

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the large conference room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; W. Justin Coleman, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, and Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator, Tabitha Hodge, Economic Development Technician to livestream and film the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. – Meeting Called to Order.

Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Coleman.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Boothe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of May 12, 2020 and May 26, 2020.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 as amended to change title to Chairman Turman on page 15 and to approve the May 26, 2020 minutes as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of monthly disbursements.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the June 2020 monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for May 2020.

Ms. Morris – Ms. Turman is at an appointment this morning. I will relay any questions or concerns to her if you have any.

No questions or concerns were raised.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Discussion of Possible Ridgeline Ordinance.

Ms. Morris – Mr. Durbin is still researching that matter and asked for another couple of weeks.

Chairman Turman – A Verizon tower is being put in at Dugspur. Would we be able to put equipment on that to help us?

Ms. Morris – Mr. Sowers is already in conversation with them about that.

Chairman Turman – As close to the County line as that is, I thought it might help us.

Ms. Morris – Do you have any other items you would like me to relay to Mr. Durbin on the ridgeline ordinance?

Vice Chairman Boothe – Please refresh my memory on what Mr. Durbin is looking at.

Ms. Morris – He is going through State Code to make sure there are no changes that would affect our draft ordinance.

Agenda Item 7.d. – Discussion of Abandonment Request of Portion of Former VDOT Road off Boone Road Near Closed Bridge Over Burks Fork at Weddle Road, Willis VA.

Ms. Morris – I received another email from Mr. Winston on June 5 reiterating his request that we start the public hearing process.

Chairman Turman – I talked to Mr. Winston on the portion of road he wants abandoned. He said it has nothing to do with the other request for abandonment on the other end of the road. He said the road splits. Bunkey Run would still be open. It is just the little section from the bridge down. I don't think he is as concerned about the bridge as the road.

Supervisor Yoder – I drive that road a lot and probably 9 months of the year you would have to have 4-wheel drive and a chainsaw to get through.

Chairman Turman – I explained to Mr. Winston that a Public Hearing must be held as part of the abandonment process.

Ms. Morris – The property must be posted in three places for 30 days and adjacent landowners must be notified by certified mail.

Supervisor Yoder – The part he is requesting does not cut anybody off. It is a long stretch of road, but it is all on his property.

Chairman Turman – Pam Baker owns both sides in one section and he owns both sides in another section. Pam’s biggest concern is that she likes to use that bridge to get to the back side of her property. If she sells more timber, then she needs that bridge.

Supervisor Yoder – Would he possibly give her right of way back to there if we abandon the bridge?

Vice Chairman Boothe – If we abandon the bridge, we need to follow Mr. Durbin’s recommendation and let him put a side agreement together that they can agree to as to who is assuming liability and responsibility so that it relieves the County of any liability and responsibility.

Ms. Morris – Mr. Durbin said that the Attorney General opines: “that bridges can be abandoned as part of a road abandonment process and that ownership of the bridge would pass to the underlying owner of the fee simple.” If the County owns the fee simple, the act of abandonment would not change this, and the County would be free to sell or exchange the property. In order to know for sure we would have to research the title. If we don’t want to undertake the title work the County could sell the bridge as a quick claim to the neighboring property owner or owners. He says if the County is inclined to sell the bridge, we would want to have a sales agreement in place where the purchaser acknowledges that the County has not maintained the bridge and that it may be in an unsafe condition. Also, the County makes no promises as to the condition and that the purchaser agrees to take on any maintenance, structural evaluations, etc. that may be necessary. They agree to erect signage to warn anyone that may come onto the property about the condition of the bridge or they agree to barricade or demolish the bridge.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It sounds like right now, whether they want to abandon the bridge or not, we are the liable party.

Supervisor Yoder – If we abandon the road, I would like to abandon the bridge, because the bridge is really the liability for us.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Do we need to find out if we are considering the bridge as part of this abandonment that Mr. Durbin was talking about? It sounds like we could abandon it and still be responsible for it.

Ms. Morris – We can do all of that as part of our research.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise a public hearing to be

held at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on August 25 regarding abandonment request of portion of former road near closed bridge over Burks Fork at Weddle Road, Willis, VA.

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

Agenda Item 6.a. – Public Hearing on “An Ordinance Amending Floyd County Code Courthouse Security fee.”

Ms. Morris read the call for the Public Hearing and noted that it was published in the May 21, 2020 and May 28, 2020 editions of *The Floyd Press* and also posted on the County’s website.

Chairman Turman called the Public Hearing open on “An Ordinance Amending Floyd County Code Courthouse Security fee.”

Due to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, current guidance by the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Health on social distancing and public gatherings, public comments are accepted in writing or by telephone in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure. No public comments were received in writing or by phone, so the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve “An Ordinance Amending Floyd County Code Courthouse Security fee” as advertised effective July 1, 2020 (Document File Number 1113).

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

Agenda Item 9. – Board Member Time.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The VACO 10 & 11 District meeting is coming up and they are requesting Legislative Priorities. I will be attending as the VACO Board representative.

Chairman Turman exited the meeting and turned the Chair over to Vice Chairman Boothe.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – The VACO meeting is Thursday, June 25. It will be after our next Board meeting.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Depending on the time allotted we might want to discuss our top 4 or 5 priorities.

Supervisor Yoder – The big thing this year is maintaining funding.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The State seems to be on a roll taking things out of citizens and local Boards' hands. It has already started and will probably continue into the next General Assembly. Our State representatives did not keep us up to date on the issues of the gas tax on I-81 Corridor and alcohol by the drink. VACO is doing everything they can to keep us informed. They do a great job and I am not knocking them. The State ought to put out a bulletin or something, but it is not in their best interests.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Were you able to retrieve the Legislative Priorities list?

Ms. Morris – Yes.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Maybe before our next night meeting if you could get that to us to discuss? I now turn the Chair of the meeting back over to Chairman Turman.

Ms. Ryan – Would you like to hear a quick update on the ACCE [Access to Community College Education] program? Right now, there is only one non-profit open and that is Plenty! We've told the students that we are waiving the requirement to do community service for the fall 2020 semester. But if they choose to volunteer for Plenty! any hours they earn will count for the spring 2021 semester. We didn't want to put students in the situation where they were unsafe or felt uncomfortable. The only requirement is they must to turn in their paperwork to me by July 1 so they have to do something.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How many students do we have?

Ms. Ryan – We have about 1 dozen who are starting their second year and we have about 40 for their first year. Only about half of those have turned in their paperwork so far.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I watched the awards ceremony and there were a number of young people who were going to New River Community College. Many of them were first generation college students.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Hearing on “A Proposed Ordinance to Ensure Continuity of County Government in Response to COVID-19 Disaster.”

Ms. Morris read the call for the Public Hearing and noted that it was published in the May 21, 2020 and May 28, 2020 editions of *The Floyd Press* and also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Turman called the Public Hearing open on “A Proposed Ordinance to Ensure Continuity of County Government in Response to COVID-19 Disaster.”

Due to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, current guidance by the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Health on social distancing and public gatherings, public comments are accepted in writing or by telephone in accordance

with the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure. No public comments were received in writing or by phone, so the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to approve "A Proposed Ordinance to Ensure Continuity of County Government in Response to COVID-19 Disaster" as advertised (Document File Number 1114).

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – no
- Supervisor Yoder – no
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

Agenda Item 6.i. – Mr. Jacob Agee, Recreation Director.

Mr. Agee provided a progress report of Recreation activities during the COVID-19 closure and planned activities for the future:

- 1) Before the closure there were 160-170 kids signed up for baseball and softball and there were still a couple of weeks left to register but we had to cancel those events and refund the fees;
- 2) I began studying for my Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification which will keep me current with everything that is going on;
- 3) I'm sure most of you saw all the new equipment we received for baseball and softball to replace the old equipment that had served its purpose;
- 4) Because of the virus we had to cancel adult volleyball and basketball for the time being;
- 5) I plan to put on a little tournament at the end of summer when the closures are lifted and we can use the schools;
- 6) Before the virus I talked to the people who built the trail to see if we could expand it to follow the creek and bring it around to where the playground is;
- 7) I have been busy gutting the park and redoing it:
 - a. I plan to take the backstops out because they were too close by industry standards and move them back about 5' in each field;
 - b. Instead of having a pole and chain link fence, we will put in a 4' block wall;
 - c. Via's Trucking is donating telephone poles and it will have a nylon net instead of the chain link fence;
 - d. We had to wait a week to get an engineer to look at it for free;
 - e. Wills Ridge is going to get rebar and other items needed for footers;
 - f. We should be able to pour by the end of the week and I expect this to be finished by the end of the month or the first of August if there aren't any snags;
 - g. About 4 weeks ago I overseeded the fields on both sides with athletic turf mix – high grade fescue and rye
 - h. A contractor is going to tear out 3" or 4" of surface on both fields and put in a surface comparable to Moyer or Botetourt; the new surface will help with drainage and runoff;
 - i. Four or five businesses gave us money to help with this project and I plan to post our thanks on the department webpage;
 - j. I am looking to expand seating at the ballfields for the purpose of tournaments;

- 8) I told area directors that we were fixing up our park and they asked if we wanted to host a softball tournament next year;
- 9) A couple of summer organizations would like to host tournaments at the end of the year and this would be good revenue for us;
- 10) I plan to put on a showcase tournament at the end of August with 12-16 teams of 16 to 18-year-olds and right now ten college coaches are coming;
- 11) I talked to Supervisor Kuchenbuch about how we can expand Recreation out into the different communities so people don't have to come into the downtown area. She suggested sending people a letter and asking if they would consider donating an acre or two for a park in their community. I would like your input on that idea.

Supervisor Coleman – I think you should tread cautiously with that. It is asking a lot. It is a great idea. But you are talking about family property. It is a good program to have if people feel in their heart that they want to do it, but I don't know how that should be solicited.

Supervisor Yoder – My thought is to get the Park in good shape first.

Mr. Agee – Yes, this is future, long-term planning. This is something I would consider in the next 3-5 years.

Supervisor Coleman – It sounds like you are doing a lot of good things, and during this time it would be great to do business recognition for the resources our businesses have put together.

Mr. Agee – I have an email list of folks who have sponsored us and I try to keep them in the loop. Many asked how they could help. Many people are doing things for free so I am giving them a sign for free.

Supervisor Coleman – It would be good to take a picture and put an article in *The Floyd Press*. Do anything you can think of.

Supervisor Yoder – Have you checked on how far the State right of way comes where the backstops are?

Mr. Agee – I have not.

Supervisor Yoder – That might be something to consider. There is probably a State right of way that we are not supposed to build on.

Mr. Agee – We are already in violation of that.

Supervisor Yoder – I am 90% sure we are in violation with the dugouts because we went through that when I was on the Recreation Authority Board. If the County were in violation of that it is a little different. Be careful with the right of way when pouring concrete. We probably need to formally waive our 35' setback.

Vice Chairman Boothe – There are several things we need to research before we do anything there.

Supervisor Yoder – What are your plans on football?

Mr. Agee – Right now the plan is for football to go off as planned. We had a Zoom meeting about 2 weeks ago. If we are in Phase 3 by that point in August we will play without restrictions. They will have to sign a waiver on top of the waiver they already sign to play.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I am afraid the school system is going to run into problems with parents not wanting to send their children back and we will run into low numbers.

Mr. Agee – Unfortunately I see that being a problem as well. I don't know how we will get registration to kids if our chain of distribution is closed. I have sent massive emails to everybody who played last year.

Vice Chairman Boothe – If the schools are not open, we will not be able to use their facilities anyway.

Mr. Agee – Yes. I have already had that discussion with Dr. Wheeler. We can use the school facilities if they are open and the Governor has not declared a shutdown. I presume that if we must delay opening then everybody else in the area does too and the league itself will delay.

Vice Chairman Boothe – How did you do it in the past?

Mr. Agee – I understand that for spring sports they sent them home the last week before school ended. Last year I started August 1 and I had to force feed registrations to people and we still had the normal amount registered. We may have to do a short, truncated registration time again this year. We were behind the eight-ball last year. We started about two weeks after everyone else did. We had just met the safety requirement for helmets and shoulder pads and full pads before we played. We might be that way again this year but everyone else will have to do it that way too. There are a lot of variables but I have already informed the parents. I've got most of the coaches already.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period for the reading of any letters or emails received.

No public comments were received.

Agenda Item 6.d. – Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. Chris Price attended instead of Mr. Clarke and provided construction and maintenance updates:

a. On the maintenance side –

Maintenance on gravel roads	Silverleaf Road and many other gravel roads have been graded.
Pothole patching	We have worked on many roads and will continue that for the next 2-3 weeks.
Downtown Floyd Project	Has a completion date of the end of June.
COVID-19 issues	We have about an employee or two a week out in self quarantine.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I have talked to Mr. Clarke about the handicap spot.

Mr. Price – One reason they shifted the handicap spot to the far left was because the parking spots were not at a 45-degree angle like they were supposed to be. They were made to be 45 degrees and the one on the left was the largest spot so they thought it would be most accessible.

Supervisor Coleman –

- 1) Thank you. There has been a lot of paving and fixing of roads in the Indian Valley area. I am very pleased. Thank you.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch –

- 1) I don't have too much. Everything has been kept up very nicely so far this year.

Mr. Price – I know we are working on the Rt. 615 guardrail.

- 2) You did the lines for utility and there is a pink ribbon in the middle of the road. I know it can take a while.

Mr. Price – It can. We have to use a district wide task order, so it gets put in line with the rest of the district. But it is moving forward.

Supervisor Yoder –

- 1) I want to say thank you, especially on Deer Run Road and Kings Store Road. There was some nice patchwork there and it has needed it for a long time.
- 2) On the Hummingbird Lane side of Jacks Mill Road there are some potholes. They patched one and now there is one right beside it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – When is mowing supposed to start?

Mr. Price – I will check on it but some already has.

Vice Chairman Boothe –

- 1) Thanks for Lumber Lane and the attention to it. It has made a big difference there. Please pass that on to Darrell [Sowers] and everybody.
- 2) Any idea when we are going to get that stump ground out at the bridge?

Mr. Price – I don't really know. We are crunching up against the end of the fiscal year which is June 19 for us. We got a little bump in money so I am interested to see how much was spent in Floyd. I will talk to Darrell Sowers about it. To be quite honest I am sure it will be after June 19. We have machined more gravel roads in Floyd than in our other counties because we have had such a push to get some money spent.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The window of opportunity to work there is going to get smaller and smaller as the storms start to roll in. Keep it on the radar. The work that has been done there is a tremendous help. If we could get the rest it may help for another 14 years.

- 3) The latest I heard Facebook is coming down Oxford Street and they are going to be cutting it up. There are some potholes on Oxford Street that if we could get a temporary patch. By the time they finish chopping it up it will have to be ground out and repaved. If we could get the potholes filled for now and put it on the radar for when Facebook is done and see if we can get it redone.

Supervisor Yoder – Do you have anything to do with Route 8 going down into Patrick County?

Mr. Price – That would be Martinsville district. They maintain that.

Supervisor Yoder – There is a dead tree leaning over the road about halfway down the mountain and at some point, it will fall down on top of somebody. It is hung in another tree right now but it is completely dead. At some point it will come down.

Mr. Price – I can call someone in Martinsville.

Chairman Turman –

- 1) I appreciate all the machine work that is being done.
- 2) You are bidding out the mowing, right? People suggested to me that you have an escort truck with the mowers to give drivers a "heads up." It is a shock to the system when you go around a curve and there is a mower.

Mr. Price – I'm sure. It seems like anytime you take a curve in Floyd someone is mowing.

- 3) Just as you turn off Rt. 221 onto Mira Fork Road that culvert might be bent in but the water comes up in the middle of the road. In the summer it is sloppy but in the winter it creates a pretty big patch of ice.
- 4) When you go around the curve halfway through the road on the left-hand side right before Shady Grove Road all of a sudden there is a pretty big hole.
- 5) Other than that, thank you for all you have done.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I talked to Darrell Sowers about the repair work on Rt. 221 on Little Mountain where the road was sliding away. Darrell explained to me they were coming in with machines in two places and it looks like they weave the road. This new technique is

supposed to keep it in place now. If you are still grading around Floyd, then Laurel Creek Road has some big potholes.

Supervisor Yoder – The slurry mix that was put on Rt. 221 N a couple of years ago is already starting to come apart.

Chairman Turman – When will they pave from the County line on Rt. 221?

Mr. Price – We are going to repave all the way up to the bridge. I thought the paving on the bridge was okay, but a lot of people aren't happy with it. They are going to mill up to the bridge and redo that entire section. I think there is some on the County line coming back. They will probably be in here within the next few weeks.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Do you have anything to do with the flaggers on Rt. 221? I have heard of several near misses where apparently the flaggers are not in communication. They both sent traffic at the same time.

Mr. Price – There is a constant discussion about those groups.

Chairman Turman – Is there any way they can cut down on the work zones? They will bring in a piece of equipment and unload it and the machine is completely off the road, but they have the whole lane closed down for two miles.

Mr. Price – I know he talks to them quite a bit. We have some control but most utility work is handled through Richmond. Our telefee money that we get per County is paid for by the utility groups that use the right of way. I think even the permits for them to do work is handled through Richmond.

Agenda Item 6.a. – Constitutional Officers reports.

Mr. Eric Branscom, Commonwealth Attorney, provided an update of activities in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office during the COVID-19 closure:

- 1) I want to recognize Mr. Wendell Peter's passing on Sunday. He was an outstanding civil servant for many years in this County. He was a good man and a good friend and will be sorely missed by everyone who worked with him.
- 2) At the moment Courts are up and running and back on track; we are operating at almost full capacity;
- 3) During this I told staff to stay home for most of the week; Ryan Hupp, my assistant came in once or twice a week depending on what we needed to do;
- 4) We reduced hours to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. but we never shut down entirely;
- 5) There wasn't much coming in because the Sheriff's Office operated on a reduced system and with people shut in at home there weren't as many burglaries, or DUIs [driving under the influence], and feedback is that people were having trouble finding methamphetamines because dealers were staying home;
- 6) We were always able to expedite the minor cases;
- 7) We did a lot more with video as the Supreme Court allowed;
- 8) The judges allowed us to enter into remote agreements;

- 9) We did a lot of emergency cases like protective orders;
- 10) We worked with the New River Valley Regional Jail and the courts to decrease the County's footprint in the jail to avoid a hotspot of infection;
- 11) We delayed the imposition of sentencing and sentencing events for nonviolent cases;
- 12) We arranged furloughs for people in jail who have underlying health issues but they will have to go back and serve time later;
- 13) We have worked with three judges during Judge Long's absence;
- 14) All jury trials have been postponed until at least after June 28;
- 15) On July 1 our new Circuit Court judge will be Mike Fleenor, who is currently the Commonwealth Attorney in Pulaski County;
- 16) One or two days per month have been added to Circuit Court in order to hear all the civil cases because of a backup;

Chairman Turman – Do you think Judge Fleenor will keep the Drug Court going?

- 17) Judge Fleenor is up for keeping the Drug Court going;
- 18) We are just shy of having 20 participants at the moment;

Vice Chairman Boothe – Do you think the new judge will be on board with a Mental Health Court or some form of it?

- 19) I haven't had a chance to go over a Mental Health Court with him and it is something we sorely need;
- 20) We are going to have an issue with our budget because we have set up our own secure network with Citizens which will cost about \$540 each year;
- 21) Now we need a separate phone system for voice over internet protocol system, which will cost about \$170 each month or \$2,037 per year;
- 22) We will eliminate other seldom-used resources to save money and have brought in over \$20,000 a year with our cost collection system;
- 23) Please keep this additional need in mind when you consider our budget request.

Ms. Lisa Baker, Commissioner of Revenue addressed the letter that was received from the Virginia Loggers Association, Inc. about local jurisdictions being able to exempt all personal property and tools and machinery tax on logging equipment:

- 1) Right now we have that equipment assessed at a different tax rate;
- 2) It is assessed at the machinery and tools rate of \$1.55;
- 3) As of last year we have approximately \$3,437.21 that was taxed at the different rate;
- 4) A lot of logging equipment is not here; it is in other counties.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It is assessed based on what is housed here in Floyd.

Ms. Baker – Yes, housed here in Floyd County on January 1. I spoke with one of the other Commissioners and as of right now we have not found any locality that has moved to exempt it at this time.

By consensus the Board decided to take no action on the exemption of logging equipment from machinery and tools tax at this time.

Ms. Baker – If I hear from other localities that they are doing this, I will keep Ms. Morris advised.

Agenda Item 6.f. – Mr. Justin Funk, Area Forester.

Mr. Justin Funk, Area Forester, introduced himself and explained some of the responsibilities of the Department of Forestry:

- 1) Forest Management
- 2) Fire Response
- 3) Assist homeowners to assess their timber stands
 - a. How old the trees are
 - b. How well the trees are growing
 - c. Should the trees be cut or not
 - d. The best type of cut for their long-term objectives
- 4) Conservation Easements prevents the property from being divided
- 5) Help with FFA [Future Farmers of America] competitions
- 6) Respond to water quality complaints related to logging
- 7) Assist loggers in planning the logging process

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Have you seen a reduction in reforestation?

Mr. Funk – We don't promote artificial regeneration because anything you plant cannot compete with the natural stuff. With the pine planting there is a seed tree law in Virginia. If you own more than 10 acres and clear cut it, by Virginia Code you have to plant it back. The ultimate goal is to keep our forested area. We all have a responsibility to do that. Private landowners make up a huge amount of forest land in the State of Virginia. Our job is to educate people on proper management and to reforest when you are supposed to. The seed tree law was put in because Virginia was not sustainably managing its forests.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – On hillsides where clearcutting is being done, I am very concerned about the amount of rain that has started to befall our area greater than in the past. Is there a balance for you when you come out and asked by a landowner should I do this? I am afraid that some of our hillsides will wash away.

Mr. Funk – When they came up with laws in Virginia regarding logging and water quality, they found that clearcutting does not cause erosion at all. The erosion takes place at deck areas and skid trails and haul roads. That is where we enforce the water quality laws. We strongly encourage loggers to take brush from what they have cut and put it in the skid trail. Most are doing that now.

Chairman Turman – What is killing all of the ash trees?

Mr. Funk – Emerald ash borer beetle. They started off quarantining counties that had the emerald ash borer and you could not haul wood out, but the whole State of Virginia is infected now so there is no longer a quarantine.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Is there a way to prevent it?

Mr. Funk – Yes. They can inject something into the tree to treat it, but it is not efficient to do in a forest. This is more for a yard tree.

Agenda Item 6.g. – Closed Session - §2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel to interview for vacant position on New River Community College Board.

On a motion made by Supervisor Boothe, and seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 1., Personnel to interview for vacant position on New River Community College Board.

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

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

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

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

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss Personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1. 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
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item 6.h. – Lunch Break.

Chairman Turman recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch break.

Chairman Turman resumed the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 6.k. – Closed Session - §2.2-3711 A.3., Potential Acquisition or Disposition of Real Public Property and §2.2-3711 A.5. Potential Expansion of Existing Manufacturing Business.

On a motion made by Supervisor Boothe, and seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 3., Potential Acquisition or Disposition of Real Public Property and under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 5., Potential Expansion of Existing Manufacturing Business..

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, 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 Property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3. and Potential Expansion in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.5. 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
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item 6.j. – Mr. David Rose, Davenport & Company.

Mr. Rose – I would like to provide you with the results of the nonbinding competitive requests that you authorized us to do on your behalf for capital funding strategies:

- 1) We have been the financial advisors for the County for several years;
- 2) In FY19:
 - a. \$6 million in new money funding for HVAC capital needs at Floyd County Schools;
 - b. \$3.5 million line of credit for economic development projects at the Floyd County Commerce Center;
 - c. A strategic refunding/restructuring loan to free upfront cash flow while interest rates were solid;
- 3) The FY19 issuings did not require this Board to ask for or put into place any tax rate increases;
- 4) Back in December 2019 we successfully borrowed interim financing of effectively \$7.4 million of the \$14.5 million Phase 2 Capital Projects at Floyd County High School;
- 5) The permanent financing could be borrowed from the Literary Loan Program at an interest rate of 3%;
- 6) We put ourselves in position at that time to be certain that we could get certain 3% money;
- 7) However if present interest rates hold we can pivot a little bit and make some recommendations but know that the Literary Loan is there as a backstop;
- 8) When I was last here we asked your blessing to do 2 things – 1) explore the remaining \$7.1 million of funding or permanent financing for the entire \$14.5 million needed for the high school projects, and 2) look at the possibility of refinancing selected outstanding County loans for debt service savings;
- 10) We have continued to say that we would need the equivalent of 3¢ on the real estate tax rate to make all of this work based on our assumptions.
- 11) Part One – School Completion Funding:
 - a. In December 2019 we locked in an interest rate of 1.97%, fixed through 2023, which would be taken out when we got permanent funding which at the most would be 3% through the Literary Loan program;

- b. We assumed the \$14.5 million would cost an interest rate of about 3.25%;
- c. We now know with certainty that about half of the amount would be 3%;
- d. We went out to banks to see what interest rate they would offer on the \$7.1 million or the entire \$14.5 million to see if they could beat a 3% rate;
- e. The response received was limited but First Internet Bank proposed interim financing on the \$7.1 million and depending upon the desired final maturity the rate was anywhere from 2.35% to 2.6%;
- f. This was a good result but we think we can do better so our recommendation is that the County apply to the State Virginia Public School Authority's Pooled Financing Program (VPSA Pool);
- g. If we were able to do a 20-year fixed borrowing today all of the borrowing would be about 2% and you would not need the Literary Loan Program and could retire the interim financing on the \$7.4 million;

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Why did we not look at the VPSA Pool before?

Mr. Rose – We did but at that time the rates were not lower than 3%. The Literary Loan guarantees 3%.

- h. If we were to borrow for 25 years the rate is about 2.5%;
- i. Our planning rate was 3.25% and the savings in interest rates affects cash flows;
- j. The caution is that between now and October when the next VPSA Pool is offered, rates can go up and move up quickly;
- k. If that happened, we would still have the Literary Loan and look at doing another interim financing;

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – It says that we could borrow the money for up to 30 years.

Mr. Rose – You could but we don't recommend that the County borrow for up to 30 years because the cash flows of the County are such that you don't need to go out that long. If you did then you would be paying a bunch of extra interest.

Supervisor Yoder – One thing I worry about in all of these buildings is that they are older buildings and it is highly likely within 20 years we will need to do another large project. I hate to drag this on for so long that it impacts the next project.

Mr. Rose – That's right. Our thinking is that even if something is brand new, within 20 years there need to be updates for technology. That is why we recommend 20 years if the locality is capable of doing that.

- l. Benefits of the VPSA Pool program include no credit rating is required so the County can avoid the expense of getting a credit rating, no collateral is required, no referendum is required, repayment can be up to 30 years, they allow us within reason to do some flexible structuring of the debt;
 - m. The First Internet Bank loan does require collateral.
- 12) Part Two – Selected Refinancing Opportunities:

- a. We identified 3 particular loans that collectively total over \$8 million, one from BB&T in 2018 and two from Skyline in 2016 and 2019;
- b. The average interest rate of the three is 3.67%, but the 2016 loan on the Branwick Center has to be reset in 2027 and cannot be below 3.6%;
- c. The 2018 loan has Indian Valley Elementary School as collateral and the 2016 loan has the Branwick Center as collateral;
- d. We can lock in today and these three loans will go from an average interest rate of 3.67% to 2.59% and the Branwick Center will no longer be required as collateral;
- e. Indian Valley Elementary School will continue as collateral;
- f. This also gets rid of the reset on the 2016 loan of 3.67%;
- g. This refinancing of the three loans saves the County almost \$700,000, which is a present value of 7.3% and is over twice the amount of a justifiable refinancing;
- h. The rate is set for the entire time and you can still refinance down the road so there is no down side to this;
- i. In addition, the cash flows are guaranteed, but we have to close by July 17;

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How much does it cost to do this?

Mr. Rose – The cost has been built into this already, but I would estimate the cost is about \$125,000 to \$150,000, that is about 2 points on the roughly \$8 million. That is in line with what we have done in the past.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Were BB&T and Skyline the only two banks interested in the refinancing?

Mr. Rose – Those were the ones that came through. It would be one loan package from BB&T.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Did you find it strange that only two banks really came through?

Mr. Rose – No. The size is not that large relative to what these banks are looking at and right now banks are extraordinarily busy. You had 3 good banks respond to sections of this entire offering, First Internet Bank, BB&T, and Skyline National Bank.

- j. The real question is how do you want to take these savings, up-front or level? The present value amounts of the two methods are the same;
- k. If interest rates remain in the 2% to 2.5% interest range, and you take an upfront savings of \$193,834, and what we learned about the grants for the Commerce Center, and the timing of cash flows, plus the timing of the \$1 million equipment loan; we believe you could build up a capital reserve and it is very possible if you were to move forward and if you increased tax rates by 2¢ now, then the third penny may not be needed in the next couple of years or at all;
- l. We won't know that until we lock in the permanent funding which could come as early as October or November;

m. If you keep all of these savings in a capital reserve fund for debt then you will put yourself in a position that is better than anything we planned when we first started.

Vice Chairman Boothe – That is relying on the interest rates staying below the 3% between now and October?

Mr. Rose – Yes. If it doesn't stay below 3% then we will say we need 3¢ but 1¢ can wait one year the way the cash flows work. The 2¢ now are important.

Ms. Morris – If it turns out they didn't need the 3¢ we could put the 1¢ into the capital reserve fund.

Mr. Rose – That's right. I would love to see all 3¢ because with all the uncertainties that are out there in terms of the COVID-19 crisis it would be very helpful. We are going to recommend that while technically the Board would take action on June 23, we would hope that there is a consensus to accept the refinancing so we could get the banks going and potentially close even faster. If we close faster the savings are higher.

Ms. Morris – Now if they did the 3¢ and we had extra money in the capital reserve fund, what would they need to do next year?

Mr. Rose – Nothing.

Supervisor Coleman – Am I understanding that it would just be the one time?

Mr. Rose – That is correct. The way the cash flows work if we have those 3¢, we will be able to fund the fire truck, ambulance, and trash truck as well as the school project.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – That doesn't count that our reassessment is basically a 3¢ hike right now if we go in at 60¢. You are talking about an additional 2¢? I have to make sure I understand this. We are saying with reassessment at 60¢, our current rate, you are saying that is all we will need?

Mr. Rose – That is correct.

Vice Chairman Boothe – To complete the school project and the capital projects?

Mr. Rose – Yes, the only thing that could change that is if interest rates really do something screwy. But if they do that means in 1, 2, or 3 years from now we may need a little bit more, maybe. It will not be next year because if interest rates went screwy, you will have half the school monies and the other \$7 million we would recommend not locking in but doing interim to see what might happen to rates in two or three years later.

Supervisor Yoder – We have debt we pay off in 4 or 5 years so I know there is some relief coming down the road.

Mr. Rose – That is a great point. I did some work on that and I am sure there will be some project 5 or 6 years from now that will require several millions of dollars. With the natural drop-off, you will be able to absorb that. We recommend that simultaneous with going forward in October, also doing a bid process for the specialized equipment so we can lock it in and see what we get there. The refunding is big because it is known and guaranteed and can be put in the capital reserve fund as soon as possible. It is important to us to help with cash flows. Lastly the good news about the Commerce Center has been factored in. We don't know what is going to happen with the Federal Reserve, but if history serves, there is a real desire on the part of the government to keep rates low before the elections. For you as your advisor, there is no downside to the refunding, there is just upside. It is removing some interest; it is removing some collateral. It is not extending the debt at all. It is locking all of the debt in. It is one of the steps on the way to getting us going. We thought you would like the VPSA Pool because it does those things you want to do. We have been the VPSA advisor for years but I represent you. If the markets got locked up and took an extra couple of months that will not matter to Floyd County.

Supervisor Yoder – Another advantage to waiting until the VPSA offering is that the construction bids will be back and we will know the actual amount we need to borrow.

Mr. Rose – Yes. And there are very strong restrictions on borrowing more than you need on a tax-exempt basis.

Ms. Morris – We have a pre-bid conference tomorrow on the school project. Thompson & Litton told me that there are 12 contractors signed up to be there tomorrow. I am hoping we get some really good bids.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I tend to look at things from the worst case scenario. In this case if interest rates shoot up to the Literary Loan rate or above, then we still have the Literary Loan. That still puts us in your cushions where the 3¢ would cover us.

Mr. Rose – Yes.

Supervisor Yoder – When you say we wouldn't need a tax increase next year, that is if we put 3¢ into our pot of money.

Mr. Rose – If you keep the 60¢ that effectively is 3¢ more than what you had this year.

Supervisor Yoder – My point is that in this budget we are already using part of that money for other things, like Social Services. Not all of the 3¢ is going to be transferred into the school project.

Mr. Rose – We have assumed that we will just use the upfront refunding of about \$200,000 to create the capital reserve fund. We are not counting the other pennies for FY21 for the debt service.

Ms. Ryan – What they did was take the debt we currently have in the FY21 budget and see how it could be used for all the other capital items. It can all be done in the framework of the budget you have in front of you.

Supervisor Yoder – What happens in FY22?

Mr. Rose – The \$198,000 will help us build up a cushion, the \$37,000 amount in FY22 will further add to the cushion. We will know how much of the 3¢ we will need in FY22. We can't know that now.

Supervisor Yoder – We can potentially be setting ourselves up for a tax increase down the road if we use part of the 3¢ for other things now.

Mr. Rose – You could, but right now that is an unknown. But if you go back, we were able to do the HVAC without an increase but we said down the road it could be anything from 3¢ to 5¢. Now we are at 2+¢. If you could give consensus on the refunding that would be very helpful.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – \$7.4 million matures in FY23 and the VPSA Pool could be as low as 2% for 20 years. Just so I am clear are you recommending that we finance all of it with the VPSA Pool?

Mr. Rose – Yes, because the 1.97% interest rate is just an interim rate. That was always intended to be taken out by the Literary Loan at 3%. But now if we can lock in anything 3% or lower, then it is to our advantage to do that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We can't be turned down by the VPSA Pool, right?

Mr. Rose – I have never been around a local government that has been turned down. They don't do a credit check per se. They require the full faith and credit of the general obligation, however unlike everything else you don't have to have a referendum.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Is the VPSA Pool funded differently than the Literary Loan?

Mr. Rose – They are both administered through the State. The Literary Loan is administered by the Virginia Department of Education but they work interchangeably. Sometimes the 3% Literary Loan will be part of the VPSA Pool program, sometimes they lock on. What we like about VPSA is that it can be up to 30 years while Literary Loan is absolutely 20 years and it is front loaded. You have no choice to work with the cash flows on that. Whereas with VPSA we have the ability to structure the debt. You can prepay it. Usually the minimum loan is 10 years.

By consensus the Board of Supervisors agreed to proceed with the upfront savings refinancing with BB&T and with the VPSA Pool application.

Mr. Rose – Someone from Sands Anderson will be at your June 23 Board meeting for the signing of the documents.

Agenda Item 9. – Board Member Time.

a. Discussion of possible ways to use CARES funding.

Ms. Morris – You asked us to come up with ideas for uses of the CARES funding. Ms. Martin, Mr. Sowers and I have been meeting and discussing that. Ms. Martin will start by talking to you about the RISES program and then we will discuss other possibilities.

Ms. Martin provided an economic background of Floyd County and her recommendation for how the County could assist businesses:

- 1) Prior to COVID-19 there were 463 employers in the County which included government agencies and nonprofits;
- 2) There were 1,250 self-employed people meaning they are in business but have no employees;
- 3) As of January 2020, 332 (72%) of the 463 businesses had 4 or fewer employees;
- 4) 98% of our businesses have 49 or fewer employees;
- 5) 39% of the people in the County are employed by those with 100 or more employees;
- 6) The Floyd County School Board is the top employer in the County; the County of Floyd is number 5;
- 7) In January 2020 we had 70 unemployed people with construction being the industry with the highest unemployment;
- 8) In April 2020 we had 666 unemployed people with accommodation and food services being the industries with the highest unemployment;
- 9) We ended up receiving 106 responses to the Floyd County business survey;
- 10) Of 106 responses received, 42% estimate they could make it 6 months or less if disruption continued at current rate which was before Phase 1 and Phase 2 reopening started;
- 11) Business owners are highly concerned about health and safety of customers and staff, getting customers back, customers not following safety protocols, lack of visitor traffic and reopening too quickly;
- 12) When asked what resources and support would be most helpful, results were:
 - a. 40.0% Clearer guidance from Virginia about Phase 1, which has now been done;
 - b. 34.0% Convincing customers my business is safe (Ms. Pat Sharkey focusing on this);
 - c. 31.0% Help finding PPE (personal protective equipment);
 - d. 29.5% Mask-friendly signage (Ms. Sharkey working on);
 - e. 27.0% Help finding appropriate cleaning supplies (Mr. John McEnhill working on);
 - f. 23.0% Ideas on requiring/facilitating social distancing (Ms. Sharkey working on);
 - g. 20.0% Re-opening signage;
 - h. 18.0% Help finding touchless thermometers;
- 13) More recent concerns include:
 - a. Difficulty in finding PPE and cleaning supplies which Mr. McEnhill is working on;
 - b. Dramatic increases in costs of certain things related to the supply chain like meat;
 - c. Some employees not wanting to return to work, some because of the \$600 per week federal supplement they have been receiving and many self-employed are also receiving this;

- 14) As an example, with \$500,000 Floyd County could provide two rounds of financial support for businesses in the County with the first round for businesses with employees and the second round for non-profits and self-employed:
 - a. 3,500 employees of employers in County;
 - b. 1,844 employees are employed by companies who have less than 50 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions;
 - c. In 1st round, \$400,000 could provide \$500 per FTE for each business for up to 800 companies;
 - d. In 2nd round, \$100,000 could provide \$20,000 to non-profits and leave \$500 each for 160 self-employed..

Ms. Martin discussed Floyd County Resiliency Initiative for Small Employers (RISES) which she drafted to address a way the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) could be used to assist Floyd County small businesses:

- 1) One challenge is that small business is not defined in the CARES Act and there are a lot of different federal definitions, but under 100 employees would meet the Small Business Administration for certain sectors;
- 2) In the RISES draft I used 50 employees;

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Do you have any idea how many Floyd County businesses participated in the Payroll Protection Program (PPP)?

Ms. Martin – We asked for that in a survey. We had 30 out of 100 responses and more were pending. About 15 responded that they received some other form of support. My sense is that the people who responded to the survey were more likely to have received assistance than businesses who did not respond because responders are more plugged into what is going on.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Did it address how long the employees had to be working?

Ms. Martin – There was an 8-week period where 75% of the PPP had to be used to pay employees. So if a business couldn't use it to pay employees during that time period, it had to be paid back. Only 25% could be used for very certain things like a lease payment or utilities.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How do you propose we make sure that if we put something like this together that it targets and helps folks that truly need it? It is a lot of money and there are other things we could do.

Ms. Martin – First of all they would have to demonstrate they were either closed because of State mandate for a certain length of time or loss of revenue and I have it drafted at 20% loss of revenue to a comparable period the previous year or 20% less in net profit. This would be a reimbursement program and we would see invoices or proof of payment. They would have to certify that they had not already received Federal or State support for these items. This program is trying to get cash out so businesses can carry on.

Board members discussed various scenarios where businesses might have suffered a loss and where the RISES program would assist.

Supervisor Yoder – This sounds like a lot to take on administratively.

Ms. Martin – One idea that I like, but it would be a little harder on businesses at first, is in their online application where they state they have a loss of revenue or loss of profit, go ahead and submit what they think are eligible expenses already spent since March 16. That way when we review their applications, we can do it all at once. Those businesses that submitted everything would be the ones who were paid first. Any money left we would work with businesses that needed to provide more information. The reason I want to divide this program into two rounds is that it will be even more involved to gather the information from self-employed businesses.

Vice Chairman Boothe – You are using our declaration of emergency of March 16 as the start date?

Ms. Martin – That is what I am using in the draft.

Supervisor Yoder – I would like to target the businesses that have lost the most. A business might have to close up if it can't pay the light bill.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I would like to make sure it is helping the ones who need it the most, however we set it up.

Supervisor Yoder – How do you envision overseeing this?

Ms. Martin – I envision creating an online google form for businesses to complete. They would be able to upload documents. For example, they could share a profit and loss statement for a period last year to the same period this year to demonstrate significant losses. They could attach what they believe to be qualifying expenses and proof of payment which could be a cancelled check or bank statement. They would need to attach a copy of a document they turn into the Virginia Employment Commission every quarter called FC20 which reports the number of employees they have. It does not break the information into full-time and part-time so it would be on the honor system for the business to tell us the full-time equivalent positions. Part of what we have to consider is the potential for the County to be audited so whatever we decide has to be robust enough to cover our bases.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Once we decide on the structure of the program is there anybody we can show this to in the State to get an okay?

Ms. Morris – Treasury has not really given us much guidance at all. It is up to us to use the funds wisely.

Ms. Martin – In the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) put out by Treasury they do indicate that business support programs are eligible. The first document only said for closed businesses, but the FAQs clarified it was for any business that was negatively affected. In general, we are on solid ground for these types of expenditures. The question in my mind is the type of supporting documents do we need from the businesses.

Supervisor Coleman – Is there a deadline?

Ms. Morris – All the funds have to be spent by the end of December.

Supervisor Yoder – One way we could possibly cover our bases a little more is to set up a committee to review all of the documents.

Ms. Martin – I agree. I have also set it up to be first come, first served meaning that there is a minimum criterion and you have eligible invoices you will get money if it is available. I have not set it up where there is picking one business over another. I am trying to keep it from getting subjective.

Board members discussed the difficulty of getting consistent, useful documentation from very diverse businesses to support proof of loss of revenue.

Supervisor Yoder – At some point we just have to set up criteria and go with it.

Ms. Martin – I have it set up where businesses could choose which quarter of 2019 they wanted to use to determine their employment numbers. The peak of business can be different depending on the industry.

Supervisor Yoder – I would like to see this happen quickly because businesses need it.

Ms. Martin – I would feel comfortable moving on the business establishments sooner and give some more thought to the second round as to the documentation we would be comfortable with. I think we need to set a hard deadline.

Supervisor Yoder – I like the deadlines you have in here – June 25 and July 16.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I don't know about Round 2. I think we wait and see what happens with Round 1 and then we decide on Round 2.

Supervisor Yoder – The best thing about this is that it puts the money back into the community.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Are we comfortable with putting so much money in Round 1?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I talked to Dean at VACo yesterday. They said ambulances or boxes for ambulances are eligible because they are directly related to helping through the COVID-19 crisis. You might want to call and check with him, but he said "Absolutely."

Vice Chairman Boothe – Are we comfortable putting \$400,000 in Round 1 for RISES or should we back off a little bit and see what happens? Our Round 2 could be identical to Round 1.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Maybe \$250,000?

Supervisor Yoder – You could say 50% of what they are eligible for until the money runs out.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I think I would be more comfortable with \$250,000 than I would be with \$400,000 as we start out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We could always fund more if we see the need.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Since we are moving on this so quickly, we will have time to do a Round 2.

Supervisor Yoder – So we would do it on the guidelines our staff has worked out but with less funding. If we run out of funding and there is a waiting list then we re-evaluate the program.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I was looking at the list and definitely think we should jump on additional testing.

Ms. Morris – We are working on that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would like the additional testing to happen here in Floyd. \$250,000 for PPE is a lot of PPE.

Ms. Morris – We are going to stock up. We feel like another round of this is coming.

Vice Chairman Boothe – When we stock up does that cover Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Sheriff's Office, and Solid Waste?

Ms. Morris – Yes. We have been blessed right now because folks out in the community are making masks and they have been given out to employees including at the Courthouse...

Vice Chairman Boothe – ...but those won't last forever. Look at what masks cost.

Ms. Morris – It is masks, gowns, goggles, gloves.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We have until December. Can we make a timed purchase?

Vice Chairman Boothe – If we suddenly need them, we will regret not having them.

Ms. Morris – When Mr. Sowers [Emergency Services Coordinator] started reading in January about what was going on in China, he tried to order PPE then and couldn't get it.

Supervisor Coleman – What does the \$250,000 reflect? Is it based on the number of employees and so many sets per employee? My thinking with that is we can buy so much in sections and see how it unfolds. That way if we want to we can allocate money to other items.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Would you be comfortable with \$150,000 for PPE instead of \$250,000?

Ms. Morris – Sure.

Supervisor Yoder – I just want to know what we are buying.

Ms. Morris – EMS uses gowns, goggles and face shields. Solid Waste uses gloves and masks. \$150,000 is fine to get us started.

Discussion was held as to how often masks can be used before they are discarded.

Supervisor Yoder – Before you spend the money, please send out an email to us as to how much of the various items we are getting for the money to get our consensus.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – What are the technology upgrades?

Ms. Morris – That would be for equipment needed if we are still holding meetings in this room.

Ms. Hodge – We could use a tripod for the iPad. There have been comments about closed captioning so we would have to get software for that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How would we use the debit/credit machines?

Ms. Morris – We would have 2 in this building – 1 would be for the Building Official and 1 for Economic Development – and 1 for the Treasurer's Office. We have needed this for a long time.

Discussion was held as to the cost of a new ambulance or box and whether it would be an allowed expense.

Ms. Morris – I will look into whether an ambulance or box is an allowable expense of CARES.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I was told that Rockbridge County is buying one and other counties are doing the same thing. If we could get an ambulance or box that would be fantastic.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Appointment to New River Community College Board for a four-year term.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Mr. Craig Chancellor to the New River Community College Board for a four-year term effective July 1, 2020.

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Agenda Item 6.h. – Budget Workshop.

Supervisor Justin Coleman – I would like to know what everybody is considering in light of the refinancing news.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – It is absolutely good news but I am very afraid of a State budget shortfall of \$1 billion and I am very afraid that if we don't continue to make some cuts, we may find ourselves in a world of hurt. I spent this weekend going through it and I am prepared so I would like to have another budget meeting. It will be great if everything comes back but I think we owe our constituents some hard work and look at it very, very hard to save some money.

Chairman Turman – I don't think we have splurged and spent all that much.

Supervisor Yoder – Logistically the Public Hearing is June 23 and we come back on June 30 to pass the budget and set the tax rate. My thought is we go to Public Hearing with this budget and then if we get feedback, we have one week to hold a budget meeting. If we were to work on the budget next week it would be a disservice to people who come to speak if we have already cut a program. The point of the Public Hearing is to get feedback on what we prepared.

Supervisor Coleman – Would you mind sharing your budget ideas in a group email?

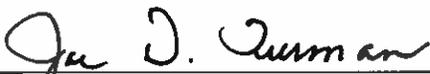
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I could.

Agenda Item 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors