

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administrative 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.

Agenda Item 4.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

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

Agenda Item 6.b. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director.

Ms. Brewster provided a copy of the caseload statistics for July 2016. The numbers have been pretty steady for July. We are finally fully staffed other than our new Adult Protective Services worker who will start this month. She starts August 16, which is next week. She comes to us with experience from Nelson County. The current Services staff have been covering and alternating Adult Protective Services complaints.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 10  
Adult Protective Screenings (new): 1  
Companion Cases: 4  
Guardianship Reporting Cases: 32  
Child Protective Services Investigations (new): 1  
Child Protective Family Assessments (new): 3  
Child Protective Family Assessments (ongoing from previous month): 12  
Child Protective Services Ongoing Cases: 5  
Prevention Child Protective Services: 3  
Court ordered supervised visitation: 1  
Other Court ordered or ICPC cases: 2  
Foster Care: 8 cases (w/ 9 children in care)  
View: 18                      Child Care: 7  
Trolinger: 15 total applications, 11 approved, 3 helped with cooling assistance; 1 denied not in termination (didn't meet requirements for program)

Benefit Programs:

SNAP (ongoing): 774  
TANF (ongoing): 47                      TANF (new ): 6  
Medicaid: 1420 cases  
Fraud Claims: 2

We have received 185 cooling applications so far this season, which ends August 16. This is a typical number served. We don't know yet how much the federal government is going to contribute for this program.

Ms. Brewster explained that anytime someone reports misinformation to DSS it is deemed a fraud claim. The Bank of Floyd has been a wonderful partner, which is unusual for a bank, in reporting to DSS. If they see a trend, they report it to us.

The State will be going live with the VACMS system for benefits programs. More programs will be handled through that system, which is a computerized system. It slows down our process of entering applications. For instance we just went live with our Medicaid process for the Elderly and Disabled. It used to take us 15 minutes to process an application and now it takes us 2 hours to process an application. Eventually they will get the kinks worked out and it will only take 15 minutes. But they are moving TANF

applications, SNAP applications, and our fuel program to VACMS. It will go into effect October 3. Our Families with Children program is already processed through that system. By the end of the year our old system will no longer be in effect.

Vice Chairman Turman said he heard a rumor about refugees being settled in this area, within 50 miles of Radford specifically.

Ms. Brewster replied she had not heard anything about that but there is already policy and procedures in place on how they are to handle processing refugees through their various programs. She would check with her staff to see if they noticed an increase in applications from refugees and will report back at next month's Board meeting.

Ms. Brewster said to improve our prevention program and CSA costs we met with Wytheville DSS. They have a huge prevention program. My staff and myself went down and met with the Director and his team in Wytheville. They have a fabulous prevention program. They share our Juvenile and Detention Judge, Mr. Brad Dalton. Wytheville DSS has expanded into the school system and hired through some grants. Within the next coming year we want to continue and expand our prevention program and mirror a lot of things Wytheville DSS is doing. We hope to do a lot of things here that they are doing. Of course we have a lot less staff than they do. When they hire two more they will have 4 staff and we have one. But I still think we can do similar things but on a smaller scale. We've already seen a huge difference by having that prevention worker in our locality.

Agenda Item 6.a. – Constitutional Officers reports – Sheriff Brian Craig.

Sheriff Craig said he was just there to answer any questions.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how Drug Court was going?

Sheriff Craig said today will be the fourth time Drug Court has been held. New deputies are on the road. We are finalizing the process for one more patrol officer and one more Animal Control officer. We will be fully staffed then. A new dispatcher started work three weeks ago and he is doing well. We look forward to having Mr. Michael Wade back from deployment.

Supervisor Gerald asked if Sheriff Craig received any flak over having "In God We Trust" on vehicles?

Sheriff Craig responded, that while they discussed putting the motto on vehicles, that has not been done yet.

Supervisor Yoder said I see in our packet where we are paying for a new vehicle.

Sheriff Craig said it has been delivered and next week the markings are supposed to be put on. Once that is done it will be put on the road and Deputy Dulaney's vehicle will be retired. The new vehicle is a SUV which most officers prefer. Fuel mileage is comparable and they are all pursuit rated and can carry more stuff. It is a no brainer for us to go with those vehicles. The officers who have cars, like them but have trouble getting in and out of them. They have a hard

time seeing backward when they are in reverse. There are not those complaints with the SUV style.

Ms. Fran Weddle is working on a grant for two digital portable radios. Our current radios are analog and we can't talk to some neighboring jurisdictions. They can hear us but can't talk to us. We are trying to get radios that are more compatible with surrounding jurisdictions.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Harris in Franklin County makes a lot of law enforcement radios. They have a good program that may help us increase the number of radios. I'll talk to Ms. Weddle about it.

Sheriff Craig said he hoped everyone would be able to come for Law Enforcement Day on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for July 2016.

Ms. Martin explained that the plat report is pretty steady. We've received a few lot line revisions lately where people are moving property lines around or swapping with a neighbor.

I wanted to remind you that the Floyd C4 program kicks off September 12. I haven't heard back on the grant to know whether we can make the prizes larger. The soonest we would hear is mid-August and I am getting really anxious because we have a rule that you have to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions and send someone from the team to the sixth session. If we are already more than one week in, it would be basically impossible to get more participants if the prize money goes up. It is a real dilemma not having heard. We've had 9 register and 7 are actually working to pursue a business. Two are with Junior Achievement and are observing. We are going to hit promotion really hard early next week now that school is back in session. I would like to have 15 to make a good group size. Last time we had an average of 22 participants and that is a little high to get interaction amongst people.

We also haven't heard anything officially on the Ag Food Industry grant. Hopefully we will hear the next month or two on that.

Ms. Martin handed out a brochure on a program that will start August 16. I am excited about this program, which is the Virginia Individual Development Accounts program. The program has been around a long time. A person based on income eligibility in the past could get 2:1 match for every dollar they saved towards buying their first home, starting or growing a business, or paying for school. It recently changed to 8:1 which is a pretty amazing deal. I have been trying to get word out on this via Facebook and emails if you know of anybody that might be eligible. A lot of our very small business owners might be eligible for this, especially if they are just starting up. I just want to make you aware of it. It will start at the Innovation Center Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. It shouldn't be more than one hour. The main requirements other than what is on the brochure is that the person must be willing to attend a couple of training sessions on financial management.

Agenda Item 7.b. – Building Permit Report for July 2016.

Ms. Morris reported that July was down considerably from previous years. She does not know any particular reason why.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Resolution Establishing the Methods of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) of 1998 – Specific Relief.

Ms. Morris explained that each year the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue calculate this percentage rate for us. This is needed to exhaust the State’s PPTRA payment back to the County because the rate varies each year with the amount of vehicle changes.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the Resolution Establishing the Methods of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief (Document File Number 877).

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

Agenda Item 7.d. – Appointment to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board.

Ms. Morris reported that two individuals are considering this appointment. I was hoping to hear from them by today, but I haven’t. I am hoping one of them will call me and take the position. It would be a representative from Hollingsworth & Vose. They are looking at one other association and one person will do one and the other will do the other.

Agenda Item 7.e. – Appointment to the Floyd County Social Services Board, Locust Grove District.

Ms. Morris said she has received no interest on this appointment.

Supervisor Yoder said there will definitely be someone by next month.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment period.

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

Agenda Item 7.f. – Proposal from Shortt’s Excavating, Inc. to address issues at Landfill.

Ms. Morris reported she had provided a copy of the letter that our engineers, Draper Aden, sent to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). We are waiting for concurrence from them to the solutions we provided. We did give them the timeframe that we hoped to do the work between August and October. We are hoping to hear from them soon. We also gave you a copy of the estimate from Shortt’s Excavating to repair these issues. Mr. Shortt and the

engineers both think there is a hole in the vent in the sediment basin. Mr. Shortt did not include the estimate to repair the hole in this because he does not know exactly what he will have to do. Once we get the sediment cleaned out Mr. Shortt can get in there and look at it and have a better idea as to what needs to be done to fix the hole.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if this job would be put out to bid?

Ms. Morris replied that in some cases the job would be put out to bid, but this particular job is more of an emergency procurement. With emergency procurements I trade it around to different contractors. The problems at the Landfill have gotten worse with the heavy rains we have had.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch concurred that the sooner the repairs are made the better.

Chairman Clinger suggested that we could probably go ahead and clear the sediment pond and find out how big the hole in the vent is. We know that has to be done. That hole has to be patched. We could go ahead and start with clearing the sediment pond so we will know if the pipe needs to be fixed as well.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the August 1, 2016 proposal from Shortt's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$39,850.00.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Ms. Morris recommended that since we are only in the second month of the fiscal year that this be paid from the Solid Waste fund. At the end of the year we may realize we need to have money moved from Contingency.

The Board concurred with Ms. Morris' recommendation.

Agenda Item 7.g. – Update of County of Floyd Accounts Receivable Policy.

Ms. Morris explained that the Board had approved new contracts and agreements for trash pickup and roll-offs back in November 2015. This is to update the accounts receivable policy to match the new contracts and agreements.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the updated accounts receivable policy as presented.

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 7.h. – Discussion of updates to Floyd County Code, Chapter 62 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Section 62-53. Assignment of numbers as building permits are issued.

Ms. Morris explained she had met with Floyd County’s Building Official and Emergency Management Director and staff. We suggest these changes to clarify our procedures that we use for addressing and also where we work in conjunction with Citizens Telephone Cooperative. Unfortunately sometimes people will tell Citizens Telephone one thing and tell us something different, which makes issues cloudy. The main change is the first item, “The Building Official shall assign proper numbers for houses and other public/commercial buildings at the time of footer inspection by the Building Official.” Since this ordinance was adopted, the Building Official now uses GPS coordinates to map sites when he goes out for the first footer inspection. Previously, we issued addresses when people applied for a building permit.

The other items are to clarify our interaction with Citizens Telephone.

We would like to add a new section that we will address all the cemeteries. Sometimes that has caused issues when there is a graveside service and someone passes out, for example. Dispatch has not had an address to send EMS or Rescue. State law has changed where now funeral homes have to have addresses for cemeteries.

Because this is an ordinance change we will have to have a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about addressing for tiny houses?

Ms. Morris explained that tiny houses are only addressed if they are on a permanent foundation.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what about if someone there needs help?

Ms. Morris replied that could fall under the section that states “address requests will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Building Official.” If they have a cell phone, they can dial 911.

Chairman Clinger compared tiny houses on wheels to people staying in a tent or gooseneck trailer somewhere on a temporary basis; there is the potential to move in a nomadic style.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on proposed changes to ordinance Chapter 62 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Section 62-53. Assignment of numbers as building permits are issued.

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye  
Supervisor Turman – aye  
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 7.i. – Disposition of surplus vehicles/equipment.

Ms. Morris explained that in years past we always held a joint surplus sale with the School Board. We haven't had a sale in 2-3 years. For the last couple of years they have used a sealed bid process instead of a sale. They have found that this has been much more successful for them. With your approval I would like to try the sealed bid process this year for the various vehicles and equipment we have. We have at least 3 police cars, the chief's vehicle, and several vehicles over at the landfill. We also have a lot of computer equipment and furniture.

Vice Chairman Turman agreed that sealed bids prevent a lot of aggravation and in the long run is cheaper.

Chairman Clinger said the last one the School held had few people attend and stuff was practically being given away. Bidders were paying under scrap price just to get it gone.

Vice Chairman Turman said people will send in a sealed bid when they won't come to a regular auction.

Ms. Morris said we would like to try the sealed bids this time. In the future we could go back to surplus sales if we think that is the better option. Ms. Morris said she was thinking about doing this sometime in late September.

Vice Chairman Turman said there needs to be a cutoff date and then Ms. Morris will review the bids and determine the winning bids.

Ms. Morris said the School Board had minimum bid prices on some of the items like buses.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for disposal of surplus vehicles and equipment through a sealed bid process.

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

Agenda Item 7.j. – Summary of 2015 Tax Collections/Consideration of Advertising Delinquent Tax Lists.

Ms. Morris said that the Treasurer provided you with a synopsis of 2015 tax collections for personal property and real estate. You will note that our collection percentage continues to be high. Of course, these are the percentages we use in our budget preparation. The second part

of her report provides a copy of all the delinquent taxes by taxpayer. That list is available for your review.

You need to decide if you want to advertise the list in The Floyd Press or you can advertise that it is available for public viewing in the Treasurer's Office, which we've done the last few years. You can also decide to do nothing.

Vice Chairman Turman said it would cost quite a bit to advertise the whole list.

Ms. Morris agreed and said that is why for the last few years we advertised that it was available to view at the Treasurer's Office.

Chairman Clinger said it used to make a big difference in collections as people did not want their names listed in the newspaper.

Ms. Morris said the County Attorney had a tax sale on Friday.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said one property went for almost the assessed tax value. It sold for \$17,500.00 and the assessed value was \$18,000.00. The other two properties were much lower.

Chairman Clinger said the main thing is to get them back on the tax rolls where we are going to start getting income from them.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise in The Floyd Press that the 2015 and 2016 first half Delinquent Tax List is available for public viewing in the Treasurer's Office.

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

Agenda Item 6.d. – Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Clarke gave a few maintenance updates. We have been doing our typical summertime maintenance which always includes some of the gravel roads. I won't go through a list of those we worked on because they do that every chance they get. Heavy rainstorms have caused even more work. I don't know if the total amount of rain has been more but it is all the time, every afternoon.

We are well into our paving. We are going to do Rt. 8 downtown next week. We will be working Sunday night to replace a pipe.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that was done this past Sunday.  
Mr. Clarke responded then maybe I am a week off.

Supervisor Yoder confirmed they were working on it last night.

Mr. Clarke replied that's good because they got it in before the pavers. You hate to cut a pavement. It looks like poor planning, which it is. Paving Rt. 8 downtown should be coming soon.

Chairman Clinger asked how far out will the paving go?

Mr. Clarke responded it is just what is in the town, from town line to town line. It is about .6 mile in total. Mr. Clarke referred to a map he brought and said it is showing slightly north but no further south than the town line. But his spreadsheet says town line to town line.

Chairman Clinger said there is a section right by the park that is deteriorating badly.

Mr. Clarke replied the problem is the schedule is set one year in advance. Two miles of Franklin Pike is on the schedule and Black Ridge Road. I think they have finished all of Indian Valley Road they plan on paving.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said they have finished Franklin Pike too. They did an outstanding job.

Mr. Clarke said there is a lot of surface treatment work to be done. Thirteen miles of Daniels Run Road will be surface treated. We will do Haycock Road because it is always good to go and put that on there. We will also do Coles Knob Road, Wilson Cemetery Road, 2 miles of Buffalo Mountain Road, and 2 miles of Camp Five Road. I am just mentioning a lot of the big ones. We will put a little bit of slurry on Buffalo Mountain Road.

We have been talking about Moles Road for quite a while and the last little section of it. I went through a file and found the documentation. The road used to go all the way through to Buffalo Mountain Road. In 1974 the County discontinued 1.55 miles from the Buffalo Mountain side, leaving .95 miles from Rt. 604 where Rt. 727 takes a sharp turn. The sign that is on Moles Road now for some reason says .99 miles. I don't know where that came from.

In looking at the documentation on what was discontinued and what was kept, and the fact that there is a discrepancy with the sign up there and what was legally discontinued and kept, I'm going to do another measurement to see if that small section may already be technically in the State system. End of state maintenance signs get moved over the years through agreements with VDOT and property owners for everyone's convenience. The documentation has it measured to the hundredths. I don't know what kind of devices they used to measure in 1974, if they surveyed it or if they just used an odometer on a pickup truck. In just using an odometer .9 took me just barely short of the sign. I couldn't measure any more accurately than my odometer. I stopped the car at .9 and then used one of our measuring wheels and .95 takes me a good portion of the way up the hill. Not all of the way, but a good portion of the way. It just seems to me looking at it from "what could they have been thinking of back in 1974," we usually take discontinuances to some kind of a logical termini. Halfway up a hill is not logical. We would take it to the top of a ridge or the last entrance. Both the top of the ridge and the last entrance are

on the same spot up there. I have a suspicion, but nothing is confirmed, that the intent in 1974 was to take it to the top of the hill.

We have measuring devices that will measure to the foot and the hundredths and more accurately. We calibrate them on a set course fairly regularly. I am going to measure that out. If it seems reasonable to me that they meant for it to be in there then we are free to do what we want with the last 200 feet between where the current sign is and the top. I can do some pretty decent maintenance on there. I may have to use some countywide construction funds that we call traffic services, which is what this would be. Then if the Board would okay it, I can do something a little more substantial on that section because being so steep it tends to have drainage issues and then you get cars spinning out which creates ruts. Once it is determined that it is part of the State system I'm not tied to that rural addition money which only had 5% added to that over the years and a whole lot of administrative paperwork to get another section added.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if that is from the Halls Store Road on Rt. 604?

Mr. Clarke replied it is both ways. The original documentation says from Rt. 758 to .95 miles west of Rt. 604. Then they give a length of 1.55 miles. They did it both ways. It is odd to me because you take the .95 and the 1.55 and add them together and get 2.50. That is a very round number for a road up a mountain. I think a lot of rounding was done when they did that.

Vice Chairman Turman asked when did they widen Halls Store Road and move it? Would that throw you off any? They widened it up to the intersection.

Mr. Clarke replied that he would have to look and see. Looking through our Rt. 727 file, I know we did some realignment on that end.

Vice Chairman Turman said I tried to remember when they did that. I guess it was when the Moles had that stable going full blast right there at the intersection. If they moved that road over would it throw off your measurements?

Mr. Clarke answered that is interesting. Maybe the .99 was correct at one point and then they didn't change the sign but just moved it, because .99 definitely takes you up over the ridge.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the documentation says anything about why they decided to discontinue maintenance?

Mr. Clarke replied, no. The resolution from the Board just says it serves no public necessity and should be discontinued as part of the secondary system of highways. There were a lot of roads discontinued. VDOT took over maintenance of the secondary system in 1932 and over the next 10-15 years, there was a lot of shifting back and forth as they tried to get a handle on what was needed as a State system. But the discontinuances continued on into the 1970s.

Supervisor Yoder said this wasn't something unusual.

Mr. Clarke agreed and said this one was part of four others that were done on the same resolution.

Ms. Morris asked Mr. Clarke if this is not in the system, could he outline what we would have to do at that point.

Mr. Clarke replied I think we have a plan. If it turns out that the current end state maintenance sign is in the correct place and that last section is not ours, then we will try to take it in as a rural addition. There are two ways to take in a road. Recreational access would be one way. But we wouldn't be able to just take in that 200'. We would have to turn right and go all the way up to the parking area further on up. That is a lot. It is too much to do. We would probably do it as a rural addition. Rural addition guidelines say take it to a certain number of residences. We are still trying to figure out what that gets us. If .95 miles takes me closer to the top than the bottom, then I am going to say that is what they meant to do because I think that is fairly clear. They would not stop halfway up a 200' hill. As soon as that is the case then we don't have to touch rural addition funds. We don't have to go through the process of rural addition and CTB approval and Board resolutions and all of that. All I would need from you is the go ahead to spend some construction money to get that better because it is more than we want to do with maintenance. I want to put it in good enough shape so that my maintenance staff is not being called up there all the time and taking them away from other stuff to work with this very highly intensive piece of road.

Mr. Ryan Klopff from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) came forward and said that the Buffalo Mountain Area Preserve is very popular, not just for locals. I, myself, was there last week doing some road maintenance after all the wet weather we've had. We are just doing the best we can with a little John Deere tractor and a rake and a shovel. While I was doing that two women came from Austin, Texas to hike the Buffalo. I talked to a person who lives nearby who mentioned meeting people from Switzerland. This is really a national and international attraction in Floyd County. Our interest is making sure people can continue to access it in whatever vehicle they have.

DCR's goal here is that VDOT be able to reassume maintenance of that 200' stretch of Rt. 727. That is the beginning and end and short and long of it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch expressed her appreciation of his coming and giving his department's seal of approval on the plan. We feel the same way that you do, that the Buffalo is important to Floyd County. It brings in many visitors. We started this discussion with Mr. Clarke and his staff in January. It is not easy to process through. I think we should have some consensus here to move forward very shortly.

Mr. Clarke said hopefully very shortly we will be able to get something with a good measuring device. That is the next thing. I will see where 1.55 gets me. I will let you know as soon as I find out.

Supervisor Gerald said with the heavy rains the mowing has been cut back. I wish you would pave Rt. 787 all the way to Rt. 221. If you don't you are going to miss some bad spots.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she has not received any complaints on roads in her district. She appreciates Countyline Road being fixed.

Vice Chairman Turman said Shelor Road is getting pretty rugged...in fact every road in my district, just like everybody else. The new bridge you put in, for some reason it has 5 or 6 big potholes on it. Some of the people with new cars are getting aggravated because they are dragging their bottom. Reece Road needs culvert work. There is a culvert on Reece Road that has been stopped up for years about ½ mile off of Sugar Tree Road. Water jumps and puts a big ditch right across the curve. A person up there takes his bobcat and smooths it up, but every time he gets it looking good there comes another big rain. When you first turn off Rt. 221 coming up the hill it is rough.

Mr. Clarke said we talked one time about trying to get some asphalt on that.

Vice Chairman Turman said all the roads have potholes. I just tell people, "They're doing the best they can."

Mr. Clarke said that now that they have gotten ahead of the paving crews, they can now get off on some of these other roads.

Vice Chairman Turman said the potholes don't worry me as much as the big ditches along the side of the roads.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added there is a big ditch on Rt. 8 just past Canning Factory Road. It is an axle breaker. If you end up in that ditch with a car, you are in big trouble. It will tear the entire bottom out of it.

Supervisor Yoder said in the 1000 block on Hummingbird Lane there is a pothole that would knock your teeth out. On Deer Run Road they patched a spot that is coming apart. I assume you are just putting in flashers at the intersection of Rt. 221 and the Country Store and not a turning lane?

Mr. Clarke confirmed that it would just be flashers. He said he would get a planning sheet on that and a start date.

Supervisor Yoder said he has received a lot of questions on that one. I guess Mr. Paul Brown is doing the intersection at the other one? I've had a lot of people ask about that. Is there a way people can address that?

Mr. Clarke said he would find out if Mr. Warren Brown has contacted Mr. Paul Brown in our land development section.

Supervisor Yoder said in a normal situation is there a process where citizens can make comments?

Mr. Clarke replied if there was some kind of County requirement they had to fulfill with planning or zoning, then it would be done through the Planning Commission. But if it is being coordinated through our section to make improvements, then there isn't any public discussion.

Supervisor Yoder said there are two different intersections here. The one at Check is where there is confusion as to what is going to happen. The one up the road at Daniels Run Road and Hummingbird Lane and Rt. 221 is regarding a possible new entrance. That is the one where I am asking about comments.

Mr. Clarke said that is strictly an access. If nothing else is needed from the County, then there is no other process. Also, we are talking to and working with a property owner on Cannady School Road on a drainage issue that is getting off of right-of-way. She seems pleased with that resolution.

Vice Chairman Turman mentioned a big pothole still needing to be fixed as you turn off Rt. 221 onto Sugar Tree Road. It is less than ¼ mile.

Chairman Clinger said Sams Road was graded and looked good, but now after the rains it needs gravel again. The same thing on Old Mill Road. People were very appreciative of the work done but they need some gravel on it now. There is a sight distance problem after you turn off of Needmore Lane to the Industrial Park back to the right. We get some trucks through there and we need to get that cut back a little bit.

Agenda Item 6.e. – Dr. Kevin Harris, Superintendent of Floyd County Public Schools.

Dr. Harris reported that Floyd County School Board had its first meeting of the new school year the previous evening. Dr. Harris handed out the “Hi-Lites” from the meeting. I will not go over everything with you, but I will certainly be able and glad to answer any questions that you have. The first thing that I would highlight for you is under the action items. The School Board did approve the carryover appropriation. I worked with Ms. Morris and constructed a letter based on what your parameters were. The second item there we are submitting our first capital improvement request to air condition the cafeteria at Floyd Elementary. It is one of the hottest locations in all of Floyd County Schools. I would submit those for your approval and your consideration.

Chairman Clinger said when we went on the tour one time before and you look in the kitchen on the far right, I can’t remember what the equipment was, but it was putting off steam. Are we looking at capturing that and exhausting it? That was one of the options the engineers told us that day.

Dr. Harris replied, “I’m not sure.” In the kitchen area we had an air conditioning unit that wasn’t functioning and we basically did an overhaul of that where we worked with the thermostat. The kitchen area is actually being air conditioned at this time. We’ve got that working. The folks from Bard, who we will purchase the cafeteria units from, they felt those units will provide cooling that even though they are not in the kitchen area itself that will flow back. In terms of square footage we should be okay.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there are two units for that basic area...

Dr. Harris added ...and one unit in the kitchen that is functioning.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out to Chairman Clinger, you were saying in the right as you walk into the cafeteria that is where the dishwasher was.

Chairman Clinger agreed and said the engineers were seeing all the steam going back into the kitchen and they suggested if you just put an exhaust fan there it would help reduce your heat.

Dr. Harris replied we haven't addressed that yet. Washing dishes in general is very hot. Mr. Timmy Cox, the Maintenance Supervisor, is very busy. We are trying to get everything ready for Thursday. We had all the air conditioning working in all the schools and one of our control panels at Indian Valley went out yesterday. So right now the cafeteria and the media center and the computer lab, we are without air conditioning there. We are over there trying to work on that right now trying to get everything up and running when it has been on shut down. Sometimes I wonder if you wouldn't be better off keeping it running all the time. It seems like when you shut it down and you start it back up it just precipitates problems.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve that \$323,757.18 from the FY16 Floyd County School Board budget be carried over to the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if school staff would be doing the installation of the new air conditioning units?

Dr. Harris confirmed school staff would be doing the work. We have a very good staff to do that work.

Chairman Clinger asked if cafeteria funds can be used for this?

Dr. Harris replied no, we looked into that and it can't be used for that type of capital improvement. Ms. Pam Harris looked into that and we can't use cafeteria money for that.

Chairman Clinger said he remembers when we did the dishwashers and the water upgrades.

Dr. Harris replied they view washing dishes differently than cooling the cafeteria. We did check into that. You can buy furniture with cafeteria funds, but you can't air condition a facility with cafeteria funds. It is part of the guidelines. We checked into that. I try to use that cafeteria fund any time I can because that is one thing...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said maybe it could be used for the exhaust for the dishwasher.

Dr. Harris agreed that might be something doable. We'll look into that.

Chairman Clinger agreed that would help your overall cooling in the summertime.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve that \$12,642.46 be moved from the Capital Improvement Fund to the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget Maintenance category for the purchase of new heating and air conditioning units for the Floyd Elementary School cafeteria.

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

Dr. Harris pointed out that leaves us, just as a reminder to the Board, with \$90,990.00 waiting on a report from our Governor about how much they will be able to help with the 2% raises. That money is basically earmarked for if we have to help out locally to do that. That is what that money is for. If that money isn't needed or if any portion of that money is not needed I will ask you again to return that to capital improvement. Is that our understanding?

Board members concurred.

Supervisor Yoder said if we do need it for salaries we will have to take some action.

Dr. Harris agreed that he will present action first to his Board to move the money, and with their approval he will bring it to the Board of Supervisors.

Under Information Items on the "Hi-Lites," we do have one new administrative staff member. Ms. Amber Burnette, who was a fourth grade teacher at Floyd Elementary, is the new assistant principal. Mr. Tim Moeller was hired by Montgomery County to be the new principal at Bellview Elementary School.

I gave a report on summer maintenance on some of the projects that we had done. We refinished the gyms, cleaned the schools, and built a new sidewalk at Tech Ed so kids don't walk through the grass coming in. If you have an opportunity we have elementary open houses tonight from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and at the high school tomorrow from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you have an opportunity walk through the schools and take a look at the good job our custodians and maintenance staff have done getting them ready. They are really old buildings. From the outside they look really good. We are to commend our custodians for that. They do an excellent job and Mr. Timmy Cox with his maintenance crew.

We have applied for another security grant through the Department of Criminal Justice. We are writing a grant for a new intercom system at Floyd County High School. If anyone has been in the high school and heard an announcement that is the original intercom from 1962. It sounds like it. The fidelity of that system leaves much to be desired. There is a product out there now that is basically a rectangular box which has a LED panel on it and a speaker in it. It offers a lot of real interesting safety features. For example, let's say something happened in the course of the school day and the office shut down and we couldn't make an announcement, we could do both a text announcement and an audio announcement from our cell phones. A principal

anywhere in the building can send a text message to room 102 and say, "I need Johnny from 102 to come to the office." It provides us with that additional flexibility. First it replaces an antiquated intercom system. Second of all it will give us flexibility to do some things we have never done before. The grant total was \$106,000.00 and if we receive it we will have to creatively look for 25% of that, but that is how that security grant works. If you remember from the locks a few years ago we had 25% of the cost of relocking and rekeying the high school so this would fall into that area and we would look at our current budget and how we would derive 25% from that.

We still have the AmeriCorps Lift-Up Program going on in all of our schools. I think all of the positions are filled except for two. We are still looking for those folks right now. It is a really good program. Folks volunteer 900 hours to help our students with reading. We have a very small cost involved. The people who participate in it can pay back college loans. They can basically earn a Pell grant for themselves which is about \$2,400.00 to go toward themselves or if they are over 55 and they want to do it they can earn a Pell grant for their grandchildren. If you are a grandma or grandpa and be an AmeriCorps tutor you can earn over \$10,000.00 in college tuition in Pell grants that you can pass on to a grandchild. We have a couple of people doing that.

Communities in Schools is up and running. Currently we are supporting 36 students who have been targeted for interventions to help them graduate on time. About 93% of our kids graduate on time in 9-12, which leaves 28 kids who don't. We are targeting 36 kids right now that we provide interventions for and we follow. We've established an account through Floyd County Schools and we've had a community member make a sizeable donation or so if there are monetary needs these kids have, we can actually help them like for school supplies, a field trip. We actually have a fund to help people negotiate their way through the school year and school day. It is a really good program. It is the number one dropout prevention program in the United States. In terms of an innovative program, we are partnering with Pulaski County Schools. We weren't large enough to get it ourselves, so when we collaborated with Pulaski County we were large enough. Right now there are four Communities in Schools programs in Virginia – one in far Southwest, one in Richmond, one in Petersburg, and the New River Valley which is us and Pulaski. We are on the cutting edge there.

We received the Gifted Plan. The Special Education Performance Plan came back from the State and we are in compliance there. The School Board received the Crisis Action Plan to look at and that will be approved at the next meeting. We planned our visitations and three are scheduled. We have not scheduled Floyd High School and Floyd Elementary yet. I would invite Board members. We would love to have you come out and listen to what the community has to offer and suggestions they have for us. Those are three dates you can put on your calendar.

The last thing we did was listen to an hour-long presentation from Ben Motley. He is from RRMM. They are a design architectural firm from Roanoke. They did the renovations in 2000 and 2004 to all of our schools. He basically did a presentation with a title "What School Board Members Need to Know About Building Programs." It took about an hour. He talked about the pre-planning phase. He talked about feasibility studies. He actually talked about the design-build phase and what our School Board members needed to be thinking about in regard to that. At the next School Board meeting we are going to have a discussion. As it was explained

to them last night, at this point the School Board really needs to limit their options to a couple of things they want to look at. Do we want to do this or do we want to do that? Then we have to find out that big question, right? How much is it going to cost? I think the preplanning will lead us to we need to do this or that. And then we have to find out how much it will cost. And then we need to work with you as a Board to determine funding. We just have to keep talking about the need to renovate schools.

There are a lot of reasons to renovate schools, one is structurally. I brought something with me today. Did you read all of those notes about the joint committee when you talked about water the other night? I read all those. That is a lot of discussion about water. We're having some water issues in Floyd County Schools. Over the last building period we managed to lose about 77,000 gallons of water in a water line that goes from the bottom of the hill at the elementary school up through the football practice field and the baseball diamond and into the Maintenance Shop. We dug up that line and pressurized it. It is leaking so many places we don't even know where to start to fix it. We are going to have to put in a new line from the street all the way over. In my inspection of the problem it seems to me the water from the Maintenance Building should also go to the Bus Garage. Well it doesn't. The water to the Bus Garage goes out of the school, underneath the tennis court, and into the Bus Garage. That is probably not good either. We are going to have to contract this out. We are going to put a water line in off of Oak Hill, come up to the Maintenance Shop, and on over to the Bus Garage so if that line fails we have a plan. Again, as I read over your notes, someone asked the question, "Can the water lines support this increased flow? What does the structure underneath the streets that we can't see look like?" This is what it looks like in the schools. (Dr. Harris held up a rusted, clogged piece of pipe.) We were having problems in our girls' locker room at the high school. This is water that would have supplied sinks and water fountains and showers. We were doing some work and we cut it out. If any of us had a blockage like that we would be at the cath lab at Radford Hospital right now having a cardiac catherization, probably on our way to Roanoke.

A lot of the issues with our schools are...they look really good. You look at the outside and think these are really viable. What's wrong with the school? For a lot of purposes like the classrooms are a classroom and a smartboard is a smartboard, but when you start digging below... You brought up the dishwasher, you can't generate enough pressure to a pipe like that to cycle a dishwasher through its cycles. We are running into problems. Whether we build new schools or not or whether we renovate new schools or not, I am not sure that is even the first question right now. We have to talk about heating, cooling, water distribution systems, roofing systems. Because we can hire an engineering firm to come in but they are going to tell you these systems are near the end of their lifetime. My Board is taking it very seriously. We have to start moving in the direction of finding solutions for at least the systems that have to function within our buildings.

Our meeting concluded about 10:00 p.m. last night, just in time to get home and sleep about 6 or 7 hours, and get back this morning. I've talked to bus drivers this morning. I've talked to cafeteria staff this morning. We're really looking forward to the first day because it doesn't become school until the kids come back. The buildings are empty and kind of lonely without kids in them. We look forward to the start of school. We are fully staffed now and ready to head forward.

We have had 50 new registrations in Floyd County Schools up to yesterday. That can be misleading because we know we have 50 new folks, but we don't know for sure how many people left. We have a sizeable difference in ADM if everyone stayed and we had 50 new people coming in. Usually you have some leave and some come in but 50 is up quite a bit more than we had before.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if it was countywide or specific to one location?

Dr. Harris replied that it is countywide with all of the schools having some new registrations. Floyd County High School yesterday had 34 new people register.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if 34 of the 50 new registrations were at the high school?

Dr. Harris confirmed that was the case. Check had low teens, Willis in the high single digits, Indian Valley had a few. It is basically a ratio of how many kids go to that school. Right now we are expecting a huge turnout on Thursday and that always leads to the possibility of hiring more teachers. Over in Check Ms. Cromer is really concerned about a first grade class. There is a brand new first grade teacher and a brand new first grade class of 24 students. She is watching that very closely. As always what I am doing the first day, everyone is reporting their attendance to me and I am monitoring it and if we need teachers to get class sizes down. It is important to me. I hope it is important to you. We will take the appropriate action to deal with that.

Chairman Clinger said the last time it happened we said we would fund it if the ADM funding did not cover it.

Dr. Harris replied we appreciate your support. We'll work together and I feel certain we will create good situations for teaching and learning.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said as a member of this Board I would like to wish everybody at the Floyd County School system a very good start to the year both the professional staff and faculty. We are looking forward to another school year as successful as the one that finished up.

Dr. Harris said I don't know if I mentioned this last time but it looks again as if we are one of a few fully accredited school divisions in Virginia. That is both good and bad in some ways. We wrote a grant for the June Bug Center for some after school programs. If you look at the list that just came out from VDOE almost all of that 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant money, which is federal money, is flowing into urban areas, very troubled urban areas that have schools that aren't doing well. We are almost doing so well that it cuts us out of some of the grant funding. When you compare us to Petersburg or to sections of Roanoke and Richmond and Chesapeake; we're stellar. But we still want to be the best we can be. We're having to do it off of local dollars. That puts pressure on you and pressure on me.

Supervisor Yoder said I am involved with the Recreational Authority and they got all the numbers from the elementary schools. I was impressed with how many classrooms were in the mid-teens. It looks like there will be a lot of opportunities for teachers to do well.

Dr. Harris agreed that a lot of the classrooms are small. It just depends on where you are. We've had 12-14 people take advantage of the smaller classrooms. We had some people from Willis in larger classrooms going to Indian Valley where there are smaller classrooms. That kind of balances out the workload for teachers. Teaching 24 is a different task than teaching 12. If a parent wants to take a couple of kids out of that 24 classroom and move them to a classroom of 12, we balance the workload between our staff. At one point we didn't listen to that at all. We adopted a new policy if there are under-populated classrooms, they can take their kids there as long as they are willing to provide transportation. That helps us and it makes them feel like we are listening to their concerns, which we are.

Supervisor Yoder said when he first got on this Board he could remember classroom sizes that were probably pushing 30 or the upper 20s. It seems like the average has come down quite a bit over the last few years.

Dr. Harris said our teachers believe it is a very important factor in being able to do the things that they've been taught to do. When you get to about 30 kids, the classroom management side of the equation almost becomes as important as the instructional side of the equation because you have to have that management piece before you can teach and learn. We're looking forward to a good year. Please come by and tour our schools on opening day. We would be happy to have you tour a school in your district or any other school and say hello to people. Thank our teachers, our custodians, our maintenance folks, our bus drivers. Like I said, this morning I talked to cafeteria staff and bus drivers. The first adult from the school system that many of our kids see every morning is the bus driver. The way their day goes can hinge drastically on the interaction between the bus driver and the kids. I told them all the same thing, our job as Floyd County School employees is to take care of kids whether it is teaching them, feeding them, transporting them, fixing the things they have to use. Our job is taking care of kids and getting them from where they are to where they need to be. I think we do a pretty good job of that.

Supervisor Yoder said speaking of buses, I know you purchased some used ones. How are they doing?

Dr. Harris replied every bus we have on the lot now works. Remember we bought 7 or 8 buses for \$7,500.00 each. The big transit bus you've seen we bought for \$7,500.00. It has 150,000 miles on it, but it is diesel and probably good for another 100,000 miles. It is not going to have the lifetime of a new \$80,000.00-\$90,000.00 bus. But for \$7,500.00 I think there is some life left in it and economically it is probably not a bad deal. Again, we are finding ways to make it work and I appreciate your help in helping us do that.

Chairman Clinger thanked Dr. Harris for the updates.

Agenda Item 6.f. – Ms. Deborah Whitten-Williams and Mr. Mike Wade, New River Community Services Board.

Ms. Deborah Whitten-Williams, Finance and Administration Director for Community Services introduced herself and Michael Wade, Community Relations Specialist. Ms. Whitten-

Williams said you have a couple of items on your agenda that have to do with the Performance Contract that we have with the State Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. This is a contract you have seen before. We submit it every year. Although this contract started two years ago, it is for two years, we submit it to the localities every year because the dollars change and the amount of services change. We want to update you on that part of it as well. I'm here to answer any questions you have about the performance contract. This is the contract that determines what services we provide in the areas of mental illness, substance use abuse, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Those are the three main areas we provide services in. I believe we served over 9,000 individuals last year all over the five jurisdictions we serve in the New River Valley.

The need is there. We work very hard to try to meet that need. As you know, there is never enough in terms of funding and the types of programs you want to expand to. But we have done a pretty good job of that. In the 32 years I've worked at Community Services we've grown and expanded our programs significantly. That is what allows us to serve over 9,000, almost 10,000 people. Is there anything specific on the contract that I can answer questions on?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the projected numbers are for all of the New River Valley?

Ms. Whitten-Williams replied, "That is correct." It is laid out by core services.

Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Morris if she had reviewed it?

Ms. Morris replied that she had and didn't see any changes beyond the numbers being served and the dollar amounts.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the fiscal year 2017 Performance Contract between New River Valley Community Services and the State Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

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

Mr. Wade said he came to speak about Fairview Home. The other localities involved have discussed bringing you in as a partner. I thought what we would do this morning is give you a little more insight into the facility itself...to give you a quick overview of what that facility is, who it serves, what our purpose is, and how we are factored into that as the managing agency for that facility. But also an opportunity to meet a Floyd resident who actually lives at Fairview. Mr. Wade showed a short video profiling a Floyd County citizen who resides at Fairview Home.

According to the video, Fairview Home is an assisted living facility owned by the counties of Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski and the City of Radford. It is operated by the Fairview Home Incorporated which contracts with New River Valley Community Services to

manage the facility. We don't receive any reimbursement from Medicaid or Medicare for our services. Our room and board fees are based on the auxiliary grant rate. Fairview Home is different from most other assisted living facilities in that we require the individual meet the admission criteria of having a behavioral health diagnosis as well as low income. This makes us eligible for the auxiliary grant which assists them in paying their room and board fee. Fairview Home has supported as many as 7 Floyd County residents. It currently supports 4 Floyd County residents. Most of those residents still have family residing in Floyd County who are unable to provide care for them at home. These families are thankful that our facility was nearby, affordable, and able to provide specialized behavioral health needs for their family members.

After watching the video Mr. Wade and Ms. Whitten-Williams asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Clinger asked why the facility did not get any Medicaid or Medicare reimbursements.

Ms. Whitten-Williams explained that because the home is supported through the Department of Social Services it is only eligible for an auxiliary grant through that department.

Chairman Clinger asked if the residents were eligible for Medicaid?

Ms. Whitten-Williams said yes, for their behavioral health services.

Chairman Clinger asked if they are getting partial reimbursement for that?

Ms. Whitten-Williams said yes, but not for the assisted living piece.

Mr. Wade said they receive it for direct services.

Supervisor Yoder said they could probably get help with assisted living at other facilities.

Mr. Wade said it is an income situation for most of our residents. They don't have the income to stay at another facility.

Ms. Whitten-Williams said ours is probably one of two in Virginia that is publicly operated and supported by the auxiliary grant.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the auxiliary grant is federal or state?

Ms. Whitten-Williams replied that it is state.

Supervisor Yoder asked what percentage of the funding comes from the localities?

Ms. Whitten-Williams estimated that the localities provide 30-35% of the funding for the facility.

Vice Chairman Turman asked how much was requested of Floyd County this year?

Ms. Whitten-Williams answered the first year we asked for just under \$5,000.00. This past year we asked for \$14,000.00. That was directed by the Fairview Board of Directors. They wanted it based on the subsidy amounts, which is what Floyd County's share equated to.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how many total residents are there?

Ms. Whitten-Williams replied 57 and 4 of them are from Floyd right now.

Vice Chairman Turman stated that he is not objective about this because he serves on that board and I have seen the services they receive, I think we should support them seeing as we have people there.

Mr. Wade said it is a great facility and we have a wonderful team of staff who take really good care of those residents there.

Supervisor Yoder said he was not clear on what other options the residents there have. If they weren't there what are their options?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they would be homeless?

Ms. Whitten-Williams said they very well could be homeless.

Chairman Clinger said couldn't some of them go into Skyline up here?

Supervisor Yoder said he assumed our local nursing home would be a little bit different. This is more like assisted living.

Ms. Whitten-Williams confirmed that Fairview Home is assisted living.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked the average age of the four Floyd County residents?

Ms. Whitten-Williams said she did not know.

Mr. Wade said he guessed somewhere in their late 50s to early 60s.

Chairman Clinger said some of the residents at Pine Ridge need assisted living. Pine Ridge resident needs are Section 8, which is federal money. Section 8 covers the housing portion.

Supervisor Yoder said he felt the need to educate himself more about this.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked where Fairview Home is located?

Mr. Wade replied that it is across the road from the football stadium at Pulaski High School.

Supervisor Yoder said he commended them for the work they are doing there. If I was looking at putting in public funds from Floyd County I would want to educate myself a little bit on all the different options they would have. I would probably like to come visit.

Mr. Wade replied that you would be more than welcome to, absolutely.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you get auxiliary grants, are there any other grants that you search out like Section 8 housing grants?

Ms. Whitten-Williams said no and explained that the home started many decades ago and it was her understanding as part of a land grant from the State to establish the home. To my knowledge there aren't any other grants that they are eligible for. We do receive contributions from citizens in the community and that has been tremendous. We've been overwhelmed with the support that we get from the community, but that is about \$13,000.00-\$14,000.00. It is significant and important, but the difference between the auxiliary grant and with what it costs to operate the home there is still a gap. We came in 2007 to manage the home. We really came in with a set of standards. We were going to operate at a certain level and make it work.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked when they took it over was it at risk of closing?

Mr. Wade replied absolutely. The State Department of Social Services actually threatened to pull the license.

Ms. Whitten-Williams said the residents there are healthier, physically and behaviorally. Seven of them work in the community, which is a significant increase from when we first started. We hope to increase that. We are giving them a life and a standard of living that hadn't been seen there in a long time. That is important to us – the quality of life.

Mr. Wade said to compare today to what it was 10 years ago, I just can't tell you. I went into the building when we first took over operations and it was back in March when it was still cold outside. There were parts of the building that weren't heated. The smell would have knocked you over where it wasn't clean. It was deplorable in many ways. We have worked very hard and it has been a long process to get us to that point. It is now a facility we can be proud of. Residents can be proud to call it home and feel good about it.

Chairman Clinger asked when you said you came in and took over operations, did you take over the whole thing? I remember on the video somebody said managed by...?

Mr. Wade replied the Fairview Board of Directors and the local entities who own the facility asked us to come and take over management of operations, staffing, nutritional, medications.

Chairman Clinger asked if the Board still handles the financial?

Mr. Wade replied yes.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if that was the same Board that almost ran it into the ground?

Mr. Wade said the players have probably changed somewhat, but it is essentially the same.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if that financial Board is working hard to get other grants? I know there are grants out there for this kind of thing.

Ms. Whitten-Williams said I know the Board is always looking for ways we can diversify revenues, but as far as anything significant we haven't come up with anything. There are restrictions in regards to the auxiliary grant.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it would seem that if you were offering housing to folks, it would seem like there are other opportunities. Maybe someone on the Community Services Board who is well versed in grant writing could possibly help the Fairview Board to stimulate more funds coming in. There are grants out there for folks who are in these kinds of situations. We have local employers here in Floyd County who are helping folks just like this stay in a home where they don't have family to help them. They have paid staff who take in folks and help to provide for them so they are not homeless. I agree with Mr. Yoder. I think I need a little bit more education. I think the work you are doing for every one of the 57 people in there is really important. There but for the grace of God go you or me. It's a real need.

Supervisor Yoder explained for me personally, I am a conservative guy. One of the most important things in my political outlook is the value of life. A lot of times conservatives talk about life as something to do with abortion or other things like that. I think it is important as a community and as a country we value life, that every life is important. That goes from somebody who is on death row to someone who is in a home like the one you are operating. I think it is important that we get this type of thing right. I don't want to see us drop this issue, but I don't feel like I am at the point right now where I understand it enough to vote one way or the other on funding. Sometimes things are easy to forget about because it is not the players you see every day. You might not run into them at an important meeting somewhere, but their value is just as important as an elected official in Floyd or the richest person in Floyd County. Their lives have value so I think it is an important issue that we should not drop. It is something we should try to educate ourselves on.

Ms. Whitten-Williams said we are here today to start that process. We are available if any of you would like to visit. If you need more information we can certainly get that for you and provide it to you in writing. We manage the program. We're here to represent the services and provide as much information as possible. The Fairview Board really has the question about funding and will want to talk to you about that. Whatever information we can provide we will be more than happy to do so.

Chairman Clinger said from the services side I think we are pleased with that. The questions this Board is bringing up now needs to be addressed to the Fairview Board. I think we need to formulate some questions and ask Fairview Board members to come and speak with us. The services, we applaud you. The things you do are great. You can tell the service has gone up

considerably from ten years ago. It is one of the last stops for a lot of these people. As far as taking it to the next step for our Board, we need to develop questions for the Fairview Board and address those there.

Ms. Morris asked Ms. Whitten-Williams if she would provide a list of Fairview Board members?

Ms. Whitten-Williams responded, "Absolutely."

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested that we invite the Fairview Board members to come and speak.

Ms. Whitten-Williams responded I am sure they would love to. I'll get you that list.

Supervisor Yoder asked who should he talk to about coming for a visit?

Mr. Wade said he would work with Ms. Morris on scheduling that visit.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would be interested in joining in on that visit. She said everyone sitting in a chair here feels the same way that Mr. Yoder spoke about the value of all people. It is just is the Fairview Board doing everything possible to bring in funds? It is really hard in this County. We don't have a lot of extra, but we want to pay our fair share. But we also want to make sure that if a resident is able to receive funds from other sources that we already pay into, those residents receive those funds. We are supporting a lot of different things and we want to make sure our citizens are tapping into those.

Mr. Wade said we can appreciate that.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Whitten-Williams and Mr. Wade for coming and telling them about Fairview Home.

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business.

Ms. Ryan asked the Board members if they would like to present at Law Enforcement Day on August 13, a framed copy of the Resolution in Support of Local Law Enforcement they passed at a recent Board meeting?

The Board members all said they planned to attend Law Enforcement Day and would like to present the Resolution.

Ms. Morris said when we paved the Courthouse we worked with the Bank of Floyd on water issues from our lot down through their drive-thru. Mr. Stuart really worked with us and tried to get that taken care of. The Bank has done some other things since then. They are still having trouble with the water. Ms. Morris showed a photograph of the parking lot with water. The water is headed toward their basement and not the storm drain. The Bank proposed putting in asphalt speed bumps, for lack of a better term, where the green lines are on the photograph.

Chairman Clinger stated that would direct the water to where they want it to go.

Ms. Morris confirmed that is the plan. The speed bumps would be two feet wide and 3 inches tall.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they were sure this would solve the problem?

Ms. Morris replied that the Building Official, Maintenance Supervisor, and she had met with employees of the Bank and they thought it would help but they are not sure. Mr. Bolt suggested moving one of the speed bumps to catch the water quicker. Of course it will be at their expense. The speed bumps might also slow traffic down through there a little bit. Ms. Morris said she is scheduled to meet with the Judge at 1:00 p.m. today to discuss this and make sure it is okay with him because it is his building and parking lot.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked who came up with this idea to help the water issue?

Ms. Morris replied the Bank had the idea. They had spoken to a contractor. Ms. Morris said the Maintenance Supervisor has been up there several times when it has rained and tried to watch the situation.

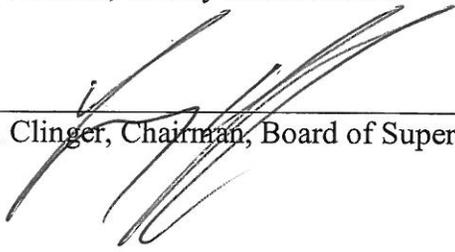
Chairman Clinger said if they're paying for it and it helps us by putting in speed bumps, then you have the consensus of this Board.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 23, 2016 for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.



---

Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



---

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

