

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2024

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
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 request to move the Disbursement review and discussion to the end of the meeting.
6. **Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, except check 64 until further information can be obtained, to approve all other disbursement checks, unanimously.
7. **Approval of Minutes** - On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and approved the minutes from 02/27/2024.
8. **Presentations:**
 - a. **Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent**

Dr. Cromer updated the Board and noted that the school is waiting for budget numbers, but it looks like there may be a bit more funding than the original discussion of the state and cuts to the School board. Not sure what source the funding will fall in however, the School Board worked through different scenarios and will wait until they get word.

Also, the next year's calendar year was approved, and the school's new school start date will be 08/13/2024. As well, Graduation this year will be on May 18th at 9 am.

Dr. Cromer noted that the current enrollment is 1645.

Supervisor Boothe asked Dr. Cromer what she thought of the possible proposed 3% raise for teachers. Dr. Cromer stated that they will not be able to do that with the cuts to the budget. Also, shared that it would be approximately \$600,000.00 to complete and consistent raise for all staff.

b. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

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

- Completing some patching on 221, Moles Road, Conners Road, Buffalo Mountain
- Brush Clean-up
- Ditching on Franklin Pike
- Slope repair on Alum's Ridge
- Completed Music Road

Mr. Clarke asked if next month on April 23rd they can set the six-year road plan.

Supervisor Bechtold thanked Mr. Clarke for all the hard work.

Supervisor Boothe stated that the paving on White Rock looks great and discussed the lines and shoulder Stone after the paving is completed. Also, on Sowers Road needs some rip-wrap due to erosion at the 1st guardrail.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked Mr. Clarke for meeting with Supervisor Cox and Supervisor Kuchenbuch thought it to be a successful meeting. Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that the McAlexander Rd pipe needs replacing and also noted that the potholes on Coles Knob need attention.

Supervisor Cox also thanked Mr. Clarke for meeting with him and Supervisor Kuchenbuch. Mr. Cox noted that Good Neighbors Road near Harley Hollow needs attention, the culvert is sinking. Also stated, Conner Lane off Graysville, needs maintenance.

Supervisor Turman noted that DeHart Store Road needs attention, the steep hill is causing drainage problems. Also noted, Kyle Weeks Road pavement is breaking up in the center of the road. Lastly, Merrifield and Keith Road Hill need grading and gravel.

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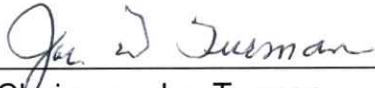
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