

**Minutes**  
**Floyd County Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 13, 2024**

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Bechtold.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Supervisor Kuchenbuch offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found as all Supervisors were present.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and approved unanimously with the amendment of adding A3 to closed session as well as 13 a. under new business to discuss delay time for Board meeting.
6. **Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and approved unanimously.
7. **Approval of Minutes** - On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and approved unanimously the minutes from 01/23/2024 and Floyd County Board of Supervisors Retreat.

**8. Presentations:**

**a. Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent**

Dr. Cromer updated on the training and is now certified as RBT, Registered Behavioral Technician. Also, had training for the staff/teachers to assist with helping to address certain issues.

Dr. Cromer shared the following from the School Board Meeting:

- Dr. Cromer shared that they approved the adult welding class which is scheduled for Saturdays.
- Also, the course guide was approved for next year, no changes.

- Enrollment is 1641.
- Updated the all-in spending plan that went to VDOE and received guidance from the state to assist and required some changes.
- Set some dates for the School Board Budget. Looking to finalize the end of March to present to the Board of Supervisors by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that Electric Bus was seen. Dr. Cromer shared that training is going on with the drivers/staff of the fire department to appropriately manage this.

Supervisor Boothe asked if there was any discussion of changes with the recent news of the school board budget. Dr. Cromer stated that she does not see it going up, but continued conversations with the state of some changes but nothing is set at this point.

#### **b. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation**

Mr. Clarke noted the following that VDOT has been working on:

- Weather-related maintenance
- Trying to get to gravel roads after, gravel placement and grading.
- Pot-hole patching on Daniels Run
- Brush Cutting in Willis
- Added a curve sign on Franklin Pike

Secondary six-year road plan meeting scheduled for 02/26/2024. VDOT to advertise.

Supervisor Bechtold thanked Mr. Clarke for the work with Fire House Road. Also, note that Music Road needs some attention. Also stated her appreciation for Mr. Clarke meeting with the residents on Rivendell Road.

Supervisor Boothe stated that 705 needs water drained at the curve. Also on 730, over the hump, there is a curve at the bottom and the pipe and/or ditch is backing water up near the church. Also, requested to clean out under Rt. 8 bridge near Dodd's Creek.

Supervisor Boothe asked if the GAP funds could be used. Dr. Millsaps stated that the GAP money is to assist with planning and not funds for roads themselves.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that Thunderstruck needs pot-hole attention and the gravel road needs work on the upper half. Also, need to look at the culvert on Laurel Creek which needs cleaning, and patching on 615 near Gerhart's Garage is rough, and would like to see the speed limit reduced on Daniels Run.

Supervisor Cox asked that VDOT consider a cautionary sign (GPS) not for trucks, on Shawsville Pike. Mr. Clarke stated that it was in process. Also, on County Line Road, there is a stop sign complaint, Supervisor Cox stated that he would email Mr. Clarke with more details. Supervisor Cox asked about any talk about Stonewall and Daniels Run. Mr. Clarke stated not at this time and probably not until the Spring/Summer.

Supervisor Turman asked about 705/Franklin Pike/Sowers Road and there is a school bus concern. Also, Fork Mountain and Turnip need grading attention.

**c. Mike Maslaney, PSA**

Mr. Maslaney updated the Board on the VDH Grant/Loan process. (Floyd PSA 2025 Planned Capital Expenditures handout was given to the Board and Staff)

- \$973,355.00 for Grant amount
- \$600,000.00 for loan amount.

Mr. Maslaney noted that PSA also put in for sewer grants, however, were not awarded.

Mr. Maslaney then discussed and updated the Board regarding the ARPA funds that were given to the PSA by the County. The projects need to be allocated and or re-allocated and work needs to be completed by 2026. A conversation ensued about the funds by the board and the County Administrator. Dr. Millsaps noted that the County would require a similar agreement as before for auditing and reporting purposes.

Mr. Maslaney then discussed the ARPA reserve Funds Utilization and projects to utilize the ARPA funds from the town and County. Details were given regarding projects:

- Nursing Home Pump Station Renovation
- Slaughters Pump Station renovation
- RBC Bearing replacement.

Mr. Maslaney introduced Patrick Nikola, PSA Superintendent. Mr. Nikola gave the board a brief history of his experience before coming to Floyd County. Mr. Nikola provided pictures of various PSA piping issues past and present. Further discussion of the conditions the PSA are working on. Mr. Nikola thanked the board and the town for all the assistance and teamwork and would like to continue to serve the public.

**d. Karla Turman, Planner**

**i. High-Risk Rural Roads**

Mrs. Turman discussed and explained the High-Risk Rural Roads funding and the primary purpose of Safety. A list was provided of possibilities to explore for this funding. Mrs. Turman asked the board what High-Risk Rural Roads would like her to bring to VDOT for consideration.

Supervisor Cox stated that he would like to stick to Stonewall Rd and Daniels Rund Rd and the intersection. Noted the bank is the issue.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that on 615 down between Blue Bird Lane and the Little River Bridge, Christiansburg Pike. There is an area that is falling away and needs guard rails. Noted Thunderstruck Road and would also like to see Laurel Creek Rd they are finishing paving, between Wild Cherry and Bethlehem Church. The entire road at Thomas Farm Road needs shoulder and Ditch work. Supervisor Kuchenbuch also noted that she liked the planning aspect.

Supervisor Boothe noted Sowers Mill Dam Road and requested a Rip Raff project going. Also, Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek intersection should be higher on the list and not only fixing the hump but adding a four-way stop sign. Also, Music Road is a problem, a multitude of problems. 45 MPH speed limit sign 705 and Beaver Creek is needed. Connects Route 8 and 730. Also, signage, and speed reduction 25-35 MPH on Gallimore Lane past the Church School. Request a speed reduction sign on Route 8 at Wills Ridge from both ends of Lumber Lane. And a left-hand turn lane on Route 8 at 730.

Supervisor Bechtold shared Indian Valley and Dunkins Chapel, no line of sight making a left from Dunkins Chapel. Also, at the intersection of Dunkins Chapel/Alum

Ridge and Ridgeview, there is no line of sight. This should be a four-way stop. Easter Creek, Alum Ridge, and Mount Albert have line-of-sight issues and need speed reduction.

Supervisor Turman stated that on 624 and starting up the hill there is a curve there that is blind, need to trim that curve off. Also, when you come out at 221, it dips down, they need to put a sign up the road noting the blind section. Turnip Patch near Shelor Road, that entire road needs work.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the list as discussed and have staff move forward with the High-Risk Rural Roads.

#### **e. Chad Alls, Director of Social Services**

Mr. Alls gave an update on department staffing:

- 23 total staffing
- Agency overall doing well.
- There is a steady decline in Medicaid individuals in the county.
- Emergency assistance has dropped off due to lack of funding. (We received a donation of \$1300.00)
- 13 Foster Care Cases. We have stepped up our prevention services.
- Floyd County has been successful in utilizing the state subsidy as funding to get children out of congregate care and placed with kin.

Building Update:

- VaCO meeting with some of the Board, Mr. Alls, and Dr. Millsaps, to try to obtain those funds that were once allocated. This is still in question. Mr. Alls to follow up with the commissioner.
- RFP presently out.

#### **9. Constitutional Officers: No Constitutional officers present**

#### **10. Public Comment –**

Chairman Turman read the handicap statement offering assistance to anyone needing support to make their public comment.

**11. Old Business:**

**a. Revision of ARPA funds award to PSA**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to authorize the PSA of the remaining previously allocated County ARPA funds to the PSA of \$520,260.00 for sewer projects and to require the PSA to provide any requested documents or receipts as needed by the County for the expenditures of these funds.

**b. Naming of shared driveway Mirabel Tax Map #47-5D, 47-5C, 47-5**

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the naming of shared driveway, Mirabel, Tax Map #47-5D, 47-5C, 47-5.

**c. Pioneer Way VDOT Form AM-4.3 801**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the resolution of the Rural Addition to Secondary Route, Pioneer Way and staff signed of the Pioneer Way VDOT form Am-4.3 801.

**12. Closed Session:**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1, and § 2.2-3711 A.3.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Cox – yes  
Supervisor Turman - yes

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.1 Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or

employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively. Departmental update

- b. 2.2-3711 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. Manufacturing

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to come out of closed session.

Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Cox – yes  
Supervisor Turman - yes

On a motion by Supervisor Cox seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, the Board certified that the Board only discussed the matters in closed session.

Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Cox – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Turman - yes

## **13. New Business**

### **a. Pediatric Trauma Care Software**

On a motion by supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the spending of up to \$3000.00 for Pediatric Trauma Care Software utilizing Contingency funds.

**b. Budget Process Update**

Deputy County Administrator Chiddo updated the board on the process of the upcoming budget sessions concerning the new system, timing, support, and temporary backup plan if necessary.

**14. Board Time**

Supervisor Turman stated that it was addressed on the news concerning eliminating Real estate taxes for people with solar panels. Supervisor Turman noted that he is not nor does he see agreeing to anything like this. A conversation ensued and Supervisor Boothe shared that this request cannot be denied however can be regulated and that they would look toward the County Attorney for ordinance suggestions.

**15. County Administrators Report** – Dr. Millsaps offered the following information about staff activities.

- a) Richmond VaCo Trip – tabled.
- b) Blue Ridge Parkway Meeting- tabled.
- c) Renovation Update
- d) Munis tentative go-live date is February 20-21
- e) Outdoor Venue Business gathering – tabled.
- f) Urgent Care Conversation – tabled.
- g) Comp Plan meeting. Tabled.
- h) Radio Bid Opening

**13. Correspondence –**

**14. Adjournment** – On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to adjourn.



*Joe D Turman*

Chairman, Joe Turman

*Linda S Millsaps*

County Administrator Linda Millsaps