

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
September 12, 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** – Chairman Turman offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found for all Supervisors. Please note that Supervisor Cox is participating remotely/electronically, in a safe secure location.
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve as amended, to add an action item concerning how many times a board member can participate in Board Meetings, electronically, 10 e on the agenda.
- 6. Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the disbursements as presented.
- 7. Approval of minutes** – On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve the following minutes, 08/22/2023.
- 8. Presentations -**
 - a. Keela Dooley Marshall – Executive Director of Floyd Center for the Arts**
 - Ms. Marshall provided an update on all the rebuilding, cleaning, and creating a wonderful space for classes and shows. Ms. Marshall also spoke about the Floyd Living Traditions Festival. The festival had over 1500 attendees, 70 artists, and performers, 70 volunteers with 55% new or reactivated individuals. Ms. Marshall noted that the attendance suggests a 2:1 ratio of people who have never been to Floyd Center of the Arts coming to the center for the first time. Ms. Marshall further discussed her partnerships and service in the community. Further conversation ensued with the board, as several members thanked Ms. Marshall for the work and recent progress.

b. Dr. Cromer- Floyd County School Superintendent

- Dr. Cromer shared that they had their board meeting yesterday and one of the results was the approval of the board to allow more overnight field trips. Dr. Cromer also updated that the HVAC work appears to be fixed they will continue to monitor the humidity issue. Dr. Cromer also discussed the school budget and that they still do not know how it will affect Floyd County hopefully obtain more details at the end of this week or the beginning of next. Further conversation about the membership continued with membership at 1669 which is 5 students less as of 08/31/2023. Dr. Cromer stated that the next on the list to work on is the Strategic Plan.

Supervisor Boothe asked Dr. Cromer if Accreditation had been obtained. Dr. Cromer confirmed all schools are accredited.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked Dr. Cromer what she felt were her challenges and or opportunities at this time. Dr. Cromer stated that she has three priorities which are: Transportation, alignment of our instruction and college and career readiness, and teacher recruitment and retention.

Each Board member thanked Dr. Cromer for her communication with the County and the work that she is completing.

9. Public Comments

No Public Comments

10. Old Business

- a. Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) 2023 Grant.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the VATI Grant and authorize the appropriate signatures by staff.

- b. Floyd Regional Commerce Center Phase 2, Road, and Utilities. US EDA Co-applicant.

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the County being a co-applicant on the US EDA application and authorize the appropriate signatures by staff.

c. Construction Engineering Inspections Contract

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the Construction Engineering Inspections Contract and authorizing the appropriate signatures by staff.

d. DSS MOU

Dr. Millsaps updated the board and noted the DSS MOU, and moving forward with guidance once the Administration department moves and DSS has the entire building. Further discussion ensued regarding funding from the state and at present has been declined for DSS regarding the move. Dr. Millsaps noted that she and Deputy County Administrator Chiddo will be meeting with Mr. Alls, Director of DSS, on September 19th, 2023, to discuss issues. Board members asked, that while at the meeting with Mr. Alls, we obtain some details of Mr. Alls's plans for moving upstairs and a needs assessment.

e. Board member's remote attendance.

Dr. Millsaps discussed the statute regarding the electronic communication participation of board meetings attendance. A conversation ensued by the board regarding the current attendance guidelines.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously approved to update the electronic communication participation to reflect the current statute §2.2-3708.3 in its entirety.

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.19 and § 2.2-3711 A.8.

§ 2.2-3711 A.19 - Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure. Cybersecurity

§ 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 and Building related issues.

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, 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 Cox – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

12. New Business

a. FY24 Department Carry-Over Request

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried, to approve staff recommended, the FY24 Department Carry-Over Request as presented.

b. Green Box Improvement – Franklin Pike/221

Dr. Millsaps discussed the green box site the County owns at Franklin Pike and 221. Dr. Millsaps the possibility of cutting back behind the boxes about 25 feet or questioned if the Board would like to cut back more. Dr. Millsaps discussed the cost implication of cutting back the trees and removal.

A conversation ensued amongst the board about changing the design and entrance and agreed by consensus to have administrative staff move forward and increase the area of cutting back.

c. Resolution for Emergency Operations Plan

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution for Emergency Operations Plan.

d. Declaration of Adoption: National Incident Management System

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution for Emergency Operations Plan.

e. November/December Meeting Dates

Dr. Millsaps updated the Board that the VACO conference in November would coincide with the 2nd Tuesday of the month Board meeting. Further discussion ensued regarding the November and December Holiday schedule as it relates to the Board of Supervisors meeting.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the scheduled November 14th meeting to November 16th, 2023, at the same time.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the cancellation of the 2nd evening meeting on November 28th, 2023.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the cancellation of the 2nd evening meeting on December 26th, 2023.

13. Board Time

Supervisor Boothe commented that he has seen VDOT working and moving about getting things done and cleaned up and would like to thank David Clarke and his crew.

Supervisor Turman discussed some of the topics from the Transportation Consortium Organization Meeting that he and Supervisor Boothe attended. Such topics included, VDOT funding, funding sources and distribution, Smart Scale process review, 6-year Improvement program. Supervisor Turman will continue to represent in this forum with Supervisor Boothe as backup.

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

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

- a. Green Box Map – This is being updated regularly.
- b. Facebook Presence – Increased communication
- c. Staff Retreat Report – The leadership team attended. Activities revealed the commonality of staff had three priorities, Integrity, Kindness, and Respect.
- d. Board Retreat Update – Possibly looking at a time in November.
- e. DWR/Bear Wise Update – Meeting to be scheduled.

- f. Opioid Update – Update from Dr. Millsaps’s meeting
- g. New Grant Opportunities – Bear Wise and Forestry Grant both are open again to apply.
- h. VDOT update: (Note that the following will be added to the 09/26/2023 meeting agenda and discussed with David Clarke, VDOT)
 - i. High School Road Abandonment – Conversation regarding this will continue at the 09/26/2023 Board Meeting with David Clarke, VDOT.
 - ii. Buffalo Vista Road – 1938 was abandoned as to maintenance.
 - iii. Pioneer Way – Request to look into putting it into the VDOT system.
 - iv. The speed limit on Route 8 (North of Town) – Requesting a lower speed limit.

17. Correspondence –

No issues, concerns, or questions about documents in correspondence.

18. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 09/26/2023, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman