

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
October 24, 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 Bechtold.
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. Note Supervisor Cox is attending remotely in a secure location.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously approved, the agenda of October 24, 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 Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried as amended to approve the minutes of 10/10/2023.
8. **Presentations -**

- a. **Jacob Agee, Floyd County Parks, and Recreation**

Mr. Agee began by stating how well and grateful he is to Dr. Cromer and the positive relationship and assistance with and by her.

Mr. Agee also shared that he is proud of the coaches he has and how the football league has taken a step forward due to the job they have been doing.

Mr. Agee also stated that soccer is wrapping up this week. They started late but are finishing strong. Mr. Agee noted that Christian has progressed and has taken a burden off of Mr. Agee and he is grateful for him.

Also discussed, the goals for soccer are aging and will need to be replaced soon.

In addition, Mr. Agee shared he will need to address the outfield due to grubs. Supervisor Boothe shared that pellet lime will assist with that and take care of the issue.

A continued conversation ensued about the need for field maintenance.

Mr. Agee stated that he and his advisory board discussed the recommendation of the advisory board for the Recreation center in the future.

Also, Mr. Agee shared the need to serve our senior population. Mr. Agee has met with the league and Floyd County will now host 2029 senior games.

Mr. Agee noted that he was at a work conference in Dallas at the beginning of October. He noted that he learned a lot, about networking, and the need for a departmental plan. Mr. Agee shared that he has begun looking for a grant to go with his Master Plan and is excited about the future possibilities.

Further conversation continued about equipment needs. Mr. Agee updated the board stating that helmets will need to be re-certified next year, and they are about \$50.00 per helmet. The total number of helmets needed is about 110.

Supervisor Boothe asked about the basketball league and addressed the concern about the cost of participating. Mr. Agee noted the scholarship opportunities and that he plans to do a fee review before the next budget cycle.

Supervisor Bechtold asked if Mr. Agee has reached out to Montgomery County about serving the senior population. Mr. Agee stated absolutely, and they have been of great assistance.

9. Public Comments

1. Anne Armistead Courthouse District. Read the letter from David Grimsley.

The letter indicated the displeasure of Mr. Grimsley's view of the Subdivision Ordinance. The content included reasons for his understanding of the subdivision ordinance and that he is not pleased with the results. Noted was a petition that was initiated to stop the process.

2. Kirsten Vest, Locust Gove District

Ms. Vest asked that the board be considerate and listen to the public about the subdivision ordinance and asked they not be in a hurry. Concerned about the preservation of the farmland and the water. Ms. Vest asked the board to give the public time to review.

3, Bill Daley, Burks Fork District

Mr. Daley opened with his suggestion for senior services, pickleball.

Mr. Daley stated that he agreed with the letter read by Mr. Grimsley. He continued to share that he was surprised by the small attendance at the planning commission public hearing, and because of this, we need more time. Mr. Daley shared that the people need to know that the County is not going to change. He suggested a survey to get information from the public.

Also noted that the comprehensive plan should have been completed before the subdivision ordinance.

3. Cindy Brockwell, Burks Fork District

Ms. Brockwell shared her thoughts on the lack of public notification of the ordinance in a timely manner. Ms. Brockwell noted that the comprehensive plan should be reviewed and completed before the subdivision ordinance, and how this has been completed is backward. Ms. Brockwell asked to return the subdivision ordinance to the planning committee and optimally put a moratorium on any further progress until the revised comprehensive plan is completed.

4. John Tokash, Burks Fork District

Mr. Tokash is concerned and not in favor of the subdivision ordinance. He noted that he moved here with his wife to get away from suburban issues.

10. Old Business

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

On the motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried unanimously to re-appoint Deborah Baum to the planning commission for a 4-year term.

11. 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.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.8.

§ 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. Personnel update and Departmental Review.

§ 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

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 Kuchenbuch 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

13. New Business

a. Review Commonwealth Holiday Calendar

A conversation ensued about the holidays and the ½ days of the 22nd of each month.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried and approved to give the County employees off a full day on the 22nd of each month, November, and December in lieu of the ½ day.

14. Board Time

Supervisor Kuchenbuch shared how she is concerned about how the board is being viewed regarding the subdivision ordinance. Supervisor Kuchenbuch continued to state that this board does its due diligence in all affairs before making any decisions. The board would like suggestions on how to get the information out to the public and also noted that each board member is responsive, and the public just has to ask. Also, note that this process is not going to be rushed.

Supervisor Turman shared that this board does not rubber stamp anything and we will take our time. Supervisor Turman gave a personal experience of a family that had a challenge with the existing ordinance and the cost implications.

Supervisor Bechtold shared that this is far from done and expects changes to go back to the planning commission. Supervisor Bechtold also offered some discussion of changes.

Supervisor Boothe stated it is important to sit down and go section by section to understand the changes. Also, a lot of the changes came from the public. Supervisor Boothe discussed some of the changes and gave examples of some of the changes that are needed.

A conversation ensued between the board members and the subdivision ordinance.

The board asked the public to read the ordinance and if you have questions to reach out to your supervisor.

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

- a. New Administrative Building update, painting
Local company.
- b. Subdivision Ordinance update
- c. Kevin Byrd, New River Valley Regional update planned.
- d. Library Position advertised.
- e. Re-Assessment update
Moving forward with Wingate
- f. Call the Berkely Group and help us out with the retreat.
- g. New Person over the Crooked Road – will meet over the next few weeks with Dylan.
- h. Solid Waste – working with citizens to do a commercial about recycling.
- i. Met with non-profits about different recycling and reuse and places in the community that will assist in the process.
- j. Grants –
 - a. Tara in the Sheriff's office was persistent with issues regarding the domestic violence grant and lack of notification on the grant administrator side. Due to Tara's persistence, the grant was opened back up.

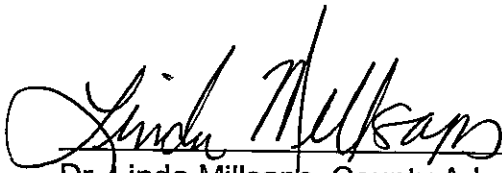
- b. Thriving Communities Grant – County Transportation Plan
- c. New River Valley – major strategic planning (advanced manufacturing)
- d. Outdoor tourism grant – will apply some of the funding through Parks and recreation for the property that the county owns.

17. Correspondence –

Deputy County administrator Chiddo reviewed and requested the board's decision by the next meeting, 11/16/2023 on the direction of the increase of FY24 budget allocations approval from the compensation board.

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 11/16/2023, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman