

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2023

- 1. Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe with the amended addition request by Supervisor Cox of adding 16 b. Appropriations, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.
- 6. Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried unanimously the approval of both sets of disbursements as presented.
- 7. Approval of minutes** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the following minutes, 3/21/23, 4/11/23, 5/23/2023, and 06/13/2023.
- 8. Presentations -**
 - a. Tony Weddle, Nathan Wheeler, and Kevin Sowers – Fire/Rescue/EMS**

Mr. Weddle, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sowers discussed the current information regarding activities, training, and safety equipment concerning electric vehicles. Mr. Weddle stated that they have purchased a blanket to use and noted as of now it is the most effective and safest to use. They noted that they continue to watch current videos and are in constant contact with the state regarding training. A continued conversation ensued among the Board of Supervisors asking questions with regard to the safety of the citizens and the new addition of electric buses to Floyd County Schools. Continued discussion about the cost of the recommended blanket and

research that cost and update the board to review with the intent to supply for each of the other stations.

b. Jacob Agee – Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Agee gave a recap of the participation numbers and the progress that Parks and Recreation has made. Mr. Agee spoke about the expansion of programs that is now being provided and the consistent attendance.

Mr. Agee reviewed the success of the All-Star Tournament and noted that last year they broke even and this year the proceeds were just over \$2000.00.

Mr. Agee urged the Board to review the Economic Impact of the All-Star Event on the county and based them on lower averages for day-visiting consumers.

A discussion ensued regarding the need and future need for equipment.

The Board offered their thanks for all that Mr. Agee for everything that he has done and the progress within the department.

c. Lydeana Martin – EDA Grant Update

Mrs. Martin updated the board of the US EDA supplemental Disaster Funds. Also, they are offering the Economic Development and Strategic Planning Grant for up to \$150,000.00 Mrs. Martin discussed the possibilities of what could count towards these funds. Mrs. Martin is awaiting word on this at this time.

Mrs. Martin discussed examples of possible studies and analyses the strategic Planning Grant could fund. Some examples would include, labor force analysis, business sector analysis, retail leakage study, water resources, and engineering funds for potential business sites or existing buildings.

Mrs. Martin further demonstrated how comprehensive planning would work with the economic development strategic plan.

Supervisor Boothe asked when surveys are being completed be clear in the questions so there is no misunderstanding, and the data will be clear.

Further discussion ensued about how technology should be considered and maximize this benefit.

9. Public Comments

Supervisor Turman read the Handicap Statement.

Dr. Peggy Dewald-Link – DRCC Representative

Dr. Dewald-Link provided the board with a packet to include March 6, 2023, NRCC Personnel Committee report of the evaluation of President Dr. Pat Huber.

Josh Blakenship – Burkes Fork

Mr. Blakenship stated that he is in strong opposition to the event that occurred at the June Bug Center. Mr. Blakenship asks that his tax money not go to anything to support what happened this past weekend. Mr. Blakenship would share that he does not think there should be a Drag Show in Floyd County and that the children should be subjected to that. Mr. Blakenship asked that this be looked into.

10. Board Time

Supervisor Bechtold noted she likes to thank Dr. Dewald-Link for coming to the meeting and presenting the packet. Also, ask that our appointees come and present to update the board.

Supervisor Cox noted someone sent him a video of a bear opening a green box door.

11. Closed Session

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

- a. § 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. Commerce Center

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

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

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

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

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

12. Old Business

- a. Housing Rehab update authorize planning grant for next stage – Lydeana Martin and Susan Icove.

Mrs. Icove gave a recap of the Floyd County Housing Rehab which began in 2017. The Floyd Initiative for Safe Housing (FISH) was born. The focus was on projects that could be completed for \$1500 or less with volunteers in 2-3 days. This has evolved as a grant-driven process. Also, through this process have gathered amazing partners in the community to assist, Habitat for Humanity, Rural Development, Citizens, CHP, SERCAP, Fish as well as Floyd County Administrative.

Mrs. Martin gave an update with regard to an assessment that over 800 plus houses in fair or poor condition are in need. An overview of the houses that have been completed or are underway. Mrs. Martin also noted that there is a waiting list of 20+ households requesting Rehab beyond what Fish can presently do.

Mrs. Martin questioned the Board of Supervisors for authorization for planning grant for the next stage.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried and unanimously carried it was approved to authorize for the planning grant.

15. New Business

- a. MOU with Citizens for Virginia Telecom Initiative 2023 grant – Lydeana Martin
Mrs. Martin explained the history and continuation/update for this year.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Boothe and carried unanimously to approve the Citizens for VATI funding and authorized the County Administrator's signature.

- b. Appropriations – Levi Cox

Mr. Cox asked to rescind the money that was appropriated to the June Bug Center.

Mr. Cox made a motion to rescind the money to the June Bug Center. Supervisor Bechtold seconded the motion but noted it had nothing to do with the events of the weekend at the center.

A conversation ensued regarding the funding of a center. Supervisor Bechtold shared that the June Bug is not following to its mission statement and questioned the participation of the June Bug Center with regard to Juneteenth celebration. Revisited the request for quarterly reporting to entities the County appropriates money to. Supervisor Bechtold then withdrew her 2nd motion.

This issue has been tabled at this time.

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

- a. Board Retreat.
- b. Staff Retreat.
- c. Bank Updated
- d. Floyd Fun Day
- e. Dog Fence Bid
- f. Tourism Agreement

17. Correspondence –

No issues, concerns, or questions about correspondence.

18. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 7/11/2023, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman