

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

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

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

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Supervisor Yoder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2016.

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

On the motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016; March 29, 2016; and April 5, 2016.

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

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

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

Agenda Item 6.a. – Mr. Steven Agee and Mr. Steve Gibson, New York Life Insurance – Mr. Agee explained a benefit the Commonwealth of Virginia has partnered with New York Life to provide for their employees. I want to talk to you a little bit about New York Life to start off with. As you look through your packet there should be a page that talks about corporate ratings.

We are almost as old as Floyd County. We were started in 1845 rather than 1831. But New York Life has death claims on both sides of the Civil War and I thought that was a good thing. As you can see the ratings of New York Life are pretty much second to none. They have the highest industry standards in the financial industries market as you see the ratings on the top right.

More and more people are getting their benefits through their employers. The Commonwealth saw a niche that they did not have in their benefits plan. This is what we are offering through the Commonwealth – guaranteed, no health questions asked for the employee, the spouse or domestic partner, for the kids, and for the grandkids. More and more people are getting benefits through the workplace on an individual basis and many people are uninsured. With more and more people's health being a problem, whether it being overweight, cancer, what have you; there are more people who can't be insured. This provides benefit towards employees and spouses that are uninsured whether it is diabetes or any other problems of that sort. As long as the employee and their spouse has not missed more than 5 days because of their health or their health has not gotten worse over the last 90 days before the enrollment then they can get life insurance for their family. On the employee for the Commonwealth it is a jumbo; they can get up to \$200,000 in coverage for themselves with this particular plan. For the County of Floyd they can get up to \$100,000. The other thing is they can get up to \$25,000 on their kids and their grandkids and their spouses as well with no health questions asked.

I will just give you a story. I had a lady in Abingdon whose husband had stage 4 cancer and was going to Atlanta for chemo treatments every month and she was missing a few days of work. I called New York Life and asked if we could write this spouse? And they said as long as he hasn't missed more than 5 days at his job in the last 3 months, we can write him. We were able to give that employee benefit for her spouse with no health questions asked. It was a huge benefit. There have been about 11 declines in the last year because of health reasons. This sort of bypasses that and gives you a benefit for families.

The other thing on that, given it is a whole life contract the rates are never going to increase once the employee says okay. Hypothetically if the employee pays \$25 a month for this plan it will never increase unlike health insurance. The other benefit for them is a living benefit in that it builds up a cash value for them. After they build up some cash value they can take it out as a loan or surrender, whatever they choose, if they need that cash value for anything like a down payment on a car or something else of that nature. It is flexible for them to use not only for the death benefit but the living benefit as well.

The enrollment is going extremely well with the Commonwealth of Virginia. We have an open enrollment that we are continuing to work on. We have done Radford University, Virginia Tech, DMVs, VDOT, and those types of places. It has been very well received. We wanted to give you an idea of what is out there. Given that it is not with the Commonwealth, it is more flexible for the County. We can do another plan alongside this. For instance if you have a young family with a mortgage or student loans or car payments, we can do a fully underwritten product alongside this at the same time completely voluntary for the employee. It doesn't cost the County anything, but provides the employee the service and the benefit for them. It may cover something they have a high need for in the next years. We could open it up to term products, universal life products. It is very flexible. Steve Gibson is out of Bassett. I am out of

Floyd. We would be the ones enrolling. We are not going to be someone the people don't know or will be a hard push on them. We just want to be educating employees on what their benefits are and let them vote on whether they need this type of coverage or not.

Mr. Steven Gibson added that we are out of the Roanoke general office so we are local. There are probably 35-40 agents out of that office. Also with these policies, while it is not guaranteed, it is like a mutual insurance company so in the year when there is a profit they pay those out in dividends. The way we write these policies, something called paid up additions so when that dividend is declared these are eligible for dividends. It does help the face value grow. That is not guaranteed but the only time they have not paid dividends was back in the 1800s and that was only for 3 years. In my background I have done supplemental in the past. I am an AFLAC and Colonial representative, but I have not found another product that comes even close to this for permanent life insurance for the value and pricing. It is phenomenal. It is portable so if an employee wants to retire one day or if the employee leaves his position, he can take it with him for the same price they purchased it for. It is a payroll deducted product. There is no 125 plan; it is not a pretax plan. That means a lot too. That takes a lot of stress off of the Human Resources department here. Basically when there is a question, every employee that meets with Steve Agee and I leaves with our business card and our contact information with our phone numbers and the Roanoke Office. You don't need to bother the County of Floyd.

Supervisor Yoder said what I am hearing is you can be offering whole life and term as well.

Mr. Agee replied that and universal life as well which is kind of in-between that. What we are doing for the Commonwealth is a guaranteed side. If we go to term or universal, if someone wants to get that type of product, then we can do a fully underwritten product. Again it comes out of their paycheck. It is not coming out of the budget of Floyd County. That would be more fully underwritten so they would have to do blood, urine, medical. It depends on age and how much of an amount they wanted to have taken out.

Mr. Gibson added that coming in late fall with this program, we have been told there will be some group term and group disability. We don't know a lot about it, but they are trying to increase their presence in the work spot. It is a nice deal.

Supervisor Yoder asked if this type of plan is currently offered to employees?

Ms. Morris replied that it is not.

Mr. Agee said many times county employees and school employees have VRS so they have some benefits from the State. But this is something that, even though we are working through the State, it doesn't necessarily transfer automatically over to the county governments and schools.

Supervisor Yoder said I would think this would be convenient being able to buy it through your employer with payroll deductions rather than having to write a check for it.

Mr. Agee said again because of the company strength, local presence who will educate them through that, not try to oversell them; we find it to be very beneficial for the people we have met with.

Mr. Gibson said out in the marketplace today, I have found only one guaranteed issued product and you have to be over 50 to take it on an individual basis. This is almost unheard of in the industry.

Mr. Agee said the minimum they would have to have is only \$5,000 face amount. For instance if a spouse wanted to have just the minimum of \$5,000 that kind of keeps their foot in the door. If they have a health hiccup in the next three years after enrollment, they could go ahead and get more. If they had cancer or something like that they could max it out if they wanted to for their family. But if they just get the minimum, they can also put it on their kids and grandkids and their spouse to benefit the employee. So if they want to max out their spouse at \$25,000 all they would have to do is just a \$5,000 policy. Another thing with the kids is you can get in at just \$5,000, but generally if we are doing an individual outside this program, our minimum we have to do for a kid is \$50,000. With this they can get some protection for the kid at just \$5,000. It is a pretty low face amount which most folks can deal with. It is a benefit of being part of a group.

Mr. Agee thanked the Board for their time and said they would follow up with Ms. Morris about how the County might want to move forward. He also thanked the Board for their service to the County. Mr. Gibson also thanked the Board for their time.

Supervisor Linda Kuchenbuch entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda Item 6.d. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director – Ms. Brewster discussed the February and March 2016 Floyd County Department of Social Services Caseload Statistics.

**FEBRUARY:**

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 9

Adult Protective Services (ongoing from January): 15

Adult Services Screenings: 5

Adult Services (ongoing from January): 6

Companion Cases: 4

Guardianship Reporting Cases: 29

Child Protective Services Investigations (new): 0

Child Protective Family Assessments (new): 8

Child Protective Family Assessments (ongoing from previous months): 11

Prevention Child Protection Services: 10

Court Ordered Supervised Visitations: 2

Foster Care: 6

View: 10

Child Care: 7

Trolinger Emergency Services: 7 applications received, 6 approved and 1 denied

Benefit Programs:  
SNAP (new): 35  
SNAP (ongoing): 806  
TANF: 47  
Medicaid (new): 79  
Medicaid: 1,391 cases  
Total fuel applications through 2/19/2016: 72

**MARCH:**

Family Services Programs:  
Adult Protective Services (new): 6  
Adult Protective Services (ongoing from February): 2  
Adult Services Screenings: 2  
Adult Services (ongoing from February): 4  
Companion Cases: 4  
Guardianship Reporting Cases: 27  
Child Protective Services Investigations (new): 1  
Child Protective Family Assessments (new): 12  
Child Protective Family Assessments (ongoing from previous months): 7  
Prevention Child Protection Services: 10  
Court Ordered Supervised Visitations: 2  
Foster Care: 6  
View: 9  
Child Care: 7

Benefit Programs:  
SNAP (new): 39  
SNAP (ongoing): 780  
TANF (new): 18  
TANF (ongoing): 52 cases  
Medicaid (new): 56 cases  
Medicaid: 1,420 cases  
Total Crisis Fuel summary: 91 applications, 63 approved for a total of \$25,010.27  
Total Fuel summary: 503 cases, 455 approvals for \$173,199.09

We are moving to a paperless process for DMIS which has not been easy and has been busy for our front desk. We have scanned 109 items in March to move to that paperless process. Staff have been incredibly busy. We have lost a few workers in the services program. They have been able to do all this work and they went from 5 services workers down to 2 during that process. We have been able to hire and replace 2 of those workers and they will start this month. We will have a new CPS worker and a new CPS ongoing worker. We were able to replace our Benefits Team Lead. We were able to gain a valuable employee from Montgomery County Social Services. She has been fabulous.

It is also Child Abuse Prevention month. We are doing a lot of awareness out in the community to recognize factors they might see in children that could be signs or symptoms of abuse. The pinwheels in front of the building are a symbol of that.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for March 2016 – Ms. Lydeana Martin said the subdivision report shows that it is starting to pick up. There are no large subdivisions proposed, just small things going on. I also want to briefly update you on the planning grant that we are pursuing to work on the ordinance related to cluster development. I checked with them this week and they hope we will hear something in May regarding that grant. I am going to a grant workshop today on one existing program and one new program.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Proclamation for Child Abuse Month.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a Proclamation for Child Abuse Month (Document File Number 868).

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

Agenda Item 7.b. – Building Permit Report for March 2016 – Ms. Morris said we are down some from last year at this same month. But if you look at the back page, we are coming up some from the previous months as we start the spring building season.

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

Ms. Linda Wagner, Courthouse District – There are issues that are of concern to me and they have to do with the safety of our sidewalks. Oxford Street coming to Main Street is not a new issue. You cannot see to make a left hand turn at that corner. Now we have a lot of people in town walking, we have many handicapped, we have many strollers, and many wheelchairs. The caregiver actually has to walk into the street in order for the handicapped to pass on the sidewalk. Those bushes are obstructing the pathway. The other one I've been working on for 4 years and it is on Main Street close to the walkway that goes to the park area near Hotel Floyd. There is a crosswalk there. The handicapped crosswalk signs are 150'-200' from there and they are obstructed by a fire department sign. I've almost been hit there many, many times, not just by passersby or visitors, but by police cars, school buses. The other day I was actually in the crosswalk and a car had to veer up on to the curb. He was skidding. That means they are coming at excessive speeds from the second stop after the stoplight, in front of the Blue Ridge Café.

I have shown pictures to VDOT that should be much like any college area or a school area, with a stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. We have a number of handicapped just due to the nature of business in this town. I know we have a couple of wheelchairs and lots of strollers and lots of handicapped that are impacted by this. It seems like the two times that I have come before the Board on this issue, the night before VDOT puts a "slow" or "yield to pedestrians" in

the crosswalk. That is not adequate because you don't even see it. There aren't markings on the road. One sign actually leans into the sidewalk and can be hit by the person on the sidewalk. Then the markings in the road, if you happen to be a nonseeing passerby, those markings are the guide for a cane and they are not even there. They are missing. The person that is marked in the roadway is so far back that if a car were to see that, it doesn't cause them to stop because the markings are so uncoordinated. I have many pictures of how it actually should be that would benefit anybody who crossed at that walk. I would just like you to address that to VDOT this morning.

Mr. Barry King, Locust Grove District – I would like to speak about road safety on Rt. 808 [Diamond Knob Road]. They just graded the road over there and unfortunately I don't think they did a very good job on grading the end of it. There are some rough spots after. They made some spots worse and there are some spots that are better too. For instance the bus driver had to get off the other day and fix her mirrors because she went to pass somebody and ended up hitting some limbs that were on the side of the road. I know there is talk of getting it surface treated and everything. I think it would be a good idea for the simple fact that I have kids who ride the bus and there are always incidences that happen and I hear about it. For safety purposes, being able to straighten out curbs a little bit and fixing all that would be a big help for the safety of the school bus and passengers coming in and out of there.

Mr. Henry Bowen, Locust Grove District – Twenty years ago I bought my property and there was talk of paving this road [Diamond Knob Road] back then. It was one of the reasons I purchased this property. It has now been 20 years I have been paying taxes and there have been very little road improvements, if any. They gravel every year and a little bit of grading and that is when we beg and beg and beg. Every year I drag my equipment in and out. I pay property taxes. I have to pay to park my equipment on my property. Every year I drag my equipment in and out of this road and sometimes it is in a foot of mud, tearing rear ends out, transmissions. I have replaced my front ends, wheel bearings, and busted springs. It just goes on and on and on. In 20 years it is getting ridiculous. It's like I'm being punished for owning my own business. I'd like to see something done. It's only a fair request.

Ms. Morgan Grim, Burks Fork District – I have a request for all of the districts. It sounds like for Project Floyd we ought to be fixing some roads in the county. Three years ago we started Project Floyd. It was just supposed to be modeled after Blacksburg's Big Event. They have a huge turnout of students from Virginia Tech. Young Life and Wild Life, of which I am part time staff and work with Trey Thompson, because we have such a large number of young people who are coming out for a spring event that we would do like a 5k or something of this sort. We decided to put a community service event in place of some sort because we weren't making any money from the 5k and we weren't getting a very large turnout of adults in the community. It was only the kids who would participate when we started. It has grown every year. This year we are looking at 200 volunteers and that is about 100 Wild Life and Young Life kids but that is also 100 adults. Some of those people will just be providing food or some type of service so 150 actual volunteers on the ground that day. We have had a growing amount of requests. We have a 20% increase in the amount of requests. We have about 30 right now and have capped it at 23.

I am here just to let you know that we have jobs throughout every district in Floyd that have been requested. I think in Indian Valley and Check currently the only ones we have are at the elementary schools that we have taken. We have some good requests that we will do out there. But I would like to have more outlying projects than just the Town of Floyd. So we can't really say "yes" to that until we have a little bit more adult support. If you all can have any interest in rallying some teens respective to your district even two or three adults we can send you able-bodied high schoolers and young adults who are pretty excited about this project. Some of the perks of being there which don't matter maybe as much to the adult community is you get a really nice t-shirt and a bag lunch and then you come back and Mickey G's caters a really nice meal for us at the end of the day. This year we will also have live music. We meet at the Methodist pavilion. They just put in a new playground and it will be great. We will start there at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. with a meal.

I have some flyers with me. People know how to get in touch with me typically but it is [projectfloyd.org](http://projectfloyd.org) or you can volunteer yourself or let people know in your district how to volunteer. A lot of times what happens is there at the end we have a swell of people getting excited about it and signing up and often we don't have enough projects to do. That is something to think about too. If that happens, be thinking about something we can do. At this point the larger scale projects where we have to request materials may not be able to happen unless you or somebody could donate those. But if it is a small project...if you drive past an elderly person's house and they just need help moving a few things, those are the kinds of things that are easily done. Multiple things like that in a day. Mr. Yoder helped last year and we got some painting done. Anything from painting to moving, anything of that sort.

I would also like to say that we would like to take this event to the next level. I don't know what that is going to look like this year. We didn't have a board. But we are really open to moving forward. We have the potential to get more and more people rallied around this event and even work with some other groups that are already trying to do community service like Partnership for Floyd. It was just a coincidence that it landed on the same day this year so they are helping out. Moving forward we would love ideas. Anyone on a government level, church, local to help us take this event further to be able to serve more people. I have flyers. If you would like to get in touch with me, I would love to get some people signed up. It would be a great way for you all to have your face out there on this event serving your districts. Thank You.

Supervisor Yoder expressed his appreciation for what this group has done. As a County we appreciate the work that was done on county property last year. It has been a great benefit and I have heard a lot of good compliments on the painting that was done on the recycling building.

Ms. Morris also expressed her appreciation for the work done in previous years.

Agenda Item 7.d. – Appointment to fill unexpired term on Floyd-Floyd County Recreational Authority, Locust Grove District, December 16, 2018 – Ms. Morris reminded Board members that this position has not been advertised as the Board wanted to consider whether it would be beneficial to have a Board member fill the unexpired term.

Board members each expressed the value they see in citizen involvement from each district on boards. Discussion was also held how some boards have a Board of Supervisor member appointed instead of a citizen from a given district. Because Recreation Authority is currently planning to grow programs, the need for both citizen involvement and Board member involvement could be beneficial. However, the Recreation Authority already has 7 members and adding a Board of Supervisor member and a Town Council member might make too large a board. Also, by-laws would have to be changed to add the extra members. There is also the problem of getting citizen involvement as evidenced by the current Town appointment being a citizen of the county who does not live in the town.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, Supervisor Yoder was appointed to fill the unexpired term on Floyd-Floyd County Recreational Authority, Locust Grove District, term ending December 16, 2018.

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

Agenda Item 6.e. – Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation – Mr. Clarke started off by giving some maintenance updates. We haven't gotten to all the issues you discussed last time, but I just received a notice that they have worked on Sumpter Road. I don't know if it is still in decent shape or not, but they have done at least part of it. They have been doing some shoulder and ditch improvements on Haycock Road. We finished Hope Road. Hope Road has been open – that is the one that was taken out in the flooding. It has been open to traffic but now we are completely finished with it. Our hired equipment contractor did an excellent job with it. There are now 2 84" pipes along with some overflow pipes.

We are doing some shoulder and guardrail work on Rt. 8 right now, pipe replacements on Emmanuel Road and Buffalo Mountain Road. We are still working with DCR about getting – and we will probably have to talk to the County about applying for – Recreational Access funds for Moles Road. That is going to be a pretty good project for coordination between agencies. It is not done very often. It will work out well I think.

We have done some patching on Indian Valley Road. We have tried to work on a lot of pipe replacements that are time sensitive as far as our permits go. So we have been doing pipe replacements and trying to patch in front of our schedule work that is coming up. We still have some more patching to do. The main ones are on the high travelled roads of Rt. 221 and Rt. 8. We haven't gotten to Horse Ridge Road yet. It is on our list. The same thing with Hall Road. We will be doing a little bit more of that as we catch up on these pipes and get the stuff ready for overlay schedules.

Once again with overlay schedule coming up, I will get you a schedule and the type of overlay we are going to get. There are four types that we do. There is the regular plant mix, the hot mix asphalt used on interstates, usually 1 ½" – 2" overlay. Some secondary roads have that as well. We also do a tar and gravel type of surface treatment. We try to keep the split between those. We don't want all plant mix roads. First of all it is really not needed on the less travelled

roads and it is just so expensive when you do have to overlay. We get more mileage of overlay done if we have a mix of surface types. Those are the two main surface types.

We also have two types of seal we put on roads that are in fairly decent shape and patch in front of those too. The types are a slurry seal and a latex slurry seal. They are very similar and you all are very familiar with the latex slurry seal. They are starting in Riner and will have all the bugs out. I hope to not have to have Chuck Ingram from Slurry come back down here and have to explain on any of our routes.

We are doing some trimming on Vaughns Mill Road to get that ready. It is our next unpaved road project. You will see work done this fall getting it prepared but it won't be hard topped until next year. There are spotty potholes on Shawsville Pike. We are trying to get to as many unpaved roads as possible. I won't go into a list of all of those. They have done some shoulder and ditching work on Daniels Run Road and Stonewall Road. It depends on the weather as to how well these roads hold up after we are done with them. It is kind of variable.

We have a couple of other things coming up that aren't maintenance related. We are trying to work with the high school on getting a sidewalk done. There are a couple of ways we can do that. I will tell you which one I like. There is a Safe Routes to School Program that you can apply for. That program is kind of in the ending of its application process. It starts in February with preliminary applications and final ones just last week. We kind of missed that series, but there is another program called Transportation Alternatives. Safe Routes to Schools is part of it, but there is also funding for other transportation alternatives such as trails and things like that, and sidewalks. That application process is around the November timeline. Both of those have some type of local match involved, whether it be cash or other kinds of value. Those can still be pursued if the Board and County would like.

The other thing we could do is put it on the Secondary Six-Year Plan. It would qualify since it is a secondary road. We could do some construction with that. And if nothing else we could do some of the preliminary engineering. That way you would know by the time the application processes come along exactly how much you are going to look for. It would be my recommendation to add it to the Six-Year Plan. All that does is give it a UPC# and it is in our plan. Once it is on there, I can put some funds on there for survey and preliminary engineering and that may be all we do. It may just be a preliminary engineering project.

Chairman Clinger asked if we would have to have the preliminary engineering done before we even apply for the funds.

Mr. Clarke replied that you do not, but it does put you one step ahead of the game. You wouldn't have to ask for those types of funds as part of the funding request. We have done it other times where you have a project that is in the plan but not for construction, just for preliminary engineering design. Usually it is because of funding for a right-of-way phase and construction phase. We have projects that were hot at one time and we went ahead and did some design and right-of-way and then something else came up and we've got plans sitting on shelves for projects that fell out of favor or never got construction funds.

Chairman Clinger said I know this originally came up as just being to the high school. Then there was some talk from the schools wanting to go back to South Locust Street.

Mr. Clarke said that is something we could really explore as part of the Six-Year Plan as part of the engineering project.

Chairman Clinger said the one just to the high school would not have a right-of-way problem because it is school property. We could do that as the matching part of it. I would like to see it done in two parts instead of waiting on the whole thing. Start looking at the part to the high school now. Then the longer one back to South Locust Street would have right-of-way issues.

Mr. Clarke agreed and said that is why I like having it on the Six-Year Plan because all of that stuff is not very expensive, but it just takes time. It is coordination with our design people and property owners and the Town and the school. It is a time-consuming process, but not really an expensive process. It would not affect any other road project in your plan.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if this should have been done 10 years ago; so what kind of timeframe are we looking at to finally get it done?

Mr. Clarke replied if we start now I don't think we could have it constructed...with that kind of work it is concrete work and you can do it all throughout the winter. You don't have to wait for warm weather. It is possible that if you put it on the plan right now...the Six-Year plan does not kick in until July 1, but there are generic preliminary engineering funds we could get started with to carry us through July and then start charging to this project. If things go well and we get a good design and everyone agrees on it, we could probably have it done by the end of this calendar year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch clarified phase 1 from Woods Gap to the high school done and then phase 2 from Woods Gap to South Locust Street. I like that. It is something that was needed a long time ago. It is dangerous.

Mr. Clarke said with this annual application process you have to wait until November or April.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the drainage issues can be dealt with too?

Chairman Clinger agreed and said that would help because when they are doing that they will probably get curbs and stuff working.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said some days that road turns to ice immediately. I was scared going down there.

Mr. Clarke responded you hate to have that be a controlling factor as to whether you have school or not.

Supervisor Yoder asked if we are saying that the first part of the project will be done as part of the Six-Year Plan?

Mr. Clarke replied absolutely and depending on how the estimate goes the Board can control this at any point by saying I am tired of spending Six-Year Plan money and let's apply for Safe Routes to School.

Supervisor Yoder asked if he had any idea what something like that would cost?

Mr. Clarke replied probably less than \$50,000 for the construction and probably \$10,000-\$15,000 for the preliminary engineering.

Supervisor Yoder asked where that would come out of the Six-Year Plan, the unpaved roads?

Mr. Clarke responded that he could not use the unpaved roads but you have money similar to the money used on Alum Ridge Road, not earmarked for unpaved roads. Right now it is sitting on Shawsville Pike, but it won't change what we do on Shawsville Pike. Plus on July 1 you are going to get another allocation of the telecommunication fee money that collects for utilities located on our right-of-way every year and they divide it among the counties on a strictly population basis. So if you have 1% of the population you get 1% of the money. Floyd is getting \$48,000 from that. Your allocation on July 1 from the telecommunication fee could pay for it. So I probably won't have to transfer any money off of Shawsville Pike.

Supervisor Yoder said if we could get a separate grant it would give us additional money, especially since there is a local match.

Mr. Clarke said it may not be a problem. There is a 20% local match.

Chairman Clinger asked if the telecommunication money could be used for the match.

Mr. Clarke said no you can't use that as a local match.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that 20% would be \$10,000.

Mr. Clarke said that is your decision as to if that is a lot to spend for the project.

Supervisors Yoder and Kuchenbuch said \$10,000 would be worth spending for sidewalks.

Mr. Clarke said he would pursue it both ways. He would look at using Six-Year Plan money to get some of the investigative work done. There is an application process due in November. By the end of the summer you can figure it out and get this application in. It is not a complicated application. You might get Ms. Martin to help.

Chairman Clinger said it would be good to get it on the Six-Year Plan now so we can start the preliminary engineering so we will have that part done in November when the grant application process opens up.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that the Town might want to get involved for part of the match. It is something to discuss at the next meeting with the Town.

Chairman Clinger said we will break it into two phases – one going from Woods Gap up to the high school and the other going from Woods Gap to South Locust Street.

Mr. Clarke said the draft Six-Year Secondary Road Plan he read at last month's Public Hearing was based on discussions over the last several months. I thought I should come to the Board with a plan that at least included Diamond Knob Road and New Haven Road. That turned out to be the public comment received at the hearing. What I would suggest, based on the public comment we had, is that the Board adopt a Six-Year Plan with the following priority list:

- 1) Alum Ridge Road, unpaved road project;
- 2) Vaughns Mill Road, unpaved road project which we are working on now;
- 3) Diamond Knob Road, unpaved road project;
- 4) New Haven Road, unpaved road project;
- 5) 1<sup>st</sup> ½ mile of Roger Road, unpaved road project - we did not have any speakers but had some the prior year;
- 6) Rt. 615 sidewalk project, it can be worked on prior to other items on the list
- 7) Shawsville Pike, we have already brought traffic engineering people out to ride it.

I would like to get some Board members involved in looking at Shawsville Pike. We have some crash data. That is going to be a tough one to do.

Supervisor Yoder agreed and said there is at least one curve that has had some bad wrecks on it, including 1 fatality.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added I don't know how you can fix it?

Supervisor Yoder said being on the fire department he knows people take that one curve too fast.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said they come from the straightaway into the curve and take it too fast.

Mr. Clarke said his people have taken a look at it but it would be great to get some input from people who drive it a lot. The non-unpaved road projects that are on the plan we can work on.

Supervisor Yoder asked if it would be a while before any work was done on Shawsville Pike in order to collect money.

Mr. Clarke replied maybe not. We have quite a bit on there right now that we could do something with. You are not getting much more non-unpaved road money. I would suggest

looking at what you have there and then designing a project with the funding you've got. You are not going to add much more percentage-wise to it in the next few years. You are only going to put back about \$50,000 a year on it from telecommunications.

Supervisor Yoder asked about the Slatemont project.

Mr. Clarke replied that is another line item. You don't have to approve it when you approve the priority project list. We have a couple of countywide type funds which we use for signs and guardrails and things. Rural additions are one of those sort of generic ones. We have that there. There has been an estimate done. Mr. Paul Brown in our office has been working with the homeowner's group. He has been corresponding with Ms. Morris about what the estimate would be. They have lots there that they are hoping to be able to sell. There is still a little bit of speculative interest still in there. You have to come up with some matching funds. I think it is in the \$175,000 range and you've got some in the Rural Addition Project funds. If that is the one the Board wants to move forward with we are still working with the homeowner's association. What they would like to do is relocate that entrance so we will have the required amount of sight distance for a safe intersection.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about the DRC and VDOT and Moles Road doesn't come under this?

Mr. Clarke replied that it is a separate program. If it needs more funding we can figure out a way to do it with secondary funds.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked for the timeline on Moles Road.

Mr. Clarke replied that he is not sure. It is a rolling process. Access funds can be applied for at any time. It is not one that has a deadline. What we tend to do is use our guys and hired equipment so it is just a matter of scheduling them. They have a long list they are working on. We all can come to an agreement on the list we need to be working on.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she knows Diamond Knob Road pretty well and asked if it needed guardrails due to that road being surface treated?

Mr. Clarke replied that only the first 1/3 to 1/2 of the road was surface treated. The backside is rough.

Supervisor Yoder said it is only to the school bus lane. Where it turns and starts going down the mountain is not.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they really wanted to leave Roger Road on the Six-Year Plan?

Mr. Clarke replied that is up to you all. It is not going to be worked on this year. You could leave it on until next year and then take it off.

Supervisor Yoder said that his impression was that the Hideaway Lane residents were not asking to have it paved. They were talking about sight distance.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded that Hideaway Lane needed to be looked into. People are driving Hideaway Lane, Poor Farm Road, and Moles Road because of agrotourism. I think Thompson Road is going to come into that too with Riverstone Farm. Our agrotourism in this county is growing more and more. Two or three times a year now people from Roanoke are driving Poor Farm Road to get to Chantilly Farm.

Mr. Clarke responded that we can replace Roger Road with either of the other roads.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that Poor Farm Road is a paved road. Hideaway Lane isn't about paving but about sight-distance and widening.

Mr. Clarke said that was why I didn't include it on the list. Diamond Knob isn't bad in that first section. I will ask for a resolution in a few months on declaring Rural Roads which will allow us to do very little grading work. Hideaway Lane is going to take some more work than to do it as a Rural Rustic Road because it requires widening.

Supervisor Yoder asked if there was a program that could be used that did not require paving?

Mr. Clarke replied absolutely.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about Sunny Ridge Road.

Supervisor Yoder answered that he bet traffic on Sunny Ridge Road is more than traffic on Roger Road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said she could see putting Sunny Ridge Road on the plan in place of Roger Road. She added while we want to spread the plan around the county the agrotourism is concentrated in an area. We owe it to citizens who come and visit us from other areas. People come and get in accidents because they don't know what they are driving.

Supervisor Yoder said he agrees on places like Moles Road where it is a mountain and God put it there and we can't do anything about it. But some of the agrotourism is built at the end of a lane and you expect 500 cars at your business, then it isn't VDOT's or the County's fault. I know that might be kind of blunt. I look at that and I understand it may be needed, but then I look at a place like Sunny Ridge which probably has more local traffic on it. Maybe it needs the attention for the taxpayers of the County.

Mr. Clarke said we can put on Sunny Ridge Road, whoever one you like, and look at Hideaway Lane for really heavy maintenance work.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied that Hideaway Lane falls into the same situation as Diamond Knob Road in her opinion. The gentleman has a business and pays his taxes. The residents on Hideaway Lane can say the same thing.

Supervisor Yoder said my guess would be if you look at the traffic counts Sunny Ridge Road will be higher.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Mr. Clarke if next time he came if he would bring the traffic counts on Rt. 615 from Rt. 221 in Floyd County to the county line and then from the county line into Christiansburg.

Mr. Clarke said he could bring that information next time but it is available online and explained how to access the information. Mr. Clarke asked if they wanted to amend the Six-Year plan to take off Roger Road and put Sunny Ridge Road on instead?

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan was approved as presented.

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

Chairman Clinger asked if the guardrail work on Route 8 was toward the Parkway as talked about previously?

Mr. Clarke said that would be a new guardrail. I was talking about upgrades that are required because of other work. When you pave a road you raise the surface and have to reset the guardrails because they have become too low. The one you are talking about is still on our priority list to do. At one time I thought it had already been done.

Ms. Morris assured Mr. Clarke that the new guardrail was never installed.

Mr. Clarke replied I know. It was marked and now those marks are gone. Now I am not sure that I have the exact spot right. I may need to come by one day and have you show me where it is.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there is a big pothole on Dobbins Hollow Road in the paved part.

Mr. Clarke answered that he was in Montgomery County last night and they talked about Dobbins Hollow Road on their end.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch responded this hole is in the Floyd County section of the road.

Ms. Morris asked if a separate action was necessary to do Slatemont as part of Rural Road additions?

Mr. Clarke responded that is not necessary; it is already in there. It would probably help to have a resolution just simply stating that Slatemont is approved as the next Rural Addition Project for the county. That would help.

Chairman Clinger said there will be a whole list of rural addition roads coming back to us later on. There are a couple we want to look at.

Mr. Clarke agreed and said he could not remember which ones right now though.

Supervisor Gerald confirmed with Mr. Clarke that Sumpter Road is already being worked on and added they needed to continue working on it. Macks Mountain Road and Indian Valley Road have potholes that need to be patched.

Vice Chairman Turman said on Reece Road midway between Sugartree Road and Rt. 221, right on the top of the ridge, apparently there is a culvert across there and a big hole is forming. We've got some boys that think that road is Indianapolis and I am afraid one of them is going to drop a wheel in there. Then when you get down that steep hill that comes down Rt. 221, you may want to take a look at that. Where your big ditch comes down the hill where the old road bed used to go, the new owners dozed it out and filled the ditch in. Water comes down and hits that and comes out into the road and brings red clay with it. People complain they can't get stopped at the foot of the hill.

Supervisor Yoder said he received complaints on Lick Ridge Road regarding potholes and stuff. Jacks Mill Road received some very nice work; the nicest work I've seen on a dirt road. A lot of gravel was put down. But the big gully, down at the end of the headwaters of the Little River, is still there. I think there is a culvert possibly washing out that is causing some of the issue. I am still worried that someone is going to come down through there about 1/3 of the road on the right hand side; it is probably 2' deep. If somebody dropped a wheel in there, they would probably stop dead. The rest of the road looks beautiful. I appreciate everything you are doing.

Chairman Clinger said there is a request for crosswalk markers on Main Street. Snowblades have worn them down.

Mr. Clarke said we will refresh those and we have some signs that should be coming in here pretty soon.

Chairman Clinger asked if the location signs will be the same?

Mr. Clarke replied that we are trying to get signs that point right down at the crosswalk itself, one for general pedestrians in the area and then one right at the crosswalk.

Chairman Clinger thanked him for the handicapped accesses in town, especially the one on Main Street which has been a thorn for a long time.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch echoed that the sidewalks look good.

Mr. Clarke said that some paving will be coming through this summer on Rt. 8. Be prepared for that. It is not latex; it is paving.

Chairman Clinger asked through town, all the way through? I know when we did Rt. 221 last time through town we requested that the paving be done at night. You start something on a Friday evening and you are paving in town that is going to be a mess. Is there any way we can specify a time rather than disrupt our businesses?

Mr. Clarke replied that we will work with them to make sure we are not. Paul went to the Town meeting. There will be plenty of notice.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if he knew what was going on with the bridge on Rt. 221?

Mr. Clarke said he does not have an add date on there for a couple of years but the plan is to replace the bridge at Mira Fork. It will stay open but there will be roads on each side of it that will have to be closed and people will have to go out the other way. It will be hard to deal with traffic because as little as it is, people would be coming into the work zone right there. Every time they do bridge work they have to do investigative work in order to design footings.

Supervisor Yoder asked about the intersection at Check and Rt. 221. The old post office building or possibly bank is there. The pastor who lives in the white house just recently bought it. He told me the other day if the County or VDOT wanted to tear it down for more sight distance he was okay with that. He is going to put some kind of business there. He is open to the idea of talking about building somewhere else and letting us tear it down. I don't know how to go about starting that conversation. That building really hinders the sight distance.

Mr. Clarke responded that he might be able to find funding through traffic engineering. I know they are getting ready to put in some flashing lights in that area. Sometimes when you've got something you've got to purchase a little right-of-way or do things like that instead of constructing something that works just as well.

Supervisor Yoder said I think it would help the sight distance considerably. I think if we want to do it we need to talk to him pretty quick because he is stripping the building out to remodel it.

Mr. Clarke answered I think I have his number.

Supervisor Yoder asked that VDOT reach out to the owner and find out what he is thinking. I probably get as many people who live back in that area who have to use that intersection who call about it as everything else combined. There is not a lot you can do about it but the building would really help.

Mr. Clarke agreed to look into it.

Agenda Item 7.k. – Grant Application for a School Resource Officer for elementary schools – Sheriff Brian Craig said this grant has been applied for in the past. According to Ms. Fran Weddle we try for it every year or every time it is offered. It sounds like it is a slim chance

that we will get it, but since it involves school safety I wanted to try again. It is a 3 year grant and has a match portion to it.

Chairman Clinger asked about the sustainable part before and after. He said since we already have a School Resource Officer will we have to add a second one for the grant?

Sheriff Craig responded no, it's one of those things that is a trial basis and how we see it going for the next three years. We can decide at that time. Of course I am always going to push for more safety in our schools, anything I can do to get another officer. In my lifetime I will probably never see it, but I would love to see a School Resource Officer at every elementary school. Realistically I don't see it happening. I think this is a good start on trying to start at the elementary schools and move around. I don't know if you noticed here currently, I've had some turnover money and overtime money and have tried to use some officers this past week at Check Elementary School. I had an officer up at Indian Valley Elementary School; one at Willis Elementary School. One will be at Floyd Elementary School in the near future.

I would like to do that a handful of times before the end of the school year just to get enhanced security at the schools. It is nice to have a marked patrol vehicle at the schools all day long. Anything I can do to keep our youth safe. The ultimate goal is the security, but also these kids are getting to know law enforcement officers. You see it in the news media. Law enforcement is just getting bashed these days. It is nice for these young kids to see these officers. I don't know if you saw the Facebook post, but Jason Slaughter got down and they used him as a measurement tool. There is only so much Gary can do and Scott up at the high school. There is a whole lot more young adult stuff that goes on. We try to do everything we can to keep him up there on a day-to-day basis.

Supervisor Yoder added that it builds trust with kids at an early age.

Vice Chairman Turman agreed and said he was reminded of the old cliché, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Sheriff Craig about his perspective on the latest School At Risk Behavior Study?

Sheriff Craig replied that he would have to go back and look at the percentages. If he was told a couple of them like heroin use and things like that...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if he felt that sometimes these things get inflated?

Sheriff Craig quickly agreed. As a Resource Officer the amount of heroin use, we just don't see it. I talked to Mr. Chad Harris, who is now Chief Deputy and was on our drug task force for years, at the last STOMP meeting. There is no intelligence on 16-17 year olds selling methamphetamines and heroin. Still it seems like our meth use is people in the 30-60 year-old range. Fortunately for our young people it is not a big drug for their age group. Hopefully it does not become a drug for their age group. I can't go out on a limb and say yes I know for a fact. But just from my experience the hard core drug use statistic seemed inflated from what I would believe.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is not to say that we don't have a problem.

Sheriff Craig said any public school system is going to have drugs in the school system. If there are any drugs in the school it is a problem, because if there is one person doing something it leads to the potential for somebody else. Schools are unique because you are getting people from all over the county and it gives them a place to meet. It is a community gathering where they can get together. If you have some who buy, sell, and trade it is where it will happen. That is why it is important to keep the resource officer up there at the high school. It does seem like in the last two years or so there has been a downward spiral in drug cases going to the School Board. I would have to double check with them on the statistics, but it seems like a little less than past years. But once again you look at this survey and it depends on which statistics you want to look at.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we need to stay vigilant.

Chairman Clinger asked if there was anything the Board needed to do on the grant?

Sheriff Craig said not at this point. We had to have it in by the 15<sup>th</sup> which is Thursday, but we have already sent it off. If we do get it we will come back and make sure everything is okay with it.

Ms. Morris said we don't need a motion, but if we can get consensus to execute it if it is approved. Ms. Morris also pointed out that the local match was not in the budget if we are fortunate enough to receive it. We would have to take it from contingency funds.

Supervisor Yoder asked if we received the grant, would the officer move around between the elementary schools or would the officer be at Floyd Elementary School.

Sheriff Craig explained that the grant is set up for Floyd Elementary School, but we hope we would be able to utilize the position at all the schools. It would be nice if we did get the grant to have resource officers doing some programs. I like the idea of moving around so the community does not know where the officer is stationed each week. I like the idea of showing up with minimal staff knowing. That way people don't get the pattern of when an officer will be at the school. We are all creatures of habit and when people want to do harm to us they pick up on our habits really quick.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out that it also gives us an opportunity from the safety and security issues which are first and foremost; but also provides an opportunity for educating, maybe assemblies and one-on-one, and classrooms especially for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. It would provide the time for a resource officer to work with those kids. It could make the difference between the kids making a poor choice and a good choice. It could save a lifetime of hurt and troubles.

Sheriff Craig said that last year we ran a program at Indian Valley Elementary School about Safe Surfin'. If we have an officer that goes school to school we can start the Cyberbullying Prevention programs to raise awareness. There is a class action class that I used to teach. You basically went out and talked about different laws. Most of the time while you

were talking to the students about those laws, it just blew their minds that those laws really existed, that they could get in trouble for. It is really neat to get in there and try to help. Deputy Scott gets in with Driver's Education and things like that and goes in the classrooms. I think the younger we get started the better off we'll be. We started off this year with a big Cyberbullying Prevention program, a Smart Surfin' type program, at the high school this year. The unfortunate incident happened at Blacksburg just a few weeks after we did it. Now it has been almost impossible to get Mr. Eddie Worth back. He is going all over the place. Everybody wants that program now. We were fortunate to get it in before the bad incident happened over there. It has been hard to get him back. We are shooting for something maybe the first week in May back at the school for more prevention type of stuff.

Chairman Clinger thanked Sheriff Craig for the update on the grant.

Agenda Item 6.f. – Request for setback exemption – Ms. Morris said we could go ahead and address this request even though Mr. Wall was not present.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if the houses were being torn down anyway why weren't the new buildings moved back to comply with code?

Ms. Morris replied that it was just the one building and not all of the buildings.

Supervisor Yoder added that it was for a single family and not an apartment.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said what he is doing here is good and much needed in this county.

Ms. Morris said that Mr. Bolt has gone out and investigated the site. He saw no problem with the request.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the exception request as recommended by the Floyd County Building Official for 320 Newtown Road NE for a variance to Code Section 62-31 (c) (2) setback requirement of 35 feet from road or highway. The new building on this site must have the same footprint as the current building and be a single family dwelling.

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

Agenda Items 7.e.-h. – Appointments to various boards – Ms. Morris said we have advertised the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, New River Community College, Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP), and New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development positions. As we were discussing earlier, we have not received letters of interest for any of them. Mr. Doug Thompson did tell me this morning he would be willing to go back on the VASAP board if you would like.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Doug Thompson as a member of the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program to a one year term ending June 30, 2017.

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

Chairman Clinger pointed out that still leaves vacancies on the other three boards.

Ms. Morris said the incumbent for the New River Community College Board, we sent a letter to him because he could serve another term, but we did not hear back from him. Ms. Morris said that for the Library Board, Ms. Gardner has already served two terms and cannot serve another term according to that Boards' bylaws.

Supervisor Yoder asked if a Board of Supervisors member could serve on the Community College Board if there was no community interest?

Ms. Morris read from the profile provided by the President of the New River Community College, "No elected members of either the General Assembly or the local governing body shall be eligible for the college board; however, elected town officials may not be prohibited from being on the college board so long as such town is not a participating political subdivision sponsoring the college."

Ms. Morris said she would advertise the New River Community College Board and Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board positions again.

Agenda Items 7.j. – Virginia Retirement System-Contribution Rate Election Resolution – Ms. Morris explained that no action is needed by this Board unless they elect to go with the higher alternate rate. Every year VRS gives us the certified contribution rate, which is what Floyd County has always paid. Some localities chose not to do that rate so of course they have gotten behind on their contributions. They actually have deficiencies in their accounts. The auditors mentioned that to you back in December; they talked about that some. The actuarial rates were calculated for several years when the General Assembly was borrowing money from the retirement account. You don't have to do anything if you want to continue doing the certified rate. It is just if you want to pay the extra 2.5%.

Chairman Clinger said we have consensus to keep it at the certified rate.

Ms. Morris said that is what I would suggest and it is what we have put in the budget for FY17.

Agenda Items 7.i. – Information from Davenport & Company on Debt Refinancing/Restructuring – Ms. Morris explained that this information did not come in until late yesterday. Ms. Ryan read through the information and would present the highlights.

Ms. Ryan directed the Board's attention to page 10 because it tells what four loans that we currently have that are a potential for refinancing. Davenport estimates that it would save about \$175,000, but it is over the course of 23 years. The savings for FY17 is estimated to be \$11,582. So while it will help a great deal to refinance, it doesn't happen all at once. It is over a long period of time. Further on in the report they give you a couple of different options about increasing our debt if we wanted to go into any future construction plans. The one other thing I wanted to point out to you is one of the plans has a May 2 deadline if we wanted to take advantage of it. They provide an outline of what they would do and the timeframe if we wanted to take advantage of it.

Ms. Morris added Davenport & Company is scheduled to be at the next Board meeting to explain all of this.

Supervisor Yoder said he is assuming that one of these is the debt on the building on which there is a purchase bought option for H & V.

Ms. Morris said that one was not included.

Chairman Clinger asked if the VPSA bonds were included? Could we refinance the larger ones?

Ms. Ryan said according to Davenport & Company at one time you could not refinance VPSA, but just recently they started allowing it. If you look on page 10 the first item listed is a 2007 VML/VACO lease, I am not sure if that is one of the school loans.

Ms. Morris responded that one is the County's.

Ms. Ryan said that means they did not include any of the VPSA loans.

Chairman Clinger said I know one of those has a very large principal on it at 4% or 5%. It was the main one that I was thinking about.

Ms. Ryan said they looked at those and said they would let us know if they could.

Chairman Clinger said that was the biggest savings potential.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the 1.25% less in interest rate on most of the loans they identified for potential savings is significant. Is it going to cost us to refinance?

Ms. Morris replied affirmatively, but in the overall scheme of things it is a savings.

Chairman Clinger asked if the term would remain the same?

Ms. Ryan replied yes.

Supervisor Yoder asked which loan will be paid until 2038?

Ms. Morris replied that is the one for the library.

Chairman Clinger said we would table this item until the April 26 meeting when Davenport & Company comes to present.

Agenda Items 6.g. – Mr. James E. Cornwell, County Attorney – Discussion of business license tax. Also included in the discussion were Ms. Lisa Baker, Commissioner of Revenue; Ms. Barbara Turner, Deputy Commissioner; Ms. Misti Gardner, Deputy Treasurer.

Ms. Baker said she and Ms. Turner have done some research. Carroll County, Patrick County, Montgomery County, and Pulaski County all have town business licenses but the counties do not have a business license.

Ms. Turner explained Patrick County said they did try a county business license several years ago for 1 year. They said it was such a major hassle and changed the workload for their office that they only did it for the 1 year. They went back to a merchant's capital tax after that.

Ms. Baker said they talked to the larger counties of Roanoke County, Henry County, York County, and Salem. Their revenue was drastic because they have large business opportunities. Roanoke County collects \$6.18 million. It is huge for the larger counties.

Chairman Clinger asked of the counties they talked to, if the town collects the tax rather than the county?

Ms. Baker responded yes. We send our business forms out at the first of the year, they do the same type of mailing. The towns will send out the same inquiry with a due date of March 1. Penalties occur after that if it is not paid.

Mr. Cornwell added that it is usually based on the previous year's business. In other words you have to file a return by March 1 and you put in there your gross revenue for the previous year. If you are a new business you estimate. If you are a new business that begins in June, you go in and get a license and estimate what your business will be for the upcoming year. You are reassessed at the end of the year.

Ms. Baker said the ones that we talk to who do that said it is about a 2 year plan to get it back right for a newly established business.

Mr. Cornwell said the General Assembly has basically written the ordinance for you. They have given you all the definition terms. They have given you what you can tax and can't tax. They have given you the maximum tax levels. You can go lower than that but you can't go higher than that. They have put all the definitions in the Code of Virginia. What I sent you, because I am the Town Attorney of Narrows, is the Narrows business license ordinance which I think was revised a few years ago. We would have to take a look at the current code to make sure it is up-to-date. It is not a huge task as far as my office is concerned. But you are right, small towns normally do it for several reasons. One reason is because they are small. They know their businesses and can come up with an estimate. But I did bring Henrico's. As you can

see, Henrico's may be even smaller than Narrows and it is huge. Essentially it is the same ordinance because the General Assembly has written it.

We tried this a few years ago if you recall. We had a public hearing in Floyd on whether or not to have a business license. We had the hearing in here. We didn't have to move it to the school. The Board of Supervisors at that time decided not to do it. I recall it because we even drafted the ordinance for you.

The way it works basically is there is a filing date that the business would file by based on their previous year's revenue and a tax would be assessed. They would pay the tax to the County. Failure to file means they won't get a business license so they would be assessed penalties and interest. It is also a crime to operate without a business license.

Chairman Clinger asked how would you define a business?

Mr. Cornwell said the State has already done it. You could only tax that which the State allows you to tax. For instance the Narrows ordinance starts with 18.21 with definitions and it defines what a broker is, what a business is, what a dealer is, what a financial service is. The definitions are right out of the Code of Virginia. You are bound by what they allow you to do.

Chairman Clinger asked about a neighbor child who mows yards for \$10. Would he have to get a business license?

Mr. Cornwell explained most localities draw a line on incidental activities like that. Manufacturers are not included in the business license tax.

Chairman Clinger asked if we would still get the machinery & tools tax from them?

Mr. Cornwell said they are not merchant's capital. You can do either the merchant's capital or the business license, but you can't do both. This does not have an effect on any other type of taxation.

Chairman Clinger said the reason we were looking at this is because so many businesses run their inventory down at the end of the year. This would encompass more of the overall amount.

Mr. Cornwell said this would affect businesses that don't have merchant's capital, such as contractors and professionals like attorneys, real estate agents. If they are taxed by the Town, if they have a place of business in Town, we cannot double unless the Town Council agrees. We cannot have both so if it is in the Town, we can't tax it. If it is in the County, the Town can't tax it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about a business like Pick Your Own Blueberries farm.

Mr. Cornwell said agriculture is usually exempt unless it is defined as a business under the ordinance. This is where the Commissioner's Office comes in. For every business she would have to make a determination whether or not if a business license is applicable. Some are

clear, like a carwash is a business. But if I manufacture something I may not be covered under business license. But if I have a store on my facilities that part of the facility would require a business license.

Chairman Clinger asked just sales out of the store?

Mr. Cornwell clarified just manufacturing sales to the public.

Supervisor Yoder expressed his concern about self-employed citizens who work a fulltime job but then do something on the side whether it be mow 5 yards on the weekend or do odd jobs for people. I think it would be a huge task trying to find out who all these people are. I can't even imagine trying to tell the guy who does \$1,000 a year worth of repair work on someone's house to come and buy a business license.

Ms. Baker said in calling around to other counties, when a business is small like you have described, they just forget it.

Ms. Turner added if they had to pay it they would be likely to close.

Mr. Cornwell said some jurisdictions impose a flat license tax, not a percentage of gross revenues. You have to watch that line because the Commonwealth has imposed you cannot tax more than this so if the \$30 is more than the percentage you have a problem. A lot of localities, from what I understand, may start off with a flat tax. Looking at the Narrows ordinance, "every business conducting or engaging in retail sales shall pay an annual license fee of \$30 or \$.20 per \$100 of gross receipts, whichever is greater." One way to start this is maybe to do more of that flat tax so you can get a handle on how many businesses are in Floyd.

Chairman Clinger said that was my main intent from the beginning. We have been doing a lot of push toward tourism. We don't have any quantitative numbers. If we start doing at least \$5 that way we know whether our economy is truly growing or not growing.

Mr. Cornwell said you have to look at the cost/benefit.

Supervisor Yoder added we are going to increase workload.

Mr. Cornwell continued if it is too low...not only are they going to have to have more staff or spend a lot more time of current staff...but once you get a handle on the number of businesses in Floyd you can make a decision. I hate to increase taxes, but you can make a decision if you want to go to the percentage instead of the flat.

Chairman Clinger replied you said we almost have to do the percentage along with the flat because the State has a maximum amount we can charge.

Supervisor Yoder said \$30 is the maximum for us, because code says \$30 for any locality under 25,000.

Ms. Turner said a lot of counties that she talked to did if your gross receipts were \$100,000 or more then you were charged a percentage and it is a flat rate before that. One county I spoke with did it \$8,000 instead of \$100,000. I don't know why they chose that number.

Mr. Cornwell said there are some businesses in which the cap is a lot. There are some that have caps and some that don't. You have to be careful when you put the \$25 or \$30 minimum that you don't exceed the permissible cap.

Ms. Morris said she gave Board members the Town of Floyd ordinance and in some of the categories they exempt the first \$13,000 of gross receipts.

Mr. Cornwell agreed and said you can always tax less but you can't tax more.

Supervisor Yoder asked if we could put a threshold where you don't have to buy a business license until you get \$10,000?

Mr. Cornwell said the problem with that is there is no double check. I am clearly going to tell you that I am doing less than \$10,000.

Supervisor Yoder replied for that matter you can say I don't have a business. This is a scenario I can see in Floyd – I will use myself as an example – I used to mow 2 yards other than my own. I made about \$1,200-\$1,500 per year. At that point the Commissioner's Office is going to have to make a determination that it isn't really a business because he is mowing his grandmother's yard. He is mowing family yards and we are not going to require a business license.

Ms. Baker said for lawnmowers we ask if you use it 50% or more? If the answer is yes then we do tax it.

Mr. Cornwell said if there is no requirement to file, then the Commissioner will never make the determination.

Supervisor Yoder said I can see where the Commissioner's Office will be in the middle of arguments, but you probably already are anyway.

Ms. Baker said when I talked to Warren County they said their biggest problem is contractors. Often their sales include the cost of materials to build a home. Contractors are the ones they have the most complaints from.

Mr. Cornwell said one ordinance I saw said the contractor had to do more than \$25,000 business in a locality before he was subject to the tax. What you do on that is you break it down through your building inspection office. If I went in to build onto my house, the building inspector will come out and talk to my contractor and ask him to see his license.

Supervisor Yoder said a contractor out of Roanoke actually wished that we had this because when they do work in Floyd they have to pay it in Roanoke where he is based. He said I am sure Floyd would be cheaper than Roanoke so I wish you had one.

Mr. Cornwell said interestingly enough this may be one tax that causes businesses to come into Floyd.

Supervisor Yoder said you would draw as much from outside as inside.

Mr. Cornwell added they might set up businesses to pay the lower tax than the higher tax in Roanoke or Montgomery. It just all depends on how you do your taxes.

Chairman Clinger asked if the license could be set so that it is voluntary?

Mr. Cornwell responded no.

Chairman Clinger said he was thinking about the soft billing where we set it up but don't actively pursue those who don't pay.

Mr. Cornwell explained that there is nothing that requires you to go after people but then it becomes a question of fairness.

Chairman Clinger said some people want to have a business license because it legitimizes them. It shows they are licensed. It is a double-edged sword. You have those who do want it and those who don't want it.

Mr. Cornwell said you will have a hard time finding someone who wants to pay a tax.

Supervisor Yoder said he wouldn't be surprised if some who are already paying the merchant's capital could possibly benefit. I know from the business I used to run, if you had a lot of inventory it would have hit me harder because inventory is worth so much.

Ms. Baker said that right now we have 167 who pay merchant's inventory. This is 2015. Right now we are just assessing 2016.

Supervisor Yoder said he bets half of those don't pay much.

Ms. Baker replied that about \$65,000 was posted to the books last year.

Ms. Turner said it is only 15% of their actual inventory.

Ms. Baker said the amounts we see come back are not large.

Supervisor Yoder said when he was carrying inventory, he sold everything out and had truckloads coming in next week. It is just the way it works.

Chairman Clinger said he has seen businesses hold off and have trucks sitting in the parking lot till tomorrow.

Mr. Cornwell pointed out that Shelor Motor Mile is famous for that. They move their cars to Pulaski.

Chairman Clinger added when they had a dealership in Floyd they moved them up here too.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch confirmed that there are 167 businesses.

Ms. Baker said yes in 2015 for merchant's capital. There are probably over 1,000 businesses in all business codes.

Mr. Cornwell asked if she was talking about the voluntary blue form.

Ms. Baker responded affirmatively. It is the one mailed out in February.

Chairman Clinger said we think we have 1,000 businesses.

Mr. Cornwell said the bad news is that it is a complicated process to bill and collect. The good news from my point-of-view is that the General Assembly has already written it. There is not much to do with it.

Ms. Baker said it would just be more work on Revenue and Treasurer's Office. If it passes we have to check on our printing system. One locality has a 3-part printout with an actual water seal. The Commissioner's Office will bill and print and the Treasurer's Office will collect.

Mr. Cornwell said some localities in doing their own contracting will not contract with a business that does not have a license. That is one way they catch it.

Ms. Turner said counties she spoke with said if they had delinquent taxes they could not get a business license.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the Treasurer's Office had any other concerns?

Ms. Gardner responded no, but we would have to look at our collection options for those who do not pay.

Chairman Clinger asked if it would be like dog licenses, where it is issued once the person has paid the tax.

Ms. Baker said in some counties the Commissioner's Office prints the licenses so she would have to check.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the workload would require increases in budget?

Ms. Baker said she thought so because of postage and printing.

Supervisor Yoder asked if current staff could do the work?

Ms. Baker said the timeframe that this would need is at the same time as the DMV download. January and February in the Commissioner's Office is very slammed.

Mr. Cornwell said he thinks most taxes can change the date when it is due. If March is a problem you keep the same fiscal year, but maybe not require the business license until June. It would lag your revenues.

Ms. Baker said in January we are still wrapping up real estate for the prior year and we are doing the DMV downloads at the same time. We have to send it to the printer at the first of February.

Mr. Cornwell said universally it is March but I think that is just because it is in that gap period and keeps the revenue in the same fiscal year.

Ms. Baker pointed out that in June the tax tickets are due.

Ms. Morris added that the Town's deadline is March.

Ms. Gardner said with that long time spread it is hard to catch up with people and collect.

Mr. Cornwell said several jurisdictions send them the form to fill out in January but it is not due and payable until March 1.

Ms. Baker said we would have to mail them out the last working day in December with their business form.

Mr. Cornwell said just like every tax there will be people who comply and people who don't comply.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the bottom line is do we see this as being a more equitable and fair way to receive moneys for the County from people doing business here?

Ms. Baker said that looking at the figures now with merchants' capital you are bringing in around \$65,000.

Chairman Clinger said the fee would have to be \$65 given the 1,000 businesses.

Supervisor Yoder said you would have a \$30 fee and you would have to bring in at least another \$35,000 not counting the additional costs. You would probably need to bring in a lot more than that to break even.

Ms. Baker said that when she posted the businesses for 2015 it was 1,012 businesses that were taxed and 167 were merchants' inventory.

Supervisor Yoder asked how many businesses are exempt too because some of those are probably agriculture?

Ms. Turner said if agriculture files form F then they are already exempted and not included in this number.

Supervisor Yoder asked how many of the businesses are in the Town?

Ms. Baker replied 169 are in the Town.

Supervisor Yoder said he sees both good and bad with it. For some reason the number 1,200 people being self-employed in Floyd County sticks in my mind. I worry about the smaller businesses and the idea of filing more paperwork. I don't even know if it is the money. A lot of people in Floyd just want to be left alone.

Vice Chairman Turman asked how much we would make after the cost of personnel, computers, printers? Nobody knows. That is a problem I have with it.

Chairman Clinger said the thing he keeps coming back to the contractors who work in Floyd and would rather pay in Floyd, is there some way to capture that? You can't do an either or. You have to pay this one or that one.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Mr. Cornwell brought up a good point. If we had it would businesses locate in Floyd? That is a crystal ball question.

Supervisor Yoder said you pay the tax where you do the business. But if they are located in Floyd they will still only pay the tax where they are located or do the business at.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked would somebody consider relocating their business here?

Supervisor Yoder said if you were a contractor doing 90% of your work in Montgomery or Roanoke, relocating to Floyd won't change the tax you pay. It is just when they work in Floyd they pay Floyd's tax whether they are located here or Timbuktu.

Mr. Cornwell said I think the statute talks about you have to do a certain amount of work in a locality before you pay to that locality's business license if you are not there. I think it is around \$25,000. I know that if you are a contractor and you have your main place of business in Floyd and you go to work in Montgomery County; Montgomery County will hit you for the entire amount of work that you do in Montgomery County. I think if you have a business license in Floyd they cannot hit you for the entire amount.

Chairman Clinger asked if it was the difference between their tax rate and our tax rate?

Mr. Cornwell said no I think you would have to do \$25,000 work in Montgomery County before they tax you on the work you did in that County.

Supervisor Yoder proposed you could do \$10,000 in Montgomery County and \$10,000 in Roanoke County and not pay any taxes, it would only be in Floyd?

Mr. Cornwell agreed that is how he thinks it works. They will come to you and say show me your Floyd business license and it is not per job it is per year.

Supervisor Yoder said they could do a couple of roofs in each county and report it all in Floyd.

Vice Chairman Turman asked how it would affect landscapers?

Mr. Cornwell replied I think the same way it affects contractors.

Chairman Clinger said this discussion has been enlightening to the Board. It has changed our ideas and the questions we are formulating.

Mr. Cornwell pointed out that the Narrows ordinance includes flea markets.

Chairman Clinger said the Town did something like that with the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Cornwell said there is also a peddler's license for people who go door-to-door.

Supervisor Yoder said Patrick County tried it and they weren't pleased with the results.

Ms. Turner said they tried it for one year and that was it. You might want to talk to them to see what issues they had.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it sounded like it was with your counterparts in the Commissioner's Office. Is that what you were getting? That is was too much work?

Ms. Turner answered that they just said it was a mess. Those were her words.

Vice Chairman Turman said I am sure they had a lot of grief over being a border county to North Carolina.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is a good point.

Mr. Cornwell said in Narrows there is a contractor who has his principal office outside of the Town and conducts business exceeding \$25,000 in the Town. He has to reach the \$25,000 threshold of business in the Town before he pays the tax to the Town.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said her interest was to find the most equitable tax and whether we would generate any more income. I don't know that I have had those questions answered. Not because of anybody's fault.

Chairman Clinger said there are too many variables and unknowns.

Vice Chairman Turman said it has given me a better understanding of how everything works. There is a lot to it.

Ms. Baker offered to make Board members a copy of the information such as forms and rates they got from the counties they contacted.

Chairman Clinger suggested that she wait and see how the Board is feeling after this meeting. If it is a moot subject there is no point. If there is still some interest in it, we might ask for it. We do appreciate all the work you put into getting this information. It has helped us quite a bit knowing what other counties and cities have done and where they have excelled at it and what the shortfalls are. It has helped us better formulate where to go from here.

Mr. Cornwell said if Roanoke County generates \$6 million then it is worth their having a business license tax.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Ms. Baker, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Gardner in their professional opinion what their thoughts were on it.

Ms. Baker said as others have said there are pros and cons about it. We don't know if it will be an income or loss. Our equipment is older and you have to look at that. Perhaps additional office staff will be needed in both her office and the Treasurer's Office. I'm just not sure about the timeframe and how that falls.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the fall was a slower time of year.

Ms. Baker said the fall is land use time. In summer months we are assessing property. We read deeds every day. We don't have a slow time of year. Right now we are waiting for the tax rate to be set so we can post to the books and give it to the Treasurer. Then we can start entering the 2016 deeds. It is constant.

Ms. Morris said April 25<sup>th</sup>; I have it written down.

Supervisor Yoder said hopefully before, right?

Ms. Baker responded that would be great.

Chairman Clinger said to do it to gauge the number of businesses out there we would still have to set a rate whether it is a flat rate or lower amount or whichever. It might discourage some people from filing. If we did the lowest rate, it would not offset what we are getting now, plus we might have more expense.

Mr. Cornwell said one of the things I know you are grappling with is you don't know all the businesses that are out there. You get back information on 1,000 businesses, but how many do you not get back.

Supervisor Yoder said you probably have a pretty good idea don't you.

Ms. Baker said yes, we get a list from Department of Taxation so we do check tax returns. But you have to know that they exist to search. We do check the newspapers, Floyd publications, the internet, posts for businesses on Facebook. We dig all sources that we have.

Chairman Clinger said you currently do that type of research anyway.

Ms. Baker responded yes. When I started there were two binders and now we have six binders of businesses. It has grown. We collect brochures or advertisements from The Floyd Press and stick them in the binder and put account numbers on them. They get forms.

Supervisor Yoder said probably the only businesses of any size you would be adding would be those outside the county coming here to do work.

Ms. Baker agreed.

Mr. Cornwell asked how many forms are mailed out?

Ms. Baker answered over 1,000.

Mr. Cornwell asked how many are returned?

Ms. Baker replied 700 at least.

Ms. Baker said we also receive sales tax data every month. Each year we add about 100 for sales tax information.

Chairman Clinger said he doesn't know if the Town taxes professionals?

Ms. Morris responded they do according to their ordinance.

Chairman Clinger said the Board needs to take this under advisement for a while. It has been helpful that everybody was here today. You answered a lot of questions.

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business – Nothing was discussed.

The FY17 budget work session started at 1:00 p.m. The budget adopted by the School Board on April 11, 2016 was input into the County budget. The April 11 budget differed from the March 29 budget adopted by the School Board in the following ways:

- 1) 2% salary increase for employees went into effect December 1 rather than July 1;
- 2) included \$25,863.71 for a full-time position to support testing at the high school;
- 3) included \$54,735.66 for a second Instructional Technology Resource Teacher;
- 4) included \$2,392.80 to change Gifted Coordinator to a full-time position;
- 5) included \$12,000.00 for 3 additional career and technical education classes.

The net effect of these changes resulted in the April 11 budget being \$35,555.90 higher than the budget approved by the School Board on March 29. There was discussion as to why the budget increased so much when there had been an expectation of a net wash or only slight

increase. Several individual line items were calculated to make sure the changes were accurately presented. No errors were found.

The Board of Supervisors then discussed the cause of the increase in County Funds Operational and decreases in County Funds Capital Outlay and County Funds Debt Service between FY17 and FY16. It was determined that the decrease in Capital Outlay was caused by 3 used buses being budgeted in FY17; whereas, 3 new buses were budgeted and purchased in FY16. The \$210,473.91 in debt service being paid off was absorbed in County Funds Operational, primarily for about \$190,000.00 in auto/building/liability/workers' compensation insurances. Overall the County is being asked for an additional \$247,816.33 in funds and that is mostly for 7 months of a 2% salary increase and the 5 items itemized above.

Chairman Clinger said we need to set a policy that School Board carryover funds have to be used for capital purchases just as it is done for every other agency.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied absolutely. We still have \$336,000 to cover in this year's budget.

Chairman Clinger said as many times as we have been through it and with the highlighted areas we can't find it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said not even close unless we are willing to cut substantially after going through it. I don't know that we have that much though.

Chairman Clinger said if we do cut we will lose some of the important projects that we added in this year. I'm willing to go through it again line-by-line if we want to but I think from the times we have been through it and using consensus to add and subtract from areas, we have done as much as we are comfortable doing.

Ms. Morris reminded the Board the tax rate has to be to the Commissioner of Revenue by April 25. You can give her an idea if you are not going to raise taxes then you can go ahead and tell her that.

Supervisor Yoder said we have to get an idea pretty quickly.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we need to make that decision today.

Chairman Clinger said a \$.02 increase in real estate taxes would be needed.

Ms. Morris replied at least, maybe \$.03. A \$.01 increase raises about \$165,000.

Chairman Clinger said after last year's major tax increase I am not seeing enough heads nod to support another tax increase this year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would like to explore all other options.

Chairman Clinger said if we take a tax increase off the table we can look at the revenue stabilization fund or ask the School Board to go back and look at that \$210,000 out of debt services.

Supervisor Yoder said whether they spend it in their budget or we spend it in our budget it is still disappearing. I don't see that as being the answer. I see it as a problem, not the answer to our budget problem. Because if we spend it on County stuff or School stuff, it is gone.

Chairman Clinger responded that is why I think it would be good if we get a line item set up for capital and automatically we know if \$200,000 is coming off then it can be accounted for in that line item. That way it does not get swallowed up in the general expenditures and we don't have the buying power when it is time. Chairman Clinger asked the balance of the revenue stabilization fund?

Ms. Morris answered that it is \$424,497.35.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that would be a big chunk out of it.

Chairman Clinger replied some years it has been down to \$0.00. It is there to keep us from raising taxes in off years and when we can we add to it. The next time the School Board quits making a payment then we will start setting it up in a capital account for projects under the School Fund. When it came time to appropriate it would come before the Board for appropriation. The same with that whole list on the refinancing. As each of those payments comes off, those should go into a fund. Because if we get used to spending it now and we need to take another loan out, it will be hard to come up with the payments. It also leverages us because we have that much more capital so we are not borrowing as much.

Chairman Clinger continued as the originator of the revenue stabilization fund I could support taking it out. I think this year clears up a lot of the County things so going forward it will be easier to follow through. Knowing there will probably be a \$240,000 School Board carryover, they should be in good position for their capital. After the buses if we have the category set up we can invest the rest into that and we will be okay.

Vice Chairman Turman said I am just not comfortable with raising taxes. Last year I said I would vote for a tax increase if we got it big enough that we wouldn't have to raise taxes for a couple more years. I have had a lot of people say they appreciate us holding taxes down. It really makes a difference.

Ms. Morris pointed out that they have several capital items in your proposed budget that we haven't done in a while. You have been generous with that this time.

Chairman Clinger said to be where we are, the projects we are taking on, the way we are helping the Sheriff's Office; we've gotten a whole lot out of not having to raise taxes. For us only having to dip into the revenue stabilization fund by that amount given what we are getting, that is why I am comfortable supporting that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said what we are doing is strengthening the County in many, many areas.

Ms. Morris said we are doing some things that we have put off for a while.

Supervisor Yoder said he does not want to raise taxes this year, but he would be in favor of going back through the budget again and finding some more areas to cut. If we pull 2/3 of the revenue stabilization down, that pretty much puts us in the position of raising taxes next year. Even if there is \$150,000 in capital that we are spending, we are in the hole going into the next year.

Chairman Clinger suggested an alternative to that would be when we get to the end of the year any carryover we have left over, we could earmark that back into the revenue stabilization fund which could help build it back again.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the auditor recommended continuing to grow the general fund?

Ms. Morris replied that the auditor was talking about the fund balance.

Chairman Clinger said we are stronger than most counties as far as the ratio of our debt to income and cash on hand for operations. We could also pull from the general fund. I would rather not pull from there, but if we don't make a payment to it one year that is a whole different thing. But I think right now that I am seeing enough heads nod that there is not going to be a tax increase. We can say that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she was willing to go back and look and see if there is anything else.

Ms. Morris pointed out that there is enough time for that.

Chairman Clinger said the budget does not need to be adopted until June 30.

Ms. Morris added we have to have the Public Hearing in there and we have to allow time for that.

Chairman Clinger said there will not be a tax increase and we can let them know to go ahead and print tickets. We will explore our other options and continue budget work sessions.

Ms. Morris explained that because there will be no tax increase it only has to be advertised one time. You have to wait 7 days after that to have your hearing. And then you have to wait another 7 days to act on it after the hearing.

Mr. Clinger said basically once we have a meeting it takes two weeks to act.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, April 26, 2016 for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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