

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
January 23, 2024

- 1. Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
- 2. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Supervisor Boothe offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found for all Supervisors.
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, with the addition of closed under § 2.2-3711 A.8, and under the new business of, 12 c, for an Emergency procurement, unanimously approved, the agenda of January 23, 2024.
- 6. Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold seconded by Supervisor Cox and carried, unanimously approved, the disbursements as presented.
 - Supervisor Boothe asked to obtain information from the Treasurer on how many DMV stops and what the total we are going after.
 - Supervisor Bechtold asked about the Library's electric bill and noted being mindful of temperature and lights as costs are extremely high.
- 7. Approval of minutes** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried as amended to approve the minutes of 01/02/2024.
- 8. Presentations -**
 - a. Jacob Agee, Floyd County Parks, and Recreation**

Mr. Agee presented a PowerPoint to discuss the opportunity of the Buffalo Forest Project.

 - A History and Overview
 - o 41 Acres
 - o Fully Funded
 - o 2 financial resources
 - o Botanical garden

- Conceptual Drawing shown.
- Major Components
 - o Trails – good logging roads, different paths, ADA accessible
- Botanical Garden
 - o 3 separate zones, native flowers, plants of Native Americans, rehabilitation of the Hemlock tree.
 - o Gazebo in the middle
 - o VDF to assist with additional money. VDF would like to use the finished product as a showpiece.
- Creek Recreation Area
- Parking Lot
 - o Cut through Cul-de-sac, keeps activity hidden.
 - o Parking for 10-15 vehicles
- Forest Management Plan
 - o Asked for \$20,000.00 to develop a complete forest management plan and turn it into an educational opportunity.
- Partners
 - o Partnership for Floyd
 - o Floyd County Public Schools – Dr. Cromer
 - o John and Dana Beegle
 - o VDF/Floyd County Extension – John and Tristan Vest
- Future Uses
 - o Christmas light/programming
 - o Master gardening, botany, horticulture classes
 - o Ball fields, pickleball courts, outdoor fitness
 - o Hosting cross-county meets
 - o Long-term hopes for a robust recreation facility
- Future Planning for Parks and Recreation

Supervisor Boothe asked if the yellow lines are where the paths are going to be and if we wanted to move the lines would it affect the grant? Mr. Agee stated no it would not.

Supervisor Boothe asked where the school boundary line was, and further discussion ensued about what Supervisor Boothe envisioned as a road used for equipment.

Supervisor Boothe asked if we could reference back to the map and what was noted on it, for example, the diamond, built-in pool, and other, etc.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked Jacob for the detailed overview and all the people who have helped with this project. Supervisor Kuchenbuch also congratulated Mr. Agee on

obtaining the grant. Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how much the VDF will be sourcing the Hemlock tree. Mr. Agee stated that he based his plan on Nursery Hemlock trees 3-5 feet tall. Further conversation of the Hemlock trees and VDF is excited to assist in the process.

Supervisor Cox stated that he wanted to echo and thank him for his passion for the project. Supervisor Cox asked if Mr. Agee had a sense of the few neighbors around this area. Mr. Agee stated that he spoke to one of them and they were fine with it. Mr. Agee also noted that he did not want to put too much into it without the Board's approval.

Mr. Cox further noted the importance of safety to consider. Lastly, Mr. Cox asked how the relationship between Recreation with school and ball field use is and wants to see this moving in the right direction of a mutual relationship.

Supervisor Turman noted that maybe we can have an MOU with the school which would put into place you cannot be on the property after dark.

Supervisor Turman read the handicap statement.

9. Public Comments

1. Jane Cundiff, Little River District (Ms. Cundiff provided a hard copy of comments below)

I am Jane Cundiff, from the Little River District, representing Partnership for Floyd.

- First, I would like to profusely thank the Board of Supervisors and Floyd County administrators Linda Millsaps and Jacob Agee for acquiring the recent trail and park grants for our community.

- I want to especially thank you for inviting Partnership for Floyd to help you with this project.

- As you know, our community and most of our visitors love the natural beauty of Floyd County. Just last month I got a notice that over 100,000 people have visited the web link for Dodd Creek Trail, and there are numerous written comments about how nice a trail that is. Nature Trails and parks are more popular than ever.

- You know that PFF has quite a few experts on trail building and nature education, especially after completing Lineberry Park, the Park to Library Trail, and the Dodd Creek Trail.
- You also know that we get as much community involvement as we can. No matter how much effort that can be, community involvement is so very important to the long-term maintenance and daily use of our parks and trails.
- Partnership for Floyd members and friends are ready to help get the work done ASAP, to use your funds appropriately within the allotted time. We are frugal with your money and count on our generous and talented Floyd residents who really want to give back to our special community.
- You have a map of the park area that Peter Sforza (a PFF member and GIS expert) has done for us. After many meetings with Jacob and trail committee members hiking the area, Peter volunteered his skills to draw up different contour maps to design the best spots for the trails and a garden/park area that will be ADA accessible.
- I'd like you to know that the PFF trail committee will be meeting with Jacob Agee this Friday to discuss:
 - How to get the Crestview Lane community involved. Because they will be more likely to enjoy and keep an eye on the trail if they are involved in the construction.
 - How and when to get the High school track team involved – so they will enjoy it and even take some responsibility to keep it maintained.
 - Review Jacob's master plan and Peter's maps to decide on the sequence of construction
 - Decide when and who will do the initial trail construction,
 - and lots more.
- You are more than welcome to attend this meeting!

I am the Communications Secretary and head of the Parks and Trails Committee for Partnership for Floyd. We want to know your suggestions, comments, and concerns and seek your involvement. You can email me anytime to give your ideas.

Most importantly - I want to Thank You Again, for your long-term commitment to outdoor recreation and nature education for the citizens of our wonderful Floyd County community.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

2. Gene Woods, Courthouse District

Ms. Woods shared that we have an issue with animal welfare. There are some issues with some of the laws in Floyd County. People are not aware of not keeping their animals on their property and are liable for the damage. Ms. Woods stated that she has spoken to the Commonwealth Attorney about getting clarity on the laws. Ms. Woods stated that the Commonwealth Attorney stated that he could not give clarity because there was none. Ms. Woods requests clear laws regarding animal welfare.

10. Old Business

No old business at this time.

11. Closed Session

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.8.

§ 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 the 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: personnel update and Departmental Review.

§ 2.2-3711 A.8 - Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. Legal matters

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

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

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

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch 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

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried, to approve the County Administrator Contract and allow Supervisor Turman to sign.

13. New Business

a. Thriving Communities Letter of Commitment

Lydeana Martin presented through Zoom and explained:

- The county is a finalist for planning assistance for the first transportation plan for the County.
- Have to have two community partners.
 - o School
 - o EDA
- One or more of the board members could be a part of the planning team

Supervisor Boothe asked if this is going to be similar to the 6-year road plan and road improvements are part of this. Ms. Martin stated that it could be as narrow or wide as you want it to be. Ms. Martin shared that she envisioned and stated that if the Board wanted to zero in on something this plan could help with the consultants giving their technical expertise.

Further suggestions were discussed, for example, each Supervisor suggested a need for their district that is a high priority.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve to authorize the County administrator's signature for the Thriving Communities Letter of Commitment.

b. Proposal for Environmental Services, Calendar Year 2024

Dr. Millsaps explained the Environmental Services proposal.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried unanimously to approve the Environmental services of Draper Aden for Calendar Year 2024.

c. Emergency Procurement – Carillion Building

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried unanimously to approve the Emergency procurement of the plumbing and repair of the Carillion Building.

14. Board Time

No comments by the Board at this time

15. Administrator Report: Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator reported

- a. Extension Meeting – Meeting with Dr. Millsaps, Ms. Chiddo, Mr. Agee, Ms. Barnes, and Mr. Vest.
- b. Meeting with Lydeana Martin and Jessica Cromer
- c. Retreat Overview
- d. Meeting with Andrew Morris – New Community room possible use by the County
- e. Community Arts Grant – The Grant is due soon and will come back to discuss what the board would like to do.

- f. VDOT training – Make some changes in the scoring criteria.
- g. Courtroom 2 – update on progress
- h. Coin reimbursement -
- i. Both Radio and Audit RFPs are posted on EVA (State procurement system)

Supervisor Boothe shared that he wanted to note that it was one of the best if not the best retreats he has been a part of.

17. Correspondence –

No Correspondence at this time.

18. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 02/13/2024, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Furman, Chairman