

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8:00 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.

County Administrator Morris called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

County Administrator Morris led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Morris called for nominations for Chairman for the 2017 calendar year.

Supervisor Turman nominated Supervisor Case Clinger. Supervisor Gerald seconded the nomination.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch nominated Supervisor Lauren Yoder. There was no second to the nomination.

On the motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Clinger as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the 2017 calendar year.

Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – no
Supervisor Yoder – no
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

County Administrator Morris turned the chair over to Chairman Clinger.

Chairman Clinger called for nominations for Vice Chairman for the 2017 calendar year.

Supervisor Yoder nominated Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch. There was no second to the nomination.

On the motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Turman as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the 2017 calendar year.

Supervisor Yoder – no
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – no
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 6 and Agenda Item 7 – Setting of date and time for regular meetings for calendar year 2017. Setting of alternate date/time for 2017 regular Board of Supervisors meeting in case of inclement weather.

Chairman Clinger explained that currently we are doing the second and fourth Tuesday, 8:30 in the morning on the first Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. He asked if those days and times were okay with everyone?

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to set the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administrative Building for the regular meetings for the calendar year 2017. In the event of inclement weather the first Thursday following a missed meeting would be the alternate date at the same time as called for in the original meeting.

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

Agenda Item 8 – Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order as meeting protocol.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as Board of Supervisors meeting protocol for the 2017 calendar year.

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

Agenda Item 9 – Appointment to Floyd County Planning Commission, one year term, one Board of Supervisors member.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Fred Gerald to the Floyd County Planning Commission for a one year term, representing the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Gerald – abstain

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

Agenda Item 10 – Appointment to Floyd County Tourism Development Council, one year term, one Board of Supervisors member.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that the term expiring had been for one year, but the intention was to make it a two year term in the future so that the appointment expirations would be staggered.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Kuchenbuch to the Floyd County Tourism Development Council for a two year term.

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

Agenda Item 11 – Appointment to New River Valley Regional Commission, one year term, one Board of Supervisors member.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to reappoint Supervisor Fred Gerald to the New River Valley Regional Commission for a one year term.

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

Agenda Item 12 – Appointment of VACo legislative contact, one year term, one Board of Supervisors member.

Ms. Morris stated that historically this appointment has been the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Chairman Case Clinger as VACo legislative contact for a one year term.

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

Agenda Item 13 – Approval of minutes of December 15, 2016.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that when Mr. Kevin Byrd, the Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission, was present at the last meeting he mentioned needing a name of a business person who would be willing to serve on the Regional Council Board. Have we suggested the name of any Floyd business person to Mr. Byrd?

Ms. Morris replied that she had not suggested anybody's name to Mr. Byrd.

Chairman Clinger said it was his understanding that the scope of that Board was still being worked out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Ms. Morris to check with Mr. Byrd as we would not want to miss that opportunity to have a voice for Floyd on that Board. We can brainstorm who we might suggest.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if Ms. Lydeana Martin had discussed with the County Attorney the legalities of requiring surveyors to show the exact County line when doing surveys for property owners?

Ms. Morris replied that she was not sure if Ms. Martin had spoken with the County Attorney or not.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch requested that this be followed up with the County Attorney as this would be worth knowing.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016 as presented.

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

Agenda Item 14 – Approval of January 2017 monthly disbursements.

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

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

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

Ms. Brewster provided a copy of the caseload statistics for December 2016. Instead of reading the report to the Board, Ms. Brewster said she would give an overview of how the office is doing. We just finished our fuel season and it was very successful. We decided to do things different and in-house this year. Always before we hired an emergency worker to do our fuel program. We were fully staffed for a number of years and it did not make sense to me to hire outside the agency when we were fully staffed. So we decided to use the resources we had in-house and save money administratively and use someone who is already used to that computer system. It worked out successfully. We also found out a lot of fraud had gone on in the past, probably because it was a paper system. The new computer system helped us identify some problems and the new fuel worker was very diligent about identifying problems. It was very successful on both ends.

We continue the process of having our benefit programs converted to the new computer system. There were a lot of delays at the state level with that conversion. We were supposed to be fully converted by the end of December, but there were a lot of problems with shutting down the old system. We are looking at February 15 being the new deadline. There are a lot of federal compliance standards with the SNAP program as you can imagine. Our Benefits staff is still under a lot of stress and pressure of making that happen. The system is very slow. When I spoke to the Deputy Commissioner a lot of the problem is with the broadband we have here, which makes our internet very slow. To give you an example, our workers can be working on a case and take a break and come back and it is still spinning. The Deputy Commissioner put us on a list of agencies which are having this problem. We have been working with VITA and Citizens to have our internet speed increased. We are happy to be considered for that boost of speed. It will help with productivity. Even so we are still one of the top ranked agencies of making sure our work is done timely.

We are currently fully staffed and we are excited about that. Our last three hires have been Floyd County residents. We are happy to hire local people. On our Services side of the house we have implemented an internal auditing process where a Human Services Assistant is auditing Foster Care records, Child Protective Service (CCPS) records, and Child Protective Service Ongoing records to ensure compliance with the State designed tool. State auditors will also be auditing our records every three months as well. And regional staff will be coming in every six months. This is coming out of the Bridge where they weren't taking reports. We have not had any of that. But we wanted to make sure we are in compliance so we wanted to look at this in-house to make sure our records are up-to-speed. It has worked out perfect. The feedback we are hearing from the auditors is that they like our records. They like the way they are set up now. We've made a lot of changes on the structure setup since I came on board. The internal auditing is just helping make it better.

The other thing I want to share with you is our caseload statistics. I won't bore you by reading them to you, but you can look at them. I am happy to answer any questions you have on those. They have not changed much since last month when I was here. We still see a high number in CPS. Our VIEW caseload has gone up some. I think that is attributable to our new worker who is very motivated and has been doing a great job with the program. The other thing to make note of is we have developed a strategic plan for our agency of things that we felt were

“hot points” in the office that needed to be worked on. The entire staff is working on the strategic plan.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested that in terms of caseload statistics, our Department of Inspections allows us to see December 2016 compared to December 2015 in an excel document.

Ms. Brewster responded that she has that information. I can share that with you.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it is always good to see where we are.

Chairman Clinger pointed out that some of the programs are seasonal.

Ms. Brewster replied that she provides that information to the Social Services Board and that she can bring that comparison in January of each year to this Board.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that would be great.

Agenda Item 16.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for December 2016.

Ms. Morris reported that Ms. Lydeana Martin was in Richmond yesterday and today meeting with the Tobacco Commission and talking to them further about our ACCE grant. She told me last night that she met with the Education Committee of the Tobacco Commission and they have approved our application. It now goes to the full Commission this morning. Their priorities this year seem to be more on workforce and not transfer students. She is not sure how it will go. Hopefully we will hear some good news from her before the end of today.

Ms. Morris stated that the subdivision plat report had been provided by Ms. Martin. The yearly report shows a considerable increase over last year, particularly in agricultural divisions. She has had a lot of questions over the last month, but has not been too busy this month with plats.

The Planning Commission is working on their Annual Report, which they will provide to you.

I left a copy of an email from Mr. Mark Cline of Anderson and Associates concerning Lot 4 of the Commerce Park. You requested an estimate of an estimate to prepare bid documents for a shovel ready site for Lot 4. This is the 9.4 acre lot with concentration on 5 acres of that. Ms. Martin told me there are several variations on where the building could be depending on what we want. You seem to be leaning more toward five 20,000 s.f. buildings on this site instead of one large building. On the stormwater we would do the plans, but not build anything yet.

Chairman Clinger said the biggest thing is to get some plans so we can get cost estimates if we want to move forward.

Ms. Morris said the estimate is to provide you with information to think about when we start working on the budget, but nothing needs to be decided today.

Ms. Morris reported that Ms. Martin also stated that no word has been received yet on the Innovation grant for Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine, but everything we've heard so far has been positive.

Agenda Item 16.b. – December 2016 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that construction has been down considerably compared to last December, but year-to-date is comparable.

Agenda Item 16.c. – E911 Road Name Request – One Lighting Way.

Ms. Morris stated that Crenshaw Lighting bought the Cross Creak Building. He wants to name the drive that goes in One Lighting Way. Since it is an owner request, they will pay for the sign.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of One Lighting Way, with the cost of the road sign installation to be paid by the requestor.

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

Agenda Item 16.d. – E911 Road Name Request – Pynnhaven Path.

Ms. Morris explained that this road name request of Pynnhaven Path is because there are more than three residences on the road so the sign will be a County cost.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Pynnhaven Path, with the cost of the road sign installation to be paid by the County.

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

Agenda Item 16.e. – Appointment of Chairperson as Member and County Administrator as Alternate to New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Consortium Board of Directors for one year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Chairman Clinger as a member of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Consortium Board of Directors and to appoint County Administrator Terri Morris as alternate to that board for a one year term.

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

Agenda Item 16.g. – Registration forms for Upcoming VACo events.

Ms. Morris stated that VACo has several different meetings coming up if anybody is interested in attending any of those. There is the County Board Chairpersons' Institute, County Government Day, and the Rural Caucus Reception and Dinner. We will be glad to make reservations for you if anybody would like to go to any of those. The last form is for different committees that VACo has if anybody is interested in serving on any of those.

Agenda Item 16.h. – Discussion on date of joint meeting of Board of Supervisors, Town Council, School Board, and Economic Development Authority.

Ms. Morris stated that this item was on the agenda to keep it on everyone's radar.

Chairman Clinger said he asked Mr. Griffin to schedule another subcommittee meeting prior to the joint meeting of all boards. He will mention it to Mr. Griffin again this afternoon. Please put this on the agenda for next month as well.

Agenda Item 15.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Dorothy Legare, Indian Valley District, said she has been working with a group of other folks to develop a local chapter of the national group Represent Us. Our chapter name is Represent New River Valley. It is a grassroots organization, working from the ground up, to fight corruption in our politics. Our goal is to specifically target State and Federal areas. We are getting a little more public. We are going to have a letter in The Floyd Press this week talking about our group and what we are doing. We are a public group on Facebook. What we are working towards is a County resolution that shows the people of Floyd do not want corrupt politics in our State and Federal governments. There are some specifics in it. We want you to know that we are working on this at the County level to get a non-binding resolution that we can present to our legislators in government that the County of Floyd does not stand for some of the corrupt policies that are legal right now in our country. We will be gathering some petitions trying to garner public support. We will be presenting that to you. We just want to be upfront with what we are doing. And we also want you to know that we are not targeting you folks or County level government for anti-corruption. But we are looking at starting at the bottom so we can show the support from the ground level up. We just want you to know we are here. I am here today with Jim Best, Tara Orlando, and my husband Thomas Pramann. There are several others in the group as well. You will see us working around the community. Thank you.

Chairman Clinger thanked Ms. Legare for the update.

Supervisor Yoder stated that he wanted to encourage accountability on all levels. Just because you are here in front of us does not mean that you shouldn't hold us accountable too. I think it is really important that everybody is held accountable. It is probably harder to hold people accountable the higher up. Local government is very important. I think we see that more and more all the time. It really impacts people's lives in ways they don't think about a lot. I'm glad that there is any group that is promoting accountability. It is a good thing.

Ms. Tara Orlando, Indian Valley District, spoke from the audience. She said we are excited about it. It passed in Roanoke County and Roanoke City. We look forward to it passing in Floyd County as well. Everything is public. The resolution is on our Facebook page. You are welcome to come to our meetings.

Vice Chairman Turman said one good thing about Floyd County is that it is still small enough so everyone knows pretty much everybody. If you are doing something wrong, people let you know about it. You are able to sit down and work it out.

Agenda Item 16.i. - 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 Kuchenbuch and 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 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 Gerald – aye
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – aye
Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, 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 – aye
Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Agenda Item 15.d. – Mr. Chris Price, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Chairman Clinger said the crews did a great job getting the big snow off the roads quickly and getting the roads open again.

Vice Chairman Turman said he noticed they got to the secondary gravel roads quickly.

Chairman Clinger said people commented to him that they don't know what is different this year, but it has been a whole lot quicker than past years.

Mr. Price said he would try to find out what is being done different and continue doing it. The snow has consumed us the last week or so. Due to the drifting on some of the gravel roads, we have crews coming from Montgomery and Pulaski Counties today to help out. They will be hauling stone on the gravel roads. Those counties are just a little ahead because they did not get as much. We have some trucks coming this way now to help out. Once the snow is complete and it is off the roads, we have a contract set up to start hauling stone on the gravel roads. The contract is with Charlie Henderson out of Giles County. We will make a big effort to haul stone on the gravel roads. They were a little muddy before the snow. The contract is in place and they are ready to go. We will start pothole patching once the freeze/thaw is over.

We had two snow blowers working here on drifts. We still have a few drifts that we have to punch through. We get them good and then it blows back in. This type of snow was so dry it just moved around. It has been a tough go with the drifts.

Prior to the snow, some of the work done maintenance wise included shoulder repair. We will continue working on the shoulders. We hauled some stone. We had issues on Sunny Ridge Road that we tried to work through. We graded it and hauled stone there. That has been one of our trouble spots. Cannadays Gap Road, Deer Haven Road, and several more we machined. It looks like about 25 roads were machined prior to the snow. We did some brush cutting as well. We had a couple of roads mowed/trimmed. We are trying to cut some brush back. We will continue to do that through the spring. We fixed a couple of potholes and pipes. We did one low water pipe/slab on Goose Creek Run. We had the other one we discussed a couple of months ago that we added. We tried doing them at the same time, but we couldn't line up the crews. So they went ahead and fixed one of them. A pipe was replaced on Via Drive and another on McAlexander Road. Once the snow gets out of here we are going to concentrate on the gravel roads and potholes. After this is over I am sure you will be telling me about stone on gravel roads. We have a pretty big crew trying to make a big effort on that.

Chairman Clinger said there isn't much point putting stone on frozen roads.

Mr. Price agreed. We will put some down today to get some traction. But anything you put on goes down into the wet soil or gets pushed off.

Supervisor Gerald said Sumpter Road needs some gravel. Thank you for the quick snow removal.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you did an excellent job with what you have. Floyd crews did an unbelievable job. However, I am very, very concerned about the comments that I have heard about how as soon as somebody crossed over the Montgomery County line – and not just on Friday night, or the Roanoke County line on Friday night – but the middle of the day on Saturday my son came over the bridge on Rt. 8 and the difference between Montgomery County and Floyd County was so markedly different. There really is not an excuse to have Floyd County's main roads on Rt. 8 at the Montgomery County line and Rt. 221 at the Roanoke County line be so dramatically different. I am not in any way shape or form saying anything about the crews here in Floyd. Our guys worked tirelessly to get it done. But we have to address how you can come over that bridge.

The way that snow fell came around and dumped 8" of snow. It followed the ridge of Pilot Mountain. Obviously to the west side of Pilot Mountain they got 4". On the east side of Pilot Mountain we got 8"; 9" on Alum Ridge. I understand how hard it is to get our secondary roads. On Huffville Road the Montgomery County side was okay, but as soon as you crossed over at Lick Ridge Road... On Fishers View Road it was night and day. I think we have to figure out a way because a Floyd County life is just as important as a Roanoke County life is and as a Montgomery County life is. I know how important and serious VDOT takes this. I don't know how you guys are going to have to deal with this, but you have to deal with it – on Rt. 8 and Rt. 221 especially.

I used to live on a forgotten part of Montgomery County roadways. About 15-20 years ago all of a sudden Montgomery County realized it wasn't part of Floyd and they started clearing it. We would come out and half the time it was caked with snow. It never got any treatment. Once they realized it was part of Montgomery County everything changed.

So many of us leave this county to go to work and then they have to come back in at night. I just want to make sure that every single one of our citizens has the ability to get back. They shouldn't risk their lives on roads when the counties they just left are absolutely wonderful. Again, our people in Floyd did an excellent job. I've heard great things about side roads being done sooner than before. I am going to bring up snow fencing again. I don't know why this has fallen out of favor with VDOT. I know some farmers don't want snow fencing on their land. But I know there are probably some farmers that would want to be able to get in and out of town. I think we need to look at snow fencing again. If you had snow fencing up on Rt. 615 you would not have the drifts you have and have to get trucks out to re-plow the roads. It just seems to make sense. I am a fan of snow fencing and always will be. I use trees as snow fencing. We've kept a lot of our trees up on our property's boundaries so Dobbins Hollow does not drift from the top. It has worked.

Barberry Road and New Haven Road were just not treated properly. I know you had some contractors come in and they may not have been as familiar with our roads. Barberry Road is a main thoroughfare too. There are two types of different pavement – from New Haven Road over to the Parkway and from New Haven Road into Town. It needed to be dealt with in a better situation.

On Weddle Road we missed the window. All the grading was done but no gravel put down. I know you run a State agency and sometimes it is hard to get everyone's timing. I would just as soon you not grade a road if you don't have the gravel coming right behind it. It just doesn't make any sense to me. I lived on a gravel road for a long, long time. I don't see why you are going to machine it if you can't get the gravel on it within a day or two at the most. You can't machine a road and wait 1 ½ months before you put gravel on it. Now people are in a really bad situation where they can't get out.

Thank you for your continued attention to Sunny Ridge Road. I really appreciate it.

Another topic I want to bring up again is a speed limit reduction extension out to Pine Tavern. I would like to see it probably back to Black Forest Road.

Mr. Price replied they may have completed the study on it, but I will look. I don't think they approved it. I will double check.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Supervisor Yoder and I have a lot of Rt. 221 running through our districts. It has gotten to be a very busy road. I don't want to have to be sitting here and talking about someone who has lost their life because we didn't take the time or the attention to think about how we can better secure safety for people who live in this County or travelling through this County. I don't want to sit here like I did at the last meeting talking about someone who has lost their life in a crosswalk here in Town. These are very serious issues. And just extending the reduction in speed could help. You can talk about studies all you want. But when

someone is pulling out of the Pine Tavern, they might be run down by a car. We all know when it goes to 55 mph they are doing 60 mph. It is just the nature of the beast.

Mr. Price responded I will double check on this. I think I saw something on that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch answered she would bring it up again. I don't want to be the one proven right, believe me.

Mr. Price explained the speed studies are done for the complete travelling public.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied when that driver runs into someone is he really going to be concerned about the travelling public? It hasn't happened yet. What I am saying is we have a lot of people coming into Town and we are talking about moving it maybe ½ mile out to reduce the speed limit.

Mr. Price said he would check on it. He is not 100% sure the study was completed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you have done an excellent job. Don't get me wrong. These are the issues that come up from our constituents. After Ms. Leitch's death, I would also like an update with some concrete plans on how you are going to fix the crosswalks.

Mr. Price replied that after the last meeting he called the traffic engineering division and talked to them about it. I put into motion a full study of pedestrians in Floyd. All of that has been put into motion.

Mr. Price said he understood with snow removal at County lines there are different crews.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it can't be that different. Our guys worked really, really hard. Maybe we just don't have enough of them.

Mr. Price answered that Floyd has a lot more high volume secondary roads.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she would grant that Christiansburg Pike got a lot more attention. It is the nature of the beast. It is the way development has happened in this county. There is no logical explanation to me why our roads were not as clear as our two neighboring counties on the same exact roads. If we don't have enough people then we need to look into it. This was a 5"-8" snow. We are not talking about the big one.

Vice Chairman Turman said he received a phone call right before the snow storm from a resident on Thistle Hill Road. They had a work order but no gravel had been put down. It gets pretty slick when it rains. They would like some gravel on that. A lot of people on Reedsville Road and a school administrator called me and said that road is getting pretty rugged. They need some gravel on it. Buses are having difficulty getting up through there.

Mr. Price replied that it will take a few weeks to get the gravel roads back in shape.

Vice Chairman Turman said he had to go to Hillsville in Carroll County four times after the snow hit. I couldn't tell the difference between Carroll County and Floyd County on that end of Rt. 221. Every time I went I met a VDOT truck. They opened up the roads quicker than in the past. I really appreciate that.

Supervisor Yoder thanked him for the work done on the snow removal. I understand that you had some crews sent east.

Mr. Price confirmed that did happen. We got a directive from the Governor's Office and sent east 12 people and 6 pieces of equipment. They wanted a snow blower or two sent east. Mr. Darrell Sowers worked it out with them in order to keep the snow blowers here in Floyd. Those were heading out the morning of the snow and got stopped.

Supervisor Yoder said every road I travelled on was clear to the point I could get through. I didn't find any road where I couldn't get through it with 4-wheel drive. When it is close to zero degrees and the wind is howling that is the best you can ask for, especially on the side roads.

Supervisor Yoder said he had a couple of questions both of which are in Franklin County. I don't know how that works. It is right on the line. I am assuming that is not in your area. We have dead end roads where the tip ends in Franklin County. On Walnut Knob Road there is a dead tree right on the edge of the road. He would like to get the tree taken down. I don't know how to direct him.

Mr. Price replied some of the roads we maintain; sometimes Franklin County maintains part of ours. Franklin County is actually out of Bedford Residency. I will talk to them about the situation and submit a work order request.

Supervisor Yoder said he received a phone call about adding a small portion of Remington Road back into the system.

Mr. Price stated he was familiar with that situation. It could be done in one of two ways. It would have to be some type of rural addition. There is a program called No Cost Rural Addition where the property owners build it to standards and then we would bring it into the system. The unfortunate thing is we don't bring in gravel roads. We are not looking at adding any more gravel roads. To me it is a rural addition project. Part of the road is on Parkway property.

Supervisor Yoder said my question is if we wanted to address it, could we with it being in Franklin County?

Mr. Price replied I think you are in Franklin County the first 100'-200' and then beyond that you are in Floyd. When I looked at it, it was a rural addition type road which will not be taken in unless it is paved. It has to qualify and have 3 houses.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how often do you look at agreements with neighboring counties?

Mr. Price said we work with Bedford Residency more closely than we probably do with any of the others. We help them out. Like I said we have crews coming from Montgomery County and Pulaski County today. These are in the same residency but have a completely different headquarters. Floyd is a little trickier than most because of the Parkway and roads that parallel the Parkway and roads that go in and out of other counties. When I talked to the gentleman I explained that we can't just bring it back in as a gravel road. It is not a good idea for VDOT and for the County. Floyd only gets so much money in the secondary program. You would be responsible for bringing a road back into the secondary system. It is a Board decision. You want to get it in a state that you don't have to rebuild or spend a bunch of maintenance money. I will be happy to look at it again with you. It does qualify for rural addition. You have funds for rural addition but you have a list of 5-6 roads.

Supervisor Yoder said there are more roads we could add.

Mr. Price said I can get you information if the citizens are interested in doing a No Cost Rural Addition. I can get you information on that. It includes minimum surface treating, widening to 18' road and 2' shoulders, which is pretty standard for a secondary road. We have to get it to where two cars can pass.

Supervisor Yoder asked if the low water bridge to be replaced on Goose Creek Run is the first one coming from Shawsville?

Mr. Price confirmed that it is.

Supervisor Yoder said residents there were confused because some work was done on that road.

Mr. Price said there are two separate projects. We tried to do them at the same time, but it didn't work out. On the other project they replaced some pipe.

Supervisor Yoder said they were very happy with that. They couldn't believe more work was being done.

Mr. Price said I tried to get the projects done at the same time. But I am using old federal money so I have to get permission to use federal money on the bridge.

Supervisor Yoder thanked him for the work there. It can be difficult to drive because the weather really impacts them. I want to reiterate how much I appreciate the VDOT workers. There was a lot of sacrifice made on the part of VDOT workers.

Chairman Clinger said he did not have anything to bring up at this time, but is sure he will have some when potholes appear after the freeze/thaw.

Mr. Price said he expects those calls.

Vice Chairman Turman said this morning he hit a drift where there had not been one before. Then it dawned on me that piece of property had been sold, graded, trees cut down, and houses built. You have an ever changing situation.

Mr. Price agreed and said between that and gravel driveways that go straight up a hill...if we could stop those we would be alright.

Agenda Item 15.e. – Ms. Marty Holliday, Executive Director of New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board.

Ms. Holliday stated that she came to provide a background on the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area. In our area we have 13 jurisdictions – all of the New River Valley and Mount Rogers are part of our workforce area. In the State of Virginia there are 15 workforce areas. The workforce funds come to us through a federal grant. Each state gets their money based on 3 formulas – unemployment, excess unemployment, and percent of poverty. The State of Virginia traditionally does not get a lot of money in the scope of things. Truthfully there are workforce areas in the State of California that gets more than the whole State of Virginia gets. We are low on the totem pole as far as funding goes.

Each state implements the program a little bit differently. The State of Virginia has managed to take their workforce system and make it as convoluted as it can be. There are about 27 programs under the workforce header, which fall under about 6 secretariats. Some states that do not have a large population have only a single workforce board. Virginia has a large population considering its physical size. The State of Virginia has 15 workforce area boards. It starts in the coal fields as 1 and we are number 2. The numbers go to number 17 because there were that many workforce areas at one time, but along the way the City of Richmond and Henrico County combined and Northern and Southern Shenandoah Valley became a single area.

Our 13 jurisdictions have been working together as an area since the 1990s under Junior Training Partnership Act. In 1998 when the Workforce Investment Act came into being, jurisdictions had to go around again and decide who they would be a part of and create these workforce areas. All of Mount Rogers and all of New River stayed together and said we will be a workforce area. We had some change occur in our region in 2009. The Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEOS) of the 13 jurisdictions are the governing body to some extent because they are responsible for the funding. One county has to come forward and say I will take the money. Pulaski County has been our grant recipient for all of these years. You can assign a fiscal agent and New River Valley Regional Commission has been the fiscal agent since the early 2000s. We have a long history of how we do business here. In 2009 we had no legal entity. We were signing contracts with no legal entity among ourselves. The 13 jurisdictions came together and with the help of Sands Anderson, who works with county governments and knew what needed to happen, became a single government entity overseeing the workforce investment funds coming into the area.

These funds cover 3 programs in general – Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker. Most of our adult programs are focused on folks who have barriers to training and employment. They are 18+ years old and in many cases they are income challenged. We try to give them additional assistance, with our other partners, to get them the appropriate training they need to lead to

sustainable wages for their families. That is the ultimate goal. I tell people all the time that the federal government does not give us money for the fun of it. There is a reason they are giving you money. They want people to pay taxes. The ultimate goal is to get people back to work, off of welfare rolls, and back to being taxpaying citizens.

We deal with dislocated workers completely differently. They could have been making \$250,000 yesterday, lost their job today, and be eligible for unemployment and the dislocated worker program. There are no income guidelines at all to that program. Lately, as you can imagine, we have been pretty busy with that program.

The youth program used to be heavily in the K-12 system in the high schools. We worked with young people who had 2 or more barriers to education and employment. We could serve students if they were pregnant or a teen parent, a felon, disabled, or had learning disabilities that were holding them back. With the new law that has changed and the focus is on out-of-school youth. It is the kids who have fallen through the cracks. We have to find them and they are not easy to find. They are young people who are no longer associated with education or training programs. The age goes up to 24 years old. Our new focus is not on the in-school youth as it used to be but out-of-school youth. We still do a little bit with K-12 by partnering with them in other ways rather than serving individual kids. We recognize it is better if we help them before they fall off the train and we have to look for them and many of the kids don't recognize they have a problem yet.

This new consortium board agreement before you is really just to do 2 things. The law changed July 1, 2015. We went from the Workforce Innovation Act to the Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. With that law change, some language changed on how the legal part of the consortium board agreement had to read and at the same time the State of Virginia changed their Code and also made some changes on how we had to word some things. This new agreement doesn't change the purpose of these 13 jurisdictions being together. It doesn't change how they operate together and how they have been operating together for more than 20 years. It just fixes some language that changed with the law. If you change the consortium board agreement, you have to go out to public hearing on ordinance in all 13 jurisdictions. So the other thing we are doing, since we have to go out to public hearing at this point, is looking at getting some stuff out of there that doesn't need to be in there. It can go into bylaws or other places. If those things were going to be changed in the future you don't have to send it to ordinance. That way the only time we are putting this up to go out to jurisdictions is when the law changes and we have to fix language to match that. Those are the changes in this new agreement.

I will now tell you how we have changed as a system. The CLEOS, whether elected or not, are always the member. Sometimes in some jurisdictions the Board of Supervisors has appointed a different elected official to attend those meetings and that elected official has an alternate. We have three people who can technically show up and vote for the jurisdiction at the Consortium Board meeting. We like that. We want to make sure each jurisdiction has representation and a voice. That group also appoints a Workforce Development Board, which is just like any other volunteer board. But this particular volunteer board is 51% business because it is supposed to be business run. If we are trying to meet the needs of regional businesses by providing them with the appropriate workforce, we need to hear exactly what it is that they need.

We ask each jurisdiction to pay pretty close attention to who they appoint as their business representative, because we want the appointees to represent the businesses that are important to those jurisdictions. That is the voice that will be heard on our board. These days we are handling a lot of money and a lot of different programs. We really changed in the last handful of years.

In the new federal law and the new State code, Workforce Development Boards – made up of volunteer representatives that get appointed – are the convener of the workforce system in our region. You remember when I told you about those 27 programs and those 6 secretariats? That ends up being we are coordinating the K-12 Career and Technical Education programs, the Community Colleges, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Adult Education, Department of Social Services that has TANF and VIEW programs. All of those workforce programs where federal and state dollars come together and we are preparing people through training and education to go to work, all those programs are the workforce system. We don't have a carrot or stick to make these people come into the sandbox and play together nicely. This is an exercise of herding cats. Sometimes it works really well and we have partners that work well together. Right now I am at the stage that it is the group of the willing. But when you bring more money in, people want to come play with you. And you have money to do something else.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is very narrow as to who we can serve and how we serve them. We recognize that the needs in our region are much greater than that. Let me tell you some other things we are doing besides just those 3 programs. We are part of the Disability Employment Initiative pilot project. We are actually on our last 6 months of a 2-year project. We were one of two pilots in the State of Virginia. That whole project is a 3-legged stool. First we want to take folks who are on full-time disability, SSI and SSDI, and if they are wanting to return to work full time, we want to build a system around them to enable that to happen. If you have been on disability for a long time, going back to work full-time is a big, big step and it takes a lot of supports to get someone to that position. We have 2 disability resource coordinators who work with the rest of that workforce system. When they meet with people who want to come back to work, they look at what does this person need. It is not the same every time we work with someone. Who do we need to pull to the table to ensure this happens? And who has what funding to support them through this process? That is part of that program.

The other piece was just the coordination of all of those workforce folks. How do you do a better job of working together in serving people with disabilities? Truthfully right now if you walk in my office and told me you had a disability, I would get on my speed dial and call the first person I know from DARS and ask them to come over. They may not need to be involved. The person's disability may not be such that we have to involve anyone else, but the system hasn't been receptive to serving folks with disabilities. That has been a new program for us. How do we enable and educate businesses on how easy it is to hire somebody with a disability and what kind of tax credits are out there and what kind of supports we can give to the business when they hire a person with disabilities. That project has brought in about \$300,000.00 to serve people in a different way. That project will morph into a brand new project called Career Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities which will be focused on advanced manufacturing.

We are also part of the Power Initiative along with Workforce Investment Area 1. That project covers 21 jurisdictions in southwest Virginia. That project's only focus is serving

individuals who have been dislocated out of the coal industry or industries that have served the coal industry. In our region along the spine starting with Giles County and running straight down, we have predominantly manufacturing and logistic companies that are either closing or downsizing because of the loss of the coal industry. This project has been heavily focused on retraining those folks and getting them re-employed somewhere else.

Last year with the announcement of Volvo's layoffs, starting at that point and going back 5 months and going forward with what we knew was coming for an additional 5 months we were going to lose 1,900 jobs in our region. We went to the State and applied for Rapid Response funds. I could spend an hour and a half describing what Rapid Response funds does. Prior to this project, the only way the State of Virginia used those funds was to serve dislocated workers. We had to convince them that the federal law allows you to serve businesses in transition. In fact the new law says you must be serving businesses that are in transition. We applied for \$1.2 million. It is covering 3 workforce areas so that is 29 jurisdictions in southwest Virginia. It is going from Lee County to Carroll County, from the City of Bristol all the way up to Botetourt County.

That particular project is serving dislocated workers under a certain heading, certain companies that we identified, but it is also helping us transition some businesses. We are working with Virginia Tech's Office of Economic Development and they are doing supply chain mapping. For Volvo when they lay off, they have a supply chain that also gets affected through their layoffs. Frequently those companies are small. They may only have 20 people. If they lay off 5, nobody even knows it occurred because they are coming in through dribbles and drabs. How do we help those companies transition to either new markets or new products so they can support themselves during these times of transition? That project will run until summer.

We were just awarded a Department of Labor grant from the America's Promise. We have a project called Pathway to the American Dream. This will cover 34 jurisdictions in southside Virginia. This one is running from Danville to Lee from Bristol to Botetourt. It has a very large footprint. It does two things. Again we are always trying to work with people. We are working with people who have barriers. They could be an ex-felon. They could have a disability. They could have never gotten enough training and have a really horrible work ethic. How do we help them get up-to-speed so they can get hired and maintain a job?

All of our new projects look at how do we better serve and work with our regional partners – that big swath of folks that also have training and employment programs. We do a better job by pulling all of that together and leveraging our funding, eliminating some duplication of service which is a waste of dollars. It has two other pieces that I think is critical. We will be doing a regional portal. We will have a curriculum and instructional specialist on staff who will be working with us to get training programs into an online portal. Some of those training programs will already be open source material so people anywhere can access this data for free and get some kind of training that might help them get a job. That is really what we want to have. How do we reach people wherever they are at whatever phase they are at in their life. Some people just aren't ready to go into that traditional education place. But that does not mean they are still not wanting to learn. How do we open those doors so it is a possibility? The portal is going to be out there.

A big component is that we will be working with the Virginia Community College Systems Office out of Richmond as well as the Center for Adult Education and Learning to bring to us a process for developing credit for prior learning. We think this is a big holdup in the region. It will start at the community colleges. There are 8 community colleges in the footprint of this area. It will be how do you take someone who got some type of training in those non-credit workforce training programs and they want to move up the line now and get a college degree, how do we move that up to credit so they don't have to start from scratch? That is the easiest because it is community college. The next step is they got training someplace else, maybe in that open source material that will be up on that portal, how do we move that to college credit so they can continue on in their career pathway?

The one I hope we can move into this process is, I have been doing this job for a really long time and I don't have an education behind me, how do I get credit for what I know and have learned on the job so that now if I want to move down the line for credit. This is my road to my college education. I got a lot of credit for what I learned in other places as well as some of my workplace credit and that is how I finished my Bachelor's degree. I now there is a way to do that. We believe that if you can build this process and if it is not unholy painful for people to go through, we will have folks coming back into the education system because the road will not look like forever for me to get somewhere. These are the kinds of things the Consortium Board and the Workforce Board are seeing. We have taken our role as regional convener very, very seriously. We also recognize that the Workforce Innovation Act's three programs – Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth – are just a small piece of what is really needed in our area. We appreciate having Terri Morris. She has been very supportive and good about voicing Floyd's needs. We are happy about having Kerri [Williams] as our new Board member for Floyd County. That was a very good appointment.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I am glad we finally got someone on the Board. It was a painful process.

Ms. Holliday said it is hard to find someone in all the small jurisdictions because the pool is smaller and they are busy. People who serve on our boards serve on other boards too. This isn't the only thing they are doing so they tend to be very busy and engaged individuals.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you mentioned the stress of getting this grant, I would assume your counterparts in the other consortium areas...

Ms. Holliday said \$6 million is a lot of money. As the grant recipient the Consortium Board is for all practical purposes is on the hook for that money and we are in charge. We have contracts and memorandums of understanding with other Workforce Boards. That is just one step. In those 3 Workforce Areas they too have CLEOs. We will have a memorandum of understanding with those CLEOs to recognize that any disallowed costs that occur in their areas, will be their responsibility. It is one thing to deal with the State. But when you are on the phone with the Department of Labor that is a whole different ballgame. That makes me nervous. It is not as easy as dealing with State officials.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said this particular grant has the potential to change an entire way we do things regionally. When you think about the needs between Lee County and Wise

County and Pittsylvania County and Henry County versus Botetourt County and Giles County, it is daunting.

Ms. Holliday said we are as different as we are alike. We could make our T graph and list all those differences and I can run down the other side of the T graph and list all the ways we are alike. We are alike in that somehow this part of Virginia falls off the map. When you talk to people in Richmond, they can't even find you on the map. They do not know where we are located. I use Virginia Tech as the location indicator when I talk to them. We tend to band together out here because we have to support each other. At the partnership level, I cannot complain about our regional partners. Where they are hamstrung is whatever their secretariat is telling them to do. It is not their willingness down here to get together and make it work; it is what is being said to them out of Richmond. We do the best we can and we work together. This could be an extreme systemic change of how we operate and do business in the future so we are very excited.

Agenda Item 16.f. – Schedule Public Hearing on New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Agreement.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator advertise for a public hearing on February 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. on the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Agreement.

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

Agenda Item 19 – Old/New Business

Dr. John Wheeler, Acting Superintendent for Floyd County Public Schools, said that two requests were approved by the School Board the previous evening. One request was for the fuel pump management system to be paid from the capital improvement fund. The other request is a supplemental authorization based on our most current numbers to let you know where we stand with the State's template. This will continue to change.

Chairman Clinger asked if he had any idea for much unaccounted fuel loss there was right now?

Dr. Wheeler replied that question gets into a bigger picture. The only thing I can tell you is that I am delving into it very deeply right now from the standpoint of an overall transportation plan. The bottom line on that is we need to get to the point of being able to know the cost per mile on every bus of the 57 in the fleet because the engines are different. We will get to that point very quickly. I met with a representative of one of the largest bus distributors in the state, Sonny Merryman, on Friday. I met with them not from a sales perspective, but because they deal with school divisions, they have seen our questions before. We said this is where we are and this is what we need to do. We had a really good meeting. From the standpoint of seeing what we

lost, I couldn't really tell you. It is done by paper. I don't know how much that is relevant because it still doesn't tell us the cost per mile per bus. This fuel management system will help us with that. It will just be one part. But that is where the biggest savings will be realized once we see overall a cost per mile per bus. The newest bus we bought three or four years ago costs us more than some of the older buses. In talking to the expert, it happens every day. We have to get to a point of getting a hold of it. Fuel management is just one piece of it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked when you are talking about reducing fuel spoilage, do you mean sitting in the tanks?

Mr. Darin Boothe, Director of Finance, said I think we are just talking about accounting for every gallon that goes out. I don't know if you have gone up to the bus garage to fill up but the first time I went up there, I felt like I was walking right into the 1970s accountability wise. You record mileage on a sheet of loose leaf paper. As much human error as you can take out of the equation the more accurate you are.

Chairman Clinger said that is what I was referring to because you have different departments filling up, the Sheriff's Office, Social Services. Everyone needs to pay their share back.

Dr. Wheeler agreed and said right now it is done on notebook paper.

Supervisors Kuchenbuch asked if now all of those will have their own retrieval system?

Dr. Wheeler replied yes.

Vice Chairman Turman said when I used to fuel up there you had to be careful not to record your mileage on the wrong sheet.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted we are marching headlong into the 21st century with the fuel management system.

Chairman Clinger asked about the \$5,268.46 being moved into School Food on the expenditure appropriation request.

Dr. Wheeler explained that the school division does not have control over that. I don't know the exact formula that the State gives us but that is what they are looking for.

Chairman Clinger asked if this is a match type thing?

Mr. Boothe replied that this is money coming from the State for School Lunch and School Breakfast. It is earmarked for that purpose.

Supervisor Yoder said our auditors talked about the need to get bids for fuel. I am curious as to whether that was addressed in this?

Dr. Wheeler replied that Mr. Boothe can talk about it from the past. I am coming into it now. It is something we saw in other people's reports that got dinged on that. It is one of those things that the fuel management system can be wrapped up into that. If you look at some of the bids. That was a perfect scenario. There was \$50,000 difference because we don't need to own the pumps. We own some of them in town, but not the ones outside. At this point going forward you would need to take that into consideration when looking at bids. Now as far as why there weren't bids for it, I think it was on a wait and see.

Mr. Boothe added that even when the auditors came in the spring to do their initial fieldwork, it was something that was out in the open and discussed with current leaders at the time. It was a wait and see approach. They cited it. Historically from what I've been told Clark Gas and Oil by a landslide was lowest bid. Keep in mind too when talking about bids on a commodity, fuel prices change daily, probably hourly. We would have to determine our variable per year, per month.

Chairman Clinger said he did the same thing with the propane. I locked in for one year at "x" number of gallons. I looked at historically how much I had used in that period. My propane I locked in at \$1.25 per gallon. I had a different delivery driver and when I got the bill it was \$2.20. He wasn't aware I had a contract. That is how you can alleviate those ups and downs by shopping around. I was hoping we could look at that and I think the auditors were as well. If you do it on a monthly you are going to pay more when the fuel goes up. It's just an idea.

Dr. Wheeler replied we can look at that.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve that \$25,085.50 be moved from the Capital Improvement Fund to the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget Technology category for the purchase of a new fuel management software system.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental revenue and expenditure appropriation requests as presented in the amount of \$80,513.10 in the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget.

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

Dr. Wheeler thanked the Board and said last night at the School Board meeting we discussed balancing when we use the capital improvement fund. We wanted to make improvements to the baseball and softball fields and we were able to take some of that out of our

own maintenance budget instead of coming directly to the capital improvement fund. We are working through the budget now. It is much appreciated that the capital improvement fund is there. As we progress we will continue to look at the best use for that.

Supervisor Yoder told Dr. Wheeler that one of the things you hear a lot from parents is complaints that they don't hear about school closings until a certain time. In the last few days you have put out the announcement in plenty of time. I appreciate that. It means a lot to parents to go ahead and make a decision.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch echoed Supervisor Yoder's statement.

Chairman Clinger expressed his surprise at how many people dislike the two hours late and then make a decision to close. Parents say with the limbo it is harder to make plans.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she realized sometimes it couldn't be helped because it is supposed to warm up, but doesn't. I am sure you have heard how much parents appreciate knowing about closings as soon as possible.

Dr. Wheeler said he was on his way to look at some bus turnarounds so he could make a decision about whether schools would be closed the next day.

Ms. Morris said that it is time to renew the lease with Legacy Linens. I have spoken with the owner, Mr. Ryan, and he would be pleased if we could enter into that agreement again for another year. I have given you a copy of the lease extension if you are willing to do it under the same terms.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to renew the lease with Legacy Linens under the same terms as the previous lease. (File Document #894).

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

Ms. Morris asked the Board members to think about Reassessment for the budget. We can do it anywhere in the timeframe of four to six years. You have to do it at least every six years. Historically over the last several times we have done it every five years. I wanted to see what you were thinking. If you were wanting to do it sooner, we need to put some money in the upcoming budget.

Chairman Clinger asked if it was typically \$350,000.00 every two years?

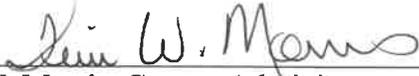
Ms. Morris answered we put it in over two years. The last time was in FY15. If you want to do it for FY20 we will have to start putting some money aside, I will talk to you about it more next time. I just wanted you to be thinking about it.

Chairman Clinger said a 1% increase generates about \$165,000.00.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if we put the assessment out to bid?

Ms. Morris replied yes.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

