

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, August 14, 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, and Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman 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.

Chairman Yoder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of July 10, 2018 and July 24, 2018.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 as presented.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2018 as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of monthly disbursements.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the final June 2018 disbursements and the

August 2018 monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

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

Agenda Item 6.a. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Floyd County Department of Social Services.

Ms. Brewster – Thank you having me. I think you have in your packet the information I submitted. You won't notice too much of a change there. Things stayed pretty consistent. Everybody has been really busy downstairs. The only thing to point out is you have in there the new cooling applications number. It was 177 for this year which is a little up from last year when we had 113. One thing I will make note of for this month. We still had 21 kids in foster care. Next month you will see that number go down. We will have 8 children who will have been adopted for the month of August. We are pretty excited about that so that number will go down. That is the only news I have to report. I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. We are staying pretty steady with our numbers. We have been down staff quite a bit for the past few months for various reasons. We've had a lot of turnover in our agency. We are trying to fill that one position we were given graciously by the locality and by the State for Medicaid expansion. Our staff has been working kind of on a skeleton crew downstairs.

Supervisor Boothe – Has the State figured out more about that new position.

Ms. Brewster – We haven't. The Commissioner is coming down to our western region meeting in September. We are hoping to learn a little bit more then. Hopefully I will have more information for you by the end of the year. As soon as I have news I will bring it and share it with the Board.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Obviously it has been hot, but do you think people know about the program?

Ms. Brewster – We're hoping to get more literature. I've worked with Tri-Area to be our site where that literature will go out. They are going to partner with us. Once we get more literature, we will give it to our constituents and get that information out. We know more people will be eligible. We don't know what that influx will look like. They are telling us it will be quite large and to anticipate those numbers rising. We don't know how large or how many people. January 1 is quickly approaching.

Supervisor Boothe – Have you considered how much this increase is going to kick in for your positions?

Ms. Brewster – We have. We're quite fearful. That is our anticipation and why we are trying to get that person to come on board and trained and be ready for January 1. We did interviews and were hopeful to get someone to come onboard sooner, but we are having to re-advertise the position. We only had one person that was qualified to do the job and we already had one vacancy. We had to re-advertise it. The advertisement for the position closed on Friday.

Supervisor Boothe – Depending on the number, whatever the final number comes out, this person will only be able to do so many.

Chairman Yoder – We appreciate the work you are doing there and all of your staff. I know you are working hard. It is exciting to hear about the adoptions coming up. That is such good news for the kids too. That is what is most important.

Ms. Brewster – Yes, we are very pleased and the staff is very excited about it. It has been a long time coming for the children and the families who have been working with us.

Chairman Yoder – Hopefully it will give them a stable life and a good future.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved for July 2018.

Ms. Karla Turman – As you can see from the report we had 9 new lots created in July; 6 agricultural and 2 family and 1 regular lot.

Ms. Lydeana Martin – May I jump in to discuss a couple of things? I wanted to let you know that the elevation maps you requested before are here. I don't know if you want me to roll them out or if you want me to put them on a table?

Chairman Yoder – Everyone is in favor of putting them on the table. We will look at them when we take a break.

Supervisor Boothe – Do you have a copy of the original map so we can compare it side by side?

Ms. Martin – I've got three different things you can look at: 3000', 2800' map, and a multicolored map that has every 100'.

Supervisor Boothe – That is what I want to see...the vast difference from what went to Public Hearing the last time to what could go this time.

Ms. Martin – I will have those laid out for you and if we don't have what you need, let me know and we can get what you want. I also wanted to let you know I won't be with you next week when Karla [Turman] does the planning presentation to you. She has done a lot of research on additional Transportation funding opportunities from VDOT. As you all know, more and more of that is moving to competitive now versus just coming through to you in a Six Year Plan or Twenty Year Plan, or whatever it is these days. She will be sharing some opportunities with you on that.

Ms. Turman – You may not know that you are having a presentation next week. We have looked at what our planning needs are for the immediate future and into the future. Since you are going to be there with the Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday, we thought it would be the best time to roll it out to both of you after the Public Hearing.

Ms. Martin – I wanted to quickly let you know, we’ve made three small grant applications this summer. Two of them are for Community Foundations for a trail around the Commerce Center and we’ve also submitted a grant application for development/marketing money. American Electric Power has a program for that. We’ve applied to that. At your August 28 meeting, if you don’t know this already, Creative Economic Development Consulting will be making a presentation to you and the EDA about their action and marketing plan. The last thing I will mention is the Floyd C4 registration is open. I will make sure to email that to you to get out to folks. It will wrap up at the end of October. If you don’t know, it is a weekly training opportunity for people to learn about starting or growing their business. The best thing that comes out of it is they make a lot of contacts with business counselors, people in that world they can follow up with forever really. But of course what helps get people out is the prize money they can potentially win.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How is registration going so far?

Ms. Martin – We have 12 registered at this point and we just opened it up about one week ago. If you have any questions let me know.

Agenda Item 7.b. – Road Name Request, Night Sky Drive NE.

Ms. Morris – The next item is a road name request. This will be the third structure on the driveway.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Night Sky Drive NE, with the cost of the road sign installation to be paid by the County.

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

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business.

Mark Bolt – I’m just here to give you some information that the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development approved the 2015 State Building Code. They approved it July 30, 2018. The State stays behind on purpose with the Code. Starting next year there will be committees of volunteers. All seven regions will hopefully commit some person to look at all the different code books in 2018 to start studying them and see if there are changes we would want to adopt or not adopt in the code books. One of the things pushed in the code was back in 2006. ICC was pushing for all residential houses to be fully sprinkled. The BCOA (Building Officials of the State) was a big part of keeping that out. The Building Officials do have a big voice. There is also a homebuilders association. So far we have been able to keep that out because a lot of places like Floyd don’t have public water to keep the sprinkler system going. You can put one in your house. You are allowed to do that. I think there is only one house in Floyd County that has one. That was put in back in the 70s. Things like that we try to fight to try to keep the cost of housing down. The 2015 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) goes

into effect on September 4. There has always been a grace period – a one year grace period. If anybody pulls a permit after September 4 they are allowed to stay under the 2012 code. They don't have to go with the 2015 code until next September 2019. Then by law I have to enforce the 2015 code. The State mandates it every three or four years depending on the time of elections and so forth. This year has been kind of slow because we have a new Governor and they have more important things to do than the building code. I'm supposed to go this week for training on the new codes. Hopefully this winter we'll have the opportunity for contractors to have a class and train them on the new code.

Chairman Yoder – Are there any major changes for Floyd?

Mr. Bolt – I don't know yet until I go to the class. I haven't seen anything, but I've heard some talk. The biggest thing I've heard the State may enforce the airflow test on the duct system. In the past I have just been doing a visual inspection that everything has been taped and closed up like it is supposed to be. There have been a lot of people pushing for an actual test.

Supervisor Boothe – For the sprinklers would that be across the board for manufactured housing also?

Mr. Bolt – Modulars but not the mobile homes. They are under a separate code.

Supervisor Boothe – Have you heard anything about that code changing to require it?

Mr. Bolt – No. The USBC was written back in the 1970s and it still allows the homeowner to build a house in the most cost efficient manner to meet the minimum standard. A lot of people think the minimum standard doesn't mean much, but it means you are going to have a good house.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Yoder called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Roger Dickerson, Courthouse District – I want you to know that I am pissed off. I'm pissed off at Jerry. He is my supervisor and he's the one that wanted to table the \$2.5 million for a shell building. I am for that and we need that. I don't know why you won't vote on this thing to go ahead and have this thing built. We need it. We need it now and you need to get on the stick and get it done right now. Thank you.

Ms. Bob Smith, Indian Valley District – Good morning. I would like to bring two things up. First of all if it is the intention of the Board to preserve the quality of life and character of Floyd County, I urge you all to vote "no" on cluster development. We had the Davenport presentation the other day. We understand it is not set in concrete. There was a meeting of the Floyd Concerned Citizens. We have some questions. I will run through it really quick to get out of here so I don't delay anything. 1) Would the Board please, in detail, explain each: \$7.5 million new Vocational building; \$5.7 million HVAC updates, \$16.8 million other school needs. Precisely how will these funds be used, and are these numbers actual or estimated? 2) Will the Board explain how the short and long term financing rates were

determined, and after 2021, who will provide the estimated 3% range financing? 3 still intending or willing to consider 40-year financing for at least some of the requirements mentioned? 4) Considering the new tax rate and the \$1.5 million increase in expenditures, why were the Davenport projections not based on the 2019 budget? 5) Given that the \$1.1 million ongoing spending approved will certainly cause an increase in debt service numbers and tax rates in the future, and since the Davenport projections show a possible \$255,000, or more, increase in debt service in 2021-2024, depending on future bond rates – Can the Board describe how much this will increase taxes, when including the extra ongoing spending approved in the 2019 budget? 6) Can the Board explain where the financing for bonds will come from, since under provisions of the new income tax code, who will still be doing tax exempt investing? 7) With no new high-paying jobs coming into the County, 70% of high school graduates leaving for better opportunities and the demographics of County taxpayers, does the Board believe that another 4¢ to 6¢ increase in real estate taxes is wise, especially after we just instituted a 5¢ increase in 2018? Thank you for your time.

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

Agenda Item 7.c. – Resolution establishing the method of computing and reflecting tax relief pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief.

Ms. Morris – The next item is the resolution to establish the method of computing the tax relief pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998. Each year the Commissioner of Revenue and the Treasurer calculate the percentage. This is to completely exhaust the \$925,000 in round numbers we get from the State for personal property tax relief. We have to completely exhaust that amount of money and give it back to the citizens.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution Establishing the Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief (Document File Number 987).

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

Agenda Item 7.e. – Resolution to make available benefits of the “Line of Duty Act” to both the members of the Floyd County Lifesaving and First Aid Squad and to members of the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Ms. Morris – Item 7.e. is a resolution that we need for Line of Duty. I will let Ms. Ryan explain the history of that if she would.

Ms. Ryan – Apparently for years we have been paying for our volunteer rescue and firefighters for line of duty coverage. I received a phone call from a Virginia Retirement System employee who said we had to have a resolution on file stating that we consider them a valuable

and integral part of our public safety force before we could do this, even though we have been doing it for years. She sent a sample resolution for us to adopt so this will be acceptable to them.

Chairman Yoder – Several years ago they shifted the burden down to us. Now they are giving us a few more hoops to jump through.

Ms. Ryan – They require that we do it and now they are telling us you have to adopt this resolution in order for you to do what we are requiring you to do.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution making available benefits of the “Line of Duty Act” to both the members of the Floyd County Lifesaving and First Aid Squad and to members of the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department Inc. (Document File Number 988).

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

Agenda Item 7.f. – Acceptance of Abstract of Votes for June 2018 Republican Primary Election held on June 12, 2018 for United States Senate.

Agenda Item 7.g. – Acceptance of Abstract of Votes for June 2018 Democratic Primary Election held on June 12, 2018 for Member House of Representatives District 09.

Ms. Morris – Items f. and g. are just Acceptance of the Abstract of Votes that came to you from the Electoral Board. We just have to show in our minutes that you have accepted this and we will have it on file.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Abstract of Votes for the 2018 June Republican Primary Election for United States Senate and the Abstract of Votes for the June 2018 Democratic Primary Election for Member House of Representatives for District 09; both primaries held on June 18, 2018.

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

Agenda Item 7.i. – FY18 year-end transfers prior to closing FY18.

Ms. Morris – I will let Ms. Ryan discuss this.

Ms. Ryan – Back at the June 26 Board meeting we did budget transfers between departments. At that time I said we will be having three more check runs where we are charging

costs back to the prior fiscal year and that we might be coming to you again for those departments where there were additional expenditures. That is what this is. You just approved the last check run where we will be charging invoices back to June 2018, so this gives us a wrap up at the end of the year. By approving these budget transfers, all departments will look good except for Solid Waste. Recycling will be okay, but Solid Waste will not be. We couldn't cover their expenditures without doing budget transfers from the Constitutional Officer departments. We don't want to make transfers from those departments because they are receiving Comp Board funding. Every year in the audit, we get dinged because we are overspent in some departments. This is because we do our transfers in June and then have additional expenditures. This year we expect to be written up but for Solid Waste only.

Chairman Yoder – Can you discuss this revenue and expenditure page?

Ms. Ryan – Supervisor Boothe asked that each month when we give you the financial statements to show a total of all funds. The financial statements themselves show a total by fund, but not a total of all funds. We thought it would interesting to get an idea of the final results of FY18 on a cash basis after taking out the transfers in and out between funds. This year for the year end we included the revenues and expenditures totals by fund on the same page so you can see how revenues exceeded expenditures for the year.

Chairman Yoder – We are being fiscally responsible. We are not spending more than we are taking in.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the FY18 year-end transfers as presented:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	AMOUNT
1302-Registrar	\$ 6,520.00	1101-Board of Supervisors	\$ 720.00
		1201-County Administrator	\$ 600.00
		1208-Auditor	\$ 4,000.00
		1301-Electoral Board	\$ 1,200.00
403230-Emergency Medical Services	\$ 7,000.00	2102-General District Court	\$ 200.00
		2104-County Attorney	\$ 6,800.00
3204-Forestry Service	\$ 2,000.00	3401-Community Dev/Inspections	\$ 700.00
		4302-General Properties	\$ 1,300.00
3505-Emergency Services	\$ 9,500.00	4302-General Properties	\$ 9,500.00
2101-Circuit Court	\$ 2,905.00	4302-General Properties	\$ 405.00
		8205-Misc Programs (Jail)	\$ 2,500.00
3501-Animal Control	\$ 7,800.00	8205-Misc Programs (Jail)	\$ 7,800.00
Fund 140-E911	\$28,700.00	8205-Misc Programs (Jail)	\$28,700.00

Supervisor Boothe – yes
 Supervisor Coleman – yes
 Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business.

Ms. Morris – We have been trying to get this road name request taken care of since April. We got it yesterday. The same property owner has added a third structure on the driveway which requires that the road be named.

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

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

Agenda Item 6.c. – Constitutional Officers reports.

Sheriff Craig – I come to you this morning about vehicles. I've been checking now for some time, months and months. Actually, even last year I started to look to see if there is any better way for us to purchase our vehicles. After salaries that is our biggest annual expenditure for the department. To give you a quick background, just this past week we had a vehicle totaled just by hitting a deer. It was just a couple of thousand dollars damage and we will get a whopping \$2000 check. We also had a transmission go out. The vehicles are aging. I've been trying to find ways to help us out and maybe have less of a tax burden on us. I started with Fleet Management and then I went to Shelors and now we've talked to Enterprise. Ms. Morris has been involved a couple of times. Every time they've come Justin [Coleman] has been a part of that, the fleet manager for our department. I think we've come up with somewhat of a solution that may help us out. You have the paperwork on it in your packet. I'm excited. It is one of those things...to be honest with you at first I thought it was too good to be true. It may be but I definitely think it is worth me trying. I am here today to ask for your blessing for me to go ahead and start moving forward on getting some vehicles going here. If you look at the fleet costs you will see that we average around \$70,000 give or take for two vehicles each year, which is what we normally get from the Board. As you can see it is a little over \$30,000 for five vehicles. Over the years we finally hit \$76,000 that our yearly payments will be once we have eleven vehicles from Enterprise. From that point it goes down. I've been through three meetings. I've talked to them countless times on the phone. This is a program that Vinton has gone to, Carroll County, Wise County, numerous counties around us are going to it here in Virginia. The patrol fleet is new for them. That is why I am hesitant to just dive in and ask for six or seven cars with a \$70,000 budget. I'm kind of looking at the three trucks and cars but looking at it with the rotation of the vehicles and you are only at \$58,000 for 13 vehicles, five years from now. To me that is a huge savings. We've had two vehicles go out with the aging fleet. What I worry about is the safety with these guys and gals riding around with 140,000-150,000 miles. These vehicles are going to be rotated out around 80,000 miles. Enterprise has such a high buying power and they get these vehicles so low, they know their sales market when they can resell the vehicles so

they get the most money they can out of it. These are turn-key. Basically we tell them where our graphics are, who does our radios, and they deliver the vehicles to us. That takes all that time out of us having to run vehicles to Copperhead Graphics and to ProComm in Blacksburg. Or run a vehicle to get a bumper guard and hit a deer on the way to try to deer-proof the vehicles. There are all sorts of things we look at on the pursuit side and the response side with lower mile vehicles. Some additional things to look at are a drop in fuel costs, theoretically instead of having 160,000 miles, if you have vehicles with 80,000 miles or less your fuel should be better. There should be a drop in maintenance costs. We had a vehicle where the water pump went out and the engine overheated. Thank goodness it didn't hurt the engine. That could have been disastrous for us and totaled that one out. We have totaled these two vehicles in the last two weeks. It should increase morale. The community sees nicer vehicles out and about with these law enforcement officers. Overall I think it is a win-win. The way Enterprise works they keep up with us every 6 months and they do a sit-down with us every 12 months to tell us where we are at and what would be the best case scenario for us. Once they sell these vehicles there is equity that goes back in and that is how the price continues to drop. Once they sell those vehicles if they are \$6,000 or \$7,000 that goes back in and you utilize that for the continuation of your leasing. For 11 it is \$76,000 but for 13 it drops down to \$58,000 at that five-year mark. Like I said, I've continued to have conferences with these folks, multiple phone calls, and probably just within the last week, three or four. I would like to move forward and give this a shot.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Are there any negatives?

Sheriff Craig – I can't come up with anything. The biggest thing I jumped on right off the bat and they shut me down, is the insurance. They said when this vehicle rolls off the lot, if you hit a deer within five miles of getting that car, that car is still worth more.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – That was the only thing?

Sheriff Craig – That was the only thing I could think of. I considered is there a way they can stick you in this? You only have to keep the vehicles for 10 months. If you don't like the way it is going, you purchase the vehicle outright, which you would have to do anyway. At the end of the lease period you can purchase the vehicle outright. For example if the vehicle is still in great shape, like the fire department needs something, whatever the difference is or if there is still equity in it, we purchase the vehicle out and shuttle it somewhere else.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Have you checked with VACORP?

Ms. Morris – Yes, they said they have had great success. I noticed in one of the advertisements, our previous auditor had given them a recommendation. I talked with him too. It has been very cost effective for a lot of the localities.

Sheriff Craig – I've talked to multiple sheriffs who have done this. I wanted to talk to sheriffs who had done this for 6+ years, but the patrol fleet is new for them. They had been doing administrative vehicles. They sent me contacts of three sheriffs in Florida. All three of them loved it. I asked them if they were beating and banging the vehicles up? One of the sheriffs indicated they use it for narcotics investigations and the vehicle had been trashed pretty

bad. Enterprise came and picked it up and didn't say a word. Mileage doesn't matter. They keep up with your mileage because they know the optimal time when they can resell. They know with this market going here, I know I can get this much for it. That is why they keep up with us. They want to make sure they can make the most money and get the most money back to us.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – From a fleet management point of view, will there be more reporting to keep up with in order to report to Enterprise?

Sheriff Craig – No, they keep up with us with wanting to know mileage. That is pretty much the main thing. There is even additional things with them with maintenance and different aspects, but I don't want to jump into all that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Is this coming out of their Roanoke Office?

Sheriff Craig – No, I have been in touch with Eddie Simon. He is out of Williamsburg. He has been out here. The fleet vehicles are new. Administrative vehicles like pickup trucks, cars, and things have been going on for a long time with Enterprise. But they are starting to get into this fleet side. This is their third year in it. From their sales pitch, they say you have a \$70,000 budget and we can give you 8 cars this year. I'm excited about it because of the possibility of the savings to the County.

Chairman Yoder – One of the things I really like about the idea, we will be able to project in our budget what the costs are. Right now if a transmission goes out, we suddenly have to buy a new car.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Leasing has its role in certain areas. I think this is a really beneficial way to manage the fleet. It is hard to find a bad side to this.

Supervisor Boothe – I got introduced really big time into lease financing when the County had no money in the bank. We went almost exclusively to that.

Sheriff Craig – I can tell you talking to Eddie, he is very confident that once we look into this and if I am able to go forward with it, he said even the County Administrator vehicles and the bus garage, you will come to me for your vehicles. Once you gain faith in me, you will come back to us for these vehicles.

Ms. Morris – I guess the only negative I saw was they don't have trash trucks.

Sheriff Craig – They don't do buses.

Supervisor Coleman – I think this is a good time to try this as a pilot program. If they can manage the Sheriff's fleet, I am sure they could manage the rest of the County vehicles.

Sheriff Craig – The most heartbreaking part was seeing the markup on vehicles. What they are buying vehicles for and what the manufacturer's suggested retail price...you are talking \$15,000 to \$20,000 a vehicle.

Vice Chairman Turman – The safety and the liability part of it too with these old vehicles. It is a no-brainer really. With the one that hit the deer, you can't take the transmission out for another one.

Sheriff Craig – With the fleet we have and the cars back here, there is not a light bulb left in any of them, quarter panels are missing, bumper covers are missing. Any way that we can save money...Justin [Supervisor Coleman] has been underneath the cars getting stuff off.

Supervisor Boothe – Under this fleet are they locked into one type of vehicle?

Sheriff Craig – I can get a Hyundai Sonata. I can get a Kia. I can get a Ferrari. One sheriff down in Florida I talked to maintained it with his narcotics units. We're talking southern Florida. They had six vehicles for undercover and got a new one every ten to twelve months. They just kept rotating through. It was great for their undercover units.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the lease with Enterprise Fleet Management and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the lease. (Document File Number 989).

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

Agenda Item 6.d. – Mr. Anthony Ford, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Anthony Ford – All of our staffs have been cut in half from 10 to 20 years ago. It used to be 20 some people and now it is 13. Maybe the average citizen doesn't appreciate or see all the work these guys do. I am amazed at how much work these guys get done in such short periods of time with such small groups. Update on normal maintenance issues worked on in the last month:

- 1) Pothole patching completed – Rt. 615 (Christiansburg Pike), Rt. 860 (Shooting Creek Road), Rt. 726 (Black Ridge Road), Rt. 807 (Canning Factory Road), Rt. 717 (Fairview Church Road), Rt. 768 (Firehouse Road) and Rt. 799 (Conner Grove Road).
- 2) Grading was done on 20 gravel roads...I think you have more unpaved roads than anybody else in the district;
- 3) Brush cutting and mowing was completed on Rt. 819 (Black Forest Road), Rt. 683 (Roger Road), Rt. 793 (Cannadays Gap Road), and Rt. 672 (Laurel Creek Road);
- 4) Ditch cleaning and grading – Rt. 615 (Christiansburg Pike), Rt. 665 (Eanes Road), and Rt. 8N (Webbs Mill Road);
- 5) Pipe cleaning – Rt. 776 (Sawmill Road);
- 6) Pipe replacements – Rt. 665 (Eanes Road), Rt. 615 (Christiansburg Pike), Rt. 684 (Dobbins Farm Road), and Rt. 654 (Kings Store Road).

Mr. Ford – The work we have planned to do between now and the next meeting includes:

- 1) Pipe replacement scheduled on Rt. 8S;
- 2) Safety project at the intersection of Route 676 (Hale Road) and Route 612 (Stonewall Road).

Supervisor Boothe – What pipe change is planned on Rt. 8S?

Mr. Ford – I'm not sure where it is. I'll have to ask. I do want to give you an update on specific inquiries from the last meeting:

- 1) Pothole repair on Rt. 794 (Lumber Lane) – the work has been scheduled;
- 2) Grading on Countyline Church Road between Shooting Creek Road and Thomas Farm Road – the work has been scheduled;
- 3) Guardrail on Rt. 615 (Christiansburg Pike) right at the county line – area headquarters will come and look at that;
- 4) Site distance at Rt. 729 (Wills Ridge Road) and Rt. 719 (Laurel Branch Road) blocked by vegetation – area headquarters has scheduled mowing;
- 5) Brush cutting on Rt. 780 (Turnip Patch Road) – they've already done some trimming, but have also scheduled some more intensive work of trimming trees that are hanging down;
- 6) Overhanging trees on Rt. 679 (Bethlehem Church Road) – area headquarters is working on that now.

Mr. Ford – I was talking to the Project Manager of Rt. 727 (Moles Road). Plans are about 75% complete and they expect to advertise the project for construction this winter. The actual construction should start in the spring. I know you have had a lot of discussion about the downtown pedestrian project. Our Traffic Engineering folks are working closely with David Clarke. He has gone out and looked at a couple of things on his own. The other day our Traffic Engineering folks sent a work order report back to David, which talks about some things they recommend. Between them and David they are working on some things. That is a little bit separate from the project that will be advertised in December or January. These are things that are a little bit outside the actual project at the Rt. 8 and Rt. 221 intersection. This is back a little piece. They have made some recommendations on some existing signage. That coordination is ongoing and they will come together on that pretty soon.

Supervisor Boothe – Will you please get us and the Town a copy of the actual plans?

Mr. Ford – Yes, I will pass that on. There was a Public Information meeting back in February 2018, but you want to see it as it comes more to fruition.

Supervisor Boothe – I haven't seen anything on their final ideas, because there was a lot of stuff floating around at that meeting and there was a lot of input. We haven't had a report and the Town hasn't had a final or semi-final report on what you are looking at doing.

Supervisor Coleman – There was a pipe replacement about one year ago on Rt. 751 (Indian Creek Road). Some residents are questioning when that will be paved? It is still gravel. I rode over there yesterday and there are some signs up so they might be anticipating doing the work. It is pretty rough. It is a pretty good drop. It is a school bus route and some of the

concerns came from a school bus driver. It wasn't just a single pipe replacement. It was at least two of the big pipes. It is a pretty wide stretch of the road. On the same road up near Rt. 619 (Horse Ridge Road) a resident requested some children playing signage. There are a couple of houses with small kids and it is a cut-through.

Vice Chairman Turman – On Rt. 221 and Mira Fork Road when APCO or Citizens put in a new pole they crimped the end of the culvert. When Citizens came through with their fiberoptics the company that did the re-seeding, they filled it in with grass. Now when it comes a hard rain, it catches and there is a geyser in the middle of the road. It has also turned it down into Mr. Holmes' garage. Please see if you can do something about that. Yesterday a guy asked me what the plans are for Merifield Road. It is the section between Keith Road and Deer Valley Road. It is so washboard as it goes uphill on bedrock that it damages big trucks moving cattle and tractor-trailers. They were talking about surface treating it. They were wondering how far along the plans are? I appreciate all the machine work and brush cutting in my district.

Supervisor Coleman – I remembered one more. Due to the detour because of the Alum Ridge Road project, on Sam Reed Road I never noticed this before. But now because of the amount of traffic cutting through there, there is a pipe on Sam Reed Road that cuts across the road. Now, I guess due to the traffic, it is a major bump. It has seen more traffic in the past few months than it has ever seen in its existence.

Chairman Yoder – The only item to discuss in my district is Rt. 221N just north of Kings Store Road. It was repaved a year ago and a passing zone was taken out. It has been said that it was going to be put back, but it hasn't happened yet. It is one of the few passing zones in that area. People continue to ask me about that. I guess there is truck traffic turning off of River Ridge Road to head back toward town. People coming around the corner can't pass a truck ahead that is slower going up the hill. Complaints are coming both from the people in the cars and from the truck drivers.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Thank you for letting me know that the guardrail on Rt. 615 will be looked at. Obviously with these recent downpours it will have impacted Countyline Church Road even more. It is in abysmal shape. Thomas Farm Road at the bottom end of it is also an issue with all of these hard rains. Yes, we have more gravel roads than paved. But with it comes the need to make sure they are maintained. As you said our VDOT workers in Floyd do an amazing amount of work with what they have. We are blessed to have them for sure. Harvestwood Road down toward the end by Franklin Pike has large ruts. There is a lot of truck traffic there and it needs to be looked at. On Rt. 615 (Christiansburg Pike), there was a lot of complaining on the paving work that was done. I know the slurry seal is coming. Do you have anything on the Rt. 615 paving in case I get any phone calls? I think it was supposed to start at the end of this month or the beginning of next. A little hole has developed on Rt. 677, right by Rt. 615. It is not major, but in time it will be. An orange circle has been painted around the hole on Needmore Lane.

Supervisor Boothe – You mentioned fixing the potholes on Lumber Lane, that was in addition to some roads discussed the previous month that weren't on the list. These are roads that need attention before they get too terrible. I will re-mention them: Rt. 773 (Elephant Curve

Road), Rt. 810 (Gallimore Lane) has potholes and needs ditch work. People on social media were complaining that they were dumping leftover asphalt in the drainage ditches. I saw pictures of it on social media. Is there any way we could tell the folks if they have leftover asphalt that they tap it into a pothole instead of dumping it into a ditch? I don't know who the contractor was. Back in the spring we rode around and looked at roads and stuff. A lot of guardrails have washing around them. They talked about giving some attention to it. It is 10 times worse now and there are 10 times more spots. It looks to me – I call it slop slurry, whatever this latest thing VDOT has come up with to pave roads – in some of those instances, especially in the worst areas, it would be better than continually trying to maintain to actually use that stuff and get it all the way over to the guardrail to stop the washing out. You mentioned ditch work on Rt. 8 at the West Fork of the Little River Bridge. They cleaned out the spillway. They didn't touch the ditch. You also had the sediment under the bridge that needs to be addressed. It is my understanding, there is a schedule for cleaning that culvert out under Rt. 8.

Mr. Ford – Yes, if we are thinking of the same spot and I think we are. That work, especially cleaning out the sediment and the stream is handled by an office different than the residency. That one is handled by the bridge office. They have a bunch of environmental permitting for that. The last time I was here on July 10, Darrell Sowers and I left here and went straight there and talked to the gentleman and took a look at it. I know it is all in the works.

Supervisor Boothe – The guardrail on Rt. 8S needs the lines re-marked for Citizens before the project is started or if they start it. There was supposed to be a speed reduction study on Rt. 8 near Rt. 794 (Lumber Lane). I haven't heard anything about how that is progressing. There are trucks pulling out of there and pulling in. It is hard for them to pull out and get up to 55 mph speed before they get run over. Several months ago I asked about reducing the speed on Dusty Rock Road. Of course I was told no, but they were going to check and find out why half the road had speed reduction but it was refused on the other half. I still have a citizen who is interested in an answer to that. And I kind of would like to know myself. Half of the road the speed has been reduced and the other half is 55 mph or whatever you can get away with. Finally, I asked David [Clarke] for a letter concerning the authorization to enforce clearing the right of way in Town. I received two letters that VDOT sent out. I was told VDOT wasn't into enforcing, but these are two enforcement letters. What we asked for was a letter authorizing the Town to proceed if they chose to. But they can't proceed unless VDOT gave them some kind of authority to proceed. I asked for the right of way and distances in Town. We received a report which I already had. That report doesn't give the exact distance. I would like to have a map of the Town with the exact right of way in number of feet in front of Farmer's Supply or the exact number of feet in front of Hardees or just what the exact number is within the Town limits. I think that would help them. If they are going to move forward or if VDOT is going to move forward, it needs to be for anybody who is infringing. Everybody needs to be treated equally. We really need those numbers to go back and just look. There may be some encroachments since that report.

Ms. Morris – I rode on Rt. 804 (Rush Fork Road) over the weekend and there were so many potholes I quit counting.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We’ve talked a long time about moving the 45 mph speed limit back on Rt. 221N past Black Forest Road so that when traffic comes toward Town and the Pine Tavern, it is reduced to 45 mph.

Supervisor Coleman – It would help the Rescue Squad as well.

Supervisor Boothe – Several years ago the speed limit on unpaved roads was reduced to 35 mph, basically statewide. I was asked what the speed limit is on paved, unmarked secondary roads. Are they 45 mph?

Mr. Ford – I wouldn’t be the one to answer that question. I think you are right that the ones not posted are normally by State statute 55 mph.

Supervisor Coleman – I think the Code classifies those as a paved, surface-treated road. I would have to look and make sure but I think they are 45 mph.

Supervisor Boothe – In your mind if this Board petitions the State or a State Transportation Committee petitions the State to allow localities to reduce the speed limit on their secondary roads, would you see an adverse problem with having all paved secondary roads at 45 mph?

Mr. Ford – In Virginia where VDOT maintains county roads, any requests you make or any county makes we have to vet back to our district Traffic Engineering. They will come out and do speed studies.

Supervisor Boothe – That takes money out of our maintenance money.

Mr. Ford – They don’t like throwing a big blanket across all roads. Secondary roads in Floyd County are so different from secondary roads in Hampton Roads.

Supervisor Boothe – I am saying if the State General Assembly authorized each locality to have the authority to reduce their secondary roads and set a speed on it, that’s not saying they have to. Most of our secondary roads you don’t need to be travelling 55 mph even if the law says you can. I don’t see an adverse effect on VDOT. I was wondering if you saw an adverse effect on that? The State likes blanket stuff but what works in Floyd does not work in Fairfax and what works in Fairfax does not work in Floyd.

Mr. Ford – I don’t want to speak for Traffic Engineering, but I think they like the individual requests to come in and they look at them in the context of the request.

Supervisor Boothe – I understand that but the costs for them to do that comes out of the maintenance money for upkeep on the roads. It is almost an incentive to not ask. I am asking for the authority for us to set the speeds so we can save the money to actually fix the roads. I don’t want to sound ungrateful. I appreciate our staff, you, our VDOT workers are doing the best they can with the funds they have. The State government has to do something different.

Mr. Ford – I wouldn't ever hesitate to bring issues to VDOT, because you are the eyes and ears of the citizens for us. I know just in the past two months I have been there, there have been a lot of issues come up. I would encourage you to never hesitate to bring matters to this particular body. It helps us do our jobs better.

Agenda Item 6.e. – Ms. Lisa Baker, Commissioner of Revenue and Ms. Janine Butterworth, Deputy Commissioner.

Ms. Baker – We are asking for consideration of a proposal for an increase of the tax relief for the elderly and disabled. We are proposing for the gross income to go up to \$25,000 and the net worth to go to \$100,000. It has not been increased since 2007. We have had several taxpayers come and ask for tax relief who are denied because they are right at that limit. It allows up to \$200 off the real estate tax ticket, which helps tremendously. It is an amazing program.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How many people use this?

Ms. Butterworth – Maybe 90 people.

Ms. Baker – it is less than 100. With this increase it will help a lot of families.

Supervisor Boothe – This might need to be looked at more frequently. Remind whoever is here in four years. If we go to Public Hearing we could reduce the numbers but not increase them. Are you really comfortable with these numbers? Will they cover everything that is going on over the next four years to help a sufficient number of people?

Ms. Baker – The people who have come in applied and we denied, yes. We checked with other localities and this puts us in the ballpark. We are not the lowest.

Supervisor Boothe – I want to make sure because the County is looking at doing quite a bit of stuff in the next few years that could impact this. What if we went with \$30,000 gross income and \$125,000 net worth for the Public Hearing. You could look and see if this will help enough more people. After the Public Hearing, we could drop it back to \$25,000/\$100,000 if we need to. We know what is on the plate.

Chairman Yoder – The Commissioner of Revenue's office knows the people coming in there and she made a recommendation for a reason.

Ms. Baker – Looking at other localities: Carroll County is \$26,000 and \$80,000, but they get a \$250 reduction on taxes. Franklin County is \$25,000 and net worth is \$80,000. Patrick County is \$22,000 and net worth is \$100,000.

Chairman Yoder – The downside if you make it too broad, if you include too many people, you water it down.

Supervisor Boothe – I understand. I can live with \$25,000 and \$100,000. I was just suggesting thinking about what we have coming up.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We also need to think about our aging population as well.

Ms. Baker – You also have the general reassessment coming up too.

Chairman Yoder – For me, I would go higher on the net worth than the gross income. I don't want to give discounts to people who can afford it. But on the flip side I know there are a lot of people that have a small family farm and are trying to hang on to it.

Ms. Baker – We have had several denied due to the land.

Chairman Yoder – We don't want to turn into a county with property in two acre lots.

Supervisor Boothe – I am just trying to reach as many people as I know need help.

Ms. Baker – It is sad for us when we have to say they are not eligible.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We as a Board and our Constitutional Officers are cognizant of the struggles of some folks in our community and we are receptive and want to serve our citizenry in the best way possible.

Agenda Item 7.d. – Proposal on tax relief for elderly and disabled.

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 on September 25 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of setting the tax relief for the elderly and disabled persons with gross income of \$25,000 and net worth of \$125,000.

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Agenda Item 7.h. – Floyd County School Board requests a budget transfer of \$183,158.55 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Operation & Maintenance category in the amount of \$9,650.00 and to Technology category in the amount of \$173,508.55 in the FY19 budget.

Dr. Wheeler – I just have a couple of things here. First one is the capital improvement request. Most of these were being completed after the fiscal year, so instead of writing checks before the work started – we don't want to pay someone before they start work – we just carried it over. You can see the amounts it covered. Working with the Sheriff's Department, we put additional radios in there. We may get a check back because as we return these old radio systems, if we get any money back we will take it in and write you a check back to the Capital Improvement Fund.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve that \$183,158.55 be moved from the Capital Improvement Fund to the FY19 Floyd County School Board budget Technology category in the amount of \$173,508.55 for electronic security system installations and information technology infrastructure upgrades and to the Operation & Maintenance category in the amount of \$9,650.00 for new LED lighting at the high school library and a security monitoring desk.

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

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

Dr. Wheeler – The next one is just a thought. We have talked a little bit about this at the School Board. It is not even a request. It is about defining the campus at Floyd Elementary. One of the things we have through there is a public road. The campus is really not defined. I called Christiansburg and talked to them and it is really up to the Board of Supervisors. I don't know the jist of it but from what they tell me to turn that road over – it would be the school's maintenance – it is not a huge process. You would know more about it than I do, but as long as you own the property on both sides of the road, it is usually not a huge process because the State just abandons the road. The information I got is when the property is not owned on both sides it can become an issue. It would define the campus more.

Supervisor Boothe – Are you talking just about the high school part?

Dr. Wheeler – Around the high school and Floyd Elementary. Any road that is on that campus from the start of the Floyd Elementary property all the way to the bottom of the driveway going up to the high school; any of that which is deemed a public road.

Supervisor Boothe – What about the property owners at the bottom of the hill by Floyd Elementary?

Dr. Wheeler – We won't go that far. We would only go as far as where the school property begins. I don't know if this is absolutely needed, but it is a thought.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This would require that we do all of our snow removal.

Dr. Wheeler – Yes, on those two roads that go through. We do that anyway. There may not be a good reason to do it. That is why I want your brains thinking and the Sheriff's Office thinking too about what is the benefit. I don't know if there is any. In the future I will talk about a resolution. When you get that it would be something we want to do.

Supervisor Boothe – Are you talking about abandonment?

Dr. Wheeler – The person at Department of Highways said the process is that if you own the land on both sides, it is not a big deal but the local government makes the request. They just abandon the road.

Supervisor Boothe – You have to post notices. You have a Public Hearing. The Attorney would have to research and make sure there are no right of ways or anything still in existence on that.

Dr. Wheeler – It is just a suggestion. I have to make suggestions for safety.

Supervisor Boothe – I am not saying no, but there are things we have to do and it is not a fast process.

Chairman Yoder – That is why we have to think about it now.

Dr. Wheeler – I'm not telling you how to do your job. I am just bringing it up to get you thinking about it. From the school standpoint it may not be worth it. It is more about security.

Supervisor Coleman – Certainly.

Dr. Wheeler – I would like the Sheriff's Office to think about what does happen.

Chairman Yoder – I have often wondered because it is a public road people can drive through with a lot more things. You are basically driving through between school buildings. Anybody has the right to go through there at any time like 2:00 a.m. They can walk through.

Supervisor Boothe – With the potential construction plans, you wouldn't be able to drive all the way around.

Dr. Wheeler – No, so you would have to do it anyway. It is the legal side of what can be done on a public road. What do you not want done close to public schools?

Supervisor Coleman – Now is a good time to be thinking about this.

Chairman Yoder – We need to think about this now and before going to bid on the project.

Dr. Wheeler – It is nothing we have to act on now, but we need to continue thinking about it.

Supervisor Boothe – I recommend if Terri [Morris] doesn't mind, to go ahead and check with the County Attorney on it.

Ms. Morris – The original request needs to come from the property owners, so we would need a request from the School Board if that is what they want to do. That starts the process of abandoning the road. Then it comes to the Board and if you are interested, then the posting and everything starts.

Supervisor Boothe – Now if it turns out someone does have a right of way and they were...we could discontinue it.

Chairman Yoder – With a discontinued road anybody could still go through there, but you wouldn't have state maintenance. We don't want to accept the costs.

Ms. Morris – With a discontinued road you can put up gates, but you can't lock them so it kind of defeats the point. With an abandoned road you can lock the gates.

Chairman Yoder – It sounds like we are all interested in pursuing this.

Supervisor Boothe – You need to put a letter together.

Dr. Wheeler – I will put that on the September Board agenda. I'm assuming that every part of the road we are talking about the land is owned on both sides.

Ms. Morris – We will have to research that.

Supervisor Boothe – You will have to check and make sure no adjoining property owner has a right of way.

Ms. Morris – Every adjacent property owner has to have notice. That is where all the research comes in. It is quite a process.

Chairman Yoder – It is better to start the process now than a year from now.

Dr. Wheeler – I think you make decisions here the same way we do with the purpose. We are off to a good start from the purpose. If you ask me what our sole purpose is in education, it is to break the cycle of poverty in these homes. If you can do that, it is everything else. Along with that is the support for mental health, support for substance abuse. Once you break the cycle of poverty then the community becomes a whole lot better. We are doing that at both ends. We have to. My purpose is when we get to these homes with the 3, 4, and 5-year-olds we also want to provide resources. We have two opportunities. Not only are graduation requirements changing for the ninth graders, but the entry level jobs are changing drastically. We are getting a good partnership with Radford University, especially in cybersecurity. I am working on partnerships with Virginia Tech, especially with agriculture and robotics. Internships are totally redefined and this will include the 9th grade class. My vision is an internship for us will be two of our 11th or 12th graders going to a farm in Floyd, and coordinating with Virginia Tech Agriculture Department solving a specific problem that is in here in Floyd. Those are going to be part of the graduation requirements. Radford University will be able to partner with us because they partner with businesses, and we will be able to develop skills so kids and adults will be able to go out and get a job with the new entry level jobs. That is what we want to get to. The resolution that you have is basically the result of many individuals and many people talking, including you, I just don't know if a better alignment of scenarios could happen. First we are in the educational structure we need to be in this day and time for K through 7. I've heard superintendents talk about that and the issues they deal with. They are stuck in theirs because

their buildings are already in a different configuration. The ones that can would like to change it. The other alignment is instructionally with the new entry level jobs with the new requirement, our need for space is perfect for that. It becomes more career oriented and job skill oriented, and it is not about sitting in a class and taking a test and getting a math credit or a history credit. We are getting away from that which is a great thing. A lot of good things are happening with the Six Year Planning Committee and the partnership with Virginia Tech and the Thompson & Litton studies looking at this. Basically the resolution that is before you is to begin the process of not only solidifying the existing schools but also to look at the construction of the Collaboration Center. We used the numbers they had and 20 years for the HVAC, which is the most efficient. It is the least initial cost and the least operating cost for a 20-year period. We are looking at everything for a 20-year period. Some of the repairs have to be done. I went back and looked at all the boilers and they are all over 20 years. The mechanisms they operate we don't know how old they are. We are probably two boilers away or about 40 years. That is the conveyor belts and other operating parts. The boilers are mostly from 1993 or 1994 or 1995. I've talked with Ms. Morris. I know a few years ago there was a study. I tracked down RRMM Architects and I knew Ben and I called him. Nothing was found then. I asked his professional opinion. He said that what he knew of those buildings and similar buildings, there is no excessive stress on them. They may be around for 100 years or they may be around for 50 years, but there is no obvious stress on them. Thompson & Litton pinpointed the water tank and the two roofs as the only other major things. The HVAC system takes care of the electrical. Even some of those items need to be replaced for efficiency because we are losing money. That is what is before you. Obviously we are all in this together. At this point in my career, I wouldn't want to ask for just classroom space. I really think, with the right partnerships, that this can be a really good step. If you can help 5 families break this cycle of poverty that they have. The beauty of where we are now in the school division and the good people we have in there, all we work with now is individuals who need our help drastically. No little items – it is just homes and individuals that if we don't help them they are not going to make it. We don't them to continue the cycle. That is before you. Hopefully it is understood by the public, I really believe this will be a great thing for the community in that if you take care of your most needy, it will pick up everybody. With the right partnerships, I think we can do that. I will be happy to answer any questions that I can.

Supervisor Boothe – Regarding going to gas, at the meeting we were talking about the tanks. Did Thompson & Litton consider any other safety factors for access to those tanks?

Dr. Wheeler – The first priority with any architectural firm is the safety of the building and the safety of everything around it. It has to be rocketed as to their alertness. I'm sure architects listen to them. The few times I've talked to them, it is totally a new re-education because it is the business they are in. Now that is the first question people ask. They just say safety will be maximized because it has to be a priority in anything they design.

Supervisor Boothe – Basically what we were looking at was a chain link fence. I thought it should be a little more than that.

Dr. Wheeler – It should. One of the objectives with the Career Development Center, and there is a paragraph in here, which is obviously what you want when you build anything is, that once you get into it if there is a more efficient way that we'll save costs both short and long term,

the people doing it will make the suggestion. With the Career Development Center, there are going to be a few types of resources – heating and cooling – to build, because it becomes a teaching building. The way they design that is they just color code the pipes which is extra time but it puts a learning center as far as architecture and construction within the building. They understand that and they probably make that point every time. It is a good point that you can't just go to save a few bucks.

Supervisor Boothe – That was a concern in all this – these tanks being accessible.

Chairman Yoder – I guess going forward what we need to do as a Board is think about how we want this process to look. Do we have questions that need to be answered? The Schools are requesting funding for a very large project. It is one of those projects that will be the biggest any of us here ever voted on. This will have an impact on our kids and our grandkids and our great-grandkids. From a funding standpoint if we borrow the money to do this, there will be people paying taxes on this who haven't even been born yet. This is a huge decision that is going to impact a lot of people who aren't even with us today.

Supervisor Boothe – But they are going to benefit from this. This is not just something that will impact this community for the next ten years, I see a potential impact in a lot of areas for the next 30 years, and not just financial.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Anything we do we have to look at least two cycles of kindergartners through 12 graders. We are looking at a minimum of 36 years. We have to do due diligence. You cannot look at it in a one-cycle period in this County with the lack of resources. I will be going to a conference in Blacksburg on the 16th about school infrastructures in the State. Governor McAuliffe started a committee to look at that. Senator Stanley is holding this meeting about it so I'll be interested to hear what is said. This is going to be a long process. This is a lot of money. I think we need to have questions answered. We need to talk more about it and maybe have a full blown engineer go in, and not just an overview side, but a fullblown engineering study about what it would cost and how. Making this kind of expenditure will cost money to do it right. There is no getting around that.

Chairman Yoder – How would the Board like to go forward on this?

Supervisor Boothe – Have you already sent the resolution to us?

Dr. Wheeler – I sent the signed resolution to each of you and Ms. Morris.

Supervisor Boothe – The resolution specifically references the studies we had previously.

Dr. Wheeler – It gives you a starting point as far as today's costs and the need. The obvious need is for the HVAC systems, which will probably come in the same. The resources that are available they've went through to my knowledge and priced everything available in Floyd County for any building that you build.

Supervisor Boothe – It is time to replace the boilers.

Dr. Wheeler – Is is. You replace them and air condition the rest of the buildings. You get the electrical up. The only other items are a very, very antique water tank at Indian Valley and a couple of roofs. After you get in there the rest is regular infrastructure things, like wiring and maybe some pipes.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would like more of a detailed engineering study about how we move forward on replacing that infrastructure.

Chairman Yoder – Maybe we can compile a list of questions that we have that we can give to the Schools. You can send the questions to the County Administrator and she can compile them and send them to the Schools.

Dr. Wheeler – That would be fine. If it is an engineering study, I will talk to Ms. Morris about that. Thompson & Litton has a structural engineer in their Radford office. There are multiple structural engineering firms and architectural firms.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I am not sold on liquid gas either. I want to hear the variety of options that are available. This is as Chairman Yoder said, this is a big, big expense for this County. I have to make sure due diligence is done to effectively spend the money in the most cost effective manner that we possibly can. I know that is your wishes too.

Dr. Wheeler – It is and that is said in the resolution in that paragraph. We can only go on the study that we already commissioned. Those are the resources available, but that is why I had that paragraph in there. Once you start in the processes, whether you hire a structural engineering firm or another firm to do the same study that Thompson & Litton did to get the information you need it would be a good thing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – You understand it is not the same study. Thompson & Litton did a very nice overview of what we have. Now when we are talking about specifically drilling down...and I noticed you said something about the design-bid-build process rather than going out for bid. That is what we are talking about, right?

Chairman Yoder – If I understand this right, you would hire a firm to do the design, essentially the blueprints for it. You would go through procurement for the firm to do the plans, then you would have them design the plans, then you would go through procurement for the bid of the construction.

Ms. Morris – They would oversee construction....

Chairman Yoder – ... for us as engineer.

Supervisor Boothe – I think that is much better than the School Board appointing somebody.

Chairman Yoder – We discussed this at a meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs to make sure this is the approach we wanted to take.

Supervisor Boothe – Have you made any projections as far as...say we are able to do everything you asked for...have you done any projections on operational costs?

Dr. Wheeler – Absolutely, anything that you do or will do for other energy sources in 20 years and compared initial and operational costs over 20 years and liquid propane is the one with the lowest cost. If you switch to anything that costs more right now than what we are paying for coal, it will be a little more. Everything costs more.

Supervisor Boothe – I am not just talking about heating and air. I am talking about the whole thing.

Dr. Wheeler – We added the square footage. You maximize what you have because now all of a sudden you have five facilities that are fully air conditioned. If you continually adapt to what your current resources are and that is what we've done in instruction and classrooms. So would it be a big cost? I would have to say just because if you look at 3% to 4% increase just on inflation every year, you are going to have additional costs. If I'm here in 20 years and I'm blessed to be working 20 years from now, to look at that will be the objective. Do I see this as unsurmountable operating costs that we feel that we couldn't take care of in regular time, I think it will be our focus. I think that we could without having a big hit to it. I don't think that is a problem. You are talking about an extra 40,000 s.f. to take care of. But for example, then you have another 50,000 s.f. that is now air conditioned and doesn't need the same attention as it did before.

Supervisor Boothe – You get some balance. We all know there will be an increase.

Dr. Wheeler – You get some balance. There is going to be an increase and if the increase is 3% and our State and Federal increase is 6% we are okay. If our ADM [average daily membership] is solid then we are in really good position comparatively. I have to do this comparatively because that is how we get our money. We are in much better shape than most other school divisions on this end of the state as far as the solid numbers we have. I feel good and we really try to look at 20 years.

Supervisor Boothe – Do you foresee any big changes in ADM? It is hard to project, but all of this information is part of the projection.

Dr. Wheeler – Let me give you some numbers. Darin [Boothe] and I sit down and we are both statistical people, we did pretty well this year. We projected 1913 and right now we are at 1930. We are in good shape there. From that, there is the balance. If we drop 20 kids, then there are about 2 positions which are funded by 20 kids. It is not losing 2 positions, nobody loses their jobs, we shift or do not replace. That can happen and we are in good shape to do that because we have the space in four elementary schools. We don't at the high school. The space at the high school is not classroom space; it is specialized space to meet the economy that we need.

Supervisor Boothe – As I recall it most of your fluctuation happens at the elementary schools. The largest percentage is usually in the elementary school levels because we have four

elementary schools. If you had to say there was a trend in losing, would you say that or is it pretty much all over.

Dr. Wheeler – It is pretty much in the K-7. The variable that is hard...and we're doing this because of literacy, we're trying to get every 3-year-old identified. We want them with Head Start or with us. Kindergarten to 1st grade is where you get the discrepancy because not everyone is in kindergarten. You have 150 in 1st grade and only 100 in kindergarten; we go on 5-year averages for that. That is why when we project ADM for the budget, we feel pretty good about this. We probably got a few more in this year. If we are 5 above what we projected then we feel pretty good. We're 20 above right now. That is good. I think it is just because of an influx, it is because of a trend. It might be a new trend that keeps happening over the next three years, but we don't know.

Supervisor Boothe – I know you don't. I just think all of this comes into the picture.

Dr. Wheeler – It does. My job is to make sure operating costs, not only now but we are looking at 20 years. You have to have an idea. You don't want somebody coming and asking for \$400,000 all of a sudden.

Chairman Yoder – Very well spoken. With that position, we would love to have you another 20 years.

Vice Chairman Turman – I deal with real estate and I noticed that a lot of people moving into the County do not have kids. I'm looking for the number of students in school to drop quite a bit in the next few years. The properties that have sold in my neighborhood for the past few months have all been to retirees. A lot of the kids now when they graduate, they leave the County. Our age group is changing.

Supervisor Boothe – That is one thing that they are trying to do at the high school is put the brakes on that, the kids leaving.

Vice Chairman Turman – It is going to take a while to change that.

Dr. Wheeler – It is. Believe me we are working with other variables that I won't go into now that will have an impact in three years on what our experiences are for our students. We are looking at being an International Baccalaureate School, which gets college credits and a little more weight to what they accomplish. We are going to increase the opportunities for our teachers to get the degree they need to teach Advanced Placement classes. We are going to need to do that. Our dual enrollments, the State is in the process of messing with that. I purposely used that word because there is no continuity around the State with Junior Colleges. The Commission in Richmond wants to make a set rate for everybody. Right now at New River we don't pay a dime. They make money because we provide the teacher, the books, the space, and everything. They get the ADM and we do too. That may change and it will phase in three years. I'll know in September. We've already sat with Dr. Huber over there and I am going over again. We'll have a plan and our plan is going to be to look at every kid that has gone through it the last two years and see how we can replace it. It will be a fairly big cost. They will phase it in over three years with gradual costs but I think we can get the same thing. Dr. Huber doesn't like it.

Most schools are going to say we are not going to use you. We will just increase our AP [advanced placement] and get the same thing out of it. Our kids will still get credit and that is what we are going to have to do too. We can't spend another \$90,000 when we can do the same thing and its free.

Supervisor Boothe – With all the experience, is it really the same thing?

Dr. Wheeler – In the total picture it is the same thing because the same teacher is teaching it. It is the same thing just another credential. It is still our people. We just pay for them to get the degrees they need. We've already started that process. We are not going to be tripped up by that. We just have to get it in place in time before they hit us with the big bill. They may change their mind by September. I don't know. You build the structure of the high school inside and the make up will totally change. Our teachers will help to design it as far as the flow and the classes we have. It will benefit instructionally at the high school tremendously.

Vice Chairman Turman – How do you judge how many in preschool will be in any given school? The reason I ask is there is five in Willis that are bused to Floyd. My daughter has to drive to Floyd and drop her child off.

Dr. Wheeler – It is the Virginia Preschool Initiative program. We have to adhere to their rules of only 18 in a class. The State sets specific qualifications. If someone is 100% qualified, we don't want them on a waiting list. Over the last two years we have been able to increase that. I think we may have 1 right now. But if they want a spot and those spots get filled based on the need, we go by State regulations. We get money for 37 and we serve more than 37. They do a calculation to give us money. We have to write back and do all the paperwork to ensure that we are using the money for all 37. It's the State's call for the requirements. Head Start goes through this with us. They are very helpful. None of that is our decision.

Supervisor Boothe – Do you see any relaxing of the testing process?

Dr. Wheeler – The Virginia Department of Education is moving in a great direction. The 9th grade class has less verified credits and it is more on the documentation of critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship. I've already started with the mapping for 8th through 12th grades. My idea is to tie those 5 c's to internships so we will be able to document. For the DOE graduation requirement, we have to document those. I want to make them real life. I think we will be able to do that. The testing is going down even now for current students. We have to go through each one and we are looking at examples. They are not allowing someone who needs a credit in math and needs an additional credit to take another SOL in math. Before if you had Algebra you passed it. If you had Algebra II you passed it. You had that additional credit, which is the student selected credit. They are not allowing you to do that now. It could create a bottleneck for students because they may be great in math and that may need to be the credit. We are going through and looking at each individual one and that means there are students sitting in class at the end of the year, we will work this out in scheduling, half may need to take the SOL and half may not because they already passed the math SOL or history SOL. They did decrease it. They said you don't have to take it because you already passed one, which is a good thing. It is a work in progress but it is going in the right direction. The biggest

key they added internships to the requirements to graduate and they added those 5 c's. That is huge and they decreased the verified credits which gives students time to get those hours.

Chairman Yoder – I would like to have a week or so to write down questions. There are a few operational questions I have. I'm sure others have questions.

Dr. Wheeler – Right now I am working on the 9th graders schedule for when they are in the 11th and 12th grade. Their experience in high school will be different than the current 11th and 12th grades. I am talking to Virginia Tech and Radford University. We will be talking about internships here. I have to coordinate all those with the five c's. I want to make it seamless.

Chairman Yoder – A lot of the HVAC and roofs we know we have to do. Providing an education is a Constitutional requirement we have. It is our responsibility. It is important that we do it right. We need to keep the ball rolling. In the next two weeks, send any questions you have to Ms. Morris to compile.

Agenda Item 6.g. – Closed Session.

On a motion made by Supervisor Turman, and seconded by Supervisor Coleman, 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.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss Real Property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3. 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 Boothe – yes

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes, I removed myself from parts of closed session so as not to appear to have a conflict of interest. I certify that I only spoke about things that would not lead anyone to believe that I found myself in a conflict of interest situation.

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business.

Ms. Morris – There are a couple of reminders. On August 21 we will be meeting with the Planning Commission. I gave you a copy of the proposed ordinance. On August 28 at our meeting, Creative Consulting will be here to present to you and the Economic Development Authority jointly and go over their report. You will also be able to discuss some options for the shell building.

Supervisor Boothe – After reviewing the maps in the other room, at our September meeting I will ask the Chairman to allow me to make a motion on a ridgeline ordinance. I am looking at 3000' elevation and 300' maximum.

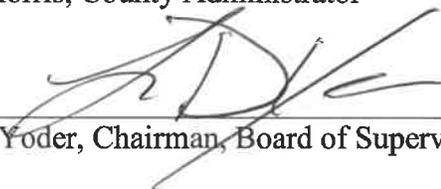
Chairman Yoder – Everybody please look at the elevation maps before you leave.

Agenda Item 9. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Lauren D. Yoder, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

