

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Lauren D. Yoder, Chairman; Joe D. Turman, Vice Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, W. Justin Coleman, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, , Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Lauren Yoder 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 Coleman.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Boothe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of February 13, 2018; February 27, 2018; and March 7, 2018.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018; February 27, 2018; and March 7, 2018 as presented.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of March 2018 monthly disbursements.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the March 2018 monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 6.a. – Constitutional Officers reports.

No Constitutional Officers were present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for February 2018.

Ms. Lydeana Martin stated that in February there were mostly lot line revisions. The Planning Commission had a preliminary plat with 7 parcels on Christiansburg Pike come to them. The Planning Commission had an extra meeting to work on cluster subdivisions. I believe they will finish at their next meeting per your request to have their recommendations by the end of March.

Ms. Martin stated the launch of the new Floyd logo will be held on April 3 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Skyline National Bank’s community room. The presentation will be at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7.f. – Approval of New River Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Martin explained the purpose of the 2017 Update to the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- 1) Every 5 years in order to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funds, you have to have an up-to-date hazard mitigation plan.
- 2) We have done this regionally since 2002 when it first started being required.
- 3) Mitigation money is not emergency assistance money in the middle of an event. With each Presidential disaster declaration, 5% or 10% of the dollars are set aside for mitigation projects that would help prevent or lessen future natural disasters.
- 4) Their definition is “a sustainable action that will reduce or eliminate injury to citizens or property.”
- 5) Some of the examples of FEMA money used at the regional level include warnings at bridges about high water in a flood situation.
- 6) Many people have been involved in developing this plan, including Kevin Sowers and myself. We addressed mitigation possibilities for Floyd County. An open house was held in Floyd County to get public input on the plan in May 2017.
- 7) As a region the ranking of some of the hazards are freezing temperatures, high winds, flooding.
- 8) For Floyd County drought and wildfire are higher potential dangers than they are for the region as a whole.
- 9) Local mitigation projects for Floyd County were those that we recommended:
 - a. Early warning system – stream gauges and rain gauges which could help in both flooding and drought.
 - b. Communication coverage.
 - c. Detailed flood studies along portions of Little River to identify 100-year floodplain elevation.
 - d. Upgrading and expanding public water and wastewater systems.
 - e. Firewise training for homes located in woodland areas to teach homeowners to keep debris away from the house or not have a line that fire can follow through landscaping up to their house. This is available through New River Valley Resource Conservation and Development.

- f. Water resource study to gather data about our water situation. I've been gathering data from the Health Department about where wells are located and their depth so that we could map that.
- g. Additional dry hydrants.
- h. Table-top exercise to identify needs related to private gas and tanks in/near Town of Floyd.
- i. Monitor and update Floyd County's floodplain management ordinance, which is necessary in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the New River Hazard Mitigation Plan (Document File Number 968).

- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 7.b. – February 2018 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that residential values are up slightly from last year at this time. Overall year-to-date values of both residential and commercial are up this year.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Appointment of County/Town joint representative to the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority to fill a term that expires December 13, 2020.

Ms. Morris said that one representative to the Public Service Authority jointly represents the County and Town. The County usually advertises positions when appointments need to be made, but in this case the Town had recently advertised for another position they had open. They recommended this appointment for your approval.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Ronald Bingham to the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority as the County/Town joint representative to fill a term that expires December 13, 2020.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 7.d. – Proclamation Recognizing March 2018 as American Red Cross Month in the County of Floyd.

Ms. Morris stated that Ms. Nikki Brown-Kasey, the Administrative Coordinator of the Roanoke and New River Valley chapter of the American Red Cross, requested that you consider this proclamation.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a proclamation recognizing March 2018 as American Red Cross Month in the County of Floyd (Document File Number 969).

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 7.e. – Authorization to advertise County of Floyd Procurement Request for General Reassessment of Real Property.

Ms. Morris stated that it is time for us to advertise for requests for qualifications for general reassessment of real property. These are considered professional services so it will be statements of qualifications and not bids. Fieldwork should start in early fall and it takes about a year for fieldwork. Next year we would set up a local Equalization Board of 5 County citizens to hear from citizens and make decisions. Members of the Board have to have certain qualifications and take some training from Department of Taxation. If a citizen is not satisfied with the decision of the Equalization Board, the citizen can appeal to the Circuit Court.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise County of Floyd Procurement Request for General Reassessment of Real Property.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Yoder called for the Public Comment Period.

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

Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business.

Ms. Ryan stated that at a previous Board meeting you approved a blended health insurance rate for FY19. When I went in to certify those rates to The Local Choice, I was told that they needed a resolution from you and not just an extract of the vote. The Local Choice sent a template of the resolution they need Floyd County to approve to update the FY19 health insurance rates.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the resolution for Participation by Retirees Not Eligible for Medicare in Health Insurance Program (Document File Number 970).

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Ms. Morris reported that she, Ms. Martin, and Ms. Turman met with VDOT and Montgomery County staff to talk about Route 8. A study had been done in 2012. They are using that as their starting point and updating crash data and other information. They are looking at the stretch from Riner to the Floyd County line. They seem most concerned about the intersection at Camp Carysbrook Road. There have been several accidents at that location and the sight distance there is really bad. We were stressing that we wanted improvement for economic development purposes, but if it is done under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that can't be considered. All applications have to come from Montgomery County, not us. We can do letters of support. It was a very positive meeting. They are ready and willing to work on it.

Ms. Martin stated they are going to look at how many crashes are caused by people running off of the road and overcorrecting. They want to know if the shoulders are a big part of the issue. A person from VDOT told us a recent project just done of adding 4' of shoulder to each side of the road, without any other work, cost \$1 million per mile. It is about 4 miles from Subway to the bridge. All of the Salem District, which includes 12 counties, only has \$6 million in HSIP money for this type of project. Anything approved for funding right now, build is six years out.

Ms. Morris said her impression was that VDOT was more receptive to shoulder work than curve straightening.

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

Mr. Clarke addressed normal maintenance issues and construction projects:

- 1) Weather has been dictating what we work on. When we are not dealing with damage from high winds and snow we try to clean up gravel roads.
- 2) Sunny Ridge Road has some stone on it but it has not been graded yet.
- 3) We have been patching potholes as we can.
- 3) They did clean some pipe at Indian Springs Road, Burks Fork Road, and Conner Grove Road.
- 4) We are trying to get pipe replacement and shoulder work on Route 8 around Wills Ridge Road.
- 5) We have the paving schedule for the summer which I will bring next time.
- 6) I thought the public hearing went well. A lot of good comments were made. We will be moving forward with that project and trying to get that out to bid as soon as possible. A lot of things came up that we will not be able to address with this project, which does not mean they can't be addressed at some point. But we want to focus on the signals and crosswalks. I know we have issues further down the block where we tie the sidewalk in. We will probably tie the sidewalk in before

we get to the loading area and not try to tackle that now. We want to get the crosswalks and ADA ramps correct at the intersection.

- 7) We had the pre-construction conference with the contractor on the Alum Ridge Road project. They have until about mid-November to finish that project. It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile near the church and the old store. It is taking out some curve and doing some shoulder work.
- 8) The same contractor got New Haven Road. That will be paved this spring and summer.
- 9) We would like to schedule the secondary six year plan public hearing for the second meeting in April.

Supervisor Boothe said on Rt. 8 there are a couple of places where water is undercutting the culverts. Can you provide information on standards for handicap crosswalks?

Mr. Clarke replied yes, there are federal standards for handicap ramps and crosswalks.

Supervisor Boothe said I have received a request that you look at reducing the speed on Rt. 8 from state route 729 to state route 810. This is in the Wills Ridge area where loaded trucks are pulling into the road. Please look at that area and see if it meets your criteria.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said the area on Black Ridge Road where the pipe blew out has gotten really rough. The paving has not held.

Mr. Clarke responded they may have only put in the temporary patch and never put the permanent paving on.

Supervisor Turman said there is a section on Reece Road that is washing out near where Mira Fork Road comes down by the culvert.

Supervisor Coleman said tractor-trailers have come through Indian Valley Road and Indian Valley PO Road. Three weeks ago one got hung up in that area. A couple of community members have suggested that we get signs on the Montgomery County side and Carroll County side stating that this route is not suggested for those types of vehicles. When there is an accident on I-77, they use these roads to pass through.

Chairman Yoder said the road is now rough where two pipe replacements had been done – one on Kings Store Road and one on Hummingbird Lane not far from Rt. 221. Please bring a proposed secondary six year road plan to us at the first meeting in April.

Mr. Clarke replied that he would bring a draft to work from. It will be the current plan with the roads that will be finished off of it and some indication of what could be added.

Chairman Yoder suggested they get together one day and drive County roads with Mr. Clarke to get an idea of ones to add to the plan. By consensus April 6 at 9:00 was determined to be the time to meet and drive County roads.

Agenda Item 6.e. – Mr. Matthew Cox and Ms. Hari Berzins, Citizens Telephone, video recording process.

Ms. Berzins said we are here to answer questions about installing a camera in this room to record the meetings and taking the footage to Citizens to air on CCTV channel 20. We've had requests from viewers who are interested in knowing what is happening but are not able to attend the meetings. As a service to the community Citizens is happy to invest in the equipment and the time it takes to put the footage on the air.

Mr. Cox addressed questions that had been submitted based on a previous Board meeting:

- 1) Who operates the equipment – we will not actually have employees here to operate the equipment. The plan is to have a simple operated system where basically someone just needs to turn it on at the start of the meeting and turn it off if you go into closed door session.
- 2) Who would be responsible for the equipment – Citizens would provide the equipment and we would maintain ownership of it. It wouldn't be the Board's responsibility to replace the camera unless you drove over the top of it.
- 3) How would it work with existing equipment – We could interface it. When we put the audio system in for you, one of the goals was to make sure it would work with a video system at some point if we ever did it. It has output that we could interface with the system and possibly tie back into if you ever needed it. If you had an overflow situation in this building we could probably work out something if you wanted to put up a screen so they could see what is going on in another room. If you had to move to a larger location, then we could probably work out to bring a Citizens team in to film that separately from what we do regularly.

Ms. Berzins said that would need to be negotiated as a separate function because there would be a charge to set up something offsite since it would take employee staffing.

- 4) Would there be interference with a security system installed in this building – The two systems would be independent of one another. I can't foresee that there would be any type of issues. We want to suggest that if this system gets installed it opens up the door for other avenues. For example you could live stream it out over the County's website. This would make it easier to move in that direction.
- 5) We have had quite a few requests from folks asking why can't we see what is going on in the government on your channel. We are providing TV to over 4000 homes.
- 6) This would be a tape delay system; it is not live output. We would not be tuning into it during a meeting. It would give us a chance to make sure what is going out is everything we want it to be, from both your angle and ours as well. However we are just going to air what is sent to us. We are not necessarily going to do a whole lot of editing unless you came to us in writing and request that a particular meeting be edited before it is aired.
- 7) During normal business hours there would be no charge for support on any of the equipment. If we had to run in at the last minute for a night meeting there would

be charges tacked on for that or if we had to move to an offsite location. We could negotiate an after-hours plan if you desire.

- 8) We would try to keep the camera as small as possible. We are thinking it would be wall-mounted, probably in the back corner with a wide angle of the room. We generally post a sign to let people know that this event is being broadcast.

Chairman Yoder expressed his concern about the Board having the control of turning the system on and off. I would prefer Citizens controlled that rather than us. I trust this Board. But I can see some future Board taking a recess, doing business, then turning it back on. I don't want to create a perception that everything is not transparent.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if there was any way to do a remote start on a camera?

Mr. Cox said another company they work with regularly in North Carolina has an afternoon program. They have a radio show but they installed a camera in the control room of the radio station and go live to that for the program. It is possibly doable.

Supervisor Boothe inquired has the sound quality on Channel 20 improved?

Mr. Cox replied we recently purchased an upgrade to the equipment that we use to broadcast the channel. It helps us maintain a better control of the audio. It automatically watches the levels and raises things that are too low and lowers things that are too high. We have discussed also videoing the School Board and Town Council. We put out regular surveys to gauge what people are interested in. Transparency is brought up often in all levels of politics. We get approached by folks who are not physically able to be at a meeting. *The Floyd Press* does an excellent job of reporting, but you can step that up and the technology allows us to do that today. To avoid having someone manually turning on the camera, I can see us having a camera that is always on but only records during the hours when you are having a meeting.

Supervisor Boothe asked if they had a standard agreement they could provide so the Board could review it before a decision was made?

Mr. Cox agreed that an agreement could be provided.

Agenda Item 6.f. – Ms. Becky Howell, Chair, Floyd County Planning Commission.

Ms. Howell said that at the reorganization meeting in January, I was elected as Chairman and Jeremy Yuvanavattana was elected as Vice Chairman. The meeting time was set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month, with the 3rd Thursday as the snow date. Activities this past year included:

- 1) One easement was reviewed and found to be in compliance with the Comprehensive plan. We approved two standard subdivisions. One request for exception was approved that had two substandard lots and were divided so there was one standard lot and left one as a substandard lot.
- 2) We continued review of the Floyd Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) We began developing a proposed Urban Cluster Subdivision Ordinance.

- 4) We revised our budget request to ask for additional funds because we are a pretty young commission. There are people who have not gone to the Certified Commissioner training yet. Our budget of \$4,000.00 does not allow for that plus any additional training we would want to take part in.
- 5) We approved a change in the Family Subdivision ordinance which you approved in October 2017.
- 6) Our members have attended 11 regularly scheduled meetings.
- 7) One Commissioner attended the Rural Planning Caucus.
- 8) Two members attended the New River District Planning Commission training.
- 9) Ms. Deb Baum completed the Certified Planning Commissioner Program.
- 10) We are on schedule to get the questions answered that you posed before the end of the month.

Agenda Item 6.g. – Ms. Lisa Baker, Commissioner of Revenue, meals tax form.

Ms. Baker stated that Deputy Commissioner Janine Butterworth drafted a Floyd County meals tax form and a letter which will be sent out to each business. A copy of the letter and form are provided for your review.

Supervisor Turman asked is there a penalty charged if a business doesn't owe anything but files late?

Ms. Baker replied the business has to file even if nothing is owed, but the penalty is based on the amount owed. There is no late filing penalty if nothing is owed. She will have the letter and form mailed out by May 1, 2018.

Ms. Morris asked Ms. Baker to update the Board on tax relief for the elderly.

Ms. Baker explained that tax relief for the elderly hasn't been changed since 2007. It is in effect for a dwelling that is owned or occupied as the sole dwelling of the person not less than 65 years of age or a person determined to be permanently or totally disabled. We have done studies of other localities of their gross combined income and their net worth. For Floyd County gross combined income cannot exceed \$20,650.00 and the total net worth cannot exceed \$75,000.00. It is up to \$200.00 off of the real estate tax. Everyone is fine as far as the \$200.00, but several have commented that the gross combined income and the net worth should be raised a little bit. We can't make any changes this year because the deadline is April 1 and we have already turned people away. If we make a change it could go into effect for next year.

The Board asked Ms. Baker to make a recommendation regarding the ordinance.

Ms. Baker said she would review those applications that were declined and would make a recommendation based on her review.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch requested that Ms. Lydeana Martin provide information on Floyd County's poverty level based on elderly of 65 and older.

Agenda Item 8. – Closed Session – Real Property 2.2-3711 A.3.; Prospective Business or Industry 2.2-3711 A.5.; Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings by Staff Members 2.2-3711 A. 7; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by Public Body 2.2-3711 A. 8.

On a motion made by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Boothe, 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; under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 5., Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; 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 under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 8., 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 Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

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

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, 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; Prospective Business or Industry in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.5; and Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings by Staff Members in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7., and Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Advice in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.8. 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 Coleman – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

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

Ms. Brewster provided a sheet containing the February 2018 caseload statistics and also some yearly statistics on Floyd County Benefit Programs – SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Fuel, and Child Care. The information was gathered in 2016 and 2017 so it is fairly current.

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| Floyd County Population in 2016: | 15,731 |
| Floyd County Poverty rate in 2016: | 13.7% |
| Floyd Children Living in Poverty: | 17.2% |
| SNAP clients served in 2017: | 2,558 |
| TANF clients served in 2017: | 179 |
| Medicaid clients served in 2017: | 3,353 |
| Child Care clients served in 2017: | 6 |

By age group the largest group served is 0-17 years with 1,700 recipients.

The next highest population served is 35-64 years with 1,045.

There are more female recipients than male in all benefit programs.

In any benefit programs there are more white clients than any other race at 3,713.

In 2017 SNAP served 1,131 unduplicated households.

In 2017 TANF served 81 unduplicated households.

In 2017 Medicaid served 1,764 unduplicated households.

In 2017 Child Care served 8 unduplicated households.

In 2017 total residents who received any benefits were 3,927.

We have 7 Benefit Program Specialists which includes a supervisor who manages cases. Each worker manages around 400 cases. They have 35 days to do everything on a case including getting all documentation from the families and processing from start to finish. Even with the large number of cases they still process it all timely with 0% overdue. They are 1 of 5 agencies in the Western Region which includes 22 agencies to do this consistently month after month. All but one of the staff lives in Floyd County.

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

Dr. Wheeler updated the Board on the direction of education in Floyd County and how it is lining up with direction from the Virginia Department of Education:

- 1) We want to develop at the appropriate age the five c's of education: Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Communication, Citizenship, and Collaboration.
- 2) One of the biggest barriers has been stand-alone programs because they do not work because there is not a PreK-12 experience all the way through. Education has to be fluid.
- 3) It was hard to create a seamless education experience because of the requirements and accountability with No Child Left Behind.
- 4) We are looking at the core of our instruction and it will allow us to flow through and get these experiences at the age. I don't talk a lot about grades. It is about age experience. We need to increase experiences.
- 5) All of our teachers have the same four goals
 - a. Increase high-engagement activities;
 - b. Increase student self-monitoring activities;
 - c. Use a project based assessment at least once a semester, which is where the State is going with assessments;
 - d. Assessment goal which is called a SMART [specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound] goal by the State.
- 6) The connection is we want to know that it flows all the way through.
- 7) We are not chasing scores. You did not hear a whole lot about first semester scores at the high school because we are not chasing them, but they were some of the highest they've ever been.
- 8) The 9-week semester makes it more assessable for project-based learning that it does with the short 6-week semester.

Dr. Wheeler stated we are evaluating every infrastructure of the school system:

- 9) Transportation – we are in good shape and we have a six year plan on that.
- 10) Technology – overlaps with instruction and we are going to be up to par with an infrastructure that is very strong. We have a few companies looking at that and we have opportunities there. Citizens is helping with it and they provide our E-rate.
- 11) Instruction – we are in a good place.
- 12) You will be hearing more about HVAC and the Collaboration and Career Center as that develops.
- 13) Everything we do we have to be able to evaluate yearly. That includes a pay scale based on marketability or an HVAC system.
- 14) It should take four years to get the infrastructure new and then you live with it for two, evaluate it, and then fine tune.

Dr. Wheeler addressed some upcoming changes:

- 15) 9th graders which will be the class of 2022 will be under new graduation requirements.
- 16) We are adding robotics next year.

- 17) Ms. Cromer, Ms. McDaniel, and I will all be teaching the Teacher Education class to juniors and seniors next year. Between us three and Ms. Huff we're going to be able to get two sections and eventually get the equivalent of a full-time teacher. Between all of us we can teach two classes.
- 18) Ms. Cromer put together our Cohort of Future Leaders, which is all of the teachers who are working on an Administration degree. In the next few years there will be quite a few opportunities. Right now if we need an assistant principal and can get a classroom substitute, we give the cohort an administrative experience.
- 19) The Governor's School was great.
- 20) The early childhood is incredible. We are going to start tracking every 2 and 3-year old home. We are doing more than Smart Beginnings. They want us to come and share some of our things.
- 21) I am excited about FISH [Floyd Initiative for Safe Housing]. We have to get into these homes that are migratory and leave us. That is when we can help stabilize the population.

Dr. Wheeler discussed the School Board budget based on the lack of a State budget:

- 22) All you can do is go with the worst case scenario, which is the Senate version. The House version does not hurt us as bad but we don't gain much.
- 23) With the Governor's version we don't gain a whole lot. Some school divisions are plus, plus, plus on all versions.
- 24) The objective is that it is a six year budget plan. I don't want us to have to come in and ask for more than the total allotment we've got.
- 25) Our ADM [average daily membership] is falling. But we are not sitting there with 10 kids in a class.
- 26) We need to serve our most needy kids. Early childhood outside of our school is it. We added one special education teacher at the high school last year. I am hoping to add another one. We need to solidify Floyd Elementary and Check Elementary because they have a person split. That is where we are putting our resources, without adding any additional costs.
- 27) We've had literacy experts come in and look at what we are doing and what is new in the County and we have gotten some good support. We've got great Title I teachers but you can't serve all of the kids with some of those programs. They are specific and you serve a small handful. There are some underserved that we have to hit.

Vice Chairman Turman asked whether drills are being held in the event of a school shooting?

Dr. Wheeler replied yes. At the State level they determined that schools needed to do fewer fire drills and more lockdowns. Those are scheduled and documented. When Mr. Hollandsworth stepped in one of the objectives was to secure that campus. I have talked to VDOT about the roads. It would be good to get a security expert who understands how to secure a campus. We have people looking at the door entry secure system. We will get bids on that and the camera system at the high school. That is in the works now. We are fortunate to have the partnership we have here with the Sheriff's Office. With the events in the country, when we start with the new buildings one of the architect's major focus has to be security.

Agenda Item 8. – Closed Session – Real Property 2.2-3711 A.3.; Prospective Business or Industry 2.2-3711 A.5.; Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings by Staff Members 2.2-3711 A. 7; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by Public Body 2.2-3711 A. 8.

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; under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 5., Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; 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 under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 8., 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 Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

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

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, 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; Prospective Business or Industry in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.5; and Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings by Staff Members in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7., and Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Advice in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.8. 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 Coleman – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Turman not present for the duration of the meeting.

Agenda Item 6.i. – Ms. Sarah Sowers, Board Member, Floyd County Humane Society.

Ms. Sarah Sowers explained the Floyd County Humane Society organization:

- 1) We have three main programs – a spay/neuter program, a cat program and a dog program.
- 2) For the spay/neuter program we offer a shuttle from Circle K to Mountain View Humane every month. That assists with a low cost spay/neuter. Also through that program we offer a \$50.00 voucher for every dog adopted straight from the pound.
- 3) For the cat program we have a new location at Dr. Anna Simms out on Christiansburg Pike. She has kindly allowed us to use a garage space to hold cats that are adoptable. We also house some at PetSmart.
- 4) Last year we were able to have spayed/neutered almost 400 animals, which included 200 feral cats. It costs us \$35.00 per feral cat. We have volunteers trap them and take them in to Mountain View. We spent \$7,000.00 last year just dealing with feral cats. One mama cat and her offspring in 7 years can produce 2,900 cats. If we had not trapped and spayed 200 feral cats last year there would have been several thousand feral cats in the future spreading disease in the County.
- 5) This year we are asking for \$3,000.00 for assistance with the dogs. We had an intake from the pound of 38 dogs last year. Of those, 22 were sent to other rescue groups outside of Floyd County. Once we take the dogs in we have to vet them, spay/neuter, and test them for heartworms before we can send them out of the County to other places. It cost us about \$5,000.00 to send the 22 out of the County. We don't recoup any cost on these dogs.

- 6) A lot of the dogs in the County pound are dangerous to livestock. They might be a great companion animal but they are a danger to livestock so we work hard to get them out to a rescue group in Washington, D.C. Not every dog is a good country dog so we turn them into a city dog.
- 7) In 2005 Floyd County pound had an intake of 1,035 dogs with 57% of those being euthanized.
- 8) Around 2008-2009 Floyd County Humane Society started going into the pound and assisting.
- 9) Last year we had 168 dogs taken in with 5.9% euthanized. It is one of the lowest rates in the State of Virginia. That is a significant change and we think a lot of it is because of the spay/neuter program that we offer.
- 10) We have a large group of people who just fundraise for us. We have a big Paws Cause auction and dinner each year. For the last couple of years we have raised over \$10,000.00 from this event. We set up at all kinds of craft fairs and we are at the Artisan Market every Friday night. We bake dog treats and sell them. We work hard to fund raise but even so last year we lost over \$12,000.00.
- 11) We aren't eligible for a lot of grant money that is out there because we don't have our own shelter. We rent space for the dogs at Dr. McGrath's so when we take dogs in we have a holding place until we can get them adopted out or moved to another rescue group.
- 12) We have started fundraising in the hopes of having our own shelter at some point. Somebody has offered to donate land to us. We were moving forward until the last meeting when we heard how much money we lost last year. That put things on a standstill. We can't build a shelter when we are losing money. We have to come up with new ideas to fundraise and get donations before we can feasibly think about building our own shelter.
- 13) Last year we offered two rabies clinics in the County and we were able to vaccinate 196 dogs and cats.

Chairman Yoder asked what are their plans in regards to the type of shelter they need?

Ms. Sowers replied right now we have 7 kennels at Dr. McGrath's. That is adequate space. If we have more than 4-5 dogs, volunteers drop off because instead of coming in to spend an hour they are there for a couple of hours. We would love to be able to pull more animals and house more there, but we struggle to have enough volunteers to work with those we have. We are thinking about kennel space for 6 dogs. Some dogs, unfortunately, end up being with us six months to a year. At Dr. McGrath's they are in a concrete kennel with no windows to see outside and no access to go outside and use the bathroom on their own. The dogs kind of go crazy which makes them less adoptable. The situation with the cats is short-term. Darci Luster's property is being sold so we can't keep them there anymore. Anna Simmons is allowing us to use her garage temporarily. We would need a room for vetting, a kitchen type room and a laundry. We are not going extravagant. It would be great to have one location for cats and dogs so we could better utilize our volunteers, show our animals, and hold events.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the donated land is near Town?

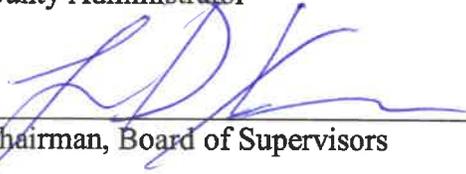
Ms. Sowers replied that it is about 7 miles out of Town which could make it difficult for volunteers to reach. Social media has been a good aid in getting dogs adopted. As soon as dogs come in and they are adoptable, they are on the Facebook page. Many more dogs are being adopted straight out of the pound which makes everybody's life easier. It is why we started giving \$50.00 toward spay/neuter for those dogs to encourage people to do it and keep numbers down at the pound to a manageable number. We have volunteers who go to the pound and work almost every day doing temperament testing and getting information that we can send out. In Montgomery County now they are working together and it is an ideal situation where they can all work in the same building. That may or may not be an option in the future but it would be ideal if we could work toward that.

Agenda Item 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. for a budget work session.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Lauren D. Yoder, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

