

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

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

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

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of August 8, 2017 and August 22, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017 and August 22, 2017 as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of September 2017 monthly disbursements.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the September 2017 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.a. – Constitutional Officers reports.

**Mr. Eric Branscom, Commonwealth Attorney**, stated it is nice to be able to make it today. We didn't have court today. On the second Tuesday of the month in the morning I am always in Drug Court. I am glad to be able to come down. I want to bring some items to your attention and make sure you know about them.

We've had a banner year with the courts in Floyd County. Our Assistant, Ryan Hupp, I am glad to say he is beyond fully trained at this point. He managed to get the last hurdle of what he needed to do – a jury trial. The jury trial went all day. We battled hard and managed to get some good results at the end, a lot better than what we expected. He was invited down to Williamsburg for a training session as one of the trainers for New Commonwealth Attorneys. He has come along very well.

Another thing that has developed this year – and the Sheriff would have the details on this – was the Regional Drug Task Force. Floyd County is now up to accounting for 83% of the property seizures in the Task Force for having less than 10% of the cases; we have 83% of the property seizures. This is just seizures dealing with people with large amounts of drugs, like multiple pounds of marijuana, heroin, amphetamines, and that sort of thing that we see coming into the county. That has been very successful for us as well.

As you probably know we had a successful completion to the case involving the shooting of Rusty Stanley [Deputy Sheriff]. That was one of our major focuses for the past year or so. That has turned out very well.

You are probably aware that the rally/protest from the past weekend turned out to be nothing. It was a nothing event in large part due to the Sheriff's Department with the help of the State Police. I saw what they were doing and I stayed out of their way. My role was to stay clear. They were very professional with a lot of attention to detail. I can't give them enough praise for that. I think it was because they were on the ground and ready to go that it prevented anything further from happening. It was successful in that it was a non-event.

I want to let you know that we now have an investigator on my staff for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office on a volunteer basis. Many of you know Rick Morrison. He had been a part-time deputy with the Sheriff's Office because he is retired from New York with a police department up there. He is looking to stay involved with things. Changes in liability law meant the Sheriff's Office couldn't keep him around anymore but it didn't affect how we could use him. We have him helping out here and there with things. It gives us a little more flexibility in getting prepared for our larger cases and just tracking down witnesses, which it strains the manpower of the Sheriff's Office to do sometimes.

But the main reason I wanted to be here was to invite all of you to come to Drug Court in October. We should have our first graduation. We should have a public event with that. I wanted to let you know that we have our first person who went all the way through to the graduation stage. We will have several people coming through so we have a success. At the moment besides that lady, we have three other people in Drug Court who are all doing very well. The first year or so helped us get a lot of kinks out. It has been moving along at a good speed. It

is up to the judge's final determination, but it will probably be the second Tuesday, sorry no fourth Tuesday in October.

Chairman Clinger said the fourth Tuesday will be a lot easier for us to be able to make it.

Mr. Branscom said I believe it is the fourth Tuesday in October that we will have that.

Chairman Clinger requested that the Board be kept informed because a lot of us would like to show up.

Mr. Branscom replied, okay, I will be glad to. The more the merrier because it shows support for the Drug Court and with the people involved as well. We are pleased to be able to do that. That is all the new information I have to present to you. Do you have any questions for me about how things are going?

Chairman Clinger asked if numbers are up or down overall?

Mr. Branscom replied pretty steady. Just as soon as we get rid of a certain type of cases, we had a number of sex offenses last year that we seem to have cleared out. Our drug cases seem to be swinging the other way. We have ups and downs with that. I've seen a drop in the number of home grown meth cases and an increase in crystal meth. It seems like more of those are coming in. We are seeing a little bit more heroin creep into the county. We have a current case dealing with an overdose death. We are seeing that a little bit more but not a huge amount. I'd say not so much as to be concerned about. Part of it is that we are getting better enforcement with the Task Force. Scott Garman [Deputy Sheriff] was with the Task Force. He was actually with the Craig County Sheriff's Office. He has come aboard as an investigator with the Sheriff's Office. As well as us having another one of our officers on the Task Force, it basically doubles our ability in Floyd with Scott's [Garman] experience as well as other training and so forth. It is increasing our enforcement. I think that part of it is that we are getting better information. That seems to be the main thing going on.

Chairman Clinger asked if Ryan [Hupp, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney] is thinking about leaving us?

Mr. Branscom replied he is always thinking about it. He has been checking around and everywhere he goes it sounds like everybody is super stressed and can't find time off. When his little girl is sick he brings her to the office and the ladies in the office "ooh" and "ahh" over her and take care of her. It is like daycare plus. But that is about all we've got.

Chairman Clinger thanked him for coming and said he hates that court prevents him from coming more often.

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

Ms. Brewster provided the caseload statistics for August, 2017, which she described as holding pretty steady.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 6

Adult Protective Services (ongoing): 1 *Continued over from a previous month just to make sure the individual was safe and secure in their home.*

Adult Services Screenings (new): 1 *Screenings were down in August which is not unusual for that number to fluctuate.*

Companion Cases: 4

Guardianship Reporting Cases: 36

Child Protective Services Investigations/Family Assessments (new): 9

Family Assessments/Investigations (Continued from previous months): 7

Child Protective Services Ongoing Cases: 7

Prevention Child Protective Services: 2

Foster Care: 16

Adoption: 7 subsidies; 1 adoption case *We hope to close this adoption in December.*

View: 26 *That number increased a little bit from last month.*

Child Care: 2 open cases; *That number has gone down because 2 families requested their case be closed this month which is unusual for us to have families to request to close their cases. Part of that may be now when families have an open child care case they are being referred to the Division of Child Support Enforcement. That is a must for child care cases now. We are seeing that across the State where families are requesting closure now that is a requirement.*

Benefit Programs: SNAP: 836 SNAP (new): 56 SNAP (renewals): 65 SNAP (closed): 34 *Our Board requested that we include on the report how many SNAP cases were closed in the month. We can't tell you why the cases were closed. It may be the individuals moved to another jurisdiction. Or they may have closed successfully meaning the families no longer need the benefit. But our Board felt that might be interesting to see.*

TANF: 49 TANF (new): 7 TANF (renewals): 2

Medicaid: 1513 (cases) Medicaid (new): 62 Medicaid (renewals): 65  
Medicaid Recipients: 2760

Agenda Item 6.a. – Constitutional Officers reports continued.

**Sheriff Brian Craig** said I wanted to tell you a lit bit about this weekend. I still can't release a whole lot yet. I will start with a statement we prepared here. The Battle Flag Rally for Freedom parade and Opposition Rally took place in the Town of Floyd in Floyd County over the weekend. It was conducted and concluded with no issues or arrests. There were approximately 150 people from both sides that were present at the day's event. We had no incidents of violence thanks to everyone acting responsibly and respectfully with one another even though their views differed. We want to allow individuals to exercise their rights and provide a safe environment for them to do so. Of course the rally took place on September 9 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Approximately 25 vehicles went around the Floyd County Courthouse as counter protesters carrying signs lined the streets. Both groups dispersed without any further interaction.

It was one of those things where we prepared for the worst and hoped for the best. We wound up with the best. Of course I don't have to tell you but as everybody knows, we are an extremely small department with very limited resources. It just goes to show that law enforcement continually works together and we all support each other at least in this area which I can speak for. We had 13 law enforcement agencies involved whether it was sending equipment or personnel to us. Some of you may know that this was not just an event that took place that day, but we started the day before. Preparations went for that whole week there. One thing else I can say is that I am very thankful for both sides that kept in contact with me. When you do what we do it is very nice to know that individuals who have those views will still keep in contact with local law enforcement and explain what they intend to do and where they intend to do it and how they think it will go. That makes preparation a whole lot easier for sure.

Not only was the local law enforcement involved, but folks like the Magistrate's office, places that provided food like Floyd Xpress Market, and individuals who helped us with surveillance which was Dwayne Wright and his company. I can't say enough for our Emergency Services. Kevin Sowers was vital in the planning of this. We definitely couldn't have done it without him. I can't thank him enough. Fire and Rescue were ready and prepared. That took a huge burden off of me. Kevin [Sowers] knew what we wanted to do; he knew our plans; he was with us during our briefings; he knew what we needed. He knew himself what he needed to do and he knocked it out. I guess as of right now that is the biggest part of what I can talk about. Of course, I will have more down the road as we continue to do debriefings among ourselves and with other departments. Like I said it was one of those things where I wanted to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. I believe we got the best case scenario. I might be able to answer some minimal questions if you have any.

Chairman Clinger said we appreciate everything you did. I know it was a toll on you for several days. You had to worry about what went on. I think your preparedness is what helped deter a lot of it. I would also like to take a minute to thank Kevin [Sowers] and the staff who also put in a lot of hours with Kevin [Sowers]. I know from coming by here that there was a triage area set up. It was taken seriously. I think if nothing else it was good practice in scenario planning.

Sheriff Craig said I apologize for leaving Terri [Morris] out. She was also a vital part with resources.

Chairman Clinger said that camera system you got in on loan is something we should address keeping permanently. It is something that has been needed with the quality resolution and everything else.

Sheriff Craig said I am hoping to keep it up there at least one more day. For those of you who haven't seen it if you are interested, I will let you in my office. That is where it is being housed at now. Come by and take a look at it. We always learn from these things. I don't see the same scenario, but this isn't going to be the last time something like this happens in our area and it may be where I have to send my guys somewhere else. My administrative staff and I are going to work up some ideas on what may help us prepare for down the road. Hopefully it won't happen again here in Floyd but these agencies were gracious enough to send me their folks and I shall return the favor.

Chairman Clinger requested that Sheriff Craig let Terri Morris know who all participated so the Board can send thank you letters to those agencies.

Sheriff Craig said he had a preliminary list: State Police, Giles, Bedford, Franklin, Carroll, Galax, Montgomery, Christiansburg, Wythe, Blacksburg, Patrick, New River Valley Jail, Emergency Services, Magistrate, Game Department, two individuals from the Parkway, VDOT, Pizza Inn, Xpress, and Subway. That is the list for right now. Of course, all the citizens of Floyd helped us out too. It worked out real well.

Supervisor Gerald added there was also a good turnout for the Christian parade held on Sunday.

Sheriff Craig agreed. After talking to all of the officers, I think everything went well with it too. Unfortunately the way society is today I think any time we have any type of parade or event, you have to worry about people who don't think it is the right thing to do.

Supervisor Turman said the event Sunday was neat to have.

Sheriff Craig replied one thing as a society that makes us wonderful is that we have different views but the key thing is figuring out how to get along. If we can voice our opinion and keep each other safe, that is the main thing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the State Police helped a lot with how they deployed and what they deployed given the circumstances from a few weeks back in Charlottesville?

Sheriff Craig responded, no. Basically the operations plan is the decision between me and my administrative staff. The Virginia State Police is an assisting agency. We give ideas on what we want and they say, "What do you think about this," and then we go with it. The State Police is there to listen. They are there to help us out. They did an excellent job with that. They offered a few opinions on what could be done and things like that. Basically what Justin Coleman, Chad Harris, and I had planned out was exactly how we ran it. It seemed to work out real well. We are all very blessed that everything went as smooth as it did.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if the expedited hiring practices for the State Police affected any of the area localities?

Sheriff Craig replied, not yet. There is some chitter chatter. I've talked to a few sheriffs and they talk that they might lose one or two. Ironically only about three to five of my staff could go. Of course we are four officers short right now out of twenty-two. One will be graduating in two weeks. I believe you have to have three years of experience. All except for one of my patrolmen, I hired. That tells you how young we are.

Vice Chairman Turman stated I went to a meeting in Appomattox and a Henry County Administrator brought that up so I sort of joined forces with him and brought it up to the State Senators who were at VACO. It is not only going to affect your department, but at the Regional Jail we already have a bunch talking about it.

Sheriff Craig said what it is going to affect is Blacksburg and Virginia Tech and those who have experience they can transfer over. But then that opens positions for my folks to slide over there. Do I see any of my folks going from here to there? Well because of the three years mandatory, no. But do I see them going from here to there, a good possibility.

Vice Chairman Turman said I am hoping that we can use that to get them to give us more money.

Sheriff Craig agreed that he tries to stay on Nick Rush [State Delegate]. Every time I speak to Nick Rush, the first thing I say is, "Don't forget us next year." Now basically when he sees me he says, "I know." When you look at us starting at \$31,000.00 and them starting at \$44,000.00, it is kind of tough to get these young folks to stay around here.

Vice Chairman Turman commented they start with more than I retired with after all the years in. I brought that up. It's not fair the Sheriff's departments are always playing catch up.

Sheriff Craig said if you take out the administrative staff they make more than everybody in my department starting. It is really going to hurt some departments and then we will have the trickle down.

Vice Chairman Turman said keep plugging along.

Sheriff Craig confirmed, we will. We just have to figure out how to keep them here.

Chairman Clinger said where you work makes a big difference to a lot of people – close to home and the types of things you see every day here versus some of these larger cities.

Sheriff Craig agreed and said believe you me in the interview process that is some of the things we preach on. To our officers here that is one thing they know. I guess that is the beauty of my community-oriented approach to where I want my folks out going to ball games, seeing groups of people, and getting out. I think it really helps also. It is a more relaxed sense of law enforcement with a sheriff saying get out and do this. It is their community.

Supervisor Gerald said I feel good about our nation and how people came together after these disasters with compassion. I thought we were going downhill but that really encouraged me.

Sheriff Craig agreed but said it is a shame it takes that. My dad and my stepmother and my stepbrother are from Fort Lauderdale, from Broward County. They are living with me right now. They still have no idea if they have cars left or what have you. They can't get a hold of anybody down there. It's just a waiting game. My stepbrother is a ship captain and I think he has to start back this weekend. Now they have to figure out...they can't find any hotels on the way down. No hotels are answering phones. The power is out all the way down the route they take.

Supervisor Gerald said I hope that love and compassion will continue after these disasters are over.

Sheriff Craig agreed, that's a fact, we need it bad.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we talked about mobilizing in the way we did is not just for a situation like this. This could be for any kind of emergency. Having that plan in place is so important because you can see how just on a dime a weather event can completely ... Chattanooga, Atlanta, and some of those towns dealing with the devastation from Irma.

Sheriff Craig said I could speak all day about how awesome my department is. We could do that all day. Kevin Sowers is incredible at what he can pull together, the numbers that he knows, and the ability to amass things like that. And the ability to say, "What about this, what about that?" on the law enforcement side. Not only does he know about the emergency services side, he knows about the law enforcement side. It's a good thing he's not in the room here.

Chairman Clinger stated he would be unbearable this afternoon.

Sheriff Craig said don't write all this down or Kevin will be in here wanting an 80% raise. We are just very blessed to have the folks we have around us. Definitely the different chiefs and sheriffs around us were very helpful. This was without trying to utilize folks from Montgomery County or Town of Christiansburg which is who we rely on a whole lot, because of a Virginia Tech ballgame. We had to call in State Police from outside of our area and they were more than willing to come. It's a good thing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if he would give a full report when it is done, costs and stuff like that?

Sheriff Craig stated he would.

Chairman Clinger said I don't care what it costs. I'm glad you did it. It was something needed for the community, prevention is more important than anything.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed, absolutely, but you still want to know.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

**Mr. Leon Moore, Burks Fork District** – I really want to thank Brian and our law enforcement here and the other law enforcement that came in this weekend. They did an excellent job. And I am thankful they are here.

**Mr. Billy Weitzenfeld, Courthouse District** – I just wanted to remind the Board that we have put together a solar presentation for you on October 10 at 11:00 a.m. We appreciate being given a little more time than normal. I want to make sure this is what you are looking for – I have two presenters. One is Rick Brown who is a local solar contractor and he is going to take the first half hour and give a general primer on solar and how it works and this is how it is installed and a little about the costs, metering and that kind of thing. David Wall with Affordable Energy Concepts is actually working on a project in Bath County installing solar on schools. He is going to talk about that briefly and also talk about power purchase agreements, which is a very exciting possibility to allow local governments and school systems to participate in solar. October 10 at 11:00 a.m. I brought each of you a user friendly solar primer. It is pretty easy to read. It gives you basic information. It is a little dated, 2003, so don't pay attention to that \$12 per watt that is in here. Now it is about \$2-\$3 per watt. That is how much it has come down in the past 14 years. Enjoy and thank you.

**Mr. J. L. Fogo, Little River District** – I want to make a short side comment before I make my address. I also want to thank Sheriff Craig and all of his people for their excellent presence over this weekend. I also have more things that I want to say about that some other time.

Right now I will get to the reason why I am here. I want to take the time to acknowledge the Board of Supervisors for addressing the efforts to studying the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies and the desire to do so with wisdom and forethought.

I am also concerned that there is an absolute need for urgency in this matter. I'm concerned not only for Floyd County but for our country and for the world, for that matter. Everything from our local environment to the stability of society is at risk. Someone has got to take this lead in this transition. Somewhere it has to gain some momentum. And I believe we here in Floyd are perfectly capable of being the ones who actually start it in this area.

We have the opportunity to be the first county in Virginia to adopt a bold climate action plan, and we can act as a model for other counties across the State and the region. I want to re-emphasize that there are non-profits here in Floyd who are eager to work with the Board in providing research information, strategic planning, solutions, and cooperative efforts toward the implementation of transitions.

Steps forward are a community responsibility and we need to be included. The task may seem monumental, but together we can make it happen. Our community needs to be included in the process to make every step possible. A vision for the transition is essential, and part of that is to adopt a resolution with that vision. This is step number one.

We saw in 2014 how many of our county residents were actively opposed to the MVP pipeline coming through Floyd and successfully moving it out of the county. If we have a renewable plan in place, we will definitively be able to say that we don't need a natural gas pipeline anywhere any more.

Preserve Floyd, Partnership for Floyd, SustainFloyd, and any number of dedicated groups can offer a vast array of solutions and implement any number of incremental advancements, but we need the local governments to be a part of that to truly make these changes effective.

Each small project at a time is a small step forward, but we need to make them quickly before it's too late. We need a resolution of dedication from the county government. We are here to help make that happen, but we need your help. Make a resolution that you can be proud to share with the county and the country, but make your own with teeth please, and make it soon. And let us all help you.

**Ms. Mara Robbins, Locust Grove District** – I don't have anything prepared. The last few weeks have been really hard. As difficult as Saturday was, I think that Tuesday was probably even harder. In 2009 I helped found our local chapter of PFLAG and that was in part to help support high school students in starting a diversity club at the high school, which they were having a difficult time getting support for. And in 8 years I have never seen that meeting be threatened like it was last weekend...well, the weekend before.

I think that something that really needs to be addressed in regards to what happened Saturday and what happened Tuesday...I am happy to elaborate on that if you don't know...is the online bullying that is taking place in Floyd County. A lot of the threats we have experienced over the last couple of weeks have been threats of the imagination, which is understandable given what happened in Charlottesville on July 8 as well as August 12, given what has happened in Boston and Berkeley and all over the country. We're not immune to that. How we respond to it will be different because we are Floyd.

Being put into the position that I have been put in for the last few weeks reminds me of 2014 when I came to Lydeana [Martin] and I said there is six weeks to fight this pipeline. I don't know what I am doing. I need help. I need training. This is like nothing I have ever experienced in terms of the differing voices that I have been hearing. I did do my very best to stay in very close contact with Sheriff Craig. I really deeply appreciate that open line of communication and the relationship that we have, because I was able to say to people who are understandably cautious of law enforcement that we are different here. I know Sheriff Craig. I know Officer McClanahan who I spoke to at length last night after the Board meeting. I truly believe and trust that they are here to serve and protect and keep the peace. That's difficult because these groups – these alt-right groups, whatever you want to call them – there are people who track them and follow them and I think that seems as if it is necessary in this climate because there are a lot of people who feel threatened. There are a lot of people in this county that feel threatened right now. There are people who felt threatened online primarily. I'm glad that there was no physical violence Saturday. I can tell you that there was psychological violence, emotional violence and that can be deeply damaging as well. As community leaders I really hope that all of you will take some role in this because ultimately it could bring our county closer together. And that is what I think we all hope is that it will. But right now there are still a

lot of people who are angry, traumatized, who are looking for a fight. It is very hard to guide actions when it is a highly charged emotional scenario, when it is very personal. And I don't know yet what that is going to take, but I do ask you as leaders to do what Mr. Gerald suggested and really approach this with love and compassion because ultimately that is what is going to work.

After no further comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

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

Mr. Clarke said we have been working on a lot of maintenance stuff trying to catch up. For the last several months our residency-wide construction crew has been working on Vaughns Mill Road. We've got that finished. I probably said that last time. There are always a couple of little items to tidy up and we are working on that. I've got a list of all the pothole patching done – Buffalo Mountain Road, Ridgeview Road, Indian Valley Post Office Road. We are still doing some schedule work for paving. We did Indian Valley Road. We are catching up with our mowing – Rt. 221 S. and the gravel roads. We have started clearing on Diamond Knob Road, our next unpaved road that we had on the list from a couple of years ago. We are getting to that. We got all the property owners to sign agreements. We are working on trees but it won't be done for a while. There is no way we will get to that this fall, but we are getting the clearing and some of that work done.

There was a request that we had for a while on the Rt. 8 guardrail. They had to do some environmental clearance for that because there is a slope down to a creek. We had to get the environmental person out there. That is at least starting. We have also done environmental work on another complaint on a dead end road off of Rt. 730. That was another one that you had asked us about. There was an issue of the creek coming over top of the road. We are working on that too. That is really all we have for updates on maintenance and our construction projects. We are starting what we can on a new one. We are still working on the Downtown Floyd project.

Chairman Clinger said he has seen the engineers still surveying.

Mr. Clarke confirmed they are still surveying. We are still looking at having a public meeting sometime in the spring and have it out not long after that. Alum Ridge Road project should go to advertisement late this year and start construction on that sometime in the springtime. We will be doing ¾ mile starting at White Rock Road and to Duncans Chapel Road and going up to the top of the hill. That will require that it be closed for a while. We will sign a detour. It is just for through traffic. You will still be able to get to green boxes. If they come from the south end they won't be able to get to them. We will try to do that in the summer when school buses aren't running.

Supervisor Gerald said we still have some potholes on Indian Valley Road that need to be patched. I appreciate the paving on that section that needed it for a long time.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it was a nice job on Franklin Pike. A couple of constituents asked about the shoulders and the lines. It seems like the pavement was pretty high. We know the line crews come in behind after the paving. This is the foggy time of year.

Mr. Clarke agreed and added the same thing on Rt. 221. They don't have the lines yet on that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said people rely on those lines in the fog and it is really, really hard.

Mr. Clarke agreed, absolutely.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I go out there a lot. I ride that road and I look. Driveways are good but there are a couple of areas and I don't know what you do. I don't know if you have gotten any complaints.

Mr. Clarke said he hadn't heard of any specifically, but it is not uncommon. Maybe we will go back with stone. I'll find out the schedule.

Vice Chairman Turman said thank you again for Vaughns Mill Road. People are really happy out there now. On Merifield Road – I mentioned it to you a year or so ago – from Keith Road to the top of the hill there it washes out and gets a lot of washboard in it. They bring 18-wheelers in there for cattle. I was wondering if you could grade it down and surface treat it or something to keep it from washboarding?

Mr. Clarke replied we could probably do something like that. We could use some construction funds for that. It wouldn't take it being on the six-year plan if the Board is okay with me getting an estimate and just doing that little bit. I'll see if we can get to that. It is just a little spot kind of thing.

Vice Chairman Turman said Randall Sutphin has been taking a bobcat trying to smooth it down a little bit. He said when they get to cutting hay and hauling it makes it that much worse. On Reedsville Road a gentleman called me. He may have called your office too. He asks that you mow and machine it some. He is looking to get it on the six year plan. He said years ago it was on the six year plan.

Mr. Clarke confirmed that the gentleman did call.

Vice Chairman Turman said I appreciate your hard work.

Supervisor Yoder said I think I mentioned a couple of years ago about some people on Locust Grove Road wanting a speed study in order to drop the speed limit. I think I did, but I may not have.

Mr. Clarke replied that he did not remember that being requested.

Supervisor Yoder said Locust Grove Road runs from Rt. 221 in Check back to Daniels Run Road, and that road is already reduced anyway. Somebody talked to me about that last week. Also, I have had a lot of complaints about the lines on Rt. 221. I think they reduced one passing zone between Kings Store Road and River Ridge Road. I don't know if that was a mistake.

Mr. Clarke replied he did not know if they would have done that intentionally, usually they are just putting them back the way they were. I'll find out.

Supervisor Yoder said the main complaints I've gotten are about the lines on the edge of the road. They need them to see in the fog.

Chairman Clinger said I think the white lines on the edge are more important than the yellow in the middle.

Supervisor Yoder said when you have headlights coming at you in the fog that white line keeps you from running off the road.

Mr. Clarke responded the worst time is at night in the rain. I use edge lines quite a bit myself for that.

Supervisor Yoder expressed his appreciation for all the work done. I've seen several of the back roads and they've done a lot of brush cutting and cleaning up for sight distance. I really appreciate all of that.

Mr. Clarke explained we work with the school system a lot to try to get the bus routes...

Supervisor Yoder said I was on a dirt road the other day and on some of the real bad corners they made an effort to mow back a ways.

Mr. Clarke said he would pass that along to Ronald Sowers and his group.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the open line of communications is so important between the school system and VDOT.

Mr. Clarke agreed that it helps.

Ms. Morris stated that she had a call yesterday regarding Claytor Road. They were putting gravel on the road, which they appreciated greatly. But they thought it was messing up the drainage in their driveway. We gave them the 800 number.

Mr. Clarke said then it will come through as a work order. I'll wait and mention it to Ronald [Sowers] then.

Chairman Clinger said thank you for all the work done on the brush cutting. I have seen a lot of machining on secondary roads. Is the gravel coming from Floyd now or are you still bringing it from Sylvatus?

Mr. Clarke responded he wasn't sure where it was from. I would have thought Sylvatus, but I don't know. I can find out.

Chairman Clinger said he was just curious. I didn't know if the new quarry was staying busy with that. I just appreciate everything you have been doing. We see crews and trucks out in the community every day doing something. We do appreciate it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said speaking of stone...just past Salem Stone, I don't know if a culvert washed out on Shooting Creek Road, but there is a patch that looks like it was replaced and now there is no pavement. I don't know if it was something the quarry did, but you need to go out there and check that. It looks like there are state signs that say "Rough Road." It looks like a culvert washed out and there has been no gravel placed.

Mr. Clarke said it may be something they cut out and haven't patched yet. I will see what their plans are on that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said a question is are we getting any gravel from Salem Stone or are they not producing enough?

Mr. Clarke answered I'll find out.

Ms. Morris said we are going to start looking at some Rt. 8 improvements. We met with Montgomery County.

Mr. Clarke said VDOT was invited to participate in Floyd's Career Fair. We will be doing that. I will come down with a couple of people from Christiansburg. I am looking forward to that.

Ms. Morris said VDOT brought down a lot of barriers for us to use on Saturday when there was the rally. We appreciate that.

Supervisor Yoder said there is something else I want to thank you for. I planned to be at the County Fair, but a few things came up and I couldn't go. I heard VDOT was involved with Touch-a-Truck and had some equipment there. I appreciate that.

Mr. Clarke responded we like to do those things. They had a big Touch-a-Truck event.

Supervisor Yoder said a number of people mentioned to me that they were glad VDOT was there.

Mr. Clarke said good, kids like to climb around on the equipment.

#### Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business.

Ms. Morris reported on the event on Saturday. I need to brag a little bit on our people too. Of course this was a law enforcement event and we were just assisting them. Kevin [Sowers] mostly but some of the other staff worked with them in planning for our resources. We

had seven county units staged at different places in town. We had our two EMS units and six staff here. We had five volunteer units with eleven of their personnel. I really want to put a shout out for them because they really came through. We had at least 20 firemen stationed at Station #1. We set up a triage area back in the annex building just in case.

About 4:00 p.m. on Friday I thought, "Why don't we ask Dr. Baum or Dr. Lander or somebody to come and help us and be there just in case we need them." Both of them came and stayed with us all afternoon. Thankfully we had no injuries or issues or anything but we did use the event as excellent training for our staff and as a guide as to where we need to improve things. We really saw that we were lacking in items for a decontamination area. Phillip [Belcher] is working on putting some of those things together. We set up a makeshift area up there but it was like we would be hosing people down in the parking lot. But we looked into those things and we will be reporting back to you on some budget requests to get some things together. Everybody worked together really well and I appreciate all of them.

Vice Chairman Turman said it is good to know that everybody can come together like that so quick.

Ms. Morris agreed, absolutely.

Chairman Clinger said that while the Sheriff still has that surveillance system on hand, I would like the Board to take a look at that. We requested last year and the year before that to do something similar here. If we could piggyback in on a state bid, it might be a good time to put cameras in our facility as well.

Ms. Morris said we got quotes from one company and I was waiting on quotes from a local company, but I have been waiting several months for them to come look at it.

Chairman Clinger said if we can piggyback in on this installation to reduce the costs of two trips up here it would probably be better.

Ms. Morris suggested if you have a moment you can go by there and look at it. It is quite impressive.

Chairman Clinger said they even helped with our existing system by tying it in and got the quality of that a little bit better at the Sheriff's Office. I think the support involved with that company might warrant us going on and awarding the bid. We can't wait for the local one if they can't put something together.

Agenda Item 8.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for August 2017.

Ms. Martin stated you have the plat report in front of you. They were all lot line revisions as you can see. The Planning Commission did approve a plat in August but it does not show up on the report until someone comes in and pays for it and picks it up. They haven't paid for it and picked it up, which is why it hasn't shown up yet.

I have several Economic Development things I would like to update you on. The Floyd Grown project is the multi-faceted project that got funds from a lot of different organizations including your important contribution. I want to give you a quick update on that. We've had about 85 businesses – this is focused on farms, food, and forestry-related businesses – participate so far. About 65 participated in two spring workshops we did with a lot of different speakers. Sixteen different individuals or companies competed for one-on-one technical assistance, \$1,000.00 worth of assistance. We were able to award that to 10 different folks. Katie [Holfield] and I have been working through lining them up with the assistance they need. Many of them are working on either starting their first website or improving their website through search engine optimization or graphic design or logo development.

Our big assistance was the local business grant program. We had 18 businesses submit significant proposals for those. The three winners were announced at the County Fair on Saturday. The top winner was Fields Edge, owned by Roger and Leslie Slusher, who received \$8,000.00. They have a cattle operation and added gourmet vegetables and they are adding a facility and they wanted to be able to put in cold storage. This assistance will let them do cold storage. The second place winner was Buffalo Mountain Kombucha. They requested funds to do nutritional certification and organic certification. They got second place which was \$5,000.00 to do that. Third place was \$3,000.00 and went to Thomas Hill Angus which specializes in beef but wants to start a U-pick strawberry patch. This prize money will help them get deer fencing and row covers. Hopefully this will be in The Floyd Press this week.

We are into our branding initiative which is a joint effort between the Tourism Office and Economic Development. Stay tuned for more information on that and other pieces to come.

Last night we kicked off the C4 program. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual. We had 25 folks registered and about 20 people came out for the first session. I felt really good about it. I think we are onto something. There seems to be good response. If these businesses can grow in Floyd, then they are more likely to stay in Floyd. We are trying to support that. Thank you for your contribution to that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if there are repeats? Do people keep coming back?

Ms. Martin replied about 4 of those folks are repeats. If they didn't win top prize, they can come back and participate. And I think its fine for them to come back because we are getting different speakers in. This year we have 3 different speakers on marketing that haven't spoken before. It is not necessarily a bad thing to have repeats.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch responded no, it's a great thing that they want to come and learn.

Ms. Martin said a good thing from the Floyd Grown project, many of the people who submitted for the one-on-one assistance, Katie [Holfield] and I met with each and every one of them to understand their needs. Many of them could do the C4 and we felt that would be their best step. Several of them are participating from that.

EDA received \$75,000.00 from Rural Development to recapitalize our Floyd 5 & 10 loan fund. This is our third grant from them. They gave us around \$100,000.00 and around

\$50,000.00 over the past few years. We've loaned all those funds out and we've loaned out what was paid back in of about \$25,000.00. This program is for businesses with 9 or fewer employees. If you know of anyone who is interested, let me know and I will be glad to work with them.

David [Clarke] already mentioned the High School Career Fair. We are working hard on that. It will be Tuesday, October 3 in the old gym. There will also be room outside for folks like VDOT who have equipment that might get young folks interested. We are trying to have representative businesses from all of our core sectors – manufacturing, information technology, food and beverage, health care, public safety, farm and forestry. We are trying to cover all of those that we keep talking about at CTE meetings.

Commerce Center Phase 2, our applications for the road and the utilities are still proceeding. The Southwest Economic Development Committee of the Tobacco Commission approved our \$400,000.00+ utility request last week. It has to be blessed by the full commission. That meeting is September 20 and it happens to be close by in Galax. I plan to go to that if anybody would like to go along for the fun of it. I haven't had any luck talking with the Army National Guard or Reserve about prep work. I even contacted the Senator's office and haven't had any luck, but I'm still trying.

Speaking of sites I wanted to mention to you – you probably saw it in the news this past week – the firm that visited Floyd back in the spring that did foam products related to the automotive industry did locate in Dublin. They expect to hire 40 people. They chose that site reportedly because it is very close to the interstate. They also mentioned the fact that Pulaski now has several international companies. They felt a sense of comradery because they had other folks like that they could talk to. Disappointing for us, but good news for the region.

Thanks to your support the EDA is looking to secure an economic development consultant and will be doing interviews in the next two weeks. They will help us with some action planning and ideas on next steps in terms of recruitment and those sorts of things.

Lastly Tendergrass Farms has moved into Floyd Innovation Center suite 3. They basically have an office operation where they purchase goods and sell to someone else. They don't really handle product. It is more of an office operation. That leaves us with only the lower part of suite 4 unoccupied. The top is occupied. I am pleased with how it is going.

Chairman Clinger asked if someone wants the lower part we will have to do some redesign of the building, won't we?

Ms. Martin confirmed, yes, if we leave the people in the offices upstairs. We may be talking about another dividing wall. I'm reluctant to do it ahead of time, but we'll just have to see how it goes. That space was designed so it could be divided in the middle. It is separately metered on either end. But if we leave those people up top, we'll either lose some square footage by creating a hallway and a giant wall or we might look at putting in a wall along the balcony and stairs but then you lose some of the beauty of the openness and seeing down into there. But that is really all we have left. If we had more office spaces, I think they would be occupied. The

economy seems to be strong here. I just see lots of little things happening. Some of our major employers, too, are doing good things and expanding.

Chairman Clinger asked being filled up almost to capacity now are you actually generating revenue yet?

Ms. Martin replied it should be. If we keep everybody we have crossed breakeven and we should be into revenue generation.

Chairman Clinger recalled when we built that building we planned on being able to come off of it with an additional wing. If there is that much need for office space do it with that in mind rather than multi-use. You could probably get more space for the cost.

Ms. Martin replied that is a great thought. You are right. It was designed to do multiple pods that could connect in. Hopefully we wouldn't have to duplicate the conference rooms and stuff. I've thought a little bit about that. Everybody loves the view from the offices up top even though they don't have a direct view they can see down into the gallery or they can see out the clear story and see outside. The best view for the offices would probably be on the side facing away from the main building because you can kind of see the ridge back there. It's a great thought. We should be thinking about that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there isn't a whole lot of office space anywhere around.

Ms. Martin agreed, there isn't. I realize if the economy took a turn toward recession those people renting spaces would go back home.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if that is where they came from, most of them were home offices?

Ms. Martin answered most of them were but wanted a professional setting to be able to meet clients and have some separation. Plus it allows them to grow. It is harder to grow when you are in your basement or garage.

Agenda Item 6.e. – Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent Floyd County Public Schools.

- (1) School Board request to Transfer \$98,860.26 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Transportation (\$6,183.36) and Operation & Maintenance (\$92,676.90) categories.
- (2) School Board request to transfer \$32,560.00 from Technology to Instructional (\$19,549.20) and Administration (\$13,010.80) categories.

Dr. Wheeler stated I have a few things here. The first one is the obvious one with the Capital Improvement and the reallocation. For the Capital Improvement these were all planned. The bleachers in the old gym we have that timed up so it works out with the use of the gym. The majority of the \$98,000.00 goes toward that. We are looking at other things to improve that space, hopefully within our existing budget.

The HVAC system on the first floor band room was the other part. The bus repairs were expected for some existing ones. I am going to touch on things as I go through here. The next

thing you will probably here from us – we do have those ten buses, our Board knows and whatever process you want to go through – they are ready to be turned into money one way or the other for you. They are sitting there.

We had some welding filters which were a minimal and then the boiler repairs. I am going to roll off that one. Last night I gave a facilities update as far as our current facilities. Timmy Cox and I go through it pretty much in detail once a month. Last night one of the things we talked about was where we are with the facilities and then as groups we talk about solar power and our six year planning group and all that is coming. One of the questions is the timeline. We had that in the six year planning meeting and I gave my take on that. You kind of have two timelines going. You have the instructional timeline. We are in good shape right now and that is basically based on the changing of the graduation requirements for the incoming ninth grade class next year – the current eighth grade class. We are in a good place. We are expanding experiences and not just space. We don't need to keep doing what we are doing and need more space. We need more space because we need to do more things and have a lot of good people. And I will touch on that here with Lydeana [Martin] on some progress we are making.

The other timeline would be like with these repairs. Some of those boilers, this is just FYI, are getting old. I mean \$17,000.00 is a necessary repair and we should be fine hopefully for two to three more years before you start hitting heavy, heavy repairs.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what was the life of those boilers?

Dr. Wheeler replied those boilers are coal furnaces – the one at Indian Valley and the one at Floyd Elementary are the ones we are watching closest. Those things are probably over 40 years old. Now those two are sectional. That is why the space to get them in you couldn't put one big piece in. Now the positive about sectional is there are 26 pieces at Indian Valley and we are working on 22 sections, which should be fine. But hopefully, and that is what Timmy [Cox, Maintenance Supervisor] and I are looking at, as everything progresses we want to keep the big bills off these boilers for three-four however many years. That is one thing when groups come up and talk to you about timelines; we will keep you abreast of that situation and we don't want to hit any big ticket items on items that we are looking to improve upon. And that is not just coal burners but any item. That is all with the capital improvement list. That was all planned like I said.

The reallocation is basically we moved some money that should be taken out of textbook money from Technology which is how instruction has changed. We are able to reallocate that into human resources and be able to absorb that part of it. That is the reallocation part.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I would like to mention to your Board and your staff and whoever else that we are having a solar presentation.

Dr. Wheeler responded they told us and all of them have it noted. I think that would be good. Then the next phase – I think all three groups were represented there at Floyd and all of them were there – the next phase is when we get a report back from Thompson & Litton then I will provide that to you all and to our Board. You can take it and run with it from there.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve that \$98,860.26 be moved from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Transportation category in the amount of \$6,183.36 for repairing and improving the bus fleet and to the Operation & Maintenance category in the amount of \$92,676.90 for replacing, repairing, and enhancing the school division's facilities in the FY18 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a budget transfer of \$32,560.00 from the Technology category to Instructional category in the amount of \$19,549.20 and to the Administration, Attendance & Health category in the amount of \$13,010.80 in the FY18 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Dr. Wheeler said the other thing I got – you along with our School Board in the school system are going to be nominated for a Governor's Award for Excellence in Innovation and Education. It doesn't mean we will win it, but Lydeana [Martin] has helped me to craft, especially on the ACCE side. We have so many good things going on here that we are going ahead and send an application in for that with the Department of Education. And the partnership is with the Board of Supervisors. You can nominate groups. That will go in probably near the end of this month.

Chairman Clinger expressed his appreciation for the nomination. Speaking of the ACCE program I have heard nothing but glowing responses about that. Several companies that use the students doing community service say there is a different level of community service in an ACCE student than from other sources of community service. They said it is refreshing to have those students there.

Dr. Wheeler said it was a lot of hard work here and a lot of students; we're not talking about a handful. We're talking about quite a few students. There is a big advantage there so thank you.

Agenda Item 8.b. – August 2017 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that permits are down some from last month and down considerably from last year. You will notice in the fourth section down all the tax exempt permits issued. I was curious about those 8; 3 were for the Town for their inflatables for festivals. There were some for pole barns and farm electrical is listed under that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that she found it interesting that alterations and additions was over \$.5 million.

Chairman Clinger said he assumed that was the work being done off of Wilson Street.

Ms. Morris replied she was not sure as she had not checked on that one.

Agenda Item 8.c. – Report on Renew the New Program, Little River.

Ms. Morris reported on the Renew the New cleanup on the Little River. We had a beautiful day on August 26 for our first annual cleanup. We only had 35 people pre-register but we ended up with 56 volunteers. We were doing this regionwide with the other four New River localities. We had 475 volunteers regionwide. I felt good with our 56. We cleaned 9.91 miles of the river and 3.5 miles of land. We collected 86 car tires, 1 tractor tire, 5 truck tires and 340 pounds of trash. One truck wheel weighed over 100 pounds that someone pulled in. I'll brag on our staff again. County employees either worked that day or during the week if they couldn't be there on Saturday. We spent about \$3,500.00 for the whole thing. The Town will reimburse us for half of that. Some of the items we can use again like the first-aid bags we sent out with each crew. But we felt that it was a great success for our first year. We made notes of how we can improve for the next year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it was a great time.

Ms. Morris stated we did this in conjunction with the Chamber and their Rubber Duck Race. They had a very successful event also. I think they sold over 600 ducks which is the most ducks they've ever sold. They had less people there but sold more ducks. It was fun too.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it was fantastic to see that dumpster filled with all that garbage from a nine-mile stretch. It was just incredible.

Chairman Clinger said you would think the way Floyd people are about being so diligent in keeping it looking good that it wouldn't be there in the first place.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied I think some of those tires had been there a long time because on this stretch of the river it's not like you can just get to it.

Ms. Morris said we were on a clean part of the river because Daniel [Sowers] and his folks had already done some work. I need to give a shout out for them because they were awesome.

Chairman Clinger added hopefully getting it that way it will stay that way. I know people take pride in the county and the way it looks. It is disheartening that it ever gets that way in the first place.

Ms. Morris pointed out that Giles County has been doing this for 10 years and they don't really have any trash on their section of the New River.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said years ago when you drove around our county you would see refrigerators and washing machines and tons of stuff. We don't have that anymore.

Ms. Morris said we still have some, but not like we used to. Thank you for allowing us to do that. It was a well spent day.

Agenda Item 8.d. – Consideration of Advertisement of Delinquent Taxes.

Ms. Morris stated the next item is consideration of advertisement of delinquent taxes. I have the list if any of the Board members would like to look at it. The Treasurer provided the summary of the 2016 tax collections for you. Her office should really be commended for their diligence.

Chairman Clinger said 97.87% collection is outstanding.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said on real estate and 97.72% on personal property is amazing.

Ms. Morris said they really work hard to keep this collection rate high. Of course your decision, as usual, is if you would like to advertise these lists or just place the lists in the Treasurer's Office for public review.

Chairman Clinger said he is fine with public review because of the cost involved with advertising. Advertising doesn't bring much in like it used to in the old days. There used to be a certain shame associated with it, but now it is almost like a pride thing, "Yeah, I'll take care of it later." The 3% that aren't taken care of, I don't think that will convince them to.

Ms. Morris asked if it was their consensus to put the lists at the Treasurer's Office for public review, but to not advertise?

Chairman Clinger said yes, but let us advertise that the lists are there for review.

Agenda Item 8.e. – Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia Approving a Support Agreement with the Virginia Resources Authority.

Ms. Morris reported that the next item is your resolution for the support agreement with the Virginia Resources Authority. This is the loan that you already approved for the PSA [Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority] for water improvements. Those funds have already been transferred to them and PSA has been making payments to us. We will have the closing for this on September 21.

Chairman Clinger stated that now that new staff is there payments should come in a little bit quicker.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia Approving a Support Agreement with the Virginia Resources Authority

and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator to execute the documents (Document File Number 937).

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

Agenda Item 8.f. – Resolution to adopt and abide by covenants in USDA agreements in order to facilitate financial assistance from USDA in the purchase of Sheriff Department vehicles and authorize the County Administrator to execute agreements.

Ms. Morris stated the next item is a resolution for some USDA agreements. If you will recall we had gotten several grants with Rural Development to assist in paying for police vehicles. They have approved us once again. We will receive about \$25,000.00. They say they will be a little quicker with the funds this time. Last time it took two years to get the funds, but it should happen in October this time. I need you to adopt the resolution and also the code of conduct, which you have adopted before but it has to be done again for each individual project. He did tell me that this is probably the last year they will have these funds for police vehicles. They have started some new programs for other grants that Lydeana [Martin] and I are going to look into like site work at our Commerce Park. We are checking those out.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution (Document File Number 938) and Code of Conduct (Document File Number 939) and abide by covenants in USDA agreements in order to facilitate financial assistance from USDA in the purchase of Sheriff Department vehicles and authorize the County Administrator to execute agreements.

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

Agenda Item 8.g. – Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Chapter 42. Solid Waste.

Ms. Morris stated that Arianna [McKnight] has done a lot of research and work on updating our roll off container, green box, tipping agreements and fee schedule. She is here to talk a little bit about that.

Ms. McKnight said we made some proposed changes to the agreements. We had a case where a customer did not pay for roll off charges. We went to court on July 13. They had a balance of \$651.91 owed. Judge Duncan didn't feel comfortable ruling in their favor or ours completely due to some verbiage that was in the roll off agreement. We were awarded \$325.95, which was about half of what we were asking. The particular part he was not comfortable with was item 2 on the old agreements. It used to state, "The fee(s) for such service and the use of such container shall be as contained on the fee schedule and available in printed form upon request of the User. In the event of a fee change, the fee in place upon the signing of this

agreement shall be used.” Judge Duncan didn’t like the fact that we didn’t either expressly say what the fees were or attach a fee schedule to it. I had a couple of customers before this actually went to court who were confused on the fees, so we made some changes to the agreement and put those fees in there and spelled them out. This particular customer had signed an old agreement, so when it went to court it did not hold up totally.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the comments on the sidebar were from Steve [Durbin], County Attorney?

Ms. McKnight confirmed they were. I went through and made the changes that he asked for. There were certain areas I put in bold that have to do with any of the fees so people would not miss them. In addition to spelling them out in the agreement, we will also be attaching a fee schedule. It does state there too that it can also be found on the website. There will be three different places – in the agreement, the attached fee schedule, and online – that they can find the fees. Hopefully we won’t have any more problems. On the fee schedule there are some proposed changes. Right now as it stands it is \$55.00 per ton and it also says \$20.00 for a pickup truck, \$200.00 for a single axle, \$300.00 for a dual axle, and \$400.00 for a tractor trailer. At the transfer station they are weighing every truck that comes in with waste on it and charging the \$55.00 per ton. They already have the weight for the usual contractors that come through. They have a log on the wall of the weights for the vehicles so they don’t have to every time come across with the weight, unload, and go back through. For new people that is what they do. We want to remove those other fees and continue as we have been doing and charge the \$55.00 per ton.

On the tires they have only been charging \$1.00 for passenger/small truck tire and \$10.00 for the tractor-trailer. We have not been charging for the other two tire fees listed. I don’t think they are going through the tires and measuring. It is either a small normal-sized tire or it is a big tractor tire. We get charged by New River Tire Recycling by the weight of the tires so I am not sure we are seeing enough difference with those other two to really make up for it in the fees.

Also in the new proposed fee schedule we are spelling out some of the fees that are in the agreements such as the \$100.00 deposit. On the roll-offs if they keep them for more than 21 days, it is \$4.00 a day which was approved back on November 17, 2015. We are more or less putting it now in the fee schedule so if we go to court again there isn’t any question. We also put in the verbiage about the \$100.00 deposit again and that has to be done when the agreement is signed. They are still billed for the tonnage rate, which is above and also in the agreement. All payments are due 30 days from the date of the invoice, late fees are 1.5% per month. All this again is in the agreement and also more or less putting it in the fee schedule too.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated this streamlines the fee schedule completely, much better.

Supervisor Yoder said thank you for your hard work on this. You have done a very thorough job.

Ms. Morris said she does an excellent job keeping up with this.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Chapter 42. Solid Waste (Document File Number 940).

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

Agenda Item 8.h. – Credit Card Use Employee Agreement.

Ms. Morris said the next item is the Credit Card Use Employee Agreement. Cindy [Ryan] and Arianna [McKnight] both worked on this.

Ms. Ryan stated all department heads, all deputy sheriffs, and most of the Social Services staff get a credit card when they start employment. For most employees it is a \$500.00 limit. Department heads credit limit is sometimes a little bit higher. We apply for the credit card at the request of the department head and give the card to the employee. In the past we never asked the employee to sign anything and we haven't really given the employee any instructions about appropriate and inappropriate use of the credit card. Most employees use the credit card appropriately. But there have been some instances where people have unknowingly bought things they shouldn't have. We've had to tell the employee the purchase was not appropriate and the credit card cannot be used in that manner. Sometimes employees fail to get itemized receipts or if they get the receipts they lose them or they don't turn receipts in timely. We want to let employees know what is appropriate and inappropriate and tell them what our expectations are. We want to put a little meat to this. What we have in here is if there are unauthorized charges on the credit card statement or if they fail to turn in a receipt, then we could deduct that amount from their paycheck.

Ms. Morris added we think that will get their attention.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed, absolutely. She asked how many cards are there roughly?

Ms. Ryan replied probably about 50.

Vice Chairman Turman said I would have thought there was more than that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed that she thought so too. She asked will you have each employee come in and sign this agreement?

Ms. Ryan said initially we will have each employee with a credit card sign an agreement and then each time the credit card gets changed or renewed by the company, which can be every year to two years, have the employee sign a new agreement.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Credit Card Use Employee Agreement (Document File Number 941).

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

Agenda Item 8.i. – New River Valley Agency on Aging Advisory Council appointment.

Ms. Morris stated Ms. King, the agency director, has found one person, Katie Bennett, to serve on the New River Valley Agency on Aging Advisory Council. I wanted to see if you had thought of anyone else. If not, we will keep looking. Of course this is not an appointment you have to make. It is done by the Agency on Aging Board of Directors. I imagine we will appoint Ms. Bennett at the next meeting of Agency on Aging.

Agenda Item 8.j. – Virginia Department of Historic Resources Highway Marker information.

Ms. Morris reported that she received information from Gerald Via, Vice President of the local historical society concerning their application for a highway marker at Curtis Turner's birthplace. The present landowner is in favor of this placement being made. There is no action needed from you. I just provided this as information.

Chairman Clinger said he had no idea how much was involved with getting a highway marker. There is a lot of research. It is not something done lightly.

Ms. Morris said the dedication ceremony will be on Mr. Turner's birthday which is April 12.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I think it is great that the current landowner is willing to do this. It is kind of neat.

Agenda Item 8.k. – ACT Work Ready Communities program.

Ms. Morris stated that she attended a rollout of the ACT Work Ready Communities program a couple of weeks ago in Abingdon. The New River/Mt. Rogers Workforce Development Board are spearheading this initiative for the area. I don't know a whole lot about the program yet, but I want to tell you what I do know. ACT is a private, nonprofit organization that provides high quality career assessments. They administer this Work Ready Communities program. They do all the certifications to measure skill gaps folks might have and try to come up with programs or training to close those skill gaps. About 75% of the states' nationwide have this program, but it is just now starting in Virginia. The only counties in Virginia that have this certification are Halifax, Pittsylvania and Henry. They are at 100%. Patrick County is about 89% through this program and the City of Danville is at 98%. As part of this program they have four academies each year with the requirement that two county officials attend each of the four

trainings. The cost is \$1,600.00 for this academy. The Workforce Development Board is trying to get grant funding from the Tobacco Commission to pay for each locality in the New River Valley to go. I really don't want to go any further with this since it is such a high cost if you weren't interested in this. I just feel it would be helpful as the schools are working through their programs as to what additional programs to offer. Of course we do need the buy-in from the local companies because they will be a big part of this also.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested that would probably be H&V, possibly Crenshaw.

Ms. Morris confirmed that we would probably start with them. They would be the ones most prepared.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if she had mentioned this to Dr. Wheeler.

Ms. Morris said no, I started to mention it at the CTE meeting, but then I thought I should run it by you first because you might not have an interest in it.

Chairman Clinger said we are not against it and we are not for it yet. Let's explore it and see if the schools are interested because it is something we have to partner with them on as well.

Ms. Morris said I was thinking that Lydeana [Martin] and I would be the ones to go to the academy. Then you come back and set up a local group here made up of all the different areas, like schools and industries and you have an advisory team.

Chairman Clinger said find out how many of the School Board members plan to be here for the solar presentation next month. If a majority are here, perhaps we can give them some more detail and see if they are interested. Send them some information on it ahead of time as well.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested contacting Henry County to see what their experience with the program is.

Ms. Morris said we have a Workforce Development meeting next week and we will probably be talking about it more. Hopefully I will have more information.

Chairman Clinger said we will give you some reins on this one and let you go with it for a while.

Ms. Morris said with that cost if they are not able to get grant money...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I think this would be a really good investment for the grant money helping the New River Valley.

Ms. Morris said the first two-day training session is in November.

Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business continued.

Ms. Morris stated I left a copy on your table of the Software License Agreement. As you recall you approved a new software program for the Commissioner of Revenue's office in this budget. We found there are very few companies that provide this type of software. Ms. Baker has had demos from two companies that we knew provided this. Surry County put out an RFP last year and they allowed cooperative procurement on their RFP, which means other local governments can use it too without going out for bid. The County Attorney has reviewed this agreement several times. We've gone back and forth with them. He accepts it as it stands now. The cost we got on it is \$135,940.00, so it is less than we originally thought. We will have additional costs from Wingate to convert some of the data, they are thinking probably in the \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 range. This is one of the items you had in the loan.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract with Software License Agreement for \$135,940.00 for the purchase of a CAMA Assessment System for the Commissioner of Revenue (Document File Number 942).

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

Ms. Morris reported that Medic 2 that we are using – it is one of the units we got from Rescue – has blown an engine. We've gotten two quotes on getting the repair for that. The lowest quote is in the \$10,000.00 range. We have no choice. We have to get it fixed. That is being worked on now. It will probably be 2-3 weeks out before we get it back. You had a replacement unit in the budget for EMS. I would like to go ahead and put that out for bid for a refurbished unit.

Chairman Clinger said we planned to have three units total, two primaries and a backup. We need to repair the one and expedite the bid process if at all possible.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked who will be doing the work?

Ms. Morris replied B&S was the lower bid.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a refurbished ambulance.

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

Agenda Item 7. – Closed Session –Real Property 2.2-3711 A.3.; and Consultation with Legal Counsel 2.2-3711 A. 7.

On a motion made by 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. 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 under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 7., Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultations or briefings in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and 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 Gerald, 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 Consultation with Legal Counsel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7 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 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



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Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



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Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors