

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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 Clinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Yoder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of March 14, 2017; March 22, 2017; March 28, 2017; April 3, 2017; and April 4, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017; March 22, 2017; and March 28, 2017; April 3, 2017; and April 4, 2017 as presented.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of April 2017 monthly disbursements.

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

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

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

Ms. Brewster provided the caseload statistics for March 2017. She said it has been incredibly busy downstairs as you can see.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 2 *We are staying about the same in this program.*

Adult Services Screenings (new): 6 *This included personal screenings and nursing home screenings.*

Adult Services (ongoing): 4 *We continue to make sure these people are safe and getting the care they are supposed to in the placement they went into.*

Companion Cases: 4

Guardianship Reporting Cases: 29 *This number dropped a little bit because the cases closed out either because the individual passed away or moved out of our jurisdiction.*

Child Protective Services Investigations (new): 1

Family Assessments (new): 16 *This number continues to stay fairly high.*

Child Protective Services Ongoing Cases: 10

Prevention Child Protective Services: 6 *This is the new program we started when I came.*

Foster Care: 14 *We were down to five children in foster care but within the month of March we gained nine children. Those were all families except for one. The families had substance abuse issues. It is an extensive problem we ran into in the month of March. We've talked about it a lot here; how our numbers can change in any month drastically. The staff worked fast and furious with those children. Not only do we gain those children. They have some pretty significant problems. We see a lot of developmental delays and a lot of gross neglect. We did therapeutic placements with families for all of those children. We were able to keep the children together. There were two sibling groups of four. The other child we had been working with in prevention and he came in with that mix too.*

View: 19 *This number is going up with the new worker. She has been doing amazing work with the caseload.*

Child Care: 4 *We only have enough money at this locality to provide child care for four.*

Benefit Programs: SNAP: 803 SNAP (new): 57 SNAP (renewals): 82
 TANF: 46 TANF (new): 13 TANF (renewals): 6

Medicaid: 1421 (cases)/2526 (participants) Medicaid (new): 80 Medicaid (renewals): 121

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for March 2017.

Ms. Martin reported that we have been doing a lot of lot line revisions in March. The Planning Commission will have its first plat in ages later this month. It is a proposal for four small parcels.

Chairman Clinger asked since the cluster development hearing has there been any activity going on with lot lines?

Ms. Martin replied that she hasn't really paid attention that way.

Chairman Clinger explained that he was just curious because before they were trying to get the lines in and now they would be better off getting rid of lines to create larger tracts.

Ms. Martin said that would be worth keeping an eye on. These are mostly just neighbor swaps or relatively minor lot line revisions. Speaking of the cluster development provisions, we sent that on to counsel at Jim Cornwell's office to take a look at. Hopefully we will get something back soon. I did go ahead and ask them to prepare the scaled-down family subdivision provision which we will call the safe harbor provision.

Ms. Martin mentioned several other projects she has been working on. The Floyd Grown project kicked off last month. I was very pleased. We had about 90 businesses that were farm or food that completed our survey. We had about 50 attendees at our first workshop plus about 7 or 8 speakers. We had a full house in Suite 3 at the Floyd Innovation Center. Our next event will be a food regulation workshop. Joell Eifert from Virginia Tech, who is the guru in the state on food safety and processing will be coming over to talk. Please help pass the word around about that. One of the pieces of the Floyd Grown project is working on a logo both for economic development and tourism. The Tourism Office may decide to keep what they have, but I wanted to let you know about that and you will certainly be invited to participate. Would you like, while we are doing logo work, is there anything you want? I thought tourism would have its own logo and economic development will have one, but we would like them to be complementary or similar in image or font. So that if someone looks at it they will see that it is the same place. We are getting ready to put out the request for proposals if there is anything that you would want.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied that she would have to think about it.

Ms. Martin asked that she let her know soon if there is something she would want with the logo. This week we are submitting another application to Rural Development to recapitalize the Floyd 5 & 10 loan fund. Craig Barbrow was at our Floyd Grown event and he saw what a great turnout we had. He told me afterward that we should try applying because we have loaned out all those funds. I sent out an email to the people who had attended and they have responded that they would have some interest in a loan. I would need 4 or 5 to participate. That was good and we will get that submitted this week.

Another workshop coming up is out of New River Community Action. This is an affordable housing event. This is on April 20. There will be two different sessions from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. They are both the same thing. Somebody doesn't need to

come to both. I have more details on the programs. One is more directed at senior citizens who may own their home but might need repair help. The other is more directed at people who would like to buy a home but may be low income. There are programs available to help them with as low as 1% interest with 37 year terms. This will be at the Innovation Center. USDA Rural Development staff will be coming to answer questions and describe the programs.

Agenda Item 6.a. – Sheriff Brian Craig.

Sheriff Craig provided an update on the Sheriff's Office. Last time I told you Michael Wade was on the way back. Well now he is actually back to work. Chase Vaughn is finally in the Academy. We got a slot so he is going. Hopefully here soon we will be fully staffed. We have Joe Carr as a dispatcher and he is still in training. But unfortunately it looks like Roger Dickerson may retire at the end of August. For my first 1 ½ years here I have not had a full staff yet. That is the way it goes. We just roll with the punches.

We have a new cancer awareness patch about to come out. We are trying to help fundraise for Medical Charities. Kid's Fishing Day will be May 13 this year, which is the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dustin [Hollandsworth] from Recreation has been good to work with us. Last year he was able to switch some games around. He did it again this year to help the younger kids. Cheryl [Whitlock] did it in the past too. It will be on Thunderstruck Road at the low water bridge. We provide free to kids the food and chips. This year we got a grant from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to help subsidize the event. The ages of participants are 3-13, I think.

The green boxes are a major concern for us. We have put, believe it or not, quite a few hours into this. We've had officers spending all weekend on some green boxes. We've put cameras up. We just haven't been able to get the right angle. We actually had one camera where somebody tried to steal it. Unfortunately we were not able to get their face on the camera. We thought we had hidden it pretty well, but I guess we didn't. I drive by the green boxes at Buffalo Mountain and have taken a few pictures. Every day it is horrendous. If any of you are getting pictures from your constituents, please send them to me. I think our judge needs to know how serious a problem it is. That way when we do start catching some people, instead of being a \$5.00 fine, hopefully it will be worth its while and maybe send a message to some of these people. Dumping couches at our green boxes is making it very difficult on the transfer station staff.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Sheriff Craig if he could check with his Carroll County counterparts and keep them aware of the fact that Supervisor Turman has observed that a lot of the problem may not be with Floyd residents?

Sheriff Craig replied that is the tricky part in us trying to catch them. I notice they have changed the ones at Buffalo Mountain and tried to do a different viewpoint. That may help us. Folks are coming right across the line and dropping off what they can. Ironically most of it is in the middle of the day on the weekends. I noticed this morning when I came through that there is a desk over there that wasn't there last night when I came back from ball practice. We're trying. I've set them up on the weekends. It is just a lot of stuff that we have to do as officers. I've talked to a lot of the officers about how important it is to monitor the green boxes. I have one

person designated for the cameras. Right now we have other uses with the cameras on a larceny case. That is where we are at. We are trying. Bear with us. It is a cat and mouse game and soon the cat will catch the mouse.

Chairman Clinger asked if you had more cameras would you be able to better utilize them?

Sheriff Craig answered the problem is that there really are no angles. There are really no places to set a camera where you can get the vehicle coming in, the person throwing whatever illegal items in, and have it close enough to get a good visual of their face. There are a couple of things you have to get. I can set it up where I can get the tag, but I won't be able to see them throwing the stuff off to the side. Or I can get them throwing off, but I can't get the tag. It makes it very difficult.

Chairman Clinger said that is why I thought maybe a second camera to take a picture of each would help.

Sheriff Craig replied that they have a couple.

Chairman Clinger said for what it costs us on our end it would be worthwhile to give you more money to purchase these.

Sheriff Craig responded I would love to say I have a use for five, but realistically we are alright right now. If I can get through this larceny, I can put all of our cameras back into use on the green boxes. It is just angles; it is all about the angles. It may just take some manipulation of where the green boxes are set. I think Buffalo Mountain will help out even though it looks different, but it helps.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if he had any complaints about the way the green boxes are sitting there?

Sheriff Craig replied not yet. I don't have any control over the green boxes.

Vice Chairman Turman said he had received a lot of complaints about how it has cut down on the visibility. I even had a gentleman from VDOT mention it to me yesterday.

Sheriff Craig stated then we may need to get them moved unfortunately. We don't want to block any site distance.

Vice Chairman Turman said I know what you are trying to do but people say it is so hard trying to get in and out now. Then there are a lot of people just pulling over on the edge of the road.

Sheriff Craig said now that it is getting warm again we can use the jail crew to come help clean up some areas. Please let me know as quickly as possible. We don't want to wait until late June or July when weeds are grown up. I don't want to put those folks in waist high briars. But if you have some places whether it is around green boxes or places like that in your areas, please

let me know. I will talk to the deputy that runs the inmate crew. He is ready to come down here. Dustin [Hollandsworth] has been using their help this winter on the ballfield. They are eager to get out and help clean the county up. If you have an illegal dump zone your folks are complaining about, please let us know. We will do what we can to get it cleaned up.

Supervisor Yoder thanked Sheriff Craig for his work on the green box situation.

Chairman Clinger said just putting some activity toward it might slow the illegal dumping a little bit.

Sheriff Craig replied that is what we are hoping. We've got some other ideas, but I won't discuss them openly right now.

Vice Chairman Turman said I think once the word gets out that you are patrolling the area, it will help.

Sheriff Craig said I thought about doing a public service announcement on Facebook, but I haven't gotten over all of the channel 7 and 10 video cameras being in my face from one and a half years ago. It might be a good thing to put on there about how serious we are. It makes everybody sick when they drive by these places. I'm afraid we are going to have people say this is my piece of property and you can't put green boxes there. Are there any out there where you actually own the property?

Ms. Morris replied not many.

Vice Chairman Turman said in Willis we have a problem when people are driving through going to work before daylight, they stop and throw their bag of trash as they come to work. It will be hard to find them.

Chairman Clinger said if we do catch some people I hope the judge takes it seriously.

Sheriff Craig responded I think he will. We have a good, common sense judge. He will do what he needs to do to send a message.

Ms. Morris stated that we already have the work crew scheduled for later in the spring to do some painting at the library. We are also going to paint the maintenance building over at the transfer station. They power washed it and the recycling building last summer.

Agenda Item 7.b. – March 2017 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that building permits are continuing to climb by the month. The number of permits for March 2017 is comparable to last year at this time but the value is much less. The year to date value is running a little ahead.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Discussion/Appointments to the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance for two representatives on the Board of Directors one of which will serve as a representative to the Executive Committee, two year term, effective July 1, 2017.

Ms. Morris explained the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance had done a self-study to come up with several improvements. We felt the Board of Directors was getting a little top heavy with private industry. It is supposed to be a public-private partnership. Under the new bylaws we recently adopted each of the five localities will now be able to appoint two representatives, one of which would be a public official and you have appointed me to serve. The other representative would be an economic development appointment. They would prefer someone from our Economic Development Authority to serve on that. Our Chair has agreed to serve in this role if you so desire. We also have private business representatives who serve. One change is that they will be required to invest at least \$2,500.00 to have a seat on the Board. We have two members now from Floyd County that serve on the Board, both of which are very active. I hope they will keep that investment and continue to serve. I told you last month that I had also been appointed to serve as Treasurer on the Executive Committee. If you desire both Mr. Beegle and I would need to be nominated to fill those two Board of Directors roles.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Ms. Terri Morris as Floyd County Public Official representative and appoint Mr. Jon Beegle as the Floyd County Industrial/Economic Development Authority representative to the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors for a two year term effective July 1, 2017.

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Ken Knott, Little River District, said he was here from the County Ridge Estates homeowners. We would like to petition to have our road taken over by the State. I don't know exactly what the process is but I have done some research. I've got some papers on the easements provided so it shouldn't be incredibly difficult to get done. At the moment there is no homeowners association or anything like that maintaining the road. We were fortunate to have an excavating company on the road and they were maintaining it for the last 18 years. It has been around since 2001. With them leaving we are kind of, the rest of us...there are 8 full family homes there and we will be responsible for maintaining that road until the State takes it over. I'll be back on the 25th with the rest of them, but I wanted to get it started today and hopefully talk to VDOT while they are here.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that Mr. Knott had called her about this. Are you familiar with which subdivision this is? It is the subdivision on Rt. 615 just off of Phlegar Hill Road. It is one of those situations where this was a long time ago and it has developed cracks and the homeowners association...the developer goes belly up and we are left with a situation such as this. It is small. It is basically a cul-de-sac. It is a dead end road.

Mr. Knott interjected that it would be a great place for a school bus other than the side of the road.

Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Morris if she had a packet of information on this process?

Ms. Morris replied yes, VDOT will be bringing this packet today for Mr. Knott.

Chairman Clinger explained to Mr. Knott this VDOT packet will let you know what you need to do on your end and the requirements you have to go through for it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said obviously coming to the Public Hearing, but I just wanted to get everybody up to speed on the situation. This is just one of those things we have to keep in mind as we move forward with any kind of subdivision.

Mr. Knott said this has been my first experience with local government and it has been fascinating. I may come to all of these now. Thank you.

Ms. Becky Howell, Burks Fork District, said here I am again with some figures for you. I substituted last week in a culinary arts class. One of their assignments was to read this little booklet about how to apply for a job. And one of the main points in the book was facts tell, stories sell. Unfortunately all I have is facts. I don't have stories. I know you have a very difficult job deciding how to disperse limited resources. I know you probably know these figures, but I wanted to remind you. The average weekly wage in Floyd County is \$575.00. The average weekly wage in Virginia is \$1,057.00. So the people in Floyd County live here because of things other than money, because we don't have money. You just need to keep that in mind as you are preparing your budget. The impression I've gotten is that there probably won't be a budget [tax] increase this year. But if you are spending more than you are actually taking in, that puts us that much closer to another tax increase. I think everybody on social security gets treated the same. I haven't had a raise in three years on my social security. You just need to know that the people of Floyd County don't have money to buy everything we want. We have to focus on the most important needs. Thank you.

The Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed after no further comments from the audience.

Agenda Item 6.c. – Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of New River Health District.

Dr. Bissell introduced herself and said she is the new New River Health District Director. I just started at the end of February so I am a little bit green in my position. Thank you for having me here today. I look forward to continued collaboration and will pick up where Molly O'Dell left off. I know there were some good relationships. It has been interesting sitting here especially with the Social Services.

Obviously the biggest thing facing the Health Department right now is the opioid crisis and the substance use crisis. That affects everybody and the children certainly. But economically it takes away from jobs and productivity. Just all the way around it affects everybody. At the Health Department and the Board of Medicine level we are...I think you

know that Dr. Levine declared it a public health emergency. We have started pilot programs which will not be in the New River district. But hopefully we will pick up pretty soon as far as distributing naloxone which is the antidote essentially for opioid overdose. In 2014 and 2015 for the first time ever opioid overdose deaths surpassed motor vehicle accidents in this state. Yes, it is a city problem, but it is also a rural problem. It is very much linked to socioeconomic status and education levels. Again it all feeds into a vicious cycle. We are in the process now of doing the Revive training and training the trainers so to speak. The Health Department will be actively involved in public training sessions where people can come and learn about opioids and overdoses, the signs and symptoms of someone who is high versus someone who has overdosed, and how to administer the drug. The drug is actually now available. Anyone can go to a pharmacy and get the drug without a prescription. There are no questions asked. We are trying to make this as anonymous as possible. But we are going to increase those and hopefully the Health Department will be a dispensing point for naloxone.

The other thing with the substance abuse crisis, we have also seen an increase in Hepatitis C and other infections related to that. Coming out this summer will also be some pilot programs as far as clean needle distribution for drug users, just so we can cut down on those. We also have to address the underlying issues of why patients have become addicted. Most of it started with legitimate prescriptions for pain medication. And it has just gotten to the point where they have to go on the black market because they can no longer get them or they have to go to injection drugs because it is cheaper. The Board of Medicine is working with physicians requiring continuing medical education credits. There is a lot in the physician community now about prescribing of opioids. Ten years ago the government came out under the push, I guess, of Perdue Pharma that pain is your fifth vital sign. Of course they are the makers of oxycodone which is a very potent narcotic. They misled everybody that this is not an addictive substance. It is very much an addictive substance. In fact, Appalachia really has a major problem, but we all struggle with it. We really have to work at pain and pain management and other ways to control pain because pharmacologically we are very limited. A lot of it is psychosocial. A lot of it stems from home situations. A lot of it stems from coping. We need to get there so that is a big focus.

The other thing that came out recently in our county health rankings from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation talks about vaccination rates. Virginia has fallen to the bottom five in states for vaccinations. That is very concerning. We are seeing vaccine preventable outbreaks. That is very much an education and a trust issue. I really hope to work on this. I think you are aware that we have had two pertussis outbreaks in Floyd. I actually just got the results of a report that our Academic Health Department did. They came and actually spoke to people infected here in Floyd and they spoke with Health Department individuals. We really need to bridge that gap. Virginia is not a state that allows philosophical exemptions to vaccines; we only allow religious exemptions, but in reality most of these are philosophical exemptions. We really need to get down to that. One of the things I really want to do with my new Population Health Coordinator is establish a rapport in the community; establish trust with the community partners and get out there and educate. I actually spoke to Rhonda Burton, who is a nurse-midwife who used to work out here with Dr. Kuiken. She noted that when she brought patients who were refusing to vaccinate their children in and sat down and spoke with them, most of them actually overcame their fears and understood a lot of the myths and started to accept vaccines. We really want to work on that as well because that is another very concerning thing we are seeing – the

reemergence of diseases that we have been keeping at bay due to vaccines. I think a lot of the problem is people nowadays haven't seen that iron lung, haven't seen that person affected by polio, and haven't seen that person die. People have to understand that it is not only protecting their children, but also protecting the children who can't be vaccinated because of an immunodeficiency or cancer and chemotherapy. That is a big focus I want to look into.

Our other programs include our nursing program. I know we were talking about SNAP benefits. We notice that a lot of people who have SNAP benefits underutilize our WIC program. So for our nursing services we are going to try to get more of our maternity care out with the Montgomery and Carilion OB/GYNs. Our nurses are really going to focus on our baby care programs and also case managing, getting out and doing the home visits, helping to assure compliance, and getting those patients also enrolled in WIC. That way they will get the maximum benefits for those children.

Population health is a big focus and we look at the health pyramid. Health is not just the absence of disease. It is a whole pyramid and at the very bottom is socioeconomic. We really have to make inroads to that and obviously there is a limited amount we can do, but education and getting people off of the drugs, back to work, and getting people to where they can qualify for jobs. That is all economics there. Then we have the regulatory and trying to get people vaccinated. There are reasons for that and we are trying to get through those philosophical objections. Then we get into behavioral and talking about living a healthy lifestyle and diet. We have the garden right here at the Floyd County Health Department. We really want to increase the use of that. We are teaching and getting out and spreading the word about healthy eating and exercise. Southwest Virginia, if you look at the numbers, life expectancy is significantly lower than other areas in the state. That is directly attributable to a lot of behavioral things like tobacco use is higher here in this area. Again, it is an education thing. Inactivity. Chronic diseases. We really have to get with our diabetics and chronic disease management. We really have to get out, so partnering with our local hospitals but also with our local providers because they know their communities. Our resources in the community might be partners. That is what I have been doing last month is getting out and getting to know people and developing a little plan on where I want to see things going.

We want to get much more involved in our schools and education, because I think it all starts there. Tobacco cessation – Virginia Tech runs a wonderful tobacco-free hokies program and they've seen tremendous success at the middle school levels so kids don't go on and start using tobacco and other substances. Because we know that once they start using tobacco they start using other substances too. We need to address teen pregnancy. Again we need to get into our schools and really focus on that. We have numbers and data that shows that 2/3 of our high school students have had sexual intercourse by the time they graduate. Again it is an education issue. It goes back to economics. When these young girls become pregnant, they are less likely to graduate, they are less likely to get education, and then they can't go on and contribute to jobs. And what kind of life does the child have? We are trying to focus on all of those things as well.

We do the nursing home screenings so we have a nurse out here that does the local nursing home screenings and we are very involved in doing home visits. Environmental health – we have somebody out here who does the well and septic inspections. We do the restaurant inspections. We are trying to really maximize my Academic Health Department relationships,

because using those students I can get basically free work. They all have practicum hours, 120 hours required and I don't have to pay for that. They are also a great tie to getting grants and so much of what we do is related to grant funding to help us with these initiatives we have. Those are my plans in a nutshell.

I understand you wanted to hear a little bit about budgets. To go back on the numbers that I have been given from 2016 f in the Floyd division we had a budget deficit of \$18,941.00. For 2016 the local match provided was \$103,189.00 and the state match was \$207,977.00. Coming forward to 2017 from 2016 the budget deficit was down to only \$458.63. Our local match percentage was 33% at \$100,000.00 and our state match was 67% at \$201,550.00. Revenue projection for this year is about \$96,000.00. For 2018 we have asked for an increase to \$109,327.00 which would give us a state match of \$220,349.00. This request is mainly to try and keep our office here open five days a week. Currently our Floyd Office is only open four days a week. Our positions there which include an Office Specialist, a Public Health Nurse, and an Environmental Health are funded at 80% through Floyd. We would like to get the office open five days a week and 100% funding for those positions. That is what the request for increase comes from. I know you have limited funds and everybody is trying to draw for that money. We are hoping that we can make a difference with a lot of these other issues of education issues and substance abuse issues with the additional resources.

Chairman Clinger said that was the main thing the Board was curious about. If we increased it to \$109,000.00 was it set in stone that it would be open five days a week.

Dr. Bissell yes, it would be 100% funding for those positions here in Floyd and the office would be open five days a week.

Chairman Clinger said it sounds like you are bringing a lot of new initiatives in and re-energizing the department.

Dr. Bissell replied she hoped so. There are a lot of opportunities and a lot of good things and hopefully some fresh eyes. The Academic Health Department is a great thing and I think we can do a lot more with it as far as getting more for our dollars. We do have these wonderful students who have to do 120 hours. We can't pay them, but they have a lot of good things to offer us. We are really hoping to optimize that. They are also a tremendous source of grant funding. On the environmental side we can't really get a lot of grant money so we really need to pay outright for that. There are a lot of changes in the environmental side with the restaurant inspections and onsite sewage inspections and privatizing that with the Health Department taking more of an oversight role. My hope is that we can get more grant funding to cover a lot of these other things that we are doing and then use the money we have to put into our other programs. It all goes into that health pyramid. Health is not just wellness or the absence of infirmity. It is environmental. It is behavioral. It is socioeconomic. It is psychosocial. It is genetics. There is so much that goes into public health.

Supervisor Yoder said it seems like addiction is such a problem in southwest Virginia.

Dr. Bissell replied not just here, but it is. It is interesting again because the pharmaceutical company really misled everybody that it was not an addictive substance.

Physicians and pharmacists were screeching. Unfortunately even today if you look at the way health care is driven, you have corporate medicine taking over. Private practices are going by the wayside. Corporations are buying everything out. They are very much patient satisfaction driven. Patient satisfaction surveys even today ask if your doctor adequately treated your pain. We have put in this expectation management that we are going to make your pain totally go away, which is not realistic for people with chronic pain. Think about it, we all get aches and pains. There are other ways to deal with it, but the pharmaceutical companies are able to advertise on television. We are very much a pill to make it better society. We need to get back to some of our old-fashioned things. We need to get back to exercise, meditation, and general well-being. We have studies. We have the data that people who are doing better have more engagement and are more productive in their lives. They manage their pain better. Most of the people who become addicted are on a prescription for pain management. Just in the health professions, surgeons no one ever taught them about prescribing pain control after surgery. Most of them used to prescribe 2-4 weeks of narcotics and people would continue to take those. We now know that probably 3-5 days and certainly 7 days is the maximum that most people need without transitioning off of narcotic pain medications. It is bad. You have people coming in requesting these drugs by name and obviously requesting them by their street name. It is an education issue. We really need to start at a young age, unfortunately. These children are getting exposed at very early ages. You just had your talk about the foster care situations. When a child has to call 911 because Mom and Dad have overdosed, we have a huge wakeup call there. So we need to get into the schools and educate. We really do.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there was a very large presence in our schools back in the late 1990s and early 2000s. I would like to see that increase again. It is a pleasure for you to come.

Dr. Bissell said I want to meet with the Superintendent and the School Board and get out to the communities. I think we can do a lot. I really do. There are wonderful curricula out there. Thank you for having me. I really appreciate it. I look forward to working together and hopefully we will do some good things.

Agenda Item 7.d. – Appointment to the Ninth District Development Financing, Inc. Board of Directors, two year term, effective June 1, 2017.

Ms. Morris explained that we only received one letter of interest for this appointment. The appointment was advertised.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Mr. Leon Moore to the Ninth District Development Financing, Inc. Board of Directors for a two year term effective June 1, 2017.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.e. – Treasurer’s Office request for permission to purge BAI system cash register files through 2011.

Ms. Morris stated that the Treasurer requests permission to purge the paid real estate and personal property tax information through 2011. This is one of the little quirks in State law that she has to ask your permission

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request of Floyd County Treasurer Melissa M. Keith to destroy office records, specifically by purging from the BAI system cash register files paid real estate and personal property tax information through 2011.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.g. – Resolution of Floyd County Board of Supervisors Approving Loan to Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority as Represented by Authority’s Issuance of a Subordinate Revenue Bond in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000.

Ms. Morris said that legal counsel has prepared this resolution for you. This would be to approve the loan for the PSA waterline improvements. As you recall the loan is for \$400,000.00 with 1% interest and a 20-year term. We do not have a closing date yet. The PSA meets Thursday night.

Chairman Clinger said he believes it is on the agenda for that night.

Ms. Morris said they also have the resolution to adopt.

Chairman Clinger said I think we are hoping to have closing before July 1 so it is on our books as we start a new fiscal year.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution of Floyd County Board of Supervisors Approving Loan to Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority as Represented by Authority’s Issuance of a Subordinate Revenue Bond in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000 (Document File Number 896).

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 6.e. – Mr. Chris Price, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Price said I want to tell you about maintenance and some projects I want to go over. As far as maintenance is concerned, I've talked to our guys and looked at what they've done. There has been a lot of machining on gravel roads and pothole patching. A lot of the patching you may see on roads that do not have potholes is getting ready for paving work that will be getting done, surface treatment and slurry seal. You will see them patching on roads in front of that. There is a lot of brush cutting. We've brought a mow-trim over into the county. We are doing a lot of that, just general brush cutting. You may have seen Asplundh doing tree removal on Route 8. I think they are close to the town limit. We did that all the way through from Montgomery County and brought them on this way to the Floyd town limits. We are doing some pipe replacement. We have done a lot of work on Thunderstruck Road, ditching and pipe replacement. We have a safety project out there where we are doing a curve improvement where you turn right from the bridge and go to the gravel section. We are going to flatten that curve out so people can see a little better. So we have a lot of different maintenance activities.

On the project side we have several different construction projects going on right now. We started on the sidewalk at the high school. I went up and looked at it the other day. It looks like it will be nice. David [Clarke] is going to get with you on how far you want to extend it up. Right now we are just doing from the road up to the first entrance. Once we get to the top of the hill, then we will look at what we've done and see what you would like to do. It looks like it is going to turn out well.

We've started construction on Vaughns Mill Road. We are cutting trees this week. We will start putting in some pipe later this week. We are looking for around a July completion date when we will try to surface treat it. Everyone out there has worked well with us.

One thing I wanted to mention on Route 653 we have some money, around \$1.1 million, that we have put towards a curve project. We had a fatality and we need to straighten out that curve. The money was not enough to do the project we wanted to do. We applied for a Smartscale project to get some additional funding, but it did not qualify. So we have backed out of that project a little bit. We are not going to be able to do the curve project so we will have to discuss at some point what you want. We have some money available.

Supervisor Yoder asked if a guardrail could be put there?

Mr. Price responded yes, there are several things that we can do. We just found out that it did not make the cut. We are going to have to go back and get with you and see what you want to do with that additional money. Do we want to do something there? Do we want to do something on another road?

Chairman Clinger asked if it can be moved over to put additional guardrails or does it have to stay in construction?

Mr. Price answered it can go to guardrails or it can be moved to a completely new project. On that type of funding – I talked to our Richmond office – and it seems that most of the money can be put on any project. It can be put on a secondary [road]. It can be put on a primary project. It's federal money and can be moved anywhere in the county. That is something that we will probably come back to. I've got the money sitting there.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if it can be used on that project for guardrails or on another project for guardrails? We could spread it around. We just had another kind of serious accident on Christiansburg Pike heading northbound. I'm not sure of the condition of the individual. Lifeguard 10 landed and he had to be extricated. How he survived, it is really a miracle. Of course, there has been a fatality in that area. If you meet somebody in a truck coming around those turns, you really don't have any place to go. It is a jarring experience. I can attest to that.

Mr. Price replied we can look at combining several routes and do some different things. We have that money sitting there and it is not allocated to anything. I don't know if you have seen them around but our Traffic Engineering division, we talked to them and they put a lot of effort lately into looking at downtown Floyd. We have some options and some improvements we can make for pedestrians. I had them look at just downtown Floyd in general, concentrating on the intersection and then moving outward. They've come up with a couple of options on a few things they have seen that might help. I spoke to Terri [Morris] about this and I would like to get the County involved. We could probably set up a meeting and discuss what the needs and concerns are and have our Traffic Engineering group come down. We would be able to sit together and discuss it and make sure everyone is going in the right direction if we move forward in developing a project. I will probably be setting that up in the next 2-3 weeks.

Chairman Clinger asked if they were just going to bring their people in at a regular meeting?

Mr. Price responded we could do that.

Ms. Morris said we just thought with a committee maybe to start. You might want to serve since that is your district primarily too.

Chairman Clinger said since it is going to be affecting the Town if we want to bring them in.

Ms. Morris agreed that they had talked about that too.

Chairman Clinger suggested coming to the Joint Subcommittee because that affects EDA with the flow of traffic.

Supervisor Yoder added they could help figure out what we want to do.

Mr. Price said we need at least to get a scope of work. Once we determine the direction we are going on whether we are looking at doing some improvements to the road, improvements to the sidewalks, or the push button, I think we definitely want to bring the business owners in. We can have a public meeting. In talking to our Traffic Engineering group there are a lot of different ways you can go. We want to make sure that you all are served. We don't want to go off on our own and do it.

Chairman Clinger suggested getting with the Mayor and finding out if there is a time when he and another member of the Town Council and a couple of Supervisors can meet and get the preliminary part worked out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said ultimately it is the safety of our citizens and visitors at that intersection that is driving all of this.

Mr. Price explained that they gave us a few basic things and then they looked and said you could do some things that I don't know if everybody would be on board with. That is what we asked them to do. I want you to be involved. If we determine that we have a project, then we need to talk about funding and how we are going to go about that and some different avenues there. They spent several days up here looking at it. We will move forward from there. I think we are going in a good direction. I think it is a good project. We just have to figure out what we want to do.

The last thing I will mention on the project side is we have a consultant design contract in place and we are going to have a consultant out of Blacksburg on some of our smaller projects, which will accelerate them quite a bit. The hope is that we have some projects that will either be built this year or we will go to advertisement and we will construct them next year. Included in the seven projects that we submitted to them to work on in this first wave of projects, four of them will be in Floyd. We are looking at New Haven Road, Diamond Knob Road, Roger Road and another one. I wanted to mention that. Floyd has some money available, actually more than some of the other counties for road construction. The majority of the projects submitted were for Floyd. Next year could be a good year. There should be a lot of work going on if everything goes well. The goal is to have everything advertised by this fall.

Supervisor Gerald said he had been after VDOT for a long time to get the really rough spots on Indian Valley Road. It looks like they put the little white line with the arrows on it so that means they are going to pave it, right?

Mr. Price confirmed that two different sections of Indian Valley Road that connect to sections that got paved last year are getting paved this year. They are in Pulaski County now and are coming this way.

Supervisor Gerald said say no more. That is great. How long before you start the paving?

Mr. Price said when we put it out to contract I always hate to give a date because the contractor, and it is Adams, they give us a two week look ahead. I understand the construction side of it and it usually changes two or three times in the two week look ahead. They are in Christiansburg residency now. They just finished Giles and they are going to Pulaski. I am going to push them to just finish ours out, but contractually I can't force them to.

Supervisor Gerald asked if they will finish it before it snows?

Mr. Price said I think the completion date is October, but my hope is they will come on this way.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she appreciated getting the patching work on Franklin Pike. Christiansburg Pike is getting cracked and there is also an area collecting a lot of water. It has never done that before. It is almost like it needs to be reditched. There is a ponding of water going on. There are some springs that come off the side, but I have never seen this much water being held. The only other item that was brought to my attention is Ken [Knott] with the development issue.

Vice Chairman Turman said I've had some people voice concern about the guardrail you put up at Mira Fork. The bridge used to be a blind spot, but now with the guardrail in it hides motorcycles. I don't know what it is about that little straight stretch, but they really turn it on through there. I don't know any way to fix it, except that drivers need to pay more attention.

Mr. Price replied that we will look at it.

Vice Chairman Turman said the people on Vaughns Mill Road really appreciate the work done out there. I have to give high praise to the gentleman who negotiated with the landowners. He handled it well.

Mr. Price said I guess you know that you have a new Superintendent. Larry Chaffin retired two or three weeks ago. Ricky Nichols has taken his place. Darrell Hollandsworth has moved into the Supervisor role as well as Gary Nester. You have some good crews; you really do. You have two good area headquarters.

Supervisor Yoder said he didn't have anything other than to thank him for all the work being done.

Chairman Clinger said we were talking about Shawsville Pike and I was down there the other day and in one section the guardrail is knocked over. I have a letter from a homeowner on Lumber Lane and I will give you that letter.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said guardrails on high traffic roads get more attention, because people see them and call them in. On Pilot Mountain you should just keep guardrails out there. You put a new one up and in a week a tractor-trailer takes it out.

Mr. Price said they are coming out with new standards for guardrails. They are really looking at where you put them and what qualifies. They are really tightening up on that. They are looking for 4' shoulders, which we don't have in a lot of areas. It is changing a little bit.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out that if you have a 4' shoulder then you don't even need the guardrail. With a 4' shoulder there is plenty of room to get over. The problem is when there isn't any shoulder at all and you are down in the hole.

Mr. Price explained that it is a new MASH standard. We will be working through that. We will see how all of that works out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the person who lives on Christiansburg Pike is willing to give you the entire bank so you can do whatever you want. Her son's best friend died in a

motorcycle accident there a couple of years back. She is willing to give you the entire hillside to straighten it out and put 4' shoulders.

Mr. Price replied any safety project is money well spent.

Vice Chairman Turman said he likes the reflectors on the ends of the new guardrails so you can see them, especially when it is foggy.

Agenda Item 6.f. – Mr. Mark Bolt, Building Official – Discussion of tent fees.

Ms. Morris said we talked a little bit in the budget process about the tent fees, so I thought I would have Mr. Bolt come and talk to you.

Mr. Bolt provided a handout of information he gathered regarding tent fees. Mr. Bolt explained that he figured out his hourly pay rate including benefits and the mileage costs for one trip out and back to inspect a tent. I rounded up to a \$100.00 fee plus tax. That is just my opinion.

The back page of the handout shows what tent fees were collected last year from tent permits. If we issued the same number of permits with the new tent fee the difference would be \$630.00.

Chairman Clinger said it would be a flat rate instead of looking at the square footage.

Mr. Bolt agreed that is what it would be. Basically the Code requires permits for tents over 900 sq. ft. or occupancy over 50. When I go out there I look at the location and make sure it is not under large power lines. That was the reason the Boy Scouts got killed a few years ago in northern Virginia. I make sure it has the labelling on the tent that it is flame retardant. I make sure they don't enclose it. One year one of the activities put the skirting all the way around the tent and left one little exit. That is not good. You need more exits out. I haven't had any trouble with the customers, except one time not wanting to pay but that got taken care of.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if he made sure they had covering for poles?

Mr. Bolt replied no, most stakes are at a 45 degree angle and mushroomed out and they have ropes tied all the way around them.

Supervisor Yoder said this would actually be a reduction.

Mr. Bolt agreed and said the complaints he gets are the fee. I'm sure that is what you have heard also.

Chairman Clinger stated we still don't want to lose money on having you go out there to inspect.

Mr. Bolt said I was asked to give my opinion and there it is. Whatever you choose to do I will be happy to do it.

Vice Chairman Turman said he heard on the news about another bouncy house accident. Is there a state code or something?

Mr. Bolt replied there is a state code that covers bouncy houses. We've had several. I come in on Saturday and inspect these bouncy houses. The state addressed that in the 2012 edition if I am correct. They have to be inspected. They have to be yearly inspected by a certified amusement inspector. They have to be labelled. They have to have the sticker or paperwork with them. The state only allows us to charge \$35.00 per bouncy house. I go out and make sure they have been staked down, hooked up to GFCI, and on a level area. I give the people running the carnival or event paperwork stating how to judge wind speed. Most of them are required to be deflated at a 20 mph wind speed. That is when you see the wind moving in the trees. You have to deflate them because they will take off.

Vice Chairman Turman said a lot of people have them for birthday parties.

Mr. Bolt answered if you want to rent one for your grandkids, there is no code. It is only when it is for commercial use. If I remember correctly 12 kids died in a 10 year period. There have been over 3,000 hospital incidents.

Chairman Clinger said if we decide to reduce the fee we will do it later on today as part of the budget process.

Agenda Item 6.g. – Deputy Jamie Brook, Animal Control – Discussion of FY18 budget request.

Deputy Brooke explained that he was here to talk about the budget request he submitted for the pound. He handed out the section of the Virginia Administrative Code that deals with Public and Private Animal Shelters and the Animal Facility Inspection Form. These are the pertinent codes that changed last fall for shelter management. The main cause of the changes was to make private shelters and public shelters conform to the same standard. But in with this, they've changed some of the regulations on how we are going to have to do things. Any animal that we have in the shelter at this point, especially if they are under the holding period, the state says they cannot be on a wet or even a damp surface. We have a 12-run facility so as long as we have less than 6 dogs, this doesn't create an issue. We can change them from one side to the other to clean and move them daily. If we have more than 12 dogs, we have to play checkers with them. We have to move them, clean, and wait for the area to completely dry before we can move another dog into the area we cleaned. Then we shuffle again. This affects us particularly because of the outside runs, because if they are even calling for rain...Harvey [Waddell] went to training in Wytheville with VDACS [Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services] last week. Now if it is even calling for rain, we have to lock them on the inside of the shelter. We can no longer leave them out. That means overnight we have to lock them inside.

Supervisor Yoder asked you can't even give them the option to go out?

Deputy Brooke confirmed if it is even calling for rain, we can't.

Supervisor Yoder asked you couldn't have a covered space for them with the option to go out if they wanted to?

Deputy Brooke agreed. In this training they also mentioned they are now going to look at heat on outside runs. So on very hot days we can't leave them on the outside of the shelter. We have to bring them in. Our shelter doesn't have air conditioning in its current state. They are going to hit me for that if it is a really hot day and an inspector comes in.

Chairman Clinger asked is that heat or heat index?

Deputy Brooke replied heat itself. They talked about heat and humidity at the training. I wasn't there for it but Harvey [Waddell] was and he brought me all of the literature and presentations. We are going to run into issues with it. This new shelter proposal we brought in will completely eliminate all of these problems. If the shelter is enclosed, it will have a heat pump so it will have heat and air year round. We will be able to keep the dogs anywhere within the shelter. Attached to that page I gave you with the definitions, I highlighted on there what they are starting to push. The second page is the VDACS inspection form. This is the form the inspector from the state uses when they come in and inspect us. They changed that form this year to go with the new law. They are saying the heat, the dryness, are all in there.

Another issue that came up last week in that training is the flooring in shelters. The County spent a lot of money three or four years ago to redo the floors in the shelter. The floors that were put in were textured so they wouldn't be slick. Now that texturing is going to be considered porous and holding the water. They are very hard to dry at this point. We are probably going to have to look at having the floors, just the epoxy, redone on the top of them to make them a smooth surface. Then they can be squeegeed and damp dried and will dry a lot quicker. This would apply to the runs themselves, where we keep the dogs. We wouldn't have to do the center portion of the shelter or the feed room. It will have to be something that we look at. The inspector has not been pleased in the past over the textured floors. It was not in code so she could not enforce anything about it. But the way they changed this code, it may become an issue for us. I spoke to Kenny [Cox, Maintenance Supervisor] last year about this. I have not gotten to speak to him in the last few days. He was going to check and see how much the epoxy would cost. He told me he was there when the floors were installed. He would be able to redo the epoxy on the floors. I don't know what the epoxy costs so that is an expense we weren't planning on. It came up in the last week.

As far as the shelter itself, I have plans that Mark [Bolt] drew up that I would be glad to leave with you if you would like to look at them at your leisure. They show how he was structuring the shelter. Originally we only looked at changing the roof on the shelter to enclose the outside runs. That changed as we were looking at it. Mark [Bolt] explained that it would be more cost efficient to do everything at once, rather than in stages. Now with the new rules about temperature and heat it will probably be the better option. The money for the shelter improvements, Mark [Bolt] has not put anything out on bid. When I talked to him, he said to present you with \$60,000.00 for the shelter improvements. He is hopeful that it will come in between \$45,000.00 and \$50,000.00. But until he actually gets the bids, he said to plan a little high. In our current budget we have a \$12,000.00 line item that is set up for roof replacement where we were already looking at this. We also had a capital outlay line for pound improvement

for \$6,000.00 that we haven't touched. There would be \$18,000.00 toward the \$60,000.00. I know in the budget itself I put in for \$60,000.00, but we do have that \$18,000.00 in the current year budget that could go towards it.

Chairman Clinger said that \$6,000.00 you have might go toward the epoxy. But you don't know the timeframe when you will get the roof?

Deputy Brooke replied correct. I talked to Terri [Morris] about it yesterday. If we go with this project we will probably have to close the shelter. They are going to have to completely remove the existing roof. The shelter will probably have to close for a time. I've spoken to Mr. Bolt. He is going to put it in the contract that they have to leave us six runs that we can use. But I don't know if that is going to be feasible. We'll see if it is. If not we are going to be looking at a shutdown of the shelter for several weeks for them to replace this. When he looked at the truss structure in the shelter, it was all homemade trusses and it wasn't conducive to them just to be able to expand the trusses to enclose. Everything is going to have to be replaced.

Vice Chairman Turman asked what will be done with the dogs if you have to close?

Deputy Brooke answered that he asked Harvey [Waddell] what they did when the floors were redone. They shut the shelter down for one or two weeks. At that point they simply did not pick anything up except for bite cases or something you had to by state law. They wouldn't accept strays or owner surrenders. We can look at that option. Montgomery County just opened a new shelter. I haven't been able to speak to Eileen, their shelter manager. They have an increased capacity. I will talk to her, if this is what you would like, to see if they will be willing to house animals for us, but there will probably be a per day per dog cost for that.

Ms. Morris said we have done that with Patrick County, in the past too, when we've had to do repairs. We don't want to do the floors now and then come back and do the other improvements.

Deputy Brooke said even if we enclosed one part of the shelter and left the other open, when they come in and do the improvements to the shelter, if they drop a hammer and bust the floor we have to go back and refix it. It makes more sense to do it all at once.

Deputy Brooke explained that the other big item in the shelter budget is two vehicles. The major thing that I need to point out is that now the trucks that are assigned to me and Deputy Bolen aren't just Animal Control vehicles. These are Sheriff's Office response vehicles. They need to be in the shape to handle emergency response driving. The Ford Explorer we have that Harvey [Waddell] uses was given to the shelter by Sheriff Craig so we didn't have to purchase a third vehicle. It is an older vehicle, a 2000 model, but it only has 94,000 miles on it as of April 1. For a part time person this vehicle is acceptable for several years to come unless a major breakdown were to happen. The Chevrolet truck we have is a 2001 model so it is 16 years old and as of April 1 has 238,242 miles on it. As an Animal Control vehicle it has served its purpose. As an emergency response vehicle there is a liability as to the wear and tear on that vehicle. That vehicle, fortunately, is a lower maintenance vehicle. It doesn't cost us an

incredible amount to run in maintenance. But the mileage and the age are making it to the point we need to consider replacing it.

The 2006 Ford that I drive is another story. It has 173,856 miles on it as of April 1. It is 11 years old. This vehicle is a continuing problem to keep running. In the information I gave you with the original proposal the vehicle had stalled out 41 times in two weeks of work. We spent a little over \$2,600.00 on it at the first of the year; about \$1,400.00 of it was at Shelor's. We took it in with the expectation that they weren't going to fix it, but only complete all the problems that the computer said it had so they could find out what was wrong with it. It is still dying, but not as frequently as it was. It died on me three times yesterday. I worked the midnight shift for the Sheriff's Office on Saturday night. We were very busy with active calls and I was running this car with blue lights at emergency response speed. If it were to shut down on me doing that, we are going to have a liability issue. It's not just me but also the people I am meeting on the road, because if it goes down there are no power brakes and no power steering. Between the Chevrolet and the Ford with maintenance and repairs since January 1, the two vehicles have been in the shop 11 working days. We don't have a spare vehicle for Animal Control. The Sheriff's Office allows us to use the vehicle but we can't transport animals in it. Not having a spare vehicle with the amount of time they are in the shop is very inconvenient. We have to switch out vehicles for the on call person. We do what we can. We manage it. But it is not the best situation.

Two new vehicles for us equipped with the camper tops we are required to have, one of the dog boxes in the truck is usable again. The other one is not. Both of them are homemade, but they need to be replaced. The dog boxes are a little over \$700.00 apiece. It is something we are going to have to look at with this. Estimated replacement cost for two vehicles is \$74,296.06. These are estimates. Some of the prices I got have come back a little lower when I got requests and some came back a little higher. That amount will be close.

Supervisor Yoder said that was a very thorough explanation. It was one of the better presentations we had in our budget. I appreciate all the information.

Deputy Brooke said I did not put anything into the budget that we did not need. The vehicles and shelter improvements are needs. There was a little bit of change on a few of the other line items in the budget. I think the changes were about \$5,000.00 other than these two things. I will leave you the shelter plans that Mr. Bolt prepared. If you have questions on them Mr. Bolt would be the better person to explain those.

Vice Chairman Turman said I hear good comments about the shelter.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the Humane Society sings your praises.

Deputy Brooke responded we have a good working relationship with them.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is what we have heard.

Ms. Morris said Jamie [Brooke] has done an excellent job.

Supervisor Yoder said you took this on and have taken a certain level of pride in making it work. You have a lot of calls that you run. And the partnership with the Sheriff's Office where you back them up, it has been really good for the County.

Deputy Brooke said I enjoy it.

Chairman Clinger said you have brought a level of professionalism to the department that was sorely needed and welcomed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed out that it happened at the right time with all the new regulations going in. I can't imagine what we would be facing right now had we not made this change.

Ms. Morris said the whole relationship with the Sheriff's Office has worked out wonderfully.

Supervisor Yoder said the good working relationship with the Sheriff and the other Constitutional Officers is so much better here than other places. We have some good people.

Agenda Item 8. - Closed Session – Real Property §2.2-3711 A. 3 and Prospective Business or Industry §2.2-3711 A. 5.

On a motion made by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 3., Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 5., Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

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

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, 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 Real Property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 and Prospective Business or Industry in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.5 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 – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 9. – Work session on proposed FY18 budget.

The Board of Supervisors continued to look line-by-line at department requests for FY18. At the Board's request Ms. Morris contacted Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent of Floyd County Public Schools, and asked him if he was available to attend the budget work session.

Chairman Clinger thanked Dr. Wheeler for coming to the budget work session. We have hit everywhere except the schools and we are still \$800,000.00 in the red. The school put in a pretty good request this year, about \$600,000.00 more.

Dr. Wheeler said that is not correct. The \$600,000.00 is from some of the additional funds. The local funds are only \$305,000.00.

Supervisor Yoder said I see the other increase is from the State.

Dr. Wheeler said yes, and the local funds are specific to \$305,000.00. I talked to Wanda [Combs, Editor of The Floyd Press] that was pulled from the wrong place. She is going to put a reprint in the newspaper. I know what you have struggled with. We are well behind, and I think you would hear that from any educational consultant that knows the State of Virginia, because it is a short time since the recession. When the playing field evened up, which is after 2012 and the offerings, there are two things that happened. Technology took off and businesses took off. The way the State wants graduates to be has changed and it is culminating next year so it is easy to get behind. We are well behind with that. The other negative here, Darin [Boothe, Finance

Director] and I looked at three or four years and there is a heck of a lot of carryover every year. There is a heck of a lot of not used funds. You don't want that to happen.

We are looking at a six year plan and I really broke it down to three. The last thing I added was the nurse purely to get us to a point. Next year looking at it you can't keep increasing. Next year it would be nothing because we need another year to rework the internal ways that we put our resources. Money is one of them. We have to keep reworking that. The six year planning committee is the other way. That is where the biggest thing goes. That is where our biggest need to improve goes.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she assumes they are already starting to rework...

Dr. Wheeler said I will be happy to show you anything I do. I told Terri [Morris] I already have another spreadsheet. We will be beyond this in our needs. I am going to have to find \$65,000.00 and that is out-of-pocket for another position for our special needs kids coming up. Carrie Dalton does a great job and she made me aware of this. We are probably going to have to add a special education teacher at the high school. The number of kids that are exiting as seniors and the number that are coming in are way disproportionate. We have that position that I am already working on. We look at outgoing salaries and incoming salaries. We don't have a whole lot of turnover this year, but there will be some. We have to look at that. We are just keeping our fingers crossed that it is to the black. That is the overall and believe me I understand the bottom line. There really is not a priority list at all. This is a six year plan with three years of hard financial. I'm hoping next year we'll be able to add a CTE teacher, but not need any money. The next year I am hoping to add another teacher but not need any extra funds.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you are looking at where the money is being spent.

Dr. Wheeler agreed absolutely. This year you can see the list and really on page 11 of the booklet, when I added the nurse position, who will both teach and be a school nurse, it is out-of-pocket to us over \$1,064,000.00. The difference in local funding is \$305,000.00. The difference in other funding is \$357,000.00. That is the \$600,000.00. We were fortunate because of the stability to not get killed in our federal programs. Some localities got nailed. We don't have a lot in; to be honest \$100,000.00 is not a lot in federal programs. We are just very fortunate because of the stability. The \$305,000.00 is the local. I can't make promises or anything but next year the plan is not to do anything or ask for anything. I want to come back ten, fifteen, or whatever years and I don't want to see any decision I made have a negative effect. The other thing is those kids are seniors one time. It is hard to wait on educational things; it is easy to wait on facilities and other things. Instructional is where we have to catch up. To do it quick at a decent pace that is what this budget is.

Chairman Clinger said he knows a long term goal for some of the School Board members was to redo the actual pay scales.

Dr. Wheeler replied two things on next year's is that CTE position, which I hope to absorb, and we have to find the mechanics on the pay scales. Darin [Boothe], Janet [Harris, Payroll Specialist] and I have started looking. We will look at that. None of that is a year-long thing. I have told the Board if we do anything I want it to be absorbed within what we have. You can do it. I don't know the enormity of doing it. I know it can get big if you don't do it

right. You know that too. If you start adding 2% here, we are not even to the point of working with dollars. We have to see how we want the scale to work and the supplements we give now how those work in because you may not need those levels. You just make them work in or do you do a hybrid? But even with that the saving grace is that it is a four to five year process.

Chairman Clinger said we were thinking if it was coming up we needed to start planning for it.

Dr. Wheeler responded next year the plan is to absorb it. We are only going to work with a group and the group is based on classifications on a pay scale so if you can just work a little bit on each one of those. The 2% raise gets us to comparative. We compared two different things: school divisions that had the same composite index which means their economy is about the same and we compared locally. We are pretty much at the bottom. I think there are about nine composites and we are eight, nine, and seven. You look at the categories of first year teacher, 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years. We are at the bottom there, but I don't think you need to be at the top. I understood the 2% raise I wouldn't have pushed it, though I am all for teachers, if I didn't think that was part of the instructional plan here. You lay off on it year two and absorb what you can and year three you absorb what you can. Then with the six year plan and what we are doing there, which is a whole other pot of money with facility needs for that, and things are lining up like I said. Right now we need to absorb those positions to build to that part. A lot of this is not just to improve; a lot of this is to get what we need for this year with the kids we have coming up. Education is terrible timing. We'll go into the summer and still not know. School systems all the time have to add another class. We're in the same boat because we are not sitting there with 10-12 kids in a classroom. We are sitting there with 20-25 and all of a sudden you get 6 more and have 30. I think we'll be fine with that. I already know we have to add one position.

Chairman Clinger said what I was getting at, the scales are something your Board and this Board made an effort several years back trying to push the scales up. The 2%, yes it is needed, but for the average teacher it is \$13.00 more a week at the most. Where if we can do something substantial on a scale where they can...

Dr. Wheeler replied I think they are both part of the same thing. We looked at that too. I think we have to get the bottom line because then what is going to happen is you can fix it and it is still not going to be. Because where we sit right now, we are at the bottom on both of those comparisons. You can't keep throwing 2% I know that, but this 2% would do some significant things to get us to a starting point to start changing the scale. And you can't throw significant money at changing the whole scale. It is four to five years easily. Until we get into it I won't know. We'll look at the mechanisms. Teachers will have input. We'll look at what other school divisions did and let you see it. I think we have to get to a starting point. I don't think you can keep working to a starting point, but when you get mid-range that 2% will help us do that. If we get mid-range in the two comparison areas that is a starting point. Numbers are tricky. Numbers are fickle. We start at the bottom and you change your scale, you'll still be at the bottom. But if we can get to the middle and it just so happened this year the 2% will get us to the middle. Believe me I wish I could come in and say keep a million

Chairman Clinger said I'll just take \$800,000.00. I don't even need \$1 million.

Dr. Wheeler asked what about the carryover? Timmy [Cox, Maintenance Supervisor] and I have a good extensive maintenance plan to maintain our buildings especially when we start building a new one. The carryover is substantial. We're looking at a few capital improvements for the community areas. Later on those will come up. But I can look at the carryover and that \$305,000.00 right now I can say safely, we can give you \$305,000.00 back this year, because the carryover is still too much this year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how much is it?

Dr. Wheeler answered we sit down at the end of each month. Right now we are probably, and this is including those other ones, we are probably over \$400,000.00. Even with those capital improvements which won't hit this fund, it is the existing fund; you are probably still talking that you can write that \$305,000.00 off coming up pretty soon. The capital improvement fund the last time I looked, when we did this we were good. When we had the red items that were two years, we were good and had more than enough in case all of those red items went down. There was enough there to help to protect it.

Ms. Ryan asked are you saying we could take \$305,000.00 off of Operations and Maintenance category and use the capital fund?

Dr. Wheeler replied not the one line, when all of it is done with all of those lines it would be a one-time thing, because when our capital improvements come over I would say easily \$305,000.00 and probably the mid-\$300,000.00 when it is all said and done.

Supervisor Yoder said you could also put some money over on the revenue side. There is the possibility you could use carryover money for operational this year is what you are suggesting.

Dr. Wheeler asked for the capital improvement?

Chairman Clinger said our original intent was we didn't want carryover used for operations so we put it in the capital fund.

Dr. Wheeler said that is what we are seeing here.

Chairman Clinger said I think what you are saying at the end of the year you might have about \$400,000.00. You could put \$100,000.00 of it toward the capital and give the County back some to use on the operations side.

Dr. Wheeler said the purpose of that is now we have a long-term maintenance plan. Now you are not going to get surprised. Now we can say here is the red zone and there is \$225,000.00. I don't know exactly what it came to; I have added it up. We can say by professional standards that is all you are going to need. Now all of a sudden you can do what you said more comfortably.

Chairman Clinger said where we put the money in last year and allowed you to start building that program and attacking the red items and knowing that in the future that \$100,000.00 should carry that through.

Dr. Wheeler said we are looking at, for example, sectional boilers at Indian Valley and at Floyd Elementary because that is the only way you can put them in and get them in the space. There is one section of them down and we were looking at replacing those which wouldn't be astronomical, probably \$3,000.00-\$4,000.00 a pop with everything done. Timmy [Cox] looked into those and the guy said just wait. That took those off the red mark. He said it is no use to go in and replace one and you are still good. We are going to maximize everything. We have the coal furnace going good at the high school now. We did some different things there. That is not costing us \$2,500.00 a pop every month. But what we do with the carryover, we sit down at the end of the month. Right now the carryover is projected on what we did last year. All we have left is May and June after we do April. So far, so good. We are keeping a heavy eye on Transportation because that can shoot up there in maintenance. Right now it is fairly consistent. That is why you have long term plans. If we have \$400,000.00, you could say take \$300,000.00 and do this with it.

Supervisor Yoder answered I hear what you are saying.

Chairman Clinger said as long as we can make the capital payment, I want to do that. In five or six years you might need a new CTE building or something.

Dr. Wheeler said really next year I don't anticipate it – keep everything the same. Now we have a long-term transportation plan. We have a long-term maintenance plan. We understand what we are doing instructionally. As far as the compensation plan, that will take a while. And it will take bits and pieces. Once we get over this hump, and I really greatly appreciate you because I understand from the standpoint of what your job is. It is much greater than ours. But that gets us to a point where we don't have to wait to offer them anything and we just get it on the back end.

Supervisor Yoder said so a potential plan for us would be to pass a budget with all the funding the school requested but we come back and on the revenue side put in \$200,000.00 or \$300,000.00. Essentially we would get a certain amount back and that would flow back to the school. That makes sense.

Dr. Wheeler said however you do it. Right now the last time I looked at capital improvement we are good on the red zones. There wouldn't be any big surprises.

Chairman Clinger said plus it addresses your 11 new bus needs too.

Dr. Wheeler said hopefully we have already talked to Transportation and we're doing some minor things. As long as gas stays okay, to be honest our budget has some contingency in there for that. The money is going to be there so we won't have a surprise, then if everything stays good you get it back at the end of the year.

Supervisor Yoder said you have to do that with fuel because you don't know.

Dr. Wheeler said yes with commodities like that I feel comfortable with it. The other big carryover item is ADM [average daily membership]. ADMS are dangerous because if you get too close to the actual number then you will be hurting. But as long as it is purposely spent you will get paid on the back end with the carryover. \$300,000.00 would be a good carryover every year. It may be more next year. We will have to look and talk until we get stable. But even at \$300,000.00 when the capital improvement fund is built up, you still may be able to say let's take \$200,000.00 and put to this and not have to put so much. That is up to you.

Chairman Clinger said coming back to the scales that is going to take a certain amount of effort and it would help to put \$300,000.00 toward it for a couple of years to make that big jump.

Dr. Wheeler replied as far as those scales, we have to get a handle on it. It will take all year and it is going to take increments. My hope is we do it within the existing budget next year. We start the process but don't need any money for it. And hopefully give you two years in advance and say okay we will do this and it is going to be a four to five year plan. I'm telling teachers too. I think that would be the best course.

Supervisor Yoder said that is as honest an answer as you can get.

Dr. Wheeler said I have been doing this too long and have had too many frustrations with money and education and the timing of it, I'm happy to be an open-faced book.

Supervisor Yoder said I think we all will want to see us move forward with what you are offering these kids. That is the bottom line. However we can make that happen.

Dr. Wheeler said things are lining up with the vision that is here and the need and hopefully the financial status stays the same, you have some pretty good things that can happen.

Supervisor Yoder said he is excited to see people within the county being offered jobs and having opportunities to be in administration. I'm excited about that.

Dr. Wheeler said it will continue. I have talked to a few good ones who need to get their degree. I just think you need to do that. There is one of those that I want in ten or fifteen years...I want to see these people that were grown. It may be one or two. I don't have any in mind. You can make it good enough that you grow your own when you are doing instruction right. When they learn the right way, the inherent value of the community is already there. I'm hoping that we will keep that up. We will exhaust all our people.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked when do you think you will have the new principals hired?

Dr. Wheeler replied I will send that to you. I presented the timeline. This week the committees are solidified and they are going through applications. Next week we are calling for interviews. The following week we will do interviews with the committee and then we are going to come in front of an open session with faculty and possibly communities. Then they will bring it to the School Board office and we'll bring a name by May 8 to the School Board meeting. Those two will be done hopefully May 8. Those two ladies are putting the committees together.

It is nice having two people leaving that still have a vested interest in the schools. This makes this process unique. Call me anytime.

The Board of Supervisors added \$305,000.00 to the carryover revenue line in the School Board budget and continued to look line-by-line at department requests for FY18. The Board decided to not fund some capital requests. Other capital requests were going to be purchased through a capital loan. Other department cuts were made. By the end of the budget work session the deficit for FY18 was \$434,047.00. The Board of Supervisors instructed Ms. Morris to notify the Commissioner that the tax rate would remain the same for the upcoming fiscal year.

Agenda Item 10. – Old/New Business.

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

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

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

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

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, 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 – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.f. – Appointment to the New River Community College Board, four year term, effective July 1, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Steven Kaylor to the New River Community College Board of Directors for a four year term effective July 1, 2017.

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

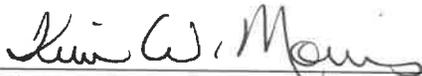
Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

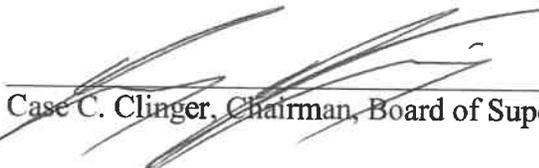
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 11. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

