

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
August 22, 2023

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – IT Lead Danny Lowry 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 Bechtold and unanimously approved the agenda of August 22, 2023.
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 Bechtold and unanimously carried as amended to approve the minutes of 08/08/2023.
8. **Presentations -**

a. **Jessi Thomas – EMS**

Mrs. Thomas introduced herself and thanked the board for giving her time. Mrs. Thomas proceeded to share the statistics of survivability and discussed the chances of survival and there are 6 links in the Chain of Survival designated by the AHA.

Mrs. Thomas noted that she would like to recognize Floyd County EMS staff members who have provided outstanding care during a cardiac arrest, allowing patients to return home and resume their lives. Mrs. Thomas noted the following EMS staff:

- a. EMT Blake Bowles
- b. EMS Daniel Reeves
- c. EMT – I Jenny Gooden
- d. Paramedic Chris Crookshanks

- e. Paramedic Jessi Thomas
- f. Chief Dustin Thomas

Mrs. Thomas thanked the community for responding to emergencies by activating the ER quickly and beginning CPR before Floyd County EMS's arrival. Mrs. Thomas lastly, recognized Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department and Floyd County Sheriff's Office Dispatch center for efficiently handling the logistics of air transport in these critical incidences.

Mrs. Thomas's final comments thanked the commitment that your board and county leadership have made to continuous staff improvement opportunities and expanding training programs within our agency is having a positive impact on our community.

9. Closed Session

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.29 and § 2.2-3711 A.8

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

§ 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.

§ 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. Radio System

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

Supervisor Cox – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

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

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

10. Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m. – Solid Waste Ordinance

- a. Attorney Steve Durbin offered a summary of the ordinance and noted the modifications and additions to the Solid Waste Ordinance.
- b. Public Comment

Mrs. Pratt – Burks Fork District

Mrs. Pratt discussed the current state and concern about the removal of the green boxes. Mrs. Pratt noted the lack of notification. Mrs. Pratt stated that she wants to keep Virginia beautiful, especially Floyd County.

Supervisor Turman shared his ongoing concern about the green boxes and explained the majority of the green boxes are placed on private property and there are times we get a call and ask to remove the boxes immediately.

Mr. Pratt – Burks Fork District

Mr. Pratt asked what about putting cameras at the sites.

Supervisor Bechtold explained the multitude of issues with the attempt to monitor the boxes with cameras and it has been tried several times in the past with no success.

- c. On the motion by Supervisor Bechtold and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the amended Solid Waste Ordinance.

10. Public Comments

Supervisor Turman read the Handicap Statement.

Jan Cartwright – Locust Grove District

Mrs. Cartwright noted that she cut her hand and called the three medical facilities in the County none of which could give her any care or attention and even called Cave Spring, her primary care, and they too could not see her. Mrs. Cartwright asked if we could consider a Media Care facility in Floyd.

12. Old Business

- a. Road at High School

Dr. Millsaps recapped the history of the road of the issue at the High School that VDOT still has as a road however there is a building, and school, on it. As well there is a new road, which is not in the VDOT system. Dr. Millsaps suggested a public hearing at our next-day meeting. Dr. Millsaps read a response from a VDOT representative.

A conversation ensued regarding separating the issues and agreeing to have a public hearing for the abandonment from the curve of the sidewalk to where the old stop sign was at the end of the old school building.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the authorization of Administrative staff to move forward with regards to all normal processes of a public hearing to abandon a road at the High School from the curve of the sidewalk to where the old stop sign was at the end of the old school building.

13. New Business

a. DWR/Floyd BOS Collaboration of Bear Issues

Update by Dr. Millsaps of her conversation with DWR, Betsy, that they would come and do a Bear presentation. Dr. Millsaps offered a few dates and asked the board to review their schedules and let Dr. Millsaps know what works.

Dr. Millsaps also noted that she was encouraged to submit a grant with regards to the Bear issues especially as Dr. Millsaps has sent several pictures of Floyd County's bear issues.

- 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 44-50D, 44-50E, and 44-50F. The shared drive is off Water Haven Ln SE. Temporary addresses were assigned to tax map #s 44-50D and 44-50E for insurance and mortgage purposes. The property owner of the three (3) parcels returned the form with the name Acorn Ln. The Department asks that the Board of Supervisors consider the request and come to a decision on naming the shared drive Acorn Ln.**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve the naming of the shared drive for tax map numbers 44-50D, 44-50E, and 44-50F to Acorn Lane SE.

14. Board Time

Supervisor Bechtold asked if the Administration can add to the website when green boxes are, when they will be removed, and also when they are returned.

Supervisor Cox also asked to place the same information that Supervisor Bechtold noted on social media.

Supervisor Cox asked if we could advertise the new Solid Waste Ordinance in the paper as well. Lastly, Supervisor Cox shared that at the last meeting, they met someone in the community and asked if the board would like to discuss dog kennel issues.

Supervisor Bechtold noted that this may represent zoning issues.

A conversation ensued amongst the board, and they asked to possibly seek legal advice about dog kennels.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that they have seen an outflow of teachers from Floyd County leaving and shared that may be a meeting between the school board and the Board of Supervisors to discuss opportunities for retention.

Supervisor Boothe asked about the agreement the County has with Franklin County about household trash from certain members of the community at a fee. Administrative staff will follow up with this request.

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

- a. Facilities Update
 - I. Bank Building
 - II. Extension Space
 - III. Courthouse Changes
- b. FCPR coaches meeting on August 19th.
- c. VACo meeting
- d. Personnel update
- e. Pierce Group Benefits

17. Correspondence –

No issues, concerns, or questions about correspondence.

18. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 09/12/2023, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman