

**Minutes**  
**Floyd County Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 10, 2023**

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Bechtold.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Deputy County Chiddo offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found for all Supervisors. Please note that Supervisor Kuchenbuch is participating remotely/electronically, in a safe secure location.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve as amended.
6. **Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the disbursements as presented.
7. **Approval of minutes** – On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, Seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the following minutes, 09/26/2023.

Please note at 9:57 a.m.:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the amended agenda to reflect adding animal control and re-assessment to closed session A-8 and re-assessment to A-29.

**8. Presentations -**

**a. Dr. Cromer- Floyd County School Superintendent**

Dr. Cromer noted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament and wished the FCHS luck. Dr. Cromer shared that they still do not have the final budgeting numbers from VDOE. Noted that the School was told October 1<sup>st</sup> but has yet to receive it. Also, stated that the school received a one-time additional funds of \$675,000.00 the three areas that this money can be used are, learning loss, Virginia Literacy Act, and attendance.

Dr. Cromer stated she had finished her first 100 days. Dr. Cromer handed out a document of what she had accomplished within her first 100 days. Dr. Cromer noted in the document, certain themes as school safety, academics, college and career readiness, transportation, facilities, and staffing. (Document to be placed in the Board of Supervisors meeting packet)

Supervisor Turman noted that the board is concerned with the state of affairs of our buses and the safety of the children. Dr. Cromer shared that transportation continues to be a priority and discussed the current state of the school's bus fleet.

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

Mr. Clarke shared that this has been a good month for maintenance. Mr. Clarke updated the board on the vast maintenance completions throughout the County.

Also, Mr. Clarke shared that VDOT completed some of the tasks that were on the agenda in the summer.

Supervisor Cox asked if VDOT could take a look at Stonewall and Daniels Run. Mr. Cox stated that it is becoming a safety issue. Mr. Clark stated that we could look into it and review it as there may be possible construction funds to visit if needed.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch shared that she has been contacted about Eanes Road as well as Thomas Farms Road as ditching is clogged.

Supervisor Boothe shared we still need repairs to the guard rails on Route 8. Also asked about the Church at New Town Road about the ditch and if Mr. Clarke could take a look at it. Mr. Clarke stated that he would ride over there and take a look.

Supervisor Bechtold stated about the safety of chemical use of VDOT on Sutphin Road. Mr. Clarke shared he would look into it.

**9. Constitutional Officers:**

**a. Sheriff Brian Craig.**

Sheriff Craig stated that he has one in the academy and one training in dispatch. As well, Sheriff Craig stated all schools have an SRO the first in Floyd County history for increased safety of our children.

Sheriff Craig noted that retention has been the best it has been in 8 years, and he has a great crew.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Sheriff Craig for all he and his department continues to do.

Supervisor Cox asked if Sheriff Craig knows if the judge has heard anything regarding the new green box violation fines. Sheriff Craig stated he is not sure but does not think so.

Sheriff Craig shared that they are continuing to utilize the jail crew for green box cleanup. He requested if anyone notices a need for cleanup to contact Sheriff Craig so he can place the area on the list. Supervisor Boothe asked if Route 8 was on the list, and Sheriff Craig stated he would add it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked the Sheriff how the Enterprise contract was going within his department. Sheriff Craig stated it is going great and because of it, they have been able to maintain their fleet without the need for more money.

## **10. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

## **11. Old Business**

- a. New River Valley Community Action Appointment
- b. Route 8 Road Resolution

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the Route 8 Resolution.

- c. FCHS Road addition/abandonment resolution.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the FCHS Road addition/abandonment resolution after the County attorney reviews form AM 4.3 as noted in the resolution.

Lydeana Martin shared that Karla Turman will be continuing to attend the VDOT meetings 3x per year. She will come to the board meeting before the meeting to get the requests of the Board Members to report and then follow up with the Board once the meeting is attended.

## 12. 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.1 § 2.2-3711 A.8 and § 2.2-3711 A.29

§ 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. Departmental update

§ 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. Emergency Management, Radio, Assessment, and Animal Control.

§ 2.2-3711 A.29 - Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Multiple contract discussions and Re-assessment

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

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

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

### **13. New Business**

- a. Planning Commission re-appointment, Deborah Baum, 4-year term.

The board asked to table this until the next Board meeting, as they have a few questions they would like answered prior.

- b. MFRL Board of Trustees appointment

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve to authorize staff to advertise positions.

- c. MFRL Board Appointment

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve to authorize staff to advertise positions.

### **13. Board Time**

Supervisor Boothe questioned the perimeter that we have around the green boxes that are clear with regard to the fines and feeding of animals. A conversation ensued about what is necessary so we can communicate with the community. The board asked that Dr. Millsaps reach out to the County Attorney to obtain details.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked when the Board thought the reorganization meeting would be and the board agreed it would be on January 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Supervisor Cox asked if it was possible to put the election map on the website for reference.

Supervisor Cox also noted that Brian and Lynette Vest opened their property for the dirt bike event this past weekend. Supervisor Cox stated that there were over 1100 people and the proceeds went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Supervisor Turman stated starting this Friday, he will have to turn over the chair position to the Vice Chair Mr. Boothe, due to a medical procedure he will have on Friday. Supervisor Turman stated he thinks probably for about a week he will need to recover and should be good at that time.

### **14. County Administrator's Report – Dr. Linda Millsaps**

Dr. Millsaps updated and reviewed the following with the Board of Supervisors.

- a. Subdivision Ordinance Public Hearing October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 p.m.
- b. PSA Workgroup/work meeting
- c. IBMA
- d. Bear Wise Grant
- e. Opioid Update

- f. Department of Wildlife Resource update
- g. Agency on Aging
- h. Court House update
- i. Fat Bear Week (October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 10<sup>th</sup>)

**17. Correspondence –**

No issues, concerns, or questions about documents in 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 10/24/2023, 6:00 p.m.

  
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Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator

  
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Joe Turman, Chairman