

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
APRIL 30, 2018**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.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.

Agenda Item 1. – Meeting called to order.

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order.

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.

Supervisor Justin Coleman stated the following for the record:

Today's discussion involves the County budget which includes funding for the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. As many of you know, I am employed by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. The proposed funding would affect the entire department and not just me individually. Together we constitute a group of three or more individuals who are similarly employed by the Sheriff's Office and similarly affected by the discussion. Therefore the exception of State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act section § 2.2-3112 A (i) applies to this situation and I am able to participate in this discussion fairly and in the public interest. Thank you.

Agenda Item 4. – Closed Session – Real Property 2.2-3711 A.3.; Prospective Business or Industry 2.2-3711 A.5.; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by Public Body 2.2-3711 A. 8.

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and 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 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 Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes, but want to disclose I was not part of all the closed session
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item 5.a. – Schedule a joint meeting with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) regarding discussion of Phase 2 at the Floyd County Commerce Park.

Ms. Morris stated that EDA has requested that you schedule a joint meeting with them to discuss the development of Phase 2 at the Floyd County Commerce Park. They have suggested possible dates of May 21, May 22, May 29, or May 30 for a two hour meeting.

After discussion it was determined to suggest a joint meeting with the EDA on May 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Morris said that she would offer that date and time to the EDA.

Supervisor Boothe requested that supporting documentation be provided ahead of time.

Agenda Item 5.b. – Consideration of establishment of a committee for interviews of appraisal firms.

Ms. Morris stated we have requested bids for appraisal firms. The last time we did this we had a committee set up that included Board members, the Commissioner of Revenue and myself to interview the firms and make a recommendation back to the Board. Ms. Morris asked if they wanted to follow that approach again.

Chairman Yoder and Supervisor Kuchenbuch both expressed their interest in being part of that committee.

Ms. Morris said she would get the committee together to review the bids received in the next couple of weeks.

Agenda Item 6. – Work Session on proposed FY19 budget.

Supervisor Boothe said that the majority of the people who have contacted him want to go the whole \$.07. I explain why I disagree with that. Some people have suggested that it be broken up between this year and next year. Of course I have heard from a few who are adamantly opposed to any increase.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that her contacts have expressed similar thoughts. Some have not specified the exact amount of \$.07 but said a tax increase is in order. I have also heard from those who said no to any type of tax increase, mainly from those who are elderly and on a fixed income. As soon as we can we need to revisit how we do the Elderly Tax Relief.

Ms. Morris said we can do that in the fall. We have already started getting some numbers together for you.

Chairman Yoder said he has heard from a lot of people who don't like \$.07 but understand the need for some type of increase.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said many people expressed their understanding the increase was for public safety and welfare.

Vice Chairman Turman said he heard from many who understood the need for a tax increase and also heard from some who said no, absolutely not. I agree with the ones who said no to a \$.07 tax increase because I don't believe I could vote for a \$.07 tax increase.

Supervisor Coleman said he has heard from constituents who see the vision we have this budget year and support the decision we have collectively had. I have been overwhelmed by the support for the law enforcement needs by residents in my district. I was most touched by an elderly couple who see the vision and they explained their situation of being on a fixed income. But they were not adamantly opposed to this; they just asked that we keep them in mind.

Ms. Morris said we have added the interest revenue from the PSA loan and Crenshaw Lighting loan into the proposed FY19 budget.

Chairman Yoder said personally he did not want to vote for a tax increase over \$.05.

Supervisor Boothe suggested by reducing the amount planned to go into the budget stabilization fund they could set the tax rate at \$.05.

Chairman Yoder stated we could set the tax rate at \$.05 and continue working on the budget looking for further areas where we could make cuts. The big unknown is not having the State budget.

After further discussion, by consensus the Board agreed to set the real estate tax rate at \$.60, which is a \$.05 tax increase. The Board requested that Ms. Morris convey their intent to the Commissioner of Revenue so that Ms. Baker could prepare the budget book.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise a Public Hearing to be held May 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. on a proposed \$.60 tax rate for Public Service Corporation and a proposed \$.60 tax rate for Mobile Homes.

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

Vice Chairman Turman questioned why a nonprofit like Floyd County Lifesaving and First Aid Squad, Inc. would sit on several hundred thousand dollars and then beg the County to buy equipment for them. If they need equipment they need to cash some of their CDs.

Ms. Morris stated the Floyd County Lifesaving and First Aid Squad, Inc. has \$394,000.00 unrestricted cash according to the most recent audit.

Discussion was held on the need to increase recruitment and response by volunteer rescue units.

The Board looked at capital equipment items in the Environmental fund of the proposed FY19 budget. Ms. Morris said the scales did not pass inspection this last time and will require major work. We've had those scales since 1993 and this is the first time we've had to do any major work.

Chairman Yoder said that he had two items he would like to discuss. The first item was the manner of deciding which roads to include on the Secondary Six Year Road Plan.

Consensus was reached to have the entire Board meet to make decisions rather than to appoint a committee to make recommendations. Discussion was held on roads in Floyd County to consider for the Secondary Six Year Road Plan.

Chairman Yoder said the second item he wanted to discuss was what the Board of Supervisors wanted to present at the Joint Committee meeting to be held on May 2, 2018.

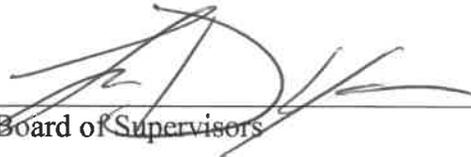
Board members suggested that Chairman Yoder express their continued willingness to work with the Economic Development Authority on projects they have and that the Board of Supervisors is looking forward to working with the School Board on upcoming projects. Board members also suggested that he discuss the proposed FY19 budget focusing on public safety and welfare and providing specific budget items that support each.

Agenda Item 7. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to the Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Lauren D. Yoder, Board of Supervisors

