

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2022

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Joe Turman, Board Room, County Administration Building.
2. **Opening Prayer** – led by Supervisor Kalinda Bechtold.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps.
4. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Dr. Millsaps called the roll.

Supervisor Bechtold – Present
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Present
Supervisor Cox – Participating Remotely
Supervisor Boothe – Present
Supervisor Turman - Present

It was determined a quorum was present.

5. Approval of Agenda

- Approval of the Agenda was moved by Supervisor Bechtold and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch. Dr. Millsaps called the roll.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. Approval of disbursements.

Approval of the disbursements was moved by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Bechtold. Dr. Millsaps called the roll.

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

7. Presentations

- a. **David Clarke, Resident Engineer, VDOT** – Mr. Clarke provided an update on a number of road maintenance projects in the county. Mr. Boothe requested a visit by Mr. Clarke to view and address issues with Penn Road. Mr. Turman also asked for a visit relating to DeHart Road in his district.

8. **Public Comment** – Chair Turman opened the meeting for public comment. He noted that public comment is a one-way communication. He also indicated that each speaker is limited to four (4) minutes for their presentation. The following individuals spoke.

MaryAnn Jackson -- “Morning, my name is Maryanne Jackson. I live in the Locust Grove district on Timberline Road. My farm is directly adjacent to the property recently purchased by Hill hauler LLC, which is the proposed location of a 200-acre parking lot. A few weeks ago, I visited a farm nearby in Copper Hill and noticed that the farmer was using drip irrigation to water crops. When I mentioned this, to Farmer explained that he has to be very careful about water usage. He pointed out that like most people in Floyd, he is on a private well where there's no aquifer in the area, but rather a series of cracks in bedrock that people use well. He noted that as a result, the water can be quite young and very vulnerable to drought. So, I got to thinking with all the proposed changes to the land behind me and right next to me, what does this mean for our farm and our well water? So, I did a little research and came across the Floyd source water plan from 2010. And sure enough, not only are the wells in the Blue Ridge area very sensitive to drought, but they are also quote, highly susceptible to contamination. And the plan goes on to say that quote in the Blue Ridge, the age of the waters tested was very young, in many places ages younger than 20 years were common. This means that water entering the ground can find its way to drinking water sources in a relatively short amount of time and with minimal natural filtration. So, if the proposed changes occur, does this mean that our livestock our gardens, and our family members are all at risk from things like tour bus diesel fuel or RV chemical toilet leaks, getting into our well and contaminating our water? I hope not. We assume and certainly hope that a study of the impact of this parking lot on both ground and well water is going to be conducted and used to inform any decision-making process. Thank you”.

Dan Vest -- “Dan Vest, Locust Grove district. I hear there were some questions regarding a comment I made last meeting where I stated it the Floyd County government has failed to focus on working to secure a full-time living wage jobs for the county folks. And we're taking a backseat to tourism jobs such as Floyd Fest but generally employ just a few been impact many of us here in our county and especially Check if it's going to come there. So, have you failed? Number one, I got a bunch to get off. I know we'll get through it all. I don't believe there's been a major road improvement project in Floyd or leading into Floyd in probably 10 years and the minuscule four-lane part of route 58, the Southwest side of the county, doesn't count. Yes, the commuting folks are taking a backseat as well as the perspective businesses or manufacturing or manufacturing businesses here in the county. When I was on EDA, we asked to go to the quarterly VDOT meetings were about a county asked and we were told no, we don't do that anymore. We don't even have good

roads to our industrial park yet. At the last meeting, we were working on developing roads in the industrial park seems like he ought to have roads to it first before you developed the ones for this kind of sale. Of course, it seems like you have been able to get had to get to the park first before you would be worrying about the internal ones. I've been told the quarterly meetings a VDOT Salem is open to the public. A group of us down in Check may just take the time to go since you focused on seeing that is a priority for us. Maybe we can call Montgomery County and get the ball rolling. Regarding improving route eight from the county line to Riner. I've been told many times when prospective businesses drive on the roads to Floyd, they were not impressed. Unfortunately, last night, there was another wreck on Route eight in that section. That's a priority for us. Bullet two, whereas the other infrastructure supports the manufacturing base and Floyd County. Yes, we do have electricity that many manufacturing processes need more. Montgomery county has natural gas. Carroll has natural gas. Patrick has it. And of course, Roanoke does. In fact, the pipeline now Route 58 from Carol to Patrick County, I believe goes through a small part of Floyd, so nothing's fallen apart there. It's okay. A natural gas option at the industrial park will be a safe, reliable source of virtually interruptible energy for present and prospective businesses. Now instead of an underground supply of natural gas for our high school, because we haven't looked forward, we have one of the largest propane tanks in the county next to our vocational building. Doesn't look, good guys. Some time ago, I've been told we lost out on potential businesses, a business that would have employed 300 folks in the county due to Floyd not having natural gas. This is 15 years ago. Yeah. Yes, I am pro gas pipeline, no doubt, but I am against drug pipelines in this county, which I believe Floyd Fest will only make that pipeline bigger. You need to talk to the neighbors that deal with spent syringes and needles on the sides of the road at the present Floyd Fest site. Incidentally, I had a phone call from one of those neighbors last night. That's all, I thank you".

David Cartwright – “Thank you my name is David Cartwright. And I do know a couple of you. And the ones who know me know I've lived here since in grade school, I grew up on a dairy farm and the present property the McBroom property so to speak now in backup right on my property. And it does appear as though they're going to put their main platform stage right back next to my property facing my property. This means that the sound of that property I mean of the sound of that stuff that's going on there is going to be blaring right at my house. It's not that far from the back of my house, the back of my property, and its woods but I am trimming a little that off each year trying to get me some grazing land down there. Okay, so that's getting fewer and fewer trees there's not going to be any buffer there for that sound. I mean, I can hear the coyotes howling at the back of the property now. So, this is going to be blaring at me. And I'll just tell you, I go to bed. Nine O'clock sometime a little earlier than that. I get up at three o'clock in the morning. This is the way it works. I mean, you do that for 50 years and 60 years. That's where you're at. I'm retired now I am at home all the time. So, I'm going to have to hear that I've got all this noise coming from that it's going to be blaring at me. There has to be some kind of consideration got to be made to limit the time that that's going on. And then also my property line fence back there. I know from talking to the information from the packet County Sheriff's Department, fences are cut at this event yearly. And so, this is going to go on the trash and mess, it's going to come on my place. My livestock, I have livestock

back there, they're going to get out, it's turning into a, there's a lot of stuff here to consider just with me, that's not even counting my neighbors. Okay, and maybe not as many of them is exactly against that. But there are some. And I have yet to talk to one of them. That is in any way happy about this. And I'll just say this, I've even found out about this. And I've heard this has been now in the making for quite some time. But I didn't even find out about this until just a few weeks before it was in the paper. And I'm kind of feeling like, as a, you're directly affecting me and the other people around it, there should have been some kind of notification that, hey, we're considering this right here in this area. If it was going in your backyard, I feel like you'd want to know, that's just a common courtesy. But nothing was said about didn't know anything about it. And I really feel as though that right there is pretty offensive to me. All right, I wouldn't do anybody under that way. You know, treat people the way you want to be treated. All right, so all I'm saying here, on a better note, I'm going to make this comment. I'm impressed that you all opened up your meeting with a prayer that impresses me, I don't see that going on in a lot of places. And you still have a pledge to the flag. And I'm impressed with that as well. So, you know, I'm not all bad. Okay, but I'm just saying, we're all going to be affected down here with traffic already spoken about water, you know, my well has never run out of water. And I don't go around just blowing it though either, okay. But that's a concern, they're going to start sinking wells over there, they might be dropping off the water might not have as much water, my neighbors might not have as much water. And of course, you all already know about the wetland issues in the bond. But there are a lot of factors here that there needs to be some kind of control on this. This thing is there. Okay, so pretty much we're stuck with it, you know, we got the shaft on there. Well, but so then I guess that's the end of my time. There's much more I could say I didn't have a piece of paper, I'm sorry”.

Jim Klein –“Folks, I'm Jim Klein from the courthouse district. And I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you all today, I just want to start by saying how much I appreciate the work that you do for all of us in the county. I know that it's not easy work and appreciate that you do that, as well as you do. I'm here to share my perspective on the FloydFest within our community and the impact that it can have and has had. And I especially want to address the concerns raised by the speaker at the last board meeting regarding possible drug and alcohol problems. And we've heard that again today. I have attended every FloydFest, and I volunteered in various capacities throughout the year. So, I can share from my direct experience of being on-site at the festival. Whereas I don't know if other speakers have attended the festival. What I want to share is from the inside, what I see in the festival is that it's a family-friendly festival. I bring my grandkids every year often since they're toddlers. They love playing in the children's universe. They love getting watermelon smoothies. You love rocking in the hammocks. But again, I want to address you know concerns about possible drug and alcohol problems. I serve as a mental health and substance abuse counselor in this county for youth and adults for many years. So, I appreciate that these concerns are raised. Because I can attest to the fact that we have long had a problem with drugs and alcohol, especially affecting teens in our county. In fact, some of the most severe cases of methamphetamine and opioid addiction that I've worked with have come from Check and Copper Hill areas. I know of adolescents who have gained access to these drugs in their neighborhood who have gone on to struggle

throughout their young lives with addiction, and jail time and some of whom have died. But I also know some who are in recovery and are doing quite well. Thanks especially in part to the drug court program that you folks helped to fund. So, it's a real concern that should get attention from this board of supervisors. There are citizens. But I would not agree with anyone trying to say Floyd Fest is going to cause or worsen the addiction problems in our county. In fact, I can directly speak to several positive things that the festival does already to address potential problems. And the very first year of FloydFest was asked to add AA and NA meetings to their schedule and provide space for those meetings. They did so and they have done so every year of the festival. There are many people in recovery who love music but can't go anymore because of the risks of their sobriety. But that's not true at FloydFest. FloydFest organizers were asked to create a teen scene to provide a safe and fun place for teens to hang out. During the festival. They provided a 40 by 40-foot tent staff and volunteers and even pay for musicians and artists to run workshops all weekend long for the teams. And that has become a fixture at the event ever since. Full disclosure, I've been a coordinator of that teen scene. And very recently, I began to receive a small stipend for it. In addition to the teen scene, there's the centrally located Children's University I spoke about there are lots of kid and family-friendly activities going on here every day. Again, it really creates a safe and family-friendly atmosphere. And if any of you have not attended, I really urge you to please go and see for yourselves it is a wonderful event we can all be proud of. Now I don't live as an adjacent neighbor so I'm really sensitive to what I'm hearing the folks saying concerned about the traffic and other things in the neighborhood noise FloydFest will rock Check it won't wreck Check".

Jan Cartwright – “I live out in Levi Cox's district. I have all four of my children who went to check elementary school and they are now grown. And they're still much older and of course and they go to FloydFest. Three of the four do. So, they think that we're crazy, but that's okay. I'm concerned with the noise ordinance being 2 am. Do y'all want me to call y'all up at 2 am when they're blaring their music, and we're trying to sleep? Luckily, my husband and I are both retired now. But that was not always the case. And there are people around us who are not retired and are going to be impacted by this noise that litter the hypodermic needles that Chateau Morrisette said had to clean up when they allowed FloydFest to park in their parking lot. And I'm concerned also as a neighbor people walking up and down 221. You'll say that you'll track and I'm sure you will try to keep that in control. But I'm going to have my grandchildren. I don't want somebody high as a kite on my property. Thank you”.

Tom Daily – “Hello. Levi's. It's your neighbor Tom. My name is Thomas Daily. Yeah, I've been involved in just what he said, the communication of such a vein. Why would we not a long time ago, our public brought to this decision? But it seems like we weren't. We were separated from that. To me, that's a failure. That's an egregious failure. Another thing is right now when it comes to us, as a community, our safety because right now I'm sure with gas prices, which we're incurring giving for sheriff's emergency unit garbage, you know, you probably have already exceeded your budget. And guess what? Oil is not going down. It's only going to go up. So, there's another. How are you going to maintain that cost to make sure our roads are safe? We're going to be on those same roads when

people who potentially drive into Floyd Fest might not be in the best condition. It could potentially lead to a disastrous accident which we don't want. So I think you've got to be conscientious of some of these failures that have occurred. Because following a model that was used in Iowa when it came to the wind turbine industry, what wait county did in Iowa because their board of supervisors did not meet to protect their safety, they filed suit. I hope we don't have to do that. Thank you”.

Seeing no one else asking to speak, the Chairman closed the public comment period.

9. Old Business

Public Safety

a. Closed Session – Radio System

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and carried unanimously, the board considered moving to a closed session for two items. Under § 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, and

Facility Requirements

b. Closed Session – Leases

under § 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.

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

The Board of Supervisors moved to a closed session.

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

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

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by, Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously carried, the Board certified that the Board only discussed the matters were we in closed session to discuss.

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

Financial/Budget

- c. **FY23 Resolution of Appropriation** – Approval of the FY23 Resolution of Appropriation was moved by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Bechtold. Discussion ensued on a few specific items. Dr. Millsaps noted that the only change from the approved FY23 budget was shifting \$22,800 from Elections to the County Administrator’s line item. The budget total remained the same. The roll was taken:

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

The resolution was approved.

- d. **FY22 School Appropriation:**

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- a. **Revised Revenue** - A motion was made by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Boothe, to approve the Floyd County School Board request to make the following change: revision of revenue appropriation be made to the 2021-2022 school budget of \$393,264.00 of additional Federal funds. \$375,505.83 was received from the School Nutrition Program. Funds were reimbursed at the higher summer food service program rates, \$17,758.17 was received from Title IV and is earmarked for programs and activities that improve students’ academic achievement. The roll was called.

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

The motion carried.

- b. **Revised Expenditure** - A motion was made by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, to consider the Floyd County School Board's request to make the following revisions in expenditure appropriation made to the 2021-2022 school budget. \$393,264.00 of the Federal School Nutrition Program. \$197,754.35 net reduction in expenditures. \$75,492.14 operational funds were used for unbudgeted additional school psychologist salary and benefits and a portion of the school nurses' overtime pay for additional time worked during the peak of the pandemic. \$51,644.44 of county operational funds was used to offset fuel costs. \$88,375.94 of county operational funds was used to offset maintenance costs, repairs, and replacements. Discussion ensued about the movement of funds out of the instructional line item and hiring for an unbudgeted position. The roll was taken on the request with no changes.

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

The motion carried.

- c. **Carry-over request:** On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold and seconded by Supervisor Cox, the board considered the Floyd County School Board request to revise revenue appropriation be made to the 2022-2023 school budget year of \$116,411.67 from the FY22 School Board operational budget carried over into the FY23 Operational budget. These are funds from the FY21&FY22 Advancing Computer Science Education state grant. The roll was called.

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

The motion carried.

- d. **Carry-over request** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, the Board considered the Floyd County School Board request to revise the expenditure appropriation made to the 2022-2023 school budget year of \$116,411.67 from the FY22 School Board operational budget carried over into the FY23 Operational budget. These are funds from the FY21&FY22

Advancing Computer Science Education state grant. The roll was called.

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

The motion carried.

10. New Business

Public Safety/Emergency Management

- a. **Homeland Security Grant** – Kevin Sowers, Director of Public Safety, provided an update on the uses of the Homeland Security grant received by the county. The board applauded Mr. Sowers and IT manager Chis McNabb on a job well done.
- b. **Naming a Shared Drive** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Cox, the Board considered the Department of Emergency Management’s request to name a shared drive where three or more structures will be addressed. The tax map number for the property is # 17-18B, and the shared drive is off Laurel Creek Rd NE. The request is to name the shared drive Deer Park Way. Discussion ensued about limiting the number of roads with “deer” in the name to avoid confusion. The roll was taken on the original motion.

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

The motion carried.

Repairs/Maintenance

- c. Dr. Millsaps reported that the County Administration building deck is currently closed and requires replacement. A motion was made by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch to authorize the County Administrator to spend up to \$10,000 on the replacement of the deck, with a request to add a landing if funds allow. And authorizing appropriate signatures. The roll was called.

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

The motion carried.

- d. **Library HVAC** - Dr. Millsaps informed the Board that the library HVAC system failed, and replacement was required. Due to the urgent nature of the need (there is no air conditioning at all in the building, Dr. Millsaps authorized the staff to move ahead with bidding out and purchasing a new system. She also noted that there will likely be an insurance claim as the associated leakage causes damage to the structure and the wi-fi capabilities of the library. By consensus, the Board approved the actions and the expenditure.
11. **Board Time** – During board time a request was made to return the green boxes to Rt. 8 near the Parkway and to check about brush cutting along Black Ridge Road.
 12. **Administrator's Report** – Dr. Millsaps updated the Board on a series of items.
 - a. Recreation Park Playground Update
 - b. ACCEs Update
 - c. Onward Strategic Planning
 - d. Agency on Aging Report
 - e. Election Security Internship Update
 - f. Economic Development Update
 13. **Correspondence** – the staff noted that the correspondence received has been included in their electronic packet.
 14. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold and seconded by Supervisor Cox, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting date.


Dr. Linda Millsaps
County Administrator


Joe Turman, Chairman