

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.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; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

ABSENT: Terri W. Morris, County Administrator.

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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. – Chairman Clinger called for the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance known as “An Ordinance Repealing and Readopting Section 62-53 of the Code of Floyd County, Virginia – Assignment of House and Other Numbers.”

Ms. Ryan read the call for the Public Hearing.

Chairman Clinger opened the Public Hearing for comments from the audience. After no comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

On the motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Ordinance Repealing and Readopting Section 62-53 of the Code of Floyd County, Virginia – Assignment of House and Other Numbers as presented (Document File Number 882).

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of month-end disbursements.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the month-end disbursements as presented.

Supervisor Gerald – aye

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

Agenda Item 8.a. – Appointment to the Floyd County Social Services Board, Locust Grove District, fill unexpired term ending June 30, 2018, effective October 1, 2016.

Ms. Ryan stated that Ms. Jennifer Claytor who had been employed by the Floyd County Department of Social Services for 31 years will be retiring on September 30. Ms. Claytor submitted an email expressing her interest in serving on the Social Services Board for the Locust Grove District. If Ms. Claytor is appointed to the position the appointment needs to go into effect October 1, 2016, the day after Ms. Claytor retires.

Mr. Clinger said that because this appointment is filling an unexpired term, the appointee could go on to serve two full terms in addition.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint effective October 1, 2016, Ms. Jennifer Claytor to the Floyd County Social Services Board for the Locust Grove District to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2018.

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

Agenda Item 8.b. – Recommendations on contracting with engineering firms – on-call services via term contracts.

Ms. Ryan explained that Ms. Terri Morris and Ms. Lydeana Martin interviewed five engineering firms. Of the five engineering firms interviewed, Ms. Morris and Ms. Martin recommend entering into term contracts with four of the firms. The firms would be contacted for services when services are needed. Entering into these term contracts does not cause us to incur any charges at this time. We would be billed for services at the time we used their services.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the list was based on order of preference or if the list was alphabetical?

Ms. Martin replied that they are listed alphabetically. Ms. Martin explained that she and Ms. Morris felt that each firm had different strengths and specialties. That is the reason four companies are recommended instead of just one. For example, Draper Aden has done our landfill work for a long time. Anderson & Associates has done a lot of work at the Commerce Center and with public water and sewer. They know that angle of things really well. Hill Studios seem to be especially strong in landscape architecture and would be good if we were

interested in trail projects. Thompson & Litton emphasize their specialty is in renovations and additions to buildings.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch expressed her pleasure that thirteen companies submitted proposals in response to our advertisement for letters of qualification. Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if all the respondents were from this area?

Ms. Martin answered that she and Ms. Morris interviewed one company based in Lynchburg. I don't believe we had any interest from Richmond. Most of the companies were from the Roanoke Valley or southwest Virginia. Some companies have multiple offices, including Richmond, but they have a local office as well. These term contracts can be particularly helpful if something urgent comes up and you don't have time to go through the procurement process. My understanding is that if you were doing a major construction project we would still have to go through the procurement process. But these companies could help us shape the procurement and look at estimates.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they were involved in the procurement in that manner would they also be able to bid on the project?

Ms. Martin replied that they could apply and submit credentials.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if there is a cost associated with these or is it pay as needed?

Ms. Martin replied it is pay as needed.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve 3-year contracts with two one-year renewable options with the following companies: Anderson & Associates, Blacksburg, Virginia; Draper, Aden Associates, Blacksburg, Virginia; Hill Studios, Roanoke, Virginia; and Thompson & Litton, Radford, Virginia.

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

Agenda Item 6. – 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 8.c. – Adoption of resolution and Code of Conduct to obtain financial assistance from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development – reimbursement for purchase of police vehicles.

Ms. Ryan reminded Board members that Ms. Morris had emailed them to let them know the grant to purchase police vehicles had been approved. But to request the financial assistance from the U. S. Department of Agriculture we need to pass the Resolution and Code of Conduct included in their Board packets.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolution to Adopt and Abide by the Covenants Required by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for the Funding of Police Vehicles (Document File Number 883).

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following Floyd County Code of Conduct: No employee, officer or agent of the owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Rural Housing Service funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved (Document File Number 884).

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

Agenda Item 6. – Letter of interest for a Virginia Department of Housing Community Development Innovation Grant.

Ms. Martin said she received some good news she wanted to share. Last Tuesday the Tobacco Commission had their meeting. Of course we had the project pending for Hollingsworth & Vose for the research and development project. They were awarded the \$500,000.00 for the scope of work for research and development. That was very good news. It may be a few years before we see the full fruit of that effort, but I do think it will be a very good thing. They had the highest scoring project out of the seven applications.

Tonight I am bringing to you a request from Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine for the County to be the applicant for funds for an Innovation Grant. This is with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Rob Glenn and I were on the phone with them just a couple of weeks ago. They were very excited about the project. A number of funders have seen the real potential of this idea. Being at the same latitude as their native habitat we know the plants will grow in Floyd. But like any startup it takes a number of years to get it all going. That is especially true in this case because these are perennials. They've got to be in the ground two or three years at least before we see any revenue back from them. We can ask for up to \$200,000.00 from this Innovation grant. The application deadline is Friday. I think we have that well in hand if this looks acceptable to you. We are asking you to authorize me to

submit a letter of interest which is a basic description of the project. If they like it, they will want more information. No agreement will be signed before it comes back to you. You have to get in the door in this manner.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the Assistant County Administrator to execute and the Director of Community and Economic Development to submit a letter of interest for a Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Innovation Grant from the Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine.

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

Agenda Item 6. – Resolution Re-Adopting the New River Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Martin explained that Mr. Kevin Sowers is hard at work on a grant application to pursue an early warning system with stream gauges and rain gauges through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The grant would actually be federally funded. One of the things we need to do to make sure we are ready and to have our “i’s” dotted is...there was a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The most recent one was about five years ago. They are starting the process of updating it, but we can’t wait for that because in the existing one we didn’t know we were going to have a flood. We didn’t know we were so prone to flooding. We had focused on droughts and wildfires as two big risks. In your packet there is a proposed, updated summary. We have added information about an early warning system and training for first responders. The good thing about the application Mr. Sowers is working on is that it not only helps with early warning for flooding, but it will also capture data to help us better assess, in the long run, our water system. It is a good thing that it can cover both roles. Tonight what I request of you is to consider adopting a resolution for updating the Floyd County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said last September probably answered any and all questions we might have about this.

Chairman Clinger said this is something the PSA has been looking into...the drought portion of this. We would be killing two birds with one stone. If something does come from the flood this might be it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how much money are we looking for with this grant?

Ms. Martin answered we are still waiting on some cost estimates. There are two types of stream gauges. There is one called Iflows which the state system uses. It is strictly an early warning system. It does not gauge the total volume of flow. It just says how much it is rising or not. We need at least one that can measure volume of flow. We received a very high estimate

from USGS that typically does those. Mr. Sowers is checking back with the firm that is doing the other ones to see if they can do something similar for a lot less money than that. My best estimate would be between \$100,000.00-\$200,000.00.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how much money is out there available?

Ms. Martin replied more than that. The challenge is they also have some operating expenses each year and there is a big difference between the annual operating costs of these systems. The Iflows is about \$2,500.00 per year; whereas, the USGS is \$15,000.00 per year. That is why we are trying to figure out if we can get the same benefit. It may cost us some more to do one. We are looking at the annual operating costs going forward. Mr. Sowers is writing into the grant request that it cover five years' worth of operating costs, which is probably the upper level of what it could cover.

Chairman Clinger said approving this resolution does not get us the grant.

Ms. Martin confirmed that statement and said it just shows them that this is a priority for us.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said based on her knowledge of the way water flows in the county it is imperative that certain creeks would need those types of volume flow gauges. She asked if Mr. Sowers had talked to anyone at the National Weather Service in Blacksburg to see if they would put more Iflows in our area?

Ms. Martin said that individuals from the National Weather Service sat in on conference calls and conversations. They have helped us identify the locations where these should be.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked but they are not going to throw anything at us in the way of Iflows because what falls in Floyd County ends up in Brush Creek which flows into Montgomery County?

Ms. Martin responded because there is some possibility of a benefit downstream, there is a possibility the State might pick up the annual operating costs of the Iflows type gauges but not the USGS ones. That is the line we are trying to navigate. We met with Mr. Gary Crouch from the PSA. He has been involved with us on this. It seems like the volume information that is most critical is on Thunderstruck Road, which is after the confluence of the other rivers.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I would tend to think that there might be something toward Roanoke too.

Ms. Martin said there are Iflows right on the county line between Floyd and Roanoke and Franklin County. But that is not in the Little River watershed. That tells what is going to happen below the mountain. It doesn't really help this end of the county very much. There are two or three down that way.

Supervisor Yoder said I appreciate that while flooding is on our minds, you still included the possibility of another potential danger with hazardous materials. I think sometimes you can fall into the trap of having something happen and focusing so hard on that you forget about other potential dangers. I have thought a lot about the different storage tanks in town and whether it could be causing water damage, explosions or whatever it might be. I am glad we are thinking about more than just the flooding, while flooding is very important.

Ms. Martin said this was called out from a broader conversation with Mr. Sowers and the PSA. It is coming from a lot of different directions.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the County of Floyd Resolution Re-Adopting the New River Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented (Document File Number 881).

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

Agenda Item 7. – Closed Session – Personnel §2.2-3711 A. 1.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman and seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION  
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye

Supervisor Yoder – aye

Supervisor Gerald – aye

Supervisor Turman – aye

Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business.

Mr. Sowers came forward and presented data that covers EMS and Rescue calls run in Floyd County in FY16.

Chairman Clinger requested that only the graphs of EMS and Rescue calls be presented rather than all of the data. He asked Mr. Sowers to tell his staff who helped him compile all of this data that we really appreciate everything they did.

Mr. Sowers replied that it was really nothing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch also thanked Mr. Sowers for his work on the grants he is currently writing.

Mr. Sowers responded that she could thank him if we get them.

Ms. Ryan said that a 10-year old Freightliner truck was purchased for Recycling. The cab was an old mail truck and the body was used by American Standard Furniture. The two portions were combined and the result looks brand new. They might bring the truck to the next morning meeting for you to see. The truck has 291,000 miles on it but came with the lift gate already on it. The truck is already being used.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that the best feature was that the truck did not have the Urea system.

Ms. Ryan said that Ms. Morris asked her to mention and find out if the Board wanted to have only one meeting in the months of November and December.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise a resolution to change the meeting date in November to the third Thursday of the month, which will be November 17, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. The 2<sup>nd</sup> regular November meeting will be cancelled (Document File Number 885).

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

Supervisor Kuchenbuch reported that the hike she led last Saturday was really good. It wasn't widely attended, but the people who were there were enthusiastic and we had a really good hike. A couple of people stayed after the hike and had a picnic lunch. Ms. Ryan attended. People mentioned to us that they wanted to see more walking trails in Floyd. It was good to talk about how the Recreational Authority is focused on looking at that. Everybody was very pleased. It was a good public relations exposure for the County. We had a lot of fun.

Ms. Ryan added that Supervisor Kuchenbuch did a fabulous job leading the hike. Between being able to share what she knows about trees and meteorology, people learned a lot, were really enthused and enjoyed the hike.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it was a good time. We had a person from Henry County and folks from Floyd and Patrick Counties. It was advertised in the newspaper in Stuart and The Floyd Press.

Supervisor Yoder said that on Thursday he will be attending a hot wash meeting for the County Fair. The meeting will be the Advisory Board which includes himself, Pat Sharkey from Tourism, a couple of folks from Farm Bureau, and a couple of people with Chantilly. It will probably be the most close knit, private meeting held about the fair. Is there interest in the County becoming more involved?

Chairman Clinger said that because it carries our name we should be more involved.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would like to be more involved. I think our County should be more involved.

Chairman Clinger said it carries the name Floyd County Agricultural and Livestock Fair. If it turns into something that we are ashamed of, it still has our name on it. We should have not just a seat at the table, but a voice at the table.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we should be at the head of the table.

Chairman Clinger said I look at it this way, it is ours. If Chantilly wants to be involved they should come to us and Tourism to plan it rather than the other way around.

Supervisor Yoder said to really have a seat at the table it probably involves funding.

Chairman Clinger pointed out what we did with the fireworks. We stepped in and helped fund that. I think things that affect the whole county, we want to be part of. That is the bad part to me. We are taking taxes from everybody. And then you have a County Fair, it should be open to County people.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it is our agricultural heritage. That's what we are about.

Chairman Clinger said but part of the funding of it is not carrying the lion's share of it, part of it you are having that name. How much goes with that name? What if you say if you want to do this you pay us \$5,000.00 a year to use that name at your fair. As we build up our own venue for it. We've got land. What if we decide to put it beside the school?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she was all for that. I like that idea. Although I don't mind where we are at. We just need to take more control of the actual planning.

Supervisor Yoder said I think if we want to have more involvement that conversation needs to start now and have an idea of what that looks like before budget time. I really want to get involved with it. I think it could be huge for the County, huge for our citizens, great for people coming in. I just want to know what you would like me to do to approach that?

Chairman Clinger said I think we need to look at it twofold. Number one is the County helped fund part of it and we don't know anything yet about what the fees were. Number two, I know Tourism has money. We can piggyback both of them.

Supervisor Yoder said the Town might want to get involved.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the Farmer's Market wants to move to the County Fair that weekend. That is part of what our Town is.

Supervisor Yoder said that is Sustain Floyd.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed but added that it happens in Town. I can't see the Town not wanting to get on board. At our Tourism meetings, Bruce [Turner] and Karen [Bingham] seem to be in favor of the Fair.

Supervisor Yoder questioned then what would be our optimum way of approaching it?

Chairman Clinger responded back when it was here, I would like to ask Terri [Morris], I think our staff actually helped plan it when it was here.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is what I think has to happen. It becomes a County Fair. If the County is running the County Fair then staff will ultimately have to be involved in the running of it. It's not just signing over money. It's actually in the planning. I think the

County becomes the head of the steering committee that works on the County Fair starting after your Advisory Committee meeting. That's my feelings.

Supervisor Yoder replied I still don't know how that looks like in practice. Does the County go and rent a facility for the fair or does the County say we want two votes on the Advisory Board for "x" amount of money? I don't know.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked does it really come to that?

Supervisor Yoder answered it would have to come to that. If you put money in you have to have contracts.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she understood that, but do we ask Chantilly to donate the space?

Supervisor Yoder said I don't know. The first question is whether the County is interested in running the fair or is the County interested in being one of four or five players?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I think we run the fair.

Chairman Clinger said if we run the fair and offer Chantilly...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added...this is great exposure for your facility...

Chairman Clinger continued we've got the County Fair, it's ours. If you want to host it there and get the fee off of the food setup and some of these other things...I want it to be where people can go to it for free.

Supervisor Yoder said that he was completely on board with that. My main concern is that I don't want to go into this meeting and say we are really interested and a month from now have to back track. I don't know how much needs to happen at this particular meeting, but I think people might gain a sense of where we are at.

Vice Chairman Turman suggested checking with Carroll County and see how that county handles it.

Supervisor Yoder said there are a lot of different models. There is everything from a county running it on private land, a county running it on public land, private running it on public land.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added and then there is the county and a public/private partnership where they run it together. I think at this hot wash meeting you will be talking about specifics. I'm not trying to put words in your mouth. I think at the end of the meeting you can say something to the effect the County is looking to be a much larger player next year. And at our first meeting it will probably be called by the County. That sort of sets the tone that the County is going to take a more vested interest and role in running the County Fair.

Vice Chairman Turman said you can feel them out and find out and then come back to us and be noncommittal.

Supervisor Yoder stated he thinks that is a really good idea.

Vice Chairman Gerald pointed out it lets you get the information and we can get our ducks in a row.

Supervisor Yoder said I think it's important to not just elbow people like the Women's Committee at Farm Bureau away because they struggled for ten years to get this thing on. It's important that they have a voice.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed absolutely. She added that is where you have a contract as to what we need to have you do and then we go to the Extension department.

Supervisor Yoder said our State Senator came through and said I have been to three fairs last week; I went to Bedford, Franklin and Floyd. He said Bedford wasn't the best. I think they are just starting. He said Franklin had the best rides. He added Floyd has the best animals. He said my kids love the animals. That is all done by the Extension department and Farm Bureau. I thought that was really neat.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Franklin sold sponsorships. They had businesses that came which I am not saying is just exclusive to Franklin County. You can get businesses outside of our County come in and sponsor. The County itself spent \$50,000.00 on rides. If you have a Smith Mountain Lake you can spend \$50,000.00 on rides. I think if we just had a Ferris wheel it would have been a big hit for kids to get on a little Ferris wheel. I went to the County Fair and I sat there and watched the sheep show, showing your lambs. It was amazing to watch these young adolescent children showing their animals. I was fascinated by it. It was fun. There were a lot of people there. FAA made a hay maze.

Supervisor Yoder stated he will try to feel out the Advisory Board members.

Chairman Clinger confirmed get an idea. They might say in the hot wash that it is something they don't want to do again.

Supervisor Yoder said I definitely know areas that worked well and areas that didn't work well.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said for this county there were so few pickles.

Vice Chairman Turman suggested we don't want to get too big too quick.

Supervisor Yoder said if we wanted to do one I think that there are certain things we can do that would work well and some that wouldn't. The other part of the equation that needs to happen if we got involved is with organizations like the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. They all need to be involved with it.

Chairman Clinger said that is where you start your planning as soon as one year's fair is over. As a group it's looking at what worked and who we need to get involved. We need Fire for this and Rescue for that. You just start planning for the next one for all of your county organizations.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I was really disappointed that there weren't more vegetables. It was like an afterthought. That is what a County Fair is all about. There should be home baked goods. Copper Hill Bakery was out there selling home baked goods. But there needs to be more of that. I hear what you are saying about getting too big, too fast. But at the same time there is such an unbelievable opportunity to expand it. This year we had less people than the year before, correct?

Supervisor Yoder replied he is not sure. He has not seen the actual numbers. I will try to feel them out. If we are interested we need to start the process fairly quickly.

Chairman Clinger asked about tying it in with the Fourth of July fireworks which we help fund? It could happen at that time. You might not have all the harvest but you have just about everything else. You could have pie contests.

Vice Chairman Turman suggested contests where Fire Departments compete against each other.

Supervisor Yoder said I think one of the things with the State Fair, if you want to compete at that level, the local fair has to be in August or September. I have noticed in the last two years of being involved, people are looking for an experience other than music. I think we have so much music saturated in town and all of these little stores. Everyone is doing the music. There is a hunger out there. I think 500 people watched the bull riding show this year. There are things that are county and animal related and you don't have to pay a lot of money for a big name band to get people to show up. I am all for them at other festivals at other times of the year but I think there is something there...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added it is a quintessential part of Americana and our American roots that people want to get back to. There are so many families that aren't farming anymore, but they still love the fact of what it was and how it was. There is a real need for people to reconnect and a county fair does just that. You've hit it right on the head. You don't need a band.

Chairman Clinger said it was like before seeing them come up here and clog.

Supervisor Yoder said you can get local performers, but I am saying...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added...you don't need \$50,000.00 artists.

Supervisor Yoder continued...there is a place for that but I don't know that it is at the fair. There is a wholesomeness about the other stuff. I will report back after the meeting.

Supervisor Gerald said we are trying to get back to the good old days.

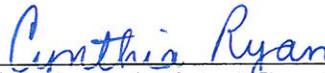
Chairman Clinger agreed and said that is what everyone wants to get back to.

Vice Chairman Turman said the West Virginia Fair is way too big, but if you will notice they have a group each night after they have everything else during the day. They have the rides but they are off to the side. The rest of it is farm equipment, animal judging, horse shows, and stuff like that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said if we work this out right and we plan it right, sponsorship would be pretty easy to pull them in.

Chairman Clinger said that is why I think we should pursue some control over it before we lose all of it.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 11, 2016 for a regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.

  
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Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator

  
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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors