itself.

Chairman Clinger asked Sheriff Craig to revisit his schedule as they discussed and send it to the County Administrator.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how many officers have we lost around this 3 year mark?

Sheriff Craig named 7 officers since 2011. He also said 11 Christiansburg officers used to work in Floyd County. There are also Floyd County residents who are officers in Radford and Roanoke.

Chairman Clinger said we realize that and we have a lot invested in their training and keeping them here. That is why the whole thing about the retention fund was brought up. The agreement of the Board at the time was we want to see what we can do to help.

Supervisor Yoder wondered if instead of doing 3 steps if it would work with more steps with smaller increments.

Sheriff Craig said that since I know what you are thinking about I will go back to the drawing board this week and try to have something submitted by Friday. I might have 3 plans with different numbers.

Chairman Clinger said that would help us a lot. We are coming into the nuts and bolts of our budget time. If you can give us that it will help.

Sheriff Craig said he would do that with separate schedules for civilian and law enforcement.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if the 3 top longevity officers retired between now and July how would you take that \$6,000, would you increase some of the others?

Sheriff Craig replied that is something I would run by you. If it were from the compensation board we would divide it between officers. But because this is your funds I would check with you.

Chairman Clinger said I think this is better because you have defined steps.

Supervisor Yoder said it works both ways. If people retire we might save money, but as you keep people, which is what we are trying to do, then we will spend more. Our goal is for that budget to get larger, not smaller, because people have stayed.

Sheriff Craig said he would go back and rework the schedules.

Chairman Clinger asked that he try to get the new schedules to the County Administrator by Friday.

Sheriff Craig replied that he would. He added it would be crazy for me to ask you to try to match the surrounding counties because the tax base is not here, but it is sad that a recent retiree of Floyd with 22 years of experience made less than a Montgomery or Christiansburg starting officer.

Supervisor Yoder said it is clear that we need to do something.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked Sheriff Craig for working with the Board.

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

The Opening Prayer was led by Ms. Cynthia Ryan.

Supervisor Linda Kuchenbuch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5. – At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Clinger called for the Public Hearing on the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Six Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan.

Mr. David Clarke said it was great seeing everyone. He added that there is some unpaved road money in the Floyd County construction budget. It is great getting all of this input. The Board will appreciate it. They have to make the decision on what next to add. We have just a few roads in the plan right now. We are getting close to finishing two projects. Hopefully another will be under construction next year. A little bit about the process we are going through right now is VDOT has money divided into construction and maintenance. Maintenance is what the guys at Willis and Check headquarters use for the ordinary day-to-day things like patching potholes, plowing, pushing snow, replacing pipe, and things like that.

Construction money is a little more varied. When VDOT has money for construction they can allocate it. It is for improvements, for making things better than the current conditions. For instance paving an unpaved road is a construction project, like widening. Any large scale improvement to a road would be construction money. Over the years construction funds have dwindled, especially for the secondary system. We used to get money, especially for unpaved roads, that could be used for other things. We are talking about the secondary system, which is all the roads in Floyd County except for Rt. 8 and Rt. 221. We have been limited in the last few years to the unpaved roads for the bulk of our construction.

We have saved up enough to do a couple of curves on Alum Springs Road, which will be coming up next summer. And we are in the beginning process of identifying some spots on Shawsville Pike. We do have a little bit of money for two specific paved road projects; the rest is unpaved roads. We did Haycock Road this past year. We are working on Vaughns Mill Road right now. The county is being allocated through the unpaved road system funding about \$500,000-\$600,000 each year for the next several years for allocation to unpaved road funds. Really Vaughns Mill Road is the only one we've done much work on to get ready to go, so really that is the only one there is no turning back on. The rest are in the Six-Year plan already. But the Board can change that right now because nothing has been spent. For instance Roger Road is in the plan. They can change that if they want. A lot is based on what you all say. I will present a draft plan, and all it is, is a draft, so don't get upset if you hear a road on there or don't hear a road on there. It is all open to change based on public input and what the Board is hearing. I'll read the plan and we'll call up the names as I have them on the cards.

In the plan right now we have:

- 1) Alum Ridge Road – design and right of way to do a couple of curve improvements;
- 2) Vaughns Mill Road – 1.5 miles of unpaved road project;
- 3) Shawsville Pike – a paved road where we will do a couple of spots to improve some curves or an intersection;
- 4) Diamond Knob;
- 5) New Haven Road;
- 6) Roger Road – 1st half mile if the Board chooses to do another section of it.

The other thing we can do is put 5% of the money into a rural addition. That is when you take a private road and build it up to state standards and it becomes a state road. There has been some interest around the county at looking at a couple of private roads that are not currently state maintained and build those each year. The Board has been saving up that money for several

years. I think there is roughly \$180,000-\$200,000 and the Board can add another 5% this year from the allocation if the Board chooses.

That is what I have in the draft plan. We'll take comments. The Board will most likely not vote on the final plan tonight. They can if they choose. But usually we consider the comments and we have several months before we actually have to pass a plan.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she was gratified at seeing the turnout and thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Danny Chaffin, 1048 New Haven Road (Little River) – I would just like to say I have lived over there since 1994. There has been a lot of gravel put on the road in the 23 years. It has washed off and gone down ditches. There are a lot of potholes. In the last 5 years they stay on the road all the time. It is rough on your vehicles. I know it has been hard the last few years trying to get things done because of money. I would like to see it get paved or whatever needs to be done to get it back in the shape it needs to be in. There is a lot of traffic, especially in the fall of the year when the Parkway is at its peak season. There is a lot of traffic through that road. A lot of people go to church at New Haven Church. Some people travel the road and take the long way around, instead of coming down the dirt part of it. Not only safety wise for having to travel an extra 5 miles to get to church. That is about all I have.

Mr. Bobby Gardner, 801 New Haven Road (Little River) – I would just like to reiterate what Danny said. The road is wide enough I think to be able to accommodate the paving or rural rustic road or whatever direction you all would like to go in. Part of the work has already been done as far as culvert pipes and all already put in. There may be 1 more that needs to be added in. Most driveways have all the pipe and all where they wouldn't have to be corrected or added to so it wouldn't be a lot. It is only about a mile we figured that would need to be paved. Each end is already paved. It would help as he said with traffic. And if the rural rustic road program is an option, it would keep our speed limit at 35 mph, which I think I understood. That would be a blessing also with helping folks being able to stay slow up through there as there are straightaways to move on through. But I do appreciate your time.

Mr. David Clarke explained that the Rural Rustic Road is a design standard and does not provide extra funding. It does allow us to keep the current characteristics of the road. We like to pave them 16' wide so a school bus and pickup truck can pass each other, with minimal shoulders. You don't need them on a road like that. It helps us build some of these rural roads a lot less expensively and getting more roads paved.

Ms. Joy Gardner, 801 New Haven Road (Little River) – I'm going to speak to the safety. The potholes have gotten so bad the last year or so that everyone is zigzagging around them. They are going on the wrong side of the road in curves. As soon as you turn off of Barberrry onto New Haven there are huge potholes there that stay there. Every time they grade it, it comes right back within a couple of days. Sometimes they come through and just drop some gravel on it and it lasts about 2 days, then it kicks it right back out. We live ¼ mile from Barberrry and just on the part we travel every day the potholes are worse but below us back toward Danny's the wash boarding is absolutely horrible. People who come through there with tractor-trailers pulling something it just runs them all over the road. It hasn't been operational

recently but Shooting Creek Quarry would come up through there with heavy loads of gravel and it made it so much worse. The wash boarding was just horrible because they were trying to pull those big trucks that were really heavy up through that part of the road. It just really makes a mess. I'm telling you the dust in the summertime is absolutely ridiculous. If you live close to the road you cannot keep your house clean, nor keep your windows clean. Everything is just full of dust everywhere. It is rough on the vehicles too. I've got a bigger car now but I had a little car. And trying to drive it around all those potholes and hitting them when it is wet and you can't see where they are it really jars the cars. It would be a great help for us.

Mr. Eddie Thompson, 733 New Haven Road (Little River) – I will make it very brief. It is what they all said. I am just going to add to. The condition of the road when they put crush and run on it, you have a 3" layer of dust. Now when Shooting Creek was running their trucks up through there, I live at 733 in the curve, the prevailing wind comes up the hill. I have to keep my front windows closed because the dust looks like a brown fog. Some of the kids in the county think that straightaway down past Bobby's to Danny's is a raceway. They think they are on Thunder Road. Any improvement would be greatly appreciated. Like Joy said, it gets so rough out there sometimes the wash boarding effect will jar you all over the road. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Mr. Mike Bowman, 989 New Haven Road (Little River) – I really don't know what I can add to what these folks have said. I just want to reiterate every bit of it as the truth. If you pick up at legal speed it will make you swap ends at times. It is very rough. When it gets corrected it is just days and then needs fixing again. Like you say all the conditions are as such and I'm saying what they are saying. Thank you.

Mr. William Radford, 637 New Haven Road (Little River) – I don't really have anything different to say. I would certainly like to see it fixed. The potholes are awful especially at Gardner's hill. I always call it a dog walk. You know how a dog walks. Your car goes up through there just running everywhere up that hill. I've been there 50 years. From 200 yards you can hear everyone that comes down. After it gets dusty you've got to roll your windows up just to drive through there.

Mr. Alex Tuchman, 401 Hideaway Lane (Little River) – I'm over on Hideaway Lane with Spikenard Farm Honey Bee Sanctuary, which is a nonprofit business that moved onto Hideaway Lane in 2009. Since that time the visitors have increased through our workshops. We have a Friday open day. People are coming to events and we have students and full-time staff living up there on Hideaway. The road, especially in one section has a pretty dangerous curve and very narrow. We have people coming from all over the country in dinky, little rental cars and people coming internationally from South America and 5 different European countries. They drive on the wrong side of the road. Not that there is room for two to fit. I've been sideswiped a few times there, actually once but other staff have had similar problems. With neighbors you are slamming on the brakes or someone is pulling up on the side and it looks like they are going to fall on you. Or you have to back up a couple of hundred feet to get around. Especially in that little section we are hoping that it can be widened or have a little turnout where people can escape. People really zoom through there. I have a handout that shows the amount of people we are bringing in. Two years ago it was 650 folks; this past year it was 800. We are growing a lot. We are building now a bee barn. We are a honey bee sanctuary so we are

bringing a lot of folks for the educational programs and it is going to increase in the coming years. Please make the road a little more safe.

Ms. Carol Moates, 376 Hideaway Lane (Little River) – I am from Hideaway. This is the second time I have come to discuss a situation that I originally brought about 15 years ago regarding both the poor conditions of Hideaway Lane, and the large number of people who must use it regularly. No changes to the road were considered at that time and the problem has now increased exponentially. In the time since I first brought this problem to the Board the following things have changed:

- The resident population now is 9, all of which drive and reside at the end of this dead-end road. Another parcel is owned by a man who comes on weekends fairly regularly with his wife but he also leases his property for weddings, family reunions, and parties on occasion which draw over 200 people.
- Spikenard Bee Sanctuary has been built at the end of the road. Every Friday is open to the public for work days so people are coming and going randomly.
- They host regular workshops and seminars that lasts for several days, drawing people from many states, many of whom are not country drivers.
- During the Artisan Trail, Spikenard is open and draws several hundred visitors. I got some of these numbers from Alex.
- At this time Spikenard has a large construction project underway and so this adds to the normal traffic, heavy equipment as well as dump trucks, delivery trucks.
- There are cattle farmers on our road who have very large tractors. They feed twice a day in cold weather, but in warm weather there is hay to cut and move around with tractors and wagons. They are constantly checking on their cattle for health or any problems. Sometimes this is done on horseback with up to three riders which is a pretty dangerous situation. If you are on that road on a horse and meet vehicles, especially when not accustomed to driving on dirt or pea gravel.
- Snow is a biggy. This road can have drifts of up to seven feet high at least with only five inches or less on the ground because of the blowing. Normally it re-drifts as soon as it is plowed open, if there is just a breeze. It is exceptionally bad. And there is one place where a normal road is cut into a hill and the sides basically go straight up. It is in the blind curve that Alex mentioned before. If there would be anyway to cut the hill down to get rid of some of the snow problems, not to mention meeting people in that. The neighborhood commonly calls it the gauntlet. If you meet someone there one of you has a long way to back before you are able to pass.
- We have residents with mail boxes at the end of the road so mail happens six days a week. One letter carrier slid into Alex's car and another one completely totaled my son's car on a sunny, dry, Saturday morning.

The road really needs improvements. You cannot stop quickly because of the gravel. There is the deep place with the steep sides. We could really use some addressing on that, not only for snow but also for regular weather to try and let people get through. I am asking you to put into your budget some time spent on Hideaway Lane for improvements. Spikenard brings a lot of revenue. And like Alex said, people from all over the world. Try and come and see us. Just drive the road yourselves and that way you can get the real feel. Thank you.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if there were any other speakers regarding Hideaway Lane? She said she received an email from the neighbor Ms. Moates mentioned who is willing to donate land for the improvement of Hideaway Lane.

Mr. David Clarke replied, "Excellent."

Mr. Sam and Ms. Mercedes Hardy, 306 Hideaway Lane (Little River) – My wife and I have owned approximately 30 acres for the last 20 years that has 200 feet of frontage at 306 Hideaway Lane. 2014 we completed our river cottage which we use on a part time basis. We have several large family gatherings there in the summer.

We are delighted with the growth in the neighborhood especially Spikenard Farm. With growth comes traffic. There are not many places on Hideaway for cars/trucks going in opposite directions to pass each other. Our entrance is one. We would like to offer land along the frontage for the purpose of widening the road.

We believe the road improvement is essential to the economic growth of Floyd County. Hopefully Hideaway Lane will be in the first year of the 6 year plan.

Mr. James Conner, 622 Barberry Road (Little River) – Getting back to New Haven Road I don't know how many of you realize that large trucks travel that road. I heard talk about gravel trucks but there is a lot of log trucks go that road to the sawmill. The biggest trouble of all is the milk truck that comes to my dairy farm. It travels that road every other day, a big 18-wheeler. He would like to have a better road to travel on. And there's a hill about halfway through; it's kind of a steep hill. The visibility is very bad. A big truck or a farm machine either one was coming over that hill you'd have to hold your breath and hope nothing is coming. Because you can't see on the other side. If that hill could be lowered a few feet it would really help.

Mr. Michael Vest, 185 Schoolhouse Lane (Locust Grove) – Diamond Knob Road, 3 years ago I had 53 signatures that wanted this road surface treated in summer time to keep the dust down and gravel put on it in the winter. Children on the school bus is the main concern here. One guy owns about ¾ of a mile of the property on the road on one side and about ¼ miles he owns both sides, he wants to see it surface treated also. I have letters here from the school bus drivers. Both of them say they have had real close calls on that road, almost head-on collisions. Instead of reading them I will give them to you.

My name is **Sharon Young** and I drive bus #30 out of Check. My afternoon route takes out onto **Rt. 808, Diamond Knob Road (Locust Grove)** for 1 stop. Although I have driven for Floyd County Schools for over 23 years, I have only been on Diamond Knob for a little over 10 years. The entire time this road has been full of ruts, potholes, soft ground, mud so thick it was hard to drive through and other various conditions that have jarred and bounced me and my students. Regardless of how slow I drive through the "rough spots," it is still hard on my bus, my passengers and me.

Also this road could be a little wider. I have met way too many vehicles where close calls would be putting it mildly. Paving this road would help so very much. Besides myself, there are 2 other buses on this road and we all complain on how rough the road is.

Please consider widening and paving this road.

Mr. Julius Dickerson – I am writing regarding the possible widening and surface treating of **state route 808, Diamond Knob Road (Locust Grove)** from the intersection of Shawsville Pike to the intersection of Schoolhouse Lane.

I'm a Floyd County Public School bus driver. I travel this section of Diamond Knob five days a week on my morning route, picking up school students.

This section has at least six blind and narrow curves. Over the past nearly six years of driving over this section, I have experienced a few near misses, involving possible head on collisions. This section gets very rough to travel in the winter months with freezing and thawing causing the formation of mud and ruts.

It would be very nice for the citizens who live on and travel this section of road, the other two bus drivers who have evening routes on it and me to use a rebuilt road that is paved (surface treated) and wide enough for uninterrupted and safe two-way travel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Jonathan Vest, Sunny Ridge Road (Little River) – I am a resident on Sunny Ridge Road. I am one of those individuals who have decided the six-year plan probably isn't worth a whole lot because I have been up here on separate occasions. Most recently was 15 years ago. When you don't have anything even looked at or addressed, I was taken aback and decided it was a waste of time. I'm back up here today about Sunny Ridge. When I hear about gravel, ditches, the ability to travel a road; I would like to have some of those. The fact of the matter is we've got about 4.1 miles. It is a connecting road between Hale Road and Bethlehem Church Road. It also has Doublesprings Rd. about midway at two miles. It is about 4.1 miles of poorly or most poorly maintained road in Floyd County. It has 22 direct residences along the road. It has 6 additional residences that are on the first curve out of Doublesprings Rd. and all of those households utilize this road on a regular, daily basis. Two of those households out of 22 have a one car family. Everyone else is driving multiple vehicles in and out.

We have 4 main commercial farming operations that see daily use, usually more so during the worst times of year when the road needs the most attention and improvement. The fact of the matter is we are travelling up and down the road during the course of the year. We have lots of the same situations that everyone else is talking about...potholes that will swallow vehicles, eat through radiators, drop an exhaust system out of a truck, various things. [Mr. Vest directed the Board's attention to page 2 of a handout of photos he provided.] That is your state grader right there in my driveway. Since January that is the only vehicle of maintenance that road has seen other than the 3 or 4 gravel runs that have been made to dump over the worse locations of the road. The problem is nothing is ever graded over the top of that and your 4" pothole becomes a 6"-8" pothole of material splashed out. The 8" wall of gravel a regular or

normal vehicle can't even get over. It is rough on the front. The bottom picture of a tractor is my grading job after this past weekend. As you can see the depth on the right hand side of the road there where there is no gravel. The gravel is dumped up and above and people travel once again the wrong side of the road, the left hand side of the road, through that straightaway to the curves making it a hazard for individuals coming on.

The second page there is the same picture showing the trees and stuff that needs to be addressed. I'm cutting trees out of the road when I come to work. The third page there is the hog wallows. That is what we call them. As you can see we are widening the road ourselves because the more and more vehicles travel the curves we drive over on the edges trying to miss the multiple deep potholes. The picture there is this morning. On page 4 that is my vehicle sitting in one of those potholes. It is approximately 4" deep. That is one of the newly graveled locations. In which case it was never filled in or never accommodated filling the hole. It was simply dumped and when the tandem started to bounce the rest of the load came out and there is what you have left behind.

Let's turn to the last page and talk about safety for a minute. Fifteen or so years ago I came to the Board of Supervisors and said you are going to have an accident on this road. It is dangerous. That is my son and the neighbor boy who sat 2 ½ hours on that road. The neighbor's son had a broken leg. The state trooper didn't ticket either one. He said this is the most dangerous road I have ever answered on. His car was being touched by material growing out from the banks of the road on each side of his cruiser. I would like to see and request that something be done with the ditches so we get the water out of the center of the road or the widening that is necessary. There are things I would be happy to talk about. When I purchased my property, we made sure APCO with its new trunk line did not put it on the side of the road, but 10' or 15' off into the fields so this road could be widened at some of the worst sections. I just get irritated about it. And I apologize for getting red-faced. Thank you.

Mr. Tim Telling, 115 Alpine Drive SW (Burks Fork) – I am going to be very calm compared to the last speaker. Thank you for this open forum. I can tell you are really taking these things to heart. It is really interesting seeing all of the community come together on these things. Ours is a little bit different of a request. I am Tim Telling. I am President of the Property Owners Association for Slatemont. This is probably the 3rd or 4th year representatives have come and talked about the rural addition program, which is a little bit different than the funding you have been talking about. Last year, January 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted or passed a resolution to allow VDOT to go ahead and look at the program and see if Slatemont qualifies. We've been through that process and I think it was last September everything was submitted. It was approved and yes, we qualify. Our question at this point...I don't know how this fits into the six-year plan, but our road is deteriorating with potholes like he has been talking about. So we need to do something. Either ourselves if it is going to be an extended period of time. But we need to know where you might have that in the plan. That is the question for the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. David Clarke explained that there is a line item in the six-year plan that Floyd has passed each year for rural additions. There has not been one specifically set by resolution that I know of by the Board yet. Subdivisions like that have to be qualified before they are included. You can't build a brand new subdivision and have VDOT take over. The most recent one we've

looked at was the site distance where it connected to Buffalo Mountain Road. I think we are working through a solution to redo the entrance that would make it qualify. The Board has to approve or decide if they want secondary construction money to go toward rural addition or not. This is the proper place to petition that they do that.

Mr. Telling asked at some point when you've made your decisions on these things do we get notified or how do we know?

Mr. Clarke answered that he would let them know.

Mr. Telling added that we just received yesterday the re-proposed plan of changing where the entrance is.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how many residents are up in Slatemont?

Mr. Telling responded that there are 35 homes in Slatemont but the road also serves other private homes and Beaver Glen bed and breakfast.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if many of the residents were year-round?

Mr. Telling responded that 8 homes in Slatemont are year round and at least 3 out of the subdivision who use the road. The reason we are doing this is because there is a lot of potential for growth within Slatemont, hopefully to bring in more tax revenue. There are approximately 50 lots that are not developed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how old is Slatemont?

Mr. Telling answered 1960s.

Mr. David Clarke asked for clarification that it was just to bring in Slatemont Road itself as you come in off of Buffalo Mountain Road.

Mr. Telling confirmed and said mailboxes for Slatemont are up Slatemont Road and the idea is just to get the Slatemont Road portion as a state road before it branches out into the community.

Mr. David Owen, 221 N. (Little River) – I am not sure if this is for the Board or VDOT. My wife and I purchased the Pine Tavern Lodge and are renovating it. My request is that the speed limit not change from 45 mph to 55 mph right before you get to the lodge and the restaurant. My request does not require a whole lot of money. The restaurant is enormously busy on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The lodge is becoming quite busy. There have been accidents and numerous close calls because people see the 55 mph and start accelerating and roll over the hill at 60 mph. I'm not a highway expert. I don't know how far I would suggest you carry it, but it is right over a hill and quite a bit of activity. I would like the Board to consider making a recommendation and VDOT to consider it. For a cost of a couple of signs and we are golden. Thank you.

Ms. Katie Thomas, Poor Farm Road (Little River) – I am not asking for any major construction. I am just asking for basic maintenance. I live on Poor Farm Road. In the summer it is pretty bad because of traffic with Chantilly connection from Rt. 221 to Franklin Pike. The road has a lot of potholes on it, especially toward the beginning of it. It also has a lot of ditches because of the heavy flooding we had. The shoulder is very, very low so if you do meet a car, your car ends up going in a ditch. I am not asking for a whole new road or widening of a road. I am just asking for basic maintenance on my road, please.

Mr. Mark Allen, 883 Cannady School Road (Little River) – I appreciate your letting me be here. I live on Cannady School Road. My brother is here with me but he is not going to speak. There is a loop on Cannady School and part of it is paved. There is a loop of about 2 miles or so that is not paved. There are about 13 homes on the unpaved part and there are that many more on the other part which is paved. Honestly I don't know if this is a construction thing or not or more of a maintenance thing. There was a ½ mile section of that road, which comes right by my driveway, was moved about 2 decades ago. At that time it was ready to be paved. Now it has deteriorated to the point, you won't be starting over, but it is close to that. That particular part comes down a real long hill and there is a side ditch on the right hand side which is over the hill which is over 24" deep. It is very abrupt. It is a hazard. It is just horrendous. What has happened is that it is not maintained. There is no crown on the road so the water runs down the middle. From the top of the hill it does get in the ditch and then gets beside the road and cuts that ditch out. At one point the culvert started cutting in on the road. There is no cone there or stake or anything. Where they have used crush-and-run on there, it is either slop and with the salt it just ruins your vehicles. I have one you can look at if you want to. There is 1 day between the slop and the cloud of dust where you can drive on the road and it feels like a road. We have potholes and ditches. A person who is also an Allen, but I'm not kin to him, in the last week or two came with his tractor and filled in the ditches which ran across the road where the water runs across it. If it could be paved that would be wonderful. If it could be decently maintained that would be wonderful.

Ms. Marcie Morrison, 172 Wild Mountain Road (Burks Fork) – First I want to say thank you. The last time I was in here to talk about Moles Road the hill got great for about 2 weeks. I really do appreciate all you do and the promptness of coming to take care of it. At this point now we are up to 20-50 cars a day on the weekend already. I get about 10 up my driveway which is nowhere near the Buffalo, which is another mile down the way. There are a number of things that need to be addressed. One I am still looking at having that end of state maintenance moved. Something has to be done with that because there is no temporary fix that is going to do anything good for it. The second is the speed on that road. We thought about getting some sensors with tire slashers that come out of it but then we realized we would have to help them so we aren't going to do that. The road runs right through the Moles Farm and they have 12 beautiful horses and they have people who ride the horses up and down the road and people come in for that as well. It can't be good for them. With the amount of cars, maybe we can do something about posting. I doubt posting a sign is really going to do anything, but at least post it. Back roads are 35 mph and that is way too fast. The Moles were telling me as they see people coming around that last little corner they catch air. They are going so fast, they catch air. They are probably only going about 35 mph. There are two blind curves in there which are really dangerous. I think it could easily be fixed with mirrors on the trees. It would be really nice to get just past the Moles Farm, I don't expect the whole road to be paved, but at least past

there with the amount of traffic and with what they are trying to do there. It might be a nice consideration for running through the middle of their property like that. It is not your place for the signage for the Buffalo. I talked to the Nature Preserve for that. I think they were mowed down by the snowplows, so we don't have those any more. I was thinking if you were having all these projects taken into consideration if you could get the counters across the road to see how much traffic has really come going up to the Buffalo. I think you would be surprised. It didn't stop all winter. It was crazy busy and it has started again. Heavy traffic. You guys know the road. You know where it is skinny and where it is dangerous and what it needs. Thank you.

Ms. Megan Dillon, 758 Haycock Road (Little River) – I'm here to talk about post construction paving on Haycock. My mom has owned the property for 20 years and the gravel never bothered me. We have creeks that run all over the property. Since it got paved, the area behind my house where all these springs and creeks start has completely eroded. There is gravel 100' in the creek. There is gravel behind the deputy's property that is just down below me. There are crawdad holes coming up in the gravel. It really disturbs me. I wish I could give you all my paved road. I don't know what to do about it, but I thought someone should hear about it.

Mr. Dave Dutton, 602 Little River Road (Courthouse) – I have been here 2 months and noticed you have a regular maintenance program. My road one time washed out but within 2-3 days it was repaired. Actually we are impressed. I came from the city so everything was concrete and cement. But I want to thank you for inviting everyone out here, Linda especially. I know it must be difficult, especially after the last flood that went through here right before we moved in, and Little River Road got washed out and the bridge had a lot of damage. But given all those circumstances I think you guys do a great job.

Mr. Greg Locke, 1176 Fork Mountain Road (Burks Fork) – I live in what we refer to as the forgotten fringe of Floyd County. I live right across from Mabry Mill on Fork Mountain Road. We are right where it turns into Patrick County. My biggest concern is road 603. Our road runs in and behind Mabry Mill and runs through to Highway 58 into Meadows of Dan. The part that Patrick County has, has not really had any maintenance that I know of in the ten years I have been there but the pavement has held up well. It is 18' wide. As soon as it hits our county, it goes to 14'. And I understand that there are a lot of trees. There is no shoulder. It is 14' ditch to ditch. But the road has gotten into such a state of disrepair. It has been, what we call in Michigan, turning a pothole into a speed bump. You go from a ditch to a bump. It has never been really well repaired. This was originally a paved road. They sprayed the tar and then put gravel on top of it to such an extent that it turned it into a dirt road, which is like driving on ball bearings. I am a motorcyclist and if you've ever tried to ride a motorcycle on loose gravel over pavement it's a death-defying deal. Mabry Mill gets an unbelievable amount of traffic on the weekends. Literally thousands of people. That is one of our main tourist attractions in Floyd County. I think at least the part behind Mabry Mill, not so much in front of my house, we're just residential, but that stretch of road. There was a fatality there a couple of years ago. A young man slid right into a tree because he could not stop. Yes, he was probably speeding. It's tight. It's frightening. And that is our only artery out. The Parkway is not maintained in the winter. The only way we have to get to Meadows of Dan is that road and it doesn't get salted or graveled for days and days. It has taken 4-5 days to get our road plowed. You get to the Patrick County line and "botabing botaboom" and it is nice and clean. Our road is at the bottom of the list and I get it. It's a big county. But I would really love to see something done there.

As far as the part in front of my house, which is just 500' off the Parkway, we could use more gravel, everybody could. They don't get to our road much. But there is a creek crossing that one of the warning paddles, or whatever you call them, has been missing for some time. I called the VDOT and asked them to come out and fix it. They came out and pushed some dirt around and never put the sign up. It is only 14' from each side of the culverts, in a blind turn, and unfortunately people tend to drive over their heads down that road. I moved here 10 years ago. You are going to have to carry me out. I absolutely love it here. The people are amazing. It is all wonderful. The road repairs seem to have gotten worse quality year after year after year. When I moved here the only way you could tell there had been a repair was a color change. You didn't feel it. You didn't go down; you didn't go up. They were wonderful and it was part of the attraction of moving to Virginia in general, especially after driving through West Virginia. It just seems that all of the road repairs have gotten to be of lower quality. I don't know if that is just me being picky or if it's a fact, but it just seems that way even on the main roads. I would like to see a little better quality and that is it for me. Thanks for your time.

Mr. Mitchel Cundiff, New Haven (Little River) – I live on New Haven also. I just wanted to reiterate what all these people have said. At 1090 there is a little bit of curve there and a lot of people come around that curve a little bit too fast. I understand people do that. But there is gravel there and when you come around you don't have time to make a decision and you are in a wreck. There was an accident there I think last year. I don't know the circumstances of it, but if you can flip a car on a dirt road in a tight turn right there then either you are going way too fast or the road interfered or a deer ran in front of you or something. I just wanted to reiterate what everyone said in our neighborhood to get our road fixed.

Mr. David Clarke thanked everyone for speaking. From here I will work with the Board. Sometimes the Boards like to put together a Roads Committee; sometimes they will have a work session. However the Board would like to do it. We have a couple of months before we have to put together a final plan. I'll work with the Board on that. I'll turn it over to the Chair.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she wanted to reaffirm everyone. Even though you haven't all spoken, just having you here shows concern for roads here in Floyd County. I think one of the overriding things I am hearing a lot about is that we definitely have some increase in traffic near tourist destinations. There is no small wonder that we have more and more people coming to Floyd County and using our roads from out of state and they may not be used to our country roads. It does behoove us to keep them safe.

I am also concerned about some of our other growth in the county. One of the things I will go on record here telling you now tonight is that one of the things brought up here in our sessions has been Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek roads. There is a lot of construction-related work in that area. We have Long Island Lumber building pallets. We have Griffith Lumber as a sawmill. And we now have Salem Quarry taking over Shooting Creek Quarry. I just want you to know as a Board we understand that there is definitely some concerns about the safety of people using both Shooting Creek Road, Franklin Pike and the connecting roads such as New Haven. This is very important. It is a very important issue to me. I sympathize with you Ms. Dillon. Julia, my neighbor, who has passed, wanted my road paved. For years we all sat there and said we don't want our road paved. None of us wanted our road paved, but Julia wanted it

paved. She spoke about many of the issues that the New Haven residents speak about, dust, all of that. That is why it is important to come out to a Public Hearing. That is why it is important to let us know what you want – whether you want your road paved or not. You were talking about Poor Farm Road connecting to Chantilly. That has become a very travelled road off of Rt. 221. Other things to think about are how GPS is routing people. All you have to do is look at the Ironto exit off of 127 off of I-81 and see how that has completely changed that area. I think this is something we as a Board need to be aware of. But again I want to thank all of you for coming out.

Following are letters and emails from people who were not in attendance but wanted to share information regarding their road concerns:

Ms. Cindy Brockwell, 246 Indigo Mountain Road NW (Burks Fork) – I wanted to call your attention that our (used to be) gravel, state maintained road is in very poor condition after several months of severe weather. In fact, there are so many deep and wide pot holes that I'm concerned that the road will collapse soon. The main area I'm speaking of is about a quarter mile off of 221 South.

There is also a new culvert further up the road and a ditch that needs to be cleaned out that helps to keep the water off of our property. Further, the land was clear cut across from us which causes steady erosion into the ditch. When the ditch is full and the culvert not cleaned, water comes down the road and under our house. We built a berm to try to keep the water out but with intense rain as we had the other night, the water does come in. It also runs down the road into a low area near the creek which stays wet all the time. We've had people pulled out of this muddy area with tractors...all caused by the road issues. I feel this is a VDOT problem and that I've spent sufficient amount on keeping the water out of my house from the road. It is definitely coming in off the road and actually comes down the hill, into my driveway, and under the house.

There is a history here but the important matter is that the road is in the worst shape I've seen in many years. It needs to be repaired and not just scraped.

Thanks for anything you can do to help.

Ms. Mary Freday, Red Oak Grove Road (Little River) – I have the following concern. On Red Oak Grove Road, the flooding in September caused a tiny waterway next to the road to be re-routed. Since that flood, the water no longer runs into Terry's Creek on the right-hand side of the road and has instead been crossing the road to get to the creek on the opposite side. As a result, this portion of the road was covered in a semi-permanent sheet of ice all winter. This is dangerous, as it happens right at a bend in the road at the end of a long downhill (if coming from Moore Rd). This is also resulting in the road being slowly eroded. There is now a chasm in the center of the road which is not yet particularly bad but which will only deteriorate as water continues to run over it. A relatively simple fix now (fixing the culvert so that the water flows directly into the creek on the same side that it is coming from) could/would save the county a significant amount of money (having to repave that section of road) if it waits.

Thanks so much.

Ms. Daune D. Angell and Mr. George G. Angell, Mack's Mountain Road (Indian Valley) – First of all, thank you for inviting folks to become more involved in the happenings in Floyd County, particularly when it concerns road conditions. My husband and I live on 200 acres at the most extreme northwest corner of the county, at the end of Mack's Mountain Rd. We must enter Carroll County to get to our home and property.

We do understand that VDOT has experienced some of the most difficult times in recent history with the excessive rainfalls we have had. Mack's Mountain Road, an unpaved road now predominantly a dirt/mud road, is in horrific shape. VDOT has applied temporary Band-Aids: dumping gravel in tire-eating potholes which is thrown out within days. Several culverts are obstructed, causing water to run across the road, creating multiple crevices across it. These, too, are filled with gravel which is removed by the next rainfall, when the real remedy would be to clean out the culverts. This would require physically shoveling out the accumulated sludge and debris, digging out the ditches and periodically maintaining them. Also along Mack's Mountain Road and Deepwater Road (name changes at county line), there are treacherous undermined areas along the road edges where erosion has occurred. Some of these have been reported to VDOT (and work orders applied) almost two years ago. Stakes with orange tape have been the "fixes".

This letter is not meant to complain, but merely one to highlight some serious road conditions. As law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of Floyd County, we want to express our concerns. Having lived here for 15 years and owning the property for 20, we understand that our road has been of very low priority; however, perhaps intense attention now to Mack's Mountain Road will result in minimal maintenance later.

Agenda Item 6 – Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Jack Wall, Little River District – I am speaking as the new Chair of STOMP organization (Staying Together to Overcome the Meth Problem). It is a really great coalition. We have a lot of agencies and school system and everybody helping us with it. There is a lot of amazing information. We are trying to keep everybody from getting into addictive substances that can destroy their lives. There are a lot of different things, of course methamphetamine is at the peak, the top of the chain on that whole thing. But we have a great program going on. We are working really closely with the school system and they have allowed us to come in and speak to the kids this coming Thursday. We are going to have two periods to meet with all of the kids. We have a captive audience there. It is a great program...really great information. These kids are going to learn something. We've already done an art and essay contest which was phenomenal in terms of the response we got from everybody. Hopefully we will get some of these kids thinking and educated.

It is a good discussion within the community as a whole. We have a discussion period with the leaders of the community, parents. We have a program coming up Tuesday, March 29 in the cafeteria at the high school. We have some of the speakers more for the adult leadership in the county, just making some presentations. Sheriff Craig will be there and some people from the Health Department. There is a lot of interesting information. The research being done on the effects of addictive substances on the teenage brain and that kind of thing. It is also the policy

stuff. There is a lot happening in the state. We have Drug Court here. Judge Long is actually going to be there next Tuesday night. I just wanted to mention it to you. There is a lot going on. If anybody can be there. Linda will be there for some of it. We are excited about the community coming together. It is a great community effort being made to attack this problem. The meeting is March 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. We are going to have food there for anybody who has a busy schedule and needs some dinner.

Mr. Greg Locke, 1176 Fork Mountain Road (Burks Fork) – I lived in Detroit for 62 years. I was president of a motorcycle club in Detroit. I have been down some hard roads and I know what the drug problem is. In my opinion this county needs an anonymous hotline. You need these kids to rat each other out. If you are going to find the guys who are making it, you are not going to find it by hanging around and hoping to catch somebody. You need a reward system for any convictions; enough money to make someone roll over on that guy down there that you know who is doing the damn thing. If it was from a philanthropist or someone who can put up a reward, it is far cheaper to do that than put a bunch more policemen on the street trying to catch people that are lurking who knows where. I think a hotline and just posters on telephone poles like they do it in other big cities, totally anonymous. Maybe there are enough people with a conscience or enough greed to want to roll some of these people over. That is the best suggestion I can make to do something about this. I just wanted to get that in.

Agenda Item 7 – Approval of month-end disbursements.

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

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

Agenda Item 8.a. – Appointment of member to fill unexpired term of Mr. Bill Ellis on Floyd-Floyd County Parks and Recreational Authority, Locust Grove District, expires December 16, 2018 – Supervisor Yoder said he only talked to Mr. Ellis one time and all he said was that he was unable to continue.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if he was just put on the Board?

Supervisor Yoder responded 1 ½ years ago.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if it was too much time?

Supervisor Yoder replied I do not know all the details. It has bounced around in my head a little bit and I talked to Mr. Clinger and I have talked to some of their board members as well. I think I am kind of interested in serving on that. They are looking at going through some changes and expansion possibly. A lot of our other boards we have one of us serving on. I thought maybe it would be a good idea to have one of us on there. It might be a good opportunity and I thought I would enjoy doing it. But I don't know what you all think about it.

Ms. Morris pointed out that one board member had served on the Recreational Authority in the past.

Chairman Clinger agreed that Supervisor Gerald had served in the past.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if we are bound to advertise it or not?

Ms. Morris replied that you do not.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Supervisor Yoder if he knew of anybody in his district who would be interested in serving?

Supervisor Yoder replied that he had not really reached out because he wanted to see what the other Board members thought. This happened about a week or so ago.

Chairman Clinger asked if we should advertise to see if there is any interest?

Supervisor Yoder responded I am interested. If you don't want me to serve on it...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said not at all. I think this is an important time for that board. When was Mr. Gerald on it?

Chairman Clinger and Ms. Morris both responded that it was a long time ago. Ms. Morris continued Mr. Gerald was on it in 2001. Ms. Morris said she had checked with the county attorney and while a supervisor can't serve on the Planning Commission or Electoral Board, there is no problem with a supervisor serving on the Recreational Authority.

Supervisor Yoder said he talked to their Director and Chair today and a couple of other members. I explained to them that I don't have a lot of experience with Recreation. One of the comments they gave me today was they have a lot of coaches and people like that already on the committee. What they don't have a lot of experience with is planning for the future or how to approach the County or Town and just general things like that...like running a meeting. They said that is some of the things they could use. I don't know that I would want to be on there long term, maybe I would I don't know, but filling out a term would interest me.

Chairman Clinger said their Board would probably like to have someone on it sooner rather than going without somebody, but normally we advertise and have meetings, so we have some time to think about it.

Vice Chairman Turman said I was wondering about our day meeting because I need some time to think about it.

Supervisor Yoder asked if Recreational Authority meets on the night after the Board of Supervisor's day meeting?

Ms. Morris replied that she did not know when they meet, but she thought it was Tuesday night.

Supervisor Yoder said then it is the night of the same day as our day meeting.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said this is such an important time for the Recreational Authority and schools. There are so many things going on regarding the future of this county and how we approach recreation and how that relates to our school system. What is our Recreational Authority's responsibilities? What is our school system's responsibilities?

Chairman Clinger said let's table this until April 12 and we will put this on the agenda for April 12.

Agenda Item 8.b. – Proclamation for National Library Week April 10-16, 2016.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Proclamation for National Library Week April 10-16, 2016 (Document File Number 866).

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

Agenda Item 8.c. – E911 Road Name Request – Ms. Morris explained that a third residence is being built and according to our ordinance they are required to name the road at this point. This is off of Griffith Lane off of Haycock Road. The proposed road name is Elizabeth Lane.

Looking at the map, Chairman Clinger remarked that it looked like the driveway for 67-39A crosses. Is it the same property owner? It looks like it is getting one out. Are they doing a subdivision in there or dividing the land up?

Ms. Morris replied that it is a family division.

Supervisor Yoder said 67-39A wouldn't be an address to this property would it?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied No but it is owned by 234 is that correct? The family owns 67-39A is that correct?

Chairman Clinger said that is what I was asking. Are they breaking off that piece of property? The only thing I was getting at is it looks 67-39A has adjoining property on the right and where it crosses through from 240. I didn't know whether they had been questioned about it or not.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that they won't have an address on it.

Ms. Morris confirmed that they come off of the other road.

Chairman Clinger said after the one with deeds and plats I want to make sure with road names.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I'm not sure that 67-39A comes off of there and it may be owned by the same family.

Supervisor Yoder said the difference on this road would be the entrance would be on the property of the person who signed for it. If you are talking about the property I think you are, the problem was the entrance was on his property and the sign was placed on his property. That was the issue.

Chairman Clinger said I was trying to remember. I knew there were some problems with that one.

Supervisor Yoder said I think the fact that the sign was placed on his property and he wasn't aware of it was the main problem there. For this one I am assuming the sign will be placed on one of these requesting.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Elizabeth Lane, with the cost of the road name to be paid by the County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Supervisor Gerald – absent

Agenda Item 8.d. – Mira Fork Exemption to Building Permit – Ms. Morris stated that she had not received a request from Mira Fork Church for an exemption to building permit fees. We will put that on the agenda next time if we receive it from them.

Agenda Item 8.e. – Appointment to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board – Ms. Morris said this agenda item was included to keep reminding you about the board position vacancy. No one has expressed interest in it.

Agenda Item 9 – Old/New Business

General Certificate – Ms. Morris said she had given them a copy of a General Certificate of County of Floyd, Virginia. The regional jail is doing some refinancing of their debt. With all the member jurisdictions they are asking that we execute these. The closing is next week on the 29th. Mr. Cornwell has reviewed this. He is also the attorney for the regional jail.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if they were lowering their rate on debt.

Ms. Morris replied I hope so if they are asking us to execute these.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the general certificate with the Regional Jail and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement (Document File Number 867).

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

Ms. Morris said that a couple of transfer of appropriation requests had been received from the School Board. The first was a transfer of \$10,191.15 from Transportation to Administration for the new position.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the revised expenditure appropriation request as presented from Transportation category to Administration category in the amount of \$10,191.15 in the FY16 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Ms. Morris said the second request was to transfer revenue authority for the purchase of three used buses.

Chairman Clinger said he understood they kept a fleet of spare buses for parts and things.

Ms. Morris said he told her they have 2 spare buses right now. They use every piece. Again they are just asking for a transfer of revenue appropriation.

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 from County Funds Operational to County Funds Capital Outlay in the amount of \$22,500.00 in the FY16 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Estimate of School Board Carryover – Ms. Morris explained that she and Ms. Ryan had been working on an estimate of School Board carryover for FY2016.

Ms. Ryan said Ms. Morris and I prepared a schedule for you that shows the original FY16 budget based on 1955 ADM. The next column shows the revised budget you approved based on 1975 ADM. Then we show two additional scenarios. The Governor's budget is based on an

ADM of 2004 that was based on the September 30 count. The School Board will actually receive state funding based on the March 31 ADM. We looked at what the membership has been each month since September. As of February 29 it is 1981. But the closer you get to March the less the number weighs. The weight is heavier in the early part of the year because you have a longer period that the student was enrolled. I chose 1983 as an ADM figure. It will definitely be between 1983 and 2004, but it will definitely be at least 1983. We compared that to what their budget is currently based on the 1975 ADM. This tells us that they will be getting \$33,000 extra. Then we went through and looked at expenditures to date on every line item and compared it to the original budget. We expect them to underspend by \$213,000 in the lines of fuel, supplies, and utilities. Even after the transfers that were just approved, there will be a carryover of at least \$24,000 if insurance is prepaid and \$214,000 if insurance is not prepaid. This could be used to buy additional buses or do other maintenance things.

Supervisor Yoder added that last night at the School Board budget meeting, Dr. Harris said that their last projection was at \$240,000.

Chairman Clinger said the question of prepaids had come up at a previous meeting. The practice is fine doing it, but then if you don't have the carryover money one year...my idea that I suggested and ask they do is to budget without any carryovers. Then when they get the carryover go back and buy the buses. So we don't have any more of that skip year that happened one time so the payment is actually budgeted each year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they saved on insurance by doing a prepay?

Ms. Ryan replied no, it is just an accounting entry. Every year they are paying one year of insurance. It is due July 15 so instead of cutting the check on July 1 they cut it in June for the next year. It is like when your magazine subscription comes up and you don't wait until the day it expires to renew.

Ms. Morris added but this year no insurance was budgeted.

Ms. Ryan replied to make the budget work I did not budget any insurance. In December's additional appropriation request I would have said Instruction category for Worker's Compensation, Transportation category for Auto Insurance.

Chairman Clinger said my idea gets it back so we are not prepaying it because you never know if you will have a carryover. What happens one year if there was none?

Ms. Ryan said that before it was built into the budget.

Chairman Clinger said I don't know if we have a policy or not about when debt service comes off, does that automatically stay in their budget?

Ms. Morris replied that is up to you all.

Supervisor Yoder said that immediately jumped out to him. \$210,000 is coming off the books this year for debt service. My concern is if we keep doing that where we pay off debt

service and it goes over into operational, ten years from now when we need to build or renovate a school then we have to raise taxes 30%.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out that we have enough planning to try to save. She does that with her personal finances. When I am paying off something, I still take that money and put it away. We could take it back.

Chairman Clinger said I was thinking about them having a budget line that says capital. Repairs to roof and other capital items would be paid out of that. If we took it back it would look like we were cutting them. Do we have to do something to create that? Do we have to do an ordinance hearing?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the carryover would have to go to that account but would we have approval over it? No, not really because it is in their budget they could do with it what they wanted.

Ms. Ryan stated that the Annual School Report did not used to allow schools to have a reserve account, but schools can now have a reserve account. You could appropriate the money to the capital reserve account. I don't know what the rules are for pulling the money out of the reserve account.

Supervisor Yoder said it is kind of worrisome to see that number. We started out it was \$1.2 million the year before last and now it is down to \$1.1 million. Then it goes to \$900,000. You are starting to lose your buying power.

Chairman Clinger said once it is built into their general fund we don't know where it went to.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she loves the idea of a capital reserve.

Ms. Morris said she would check on the controls we could have on a capital reserve account.

Chairman Clinger told her she had the consensus of the Board to do that. So if they needed to fix a roof, the money would be there for it. Differentiate between normal maintenance and capital maintenance major repairs. Find out what we can do direct the savings from debt service payoff.

It was decided that it was so late in the evening that the budget work session would not be held that evening. It was decided that the next budget work session would be from 9:00 a.m. until noon on March 29.

Chairman Clinger said he was glad that we have started locking the back door so people can't just walk through the building. He authorized Ms. Morris to look into getting lights for the alley way and back of the Floyd County Administrative Building to protect people who are leaving the building after dark.

Ms. Morris handed out a schedule that showed how green box, roll offs, and tipping fees are handled in surrounding areas and by private haulers. Ms. Morris said we can put this item on the next agenda so they would have time to review the information.

Ms. Morris said at the request of the land owner staff had moved the green boxes from The Country Store site in Check. Staff moved the boxes to J&J. The estate of The Country Store is willing to sell land to the County for the green boxes.

Supervisor Yoder suggested that if money were being put into an additional green box site in Check, he would suggest paving a larger area at Firehouse Station #3.

Chairman Clinger said concrete would be better than paving.

Supervisor Yoder said the problem with J&J is the wind. There are two problems with the firehouse. There is not enough room to put recycling. Also when the truck is there trying to pick them up, they almost have to back into the street. People come around that corner fast. I don't know if you can make it a little bit bigger, but it might be cheaper than buying land.

Ms. Morris said speaking of Firehouse Station #3, a soil scientist has determined that it will not perk for a drain field. We have another plan we are going to try. We are going to try to get an easement from an adjacent owner for a septic system or alternative system.

Vice Chairman Turman said he was at the Willis Firehouse the other day when they took the old roof off.

Ms. Morris said we caught that just in time.

Vice Chairman Turman agreed and said there was a lot of rot underneath. When I left they had taken off 15 sheets and they had just planned on 10.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked when they would revisit the six year road plan?

Ms. Morris said it is up to you. If you want to have a committee we can look at some of the roads.

Supervisor Yoder said what they proposed seemed to match up relatively well. There may be one or two to discuss.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she still wants to consider the intersection of Shooting Creek Road and Franklin Pike. It is dangerous and we have trucks going over to Rt. 221.

Chairman Clinger suggested that this be tabled to the next day meeting. He asked Ms. Morris to contact Mr. Clarke and tell him we are considering the top three and ask if he can give any cost estimates when he comes to the next meeting. That way we can determine what we can get done with the most bang for our buck.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she didn't know about Roger Road. I almost want to check with the residents on that stretch of road.

Supervisor Yoder said by keeping it unpaved all the way out to Rt. 221 a tractor-trailer will know it is unpaved. If you pave a short portion then you have to create a turnaround or something.

Chairman Clinger said Epperly Mill Road has an unpaved portion.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed. You pave from one end and from the other end and they leave this space in the middle unpaved. That is exactly what they did on New Haven Road.

Ms. Morris asked for clarification on which roads needed cost estimates?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added Sunny Ridge Road and Moles Road.

Chairman Clinger said we did a lot on Moles Road last year. I think she is just talking about signage. We can do that under the general.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch responded we are band aiding the main road that goes up to the Buffalo.

Supervisor Yoder said you are essentially thinking about what we are going to add for two or three unpaved roads. There are a couple of considerations: making sure we have money, we want to make sure we don't allocate the money to one part of the county or another, consider where we have paved roads in the past, treat different parts of the community equally.

Ms. Morris asked about Slatemont as a rustic road?

Chairman Clinger said the money is there that we put into it.

Supervisor Yoder asked we can't go over 5%, can we?

Chairman Clinger said we have put in the 5%. This has built our reserve up. He asked how much was in that.

Ms. Morris replied about \$200,000.

Supervisor Yoder said he was fine with putting that toward it, but I don't know that I would want to take more out of it.

Ms. Morris said she would see what the costs are.

Chairman Clinger said let Mr. Clarke get the costs for us. I mean if Roger Road is going to impact three houses further down but it might get ½ of New Haven Road done...

Supervisor Yoder said that New Haven Road is wide enough to do fairly cheaply. It is well built for a dirt road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she doesn't know why it has taken this long to finish.

Supervisor Yoder replied because there hasn't been any money. There hasn't been that much money for unpaved roads in a long time, for years.

Chairman Clinger added that it hasn't been coming from the state.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked where Vaughns Mill Road is?

Vice Chairman Turman explained where in Indian Valley that road was located. It is already started. They are cutting trees and have most of it marked.

Supervisor Yoder clarified we are looking at Diamond Knob Road, New Haven Road, and Roger Road are the three he suggested.

Vice Chairman Turman pointed out that the people from Diamond Knob have been coming in and asking for a while.

Supervisor Yoder agreed and said every year since I have been here. One year they had some 50+ signatures down that road. That is a lot of signatures. It includes the people who live on the road and the connecting roads. It is a feeder route as much as a dirt road can be a feeder route. It is also pretty level. There are no big hills. Once it turns and goes down the mountain, they are not talking about that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about Shawsville Pike.

Supervisor Yoder replied they had a fatality on that one. It is a different pot of money because it is a paved road.

Chairman Clinger said we picked that one on Alum Ridge. We went through and saw how many wrecks per mile and those were our two highest ones. We wanted to spend a little bit of money to get one or two curves out.

Supervisor Yoder said I think Alum Ridge Road was the highest. Shawsville Pike probably won't get done for a while.

Vice Chairman Turman said Alum Ridge Road definitely needs it, because of the big trucks on it.

Chairman Clinger said we would have to request a speed study on the Pine Tavern Lodge request.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we should extend it out a little bit further to Black Forest Road because so many people come out of there.

Chairman Clinger said by us moving on some of these requests it helps them too.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

