

**MINUTES
BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS REGULAR
MEETING
Board Room, County
Administration Building.**

August 9, 2022

1. **Meeting to Order** - Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Prayer** - Supervisor Bechtold offered the Opening Prayer.
3. Supervisor Cox leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Quorum** - Dr. Millsaps called the roll. She established that with all five (5) Supervisors present we had a quorum.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – on a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minute of July 12, 2022.
7. **Approval of Disbursements** – on a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the disbursements as presented.
8. **Presentations**
 - a. **Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools, Floyd Co.:**

Good morning. Appreciate you letting me go first, especially this time of year.

This is the first time in two years that we've had an open house. We've had some ... probably the greatest excitement ... just because of where we've been in the last 32 months. In my 35 years, everything that we have worked for, put in place, and the resources and the opportunities continue to grow. And I'm going to point some of those out.

This is probably the greatest opening school year with the greatest amount of opportunity because of the needs that are out there. And because of what we can offer, as far as the support, mental health support, the academic support, and the opportunities for kids to be able to do things they haven't been able to do in a couple of years. This is a great year. And we're looking forward to it. And it's a busy year. Anytime you try to build, but we got the certificate of occupancy for Phase One, we're in there. There are always little things. Touch-up painters were there last night. You know, a few units here, aren't on but there's a lot of connected things. Citizens did a great job and we're wired and up and ready to go and it'll be a whole unified campus.

We're very excited about that and just as excited about Phase Two, but just overall getting kids back in. It was good to see families in the buildings last night. We've had tremendous support. And like I've said before, send your kids to school, they're going to eat free. You

don't have school supplies? We got a ton. We put that in our budget for our elementary schools. Our school board loves that we buy school supplies at the end of the previous year. And we get a lot of donations. If you noticed our social media feed, plus our school board minutes thanked many organizations that will provide everything a child needs. You just get them school and believe me, the biggest thing we will provide us is a lot of love and care. And we'll make sure they have a good experience. From that standpoint, you know, we're ready to go.

I mean, it's not all perfect and put together, but we got a good traffic pattern at the high school. They are paving now. We can use buses on the road, the new road going around. So, we'll be, we'll be doing that similar to how we did last year, and it worked out well with traffic at Floyd E. So, we're good to go.

There are a couple of things. I know that I wanted to point out. Ms. Kuchenbuch, you had a question about the computer science grant, which was Chrome or goddess. And anytime you get grants that are tied to state and federal money, they have terrible timing. They come late in the year every year, so you don't get them, and you can't spend them. But let me tell you what that grant has done. Five years ago, well six years ago, we put in STEM labs in all the elementary schools. STEM labs are not a destination. STEM lab is an experience. And our instructional staff has done a great job of spreading that into the classroom. So that's, nothing's a destination. Every resource we give is an experience and should be involved in every part of what the child goes through. And that child may be a teen a child may be three. So, we've had a lot of success with that. And it culminated last year with Code VA, where we had our first winner in the neighborhood, computing in the neighborhood.

This year, for the first time ever, in Floyd County, there are only two winners picked from this region of the state - Floyd County had about them. For the first time, Floyd County had a State Teacher of the Year. And that was our high school, our Secondary Instructional Technology Resource Teacher Kim Keith. So, we're seeing this growth. And we said, six years ago, we have the greatest potential, with the smallest footprint, in Floyd County.

What we're doing is, is Floyd County, what we're building and working with Ms. Martin, you know, these skills, you're going to have a junior college up there. We want our kids if they want to go, we're going to get them somewhere. If they want to go to work, we're going to find them good jobs. And that's still growing. And we're excited about every program that we worked on. And most importantly, we're excited about the benefits. We give our three-year-olds and four-year-olds, and illiteracy efforts and the resources we put in there. And so all that has grown and that's as exciting as, as the facility that we're, we're getting completed up there too. Looking forward to a great school year.

Ms. Bechtold, I know you had a question about the second school site. You know, we just got to follow where the DOE finances put things. In our budget, it was a budgeted position. That budget was for a school counselor. They're not guidance counselors anymore. The state put restrictions on school counselors, or guidance counselors, and changed the name to school counselors because of the mental health needs that position

needs to serve. So, school counselors or any instructional line, per DOE finance, that's how we have it. That's how we're given the money. School Psychs are in the administration line. So, we have a school counselor, but we couldn't find an adequate one. But we have a good to great school psychologist serving similar purposes. So that's why that position, we just had to move it. You can't just put it there you have it there. And it's as easy to transfer the funds is not an additional position. But that's why that was there. And we just had to follow the state mandates through that.

And I know you had a question about the school, the grant, it's the school construction assistance program. We have not gotten any word. I know that local school divisions in the finance department have questioned the DoE finance department and they said, just look for some, look for some more guidance in the fall. Now, understand, any grants you get, there's no free money. These grants from where our composite index fall, we only ... it's a match. So, if it does go retroactive, the only amount they'll give us is 20%. You have to match 80%. If we wrote a grant and we'd have 13 units from the early 2000s that we need to keep an eye on and replace. If I wrote a grant, wrote that in for grant, we as a school system would have to come up with 80% of that. We don't have that kind of money sitting around. So, if it's retroactive, when it is, we'll sit down, and we'll talk and we'll try to throw everything we can add to it, and at least get 20%. Now, I guarantee that money's going to have restrictions on it. Hopefully, it can go back and just go back to the loan. I don't know. But once we know that we'll look at that and work with you any way we can and go from there. But 20% is better than nothing. You know, if you can get it. But we're keeping an eye on that. We're going to look, and we'll write whatever we need to write with it.

But so far, everything's, everything's moving forward, and we'll start school tomorrow. That's more than a lot of school divisions can say. And the last thing we wanted after two years is to do anything, to change anything to put another bump in the road for these kids, especially the younger ones. We're fortunate we don't have to do that. We have great people in the schools. And we're looking forward see to seeing our kids. And there was a lot of excitement. Best opening I've been involved with in my 18 years in administration.

Board members were supportive of the feeding programs.

Dr. Wheeler: CEP program - you have to qualify for. In each school, a percentage of the students' socioeconomic. We don't exactly qualify for it. So, we supplement some in our budget. Okay, a not great deal. But it allows us - the State Department - nutrition obviously loves it when all children need it. And we were able to do that for the whole county. We've been doing it now, obviously, the pandemic with the USDA, universal feeding is over. But we still didn't change what we do. We are still able to do that. And that's not a grant. That's part of what we do and what we qualify for. It is a great thing. Yes, thank you. And it was the mission of the school board when we came - when I came in. We want we don't want anybody to spend a dime when they send their kids to school.

Discussion ensued between Supervisor Boothe and Dr. Wheeler about roads and cybersecurity.

Supervisor Boothe: Just wanted to update you. They are going to be, right now it's still

on schedule, to fix that Baker Street entrance to Route 8 Thursday morning, on the day after school starts. But it is my understanding they are going to wait until after the school traffic goes through. But wanted to have that on your radar. And also, if you could explain a little bit. I didn't get to read it. I saw a little bit that we had a school recognized for its, go ahead.

Dr. Wheeler: Well, we do a tremendous amount of work. Robert Ratcliffe does a great job with our cyber safety. There are multiple programs out there. All our elementary schools do this within the learning lab. We call them that now. You don't have computer labs anymore. These are actual learning sessions, that are technology-based, kind of go from our STEM labs. And they all do lessons on cyber safety. We have speakers come to the high school for ours. For those students. And all our Chromebooks go through a security system that we can detect. And like I said, we've helped a lot of students, and get help in the home late at night. Robert Ratcliffe, our Director of Technology, has a lot to do with that. So, Floyd Elementary used the FBI safety program. And so, the FBI out of Richmond recognized us for using that in all our elementary schools. There was only one other in Lynchburg use. That is a priority that we do. So, wasn't that a very nice honor? And we appreciate, I mean, we work very closely with all law enforcement and all organizations like that. And I can tell you that, you know, I mean, it will never end. And it's just the world we live in and will continue to grow in. And there are always pitfalls that you got to protect the ones that you need protection from so not a problem. Thank you for those kind words, and I'll pass them along, please do.

Supervisor Cox indicated that he attended the open house at the high school, and there was a high level of excitement. Especially related to the Vocational Center.

Dr. Wheeler: It truly is. You're not going to go into another facility better when it's all done. When all the touch-up paint is done. But you're not, you're not going to go into another facility that's more functional in this country. I guarantee it. That serves their population as well as what that facility will do. We have great partnerships with Virginia Tech and RU, which will continue to grow. And NRCC. So, there's going to be some good programs in the future that we'll be able to serve. But it's a beautifully designed, functional building. You know, I mean, I'm when I walk in, I've seen the designs for four years and it just blows me away.

Supervisor Bechtold indicated she appreciated the explanation about the positions. But asked that in the future more information be provided earlier about the source and use of funds.

Chairman Turman stated that he knew two little girls (grandchildren) that are very excited about the start of school.

b. Mr. David Clarke, P.E. Salem Residency, VDOT

Mr. David Clarke: Nice to hear, from the school superintendent (Dr. Wheeler saying nice things about VDOT). And also, not knowing exactly when a road is going to get paved. We'd like to do some paving. But those contracts have their time limits. Trying to figure that out.

Just a couple of things. Mostly the last month has been a lot of trying to get maintenance, normal maintenance done in between storms. None of those storms have been widespread but they've been very intense in the places that they have hit. And have caused a lot of damage. A lot of brush down. A lot of trees. Washouts. So, we're kind of chasing them around as we work on machining roads. And we have done quite a bit of machining roads. Even with the rain, there have been some dry areas where we have dust issues as well. But mostly it's been patching where we can. Getting machine gravel roads done. And getting some brush cut.

There is more brush cutting to come as we're putting together a large crew with several pieces of equipment. We are starting in the Willis area and kind of going counterclockwise around the residency, which means Check won't be till the last part of that. But we're going to start with Willis. But it's going to be a lot of equipment out. Crossing our fingers that all the equipment stays functional during this time, but we haven't done a lot of downtimes.

Other kinds of things. I'm not going to go into the list of the roads that we have been able to get. We did do some major repairs and private placements on Thunderstruck. And on Sowers Mill, and some pipe cleaning out on Reidsville. We are starting our snow meetings pretty soon. I know it's hot out there. But we are thinking about, always thinking about, snow. We're always trying to hire more contractors and more contractors. So, we're going to have a meeting with some potential ones trying to get some contracts signed up to help us out. That's always a big part of our effort.

The construction project on Silverleaf. Because we're doing that with State forces, and because we've had to have a lot of call-outs for storm cleanup, we haven't made great progress on several late but we're going to put some more some more effort here and hopefully get some help from our hard equipment contractor. Contractors may not be those guys directly out of the area headquarters there at Check, but it will be our hired equipment crews that have worked hand in hand with us just about everywhere. It's hard to really tell a difference sometimes between them and our crew. They work really well with us.

The large culvert replacement in Pilot continues, it's almost complete. But we are experiencing some supply issues for the guard rail. The guardrail is kind of the last piece that goes on. Even the last piece can hold you up for a little bit. So, I'll keep you informed on when the plan is to be opened. The temporary signal is on. It is just a matter of when that guardrail can come in. And that's all I had as far as an update. Something things on my list may make it into the question part. On the overlaying surfaces with surface treatment. A lot of the plant mix and slurry are still to come. So, where they are on that list of what they are supposed to do, but I'm not sure. Those five miles of Stonewall are on the list. (End of prepared comments)

Supervisor Bechtold thanked Mr. Clarke for his and his crew's work. She also noted that there appears to be a culvert failing at Indian Valley at Rocky Hill. And in town, she asked about running one lane of traffic at a time so folks would not need to wait for people turning left. Mr. Clarke indicated he would ask VDOT traffic engineers to look into that. Mr. Clarke indicated they were looking at other ways to discourage folks from creating a right turn lane at the light. Mr. Boothe also added to the discussion about the light in town. He also mentioned the work being done on Baker Street. Mr. Boothe mentioned the right of way and culverts on Penn Avenue. He suggested cones be put up in areas with culvert issues. Finally, he noted that on 730 the drainage is working great but coming back to Route 8 which is creating an issue at Low

Gap Road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch listed the following concerns: Sunny Ridge and Devil's Springs need machining, an extension of Silverleaf towards the little cemetery, and brush cutting in general.

Supervisor Cox mentioned concerns about Jerry Lane off King Store Road. Especially about truck traffic and large potholes. He indicated that he spoke to Mr. Clarke earlier about it. Thanked VDOT for cutting up the tree he mentioned previously on King Store Road.

Chair Turman discussed getting together about DeHart Road. He noted the storm has had a negative impact on the roads and asked that VDOT machine as soon as they can. Chairman Turman asked for details about the work being done on Route 221.

All Board members thanked VDOT for what they do.

Supervisor Cox asked Mr. Clarke for an explanation of the road preservation and overlay process. A general discussion of road costs and processes ensued.

9. Public Comment – Chairman Turman opened the public comment period and offered assistance for ADA needs. He also indicated that the audience should not be shooting, speaking behind others' backs, etc. He said he would like everyone to still be friends. He indicated that public comments are limited to 4 minutes and that comments to be read into the record would be given a little longer. Dr. Millsaps offered one more chance to sign up to speak. Six speakers signed up.

Wade Woolson (Locust Grove) - I want to speak a little slowly. So, I'm Wade Woolson. I live in Timberline in Locust Grove. We've been here about five years or so. But my wife grew up here. So, we have a lot of good family roots here. A lot of family I'm very proud of. They may not be proud of me, but I love them. I do a little part-time Uber driving whenever I go to Roanoke or Christiansburg, and I've gotten to where I've worked for some of the hotels once in a while to take guests maybe to the Chateau Morrisette, or in this case, FloydFest There's almost always you know, a few rides up for that. And I picked up one couple this last Saturday. Very nice couple. Took them out there. Great conversation. They talked to everyone or talked to ... Linda (Kuchenbuch) please pay attention. This is going to get to you in a minute.

Okay. They seem to think everyone in Floyd was very excited about it. They were happy. So, as I was driving out there, of course, I pointed out how this was going to affect the neighborhood. Did you know our neighborhood? They appreciated that point. While I was out there, I drove over and spoke to the sheriffs that were right there on the Parkway. If you come up the dirt road on the Parkway, they'll have a couple of flagmen. And that's the sheriff's car. So, I pulled over and asked them what law enforcement issues they come into. And right away drugs came up, a lot of DUIs. They said the foot traffic just goes everywhere. And right about that point, some car came down the Parkway going 50 to 60 miles an hour, through the 25-mile-an-hour zone, and both flagmen had to jump away. And one of the sheriffs said, "Well, this is what you can expect".

When I picked them up and brought them back, you know, they had a great time. The

young lady was sitting in front, she was a little bit more intoxicated than the male in the back. But we had a great conversation all the way back. Whenever I dropped them off, the young lady reached into her purse and said "here, here are two hits of acid for your tip". And, you know, I don't think I look like someone who does acid. I try not to. So, if they would approach me, think about what they're going to do to your kids and your grandkids out there. At FloydFest drugs like that are just everywhere.

The next point is the qualifications for being on the Board of Supervisors. One of the qualifications states that you must reside in Floyd County. Now, Linda, I believe your address is 539 Dobbins Hollow. I checked with the post office and several websites and every time it comes up, it's in Montgomery County. And it says you must reside in Floyd County. So I'm just wondering why you're allowed to sit up there.

One last thing I drove in this morning from Timberline Road, behind Mr. Cox in his truck, and he was going about 65 to 70 down 221. I don't think he ever slowed down to 35 or 25 coming into town. Going down Locust, he was almost up to 40 at one point. So, I just have concerns about that. You should be setting an example for people. That's all I have to say. Thank you very much for your time.

Gerald Vest (Locust Grove) - Yeah, I'm Gerald Vest. I'm here to represent 91 of my residents on the road I live on, Jerry Lane. It was unanimous. No one refused to sign this petition. And all the things that y'all talked about or Mr. Clarke talking about this morning, are not being done on the highway. Our road. It's a mile and a half. There are 52 residences and two businesses. And the drain you can't even see the culvert pipes in some places. I got pictures to prove it all. I'll read to you since you guys go give me four minutes. I'll read you what I have written here. And if you'd like a copy of it, I'll be glad to give you a copy.

Of course, I've told you my name is Gerald Vest. I live on Jerry Lane. VDOT was contacted, I think around three weeks ago by Levi. As far as we know now unless he's got something lately, nobody's come and looked at these problems or done anything. As far as I know. We got a thin coat surface draping just like he was talking about. We got tractor trailers on it, every week, that we didn't use to have. This road was surfaced one time I know I've lived there for six or five years. So, I know what's happened on that road. There's not enough. That surface treatment is not going to hold up. Everywhere that you see those trucks have been and I show you in these pictures. It's busted. It's not going to support it. And then they've patched a bunch of holes up on top of the hill there where they put coal patch in for 15-20 years. And I got some pictures here that you won't believe. It just comes right back out. They take a motor grader and try to scrape it down so it will be smooth, and it's worse than it was, to begin with. Anyway, I'm going to finish there.

We got a lot more traffic than we've ever had. And of course, I said tractor-trailers included. We have cars and trucks on the wrong side of the road to miss the potholes. And a truck coming the other way. We got a truck coming down that hill with the trees sticking out in the road. He's on the wrong side of the road because he's trying to miss those trees. So, you got a head-on right there. It's just a matter of time. Okay, so anyway, that should have been done. They used to take that old bush hog and cut those trees

back right there so that we could see coming down that hill. But that hasn't been done for I don't know how long. It's been a long time. And like I said, drainage is ... water standing in the road, drainpipes, some of them you can't even see the hole one, the end of it, that's how much they're stopped up. So, he was talking about the storms, but if they cleaned the ditches and the pipes out, it would help hope a whole lot. And that's regular maintenance as well. They should have already done that, that should have already been done. Alright, and we've had a couple of near misses at the bus stop. I think there needs to be a speed limit reduction. And I've been on VDOT's website, and it says 25 in a business, residential, or school zone, and 35 on an unpaved road. So, I think the people that I've talked to, these 90 other people that I've talked to, are satisfied with 35. But I live in a place where there's a long straightaway drag strip, I'd call it. And I've seen them run too fast. So that needs to be looked into. They used to put a rope across the road to count traffic. I haven't seen one of those for I don't know how long. Been a long time. So that hasn't been done.

I've already talked about the cars and the trucks on the wrong side of the road. Not enough pavement, it won't support these trucks.

(Mr. Vest shared written remarks and pictures).

David Whittaker (Courthouse District) – David Whittaker, Courthouse. I'm speaking as a citizen. I wonder about the logic of the closed session in the middle of a meeting. I'm wondering, what was the logic behind that? And I know that you don't have to respond. But you got a lot of people sitting here and what are they going to do while you're having a closed session? I've been here before when closed sessions were almost an hour. And people were sitting and waiting. And okay, the other thing is I'd like, to invite everyone to a special celebration of life. That will be this Saturday from 11:30 to 1:30. And it won't be like a parade. It will just be a march, prayer, and songs. And it will be a celebration of life. And we will meet at the courthouse parking lot. Just for a stroll through town celebrating life. I just want to invite you all. Thank you so much.

Kelly Yeatts (Locust Grove) - Good morning. My name is Kelly Yeatts and I live in the Locust Grove district. As the supervisors know and as my fellow citizens know, I am strongly opposed to the relocation of FloydFest and its other associated events to a property they have announced will be called Festival Park. Once again, they have bucked the current amusements and entertainments ordinance as it stands because they are advertising and promoting the event. I'll refer you back to Section 6-33 A again.

This morning, I would like to bring attention to necessary updates and action plans associated with a comprehensive plan, and the amusements and entertainments ordinance. The Comprehensive Plan per section 15.2 – 22.30 of the Virginia State Code requires the plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission every five years. I'm not able to find a record of whether the plan has been reviewed this year. And it's the plan's tenth year, I strongly agree with the current published comprehensive plan. And I'm left to assume that the Planning Commission and this board also agree with the comprehensive plan as it stands. And as such, I asked that the board appoint a committee of independent citizens of Floyd County, on which no members of this board or the planning commission self-serve, to review the goals of the plan as stated in chapter 11 of the plan and determine strategies to support and implement those goals and enforcement strategies

for those goals. As it appears the current government governance in the county is not acting in accordance with this plan. As mentioned during the supervisors' meeting on July the 26th 2022, there are major changes and updates necessary to clarify the current amusements and entertainment ordinance. The county attorney admitted that portions of the ordinance are ambiguous. This troubles me greatly considering the potential of a relocated Floyd Fest and its, again other associated events to an event venue in Check, a predominantly residential community with a church and farmland surrounding it. Additionally, it troubles me that a member of the current Board of Supervisors served on the committee to update this ordinance in 2017. And as a result of that ordinance, and the updates, the citizens have been left with an ambiguous ordinance. This ambiguity is antithetical to the purpose of such an ordinance, which should serve as a clear guide as to appropriate permissions and limitations for events. As such, I asked for an additional committee to be appointed of Floyd County citizens to include both those concerned about the negative impacts of amusements and entertainments, as well as those who are in favor of such events to re-address the amusements and entertainments ordinance of the county. It would be inappropriate for any member of this board, the planning commission, or any other appointed board or commission to sit on that committee. That committee, the one dealing with the amusements and entertainments must be independent from this board, in order that its work be considered well-founded, and in the best interest of the citizens of this county. I ask for your consideration of these two committees and intend to ask for time on the agenda in an upcoming meeting. Thank you.

Becki Howell (Burke's Fork) - Good morning, Becky Howell, Burke's Fork. I just want to echo a couple of comments that have come from the board this morning. I know that Kalinda when she was speaking with Dr. Wheeler, pointed out that more information is good. I think that serves us well also. The more information you all can give us about what's going on, the better we can understand it. And also, Chairman Turman you were talking about the behavior of the people in the audience here. Could you be more specific and tell us exactly what's expected when we're making public comments so that we could actually follow the rules? Thank you.

John Myers (Courthouse District) - All right. So, my name's John Myers. I used to be in Little River District and now I'm back in the Courthouse District. So just brief comments.

Two comments actually. One, I definitely share concerns about the FloydFest coming to Check and what effects it would have on the county as a whole. The other comment is that I'm actually here to fulfill a promise I made to the lady that I worked with. There's a little stretch of Road in between the Floyd tire shop and the Floyd laundromat. It does not currently have any lights, like any illumination on it at night. And there are people that live in Gray's Trailer Park, or in that surrounding area, that sometimes have business in town. And they are not in a place where they can get reliable transportation. So sometimes they have to walk. Now at night, in that area, you can't see your hand in front of your face. And if you rely on glasses to see that's even worse. Now this young lady, like one time lived in the trailer park and worked at the Food Lion. She had never lived with transportation back home. So, she walked home, in the dark, at night. And one of those times she was attacked in the worst possible way. So, I promised her that I would bring it up one of the times that come here. So, this is the first time that I've had the chance to do it. A couple of, even one light in that area between the tire shop and the laundromat might help out

the less fortunate among us. Thank you for your time.

Linda Wagner (Courthouse District) - Linda Wagner, Courthouse District. Two things. Number one, Jerry Boothe, you and I have had many, many discussions about the crosswalk on Main Street in Floyd. I guess it's, I don't know it's buried in your emails and your mind. You've done nothing. There's not been a crosswalk there since the last time it was hit and removed. It's never been replaced. You guaranteed me that there's a sign going up but nothing's happened. That's number one. Number two, I don't know who in their infinite wisdom put this desk right here. Everyone has had to fall over Mr. Wade to get to this podium. I have a little bit of an agility problem temporarily and I think maybe it could be addressed. Thank you.

Two letters were also sent in to be read for public comment. Deputy Administrator Chiddo read them, one from Yasmine Ysonnenberg and one from Judy Hubbard.

The staff reminded the Board that the letters would not be read unless the author agreed to have them read out loud at the meeting. They indicated they routinely call to see if they want them to be read. The Board asked that they also always be put in correspondence.

10. Old Business

Facility Requirements

Closed Session – Leases and Space Issues

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.1 - Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. County Buildings.

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and approved unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed Session.

Break for Closed Session

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

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and approved unanimously, the Board certifies that they only discussed the items they were supposed to discuss in the closed session.

Infrastructure

- b. VATI grant update

1. Closeout of Virginia Telecommunication Initiative #VATI 2019-FV001.
2. Upcoming VATI grant application update, Lydeana Martin.

Lydeana Martin presented to the Board the VATI grant status. She noted that the 2019 grant is closed out by 2022 is not. The latter is to fund the last 3% of roads by December 2023.

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and approved unanimously, the Board authorized the application to the grant and authorize appropriate signatures.

11. New Business

Public Safety/Emergency Management – Dr. Millsaps indicated that the road naming requests came through the planning office and emergency management. She also stated that the staff is not aware of any controversy with either road naming request.

- a. **Naming a Shared Drive - The Department of Emergency Management would like to submit a request for the naming of a shared drive** where three (3) or more structures will be addressed. The tax map numbers for those properties are 17-4C and 17-4E. The shared drive is off Lovell Rd. A map is included with this request. A letter was mailed to the two (2) property owners requesting them to decide on a name for the shared drive. The property owners returned the signed form with the name Wonder Way. The Department asks that the Board of Supervisors consider the request and come to a decision on naming the shared drive Wonder Way.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the road name.

- b. **The Department of Emergency Management would like to submit a request for the naming of a shared drive** where three (3) or more structures will be addressed. The tax map numbers for those properties are 59-1 (Franklin Co.), 22-28 (Floyd Co.), and 58-93 (Franklin Co.). The shared drive is off Secondary Route 642 (Conner Ln SE). A letter was mailed to the three (3) property owners requesting them to decide on a name for the shared drive. The property owners returned the signed forms with the name Springhouse Ln. The Department asks that the Board of Supervisors consider the request and come to a decision on naming the shared drive Springhouse Ln.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the road name.

Finance and Budget

- c. Authorization of Recurring Disbursements:** The Board discussed authorizing staff to make certain recurring disbursements, for items like bonds and utilities. Where there is either no option (utilities) or the amount is predetermined and known (bonds).

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and passed unanimously, the Board approved allowing staff to make this limited list of payments and authorized appropriate signatures.

d. Personal Property Tax (PPT) rate discussion: The Board discussed the vehicle tax rates and asked that they be provided with appropriate data to determine how much the increase in vehicle values increased revenues.

12. **Board Time:** During Board time members discussed items such as green box site concerns and compliments, the need to have better enforcement of green box requirements, and possible revision of the county solid waste ordinance.
13. **Administrator's Report:** County Administrator Millsaps reported to the Board on several items related to:
- a. Recreation – Mr. Agee's graduation with his master's degree, the progress on the outdoor classroom, equipment, and department name, a recreation department policy document,
 - b. Personnel update – EMS billing.
 - c. Grant update – potential opportunities.
14. **Correspondence** – the Board was reminded to check the correspondence folder.
15. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and approved unanimously, the Board voted to adjourn.
- **Note:** Due to timing and speaker availability some items may have been taken up in a different order than presented here. The minutes are reported in the order listed on the agenda.


Linda Millsaps, County Administrator


Joe Turman, Chairman