

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 14, 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 as all Supervisors were present.
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and approved unanimously, as amended to add 2.2-3711.A6 to the Closed session.
- 6. Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and approved unanimously the disbursements.
- 7. Presentations -**

Dr. John Wheeler, Floyd County Superintendent –

Good morning. I think the first thing there was a supplemental appropriation if you have questions that was on it from last month that you didn't get to, but it's the normal in and out from the ESSER funds. They weren't even usable in some schools. So, and I know it, excuse me saved quite a bit of money. When we did cut the HVAC budget, four years ago, we were, we were kind of scrambling to see what we needed to do, because they were not usable. And obviously not the best environmental situation in each back. But ESSER came along. And so that's most of those are going back in. And we had to use the money for that, because that had to be replaced. The other one is a health grant that we've worked with, with nurse Peggy Kessler, and those are specific for nurse equipment for conferences. It does help some and gets us more equipment on a grant on health grant. So that was the other money there. That's going in and out. So those are the supplemental appropriations, but it's coming in and going straight out.

Dr. Millsaps questioned if Dr. Wheeler from the General Assembly regarding budgets?

Dr. Wheeler replied well, obviously, there's a lot going on. And we have updated every week. And you know, with as much information as they can tell us that means ask the same as you did last year. We've been able to manage that for the most part two things that we have done. And, you know, we saw a difference in this this year. Previously, before when the state gave a raise. We didn't get all of it. So, to give everybody raise and to come to local funds. We haven't done that in six years. We're not going to plan to do it on this year. Last year was a 5%. We have three budgets sitting out there right now. And then until we get a capital with the official numbers. We can't do anything. And this is usually the timeframe that happens anyway. Hopefully by the end of this week, early next week, you know we'll be able to do that and have a draft of a budget. So, you know with that said you know a lot of moving parts, you know, we're about 83%.

Benefits and salaries. One thing we saw after removing positions over the years that we've had, and we've gotten efficient, and I believe that you always get efficient, you know, we have two things going on now, the positive is the S O Q raise that we get, there's a lot less on our part that we have to put in, because we're about as efficient as we can get, we're down to one grade level, you know, full classes, and I can't go on forever, but we're going to still need to do that. The other, I guess there'll be a positive as first time and, you know, a couple of decades that our enrollments won't be, we're going to use a number higher than we use last year for our admin. And that's a good thing. A lot of that's with the CD, the CCDC. And don't let me forget, I got a couple other news points for adults in CCDC, too. So, with that said, we try to start at the floor. But with this capital, air, we have been using a number. That's incorrect. So, we're in flight. So that number comes we're at the second year, this budget going next year is the second year of the biennium. That mistake takes away from the budget we're sitting in now, that will finish June 30. And next year's budget, or the General Assembly, the governor has said we're going to work to make this year's which will be good we were planning on now it was over \$110,000, just to limp in and do what we could do. But they're going to make that up. And obviously, we're going to need every bit of it, especially with the cost of fuel that went up and we even increased for our new age back. But unfortunately, the country's fuel costs went way up. As far as fiscal year 24, the budget that will present to you all, there was no makeup on those funds. So, our floor that we started with is now about \$276,000. Short. So, this will be a unique budget, what we're going to work to do, and I got to bring it to our board, is make that difference up and started the floor even. And then see what we got from there. There'll be some things that we're planning on that could have an effect later, like a lot of things did that we may not be able to take out that we probably will have to think. So that's where we are with it. The hope is that we come at least for the first one to get the floor level. And I think that's a great place to start. And then when our board looks at the budget, and we're at a point now where you know if with the positions that we have absorbed, if there's needs there, you know, that's the biggest cost as a position.

But I can tell you, we're planning now, when we get the capitol to try to make that \$276,000 difference. And we'll show you the items that had to come out to do it. I mean, prior, we felt good that we could do some things. But now it's we got to get that capital. But we're going to be prepared, and we'll present it right now March 2 to our board. That will be their first draft, they'll get it, we'll have the items that we take out to get to the 276. And we'll just go from there. But and that's preferably the way that we have done it with one to come in. So, you have a finite number. So not all budgets are done like that. Not all school budgets, most of them come in and say I need 300- 400,000 and we need this, this and this. Our efficiency has shown in the SMQ funding, because my goodness we don't have to get a lot and I'll have? much because of most of our physicians are so tight now. Now the danger with that is the need for mental health. Paid for behavior specialist is increasing. Now we're fortunate are we have added those when we could or reallocated when we got efficient. So, we'll see where that goes. And hopefully the state will continue to add more physicians to SMQ, to their definition of SMQ that are not funded by the state. So that's where we are right now with it, we're working on coming, we're working on getting out of the basement, coming back up to the floor, and try to make up this 276,000. And, like I said, we'll have the itemized list that's coming out. That was in there before when we weren't the floor. And it'll, you'll see where it hits. But we'll do what we have to do. And bottom line is, it's our, it's the board, school boards, you know, they'll have signed off on it all, all I do is give information and give options and did not use and honestly and get beat up for this a little bit. But I don't want to use I want to use the least amount of local funds as we possibly can really do. Any questions?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch:

And just for clarification, the \$110,000 short is from the state's calculations.

Dr. John Wheeler:

There was an error when they put it out. And they caught it last month. Right? And for the hamlet. Yeah, and the governor's goodness, they said, we can't let you be three fourths through the year. And all of a sudden say there's no money. We can't do that. So hopefully that'll come back. And that will just be basically like we say one for one. And

Supervisor Kuchenbuch:

But do you feel like we're recapturing some students that may have not been in school the last two years that are now coming back into?

Dr. John Wheeler:

I think that's a small part. Oh, that's a huge, huge problem in this state, not so much for us because our graduation rate is high. But getting those people that were out for so long over those two years is a big is a big issue, right? It's a big issue with other school divisions. That's a small part of the other part that you'd have to look at is the is the birth rate and a three-year-old, that the calculations that they use for the ADM are pretty sophisticated. If there's no children here, then your numbers will be they're going to be low, right? It's not that you didn't lose any assistants. I think that's a very good positive for Floyd because it honestly still is a national problem with you know, as far as making sure kids are going to school, not homeschool. Just making sure they go. Yeah. Because they're used to not going. Yeah, but we do. We do good. We counted resources are tremendous with our teen. Dr. McDaniel. Dr. Cromer do a tremendous job with those families. Wow, what a treasure. So that. Okay, thank you. Do you have another budget question?

Supervisor Boothe:

Questioned ARPA and federal funding related to changing the dates and utilization of funds.

Dr. John Wheeler

I look at the comparison, we didn't get much. And every dime of that. Now, I'm sitting here, like I told you before with some of these older units from 1994, we don't have enough funds in those two, to redo those. And the cost is unbelievable. They're large units. And they air condition large area. So no, we will not have a problem. So, we won't a problem. All those funds go straight through our federal program that we use with the state, and they're itemized to a tee.

Supervisor Boothe:

Noted, but the thing that concerned me was people suddenly rushing to spend and I'm afraid we're going to see some school districts get in a real bind if they get to rush in and throw in stuff in there without fully vetting it just to meet their arbitrary change in the deadline?

Dr. John Wheeler:

I don't know. I don't know if it to that Bill pertains to everything that you're allowed to spend it on. But there are some things that you can spend it on, that would be a big issue for school divisions because they're their reoccurring costs. Right. And they have to find a way to put that back in and if they take a year off of that, and we don't have that. Oh, yeah, I've heard that worry.

Supervisor Bechtold:

Can I get one thing before our break? I'd like to change the subject completely. And congratulate David McKee. To regionals for the spelling bee for my district. Yeah,

Dr. John Wheeler:

Yeah. Yeah. Thank you for that. Yeah. CCDC they're working. We're, we're about them. We'll have a nice thing in May, early June, we'll look at that. One of the new stations who did the story at the beginning, when we had the open house to look at the designs, we'll do it again. So, but we just got our health and medical sciences lab, we're getting that certified to be able to test there for the nursing certification. And so, Nora Wagner will go through the process to be a test site, and she'll be able to test so that's just not for our students. Yeah, as adults to if they you know, if there's an adult that's taken community classes, right, we can test them here and those are usually, like on Saturdays and Sundays. Excellent. Our pipe fitting class should be all ready we've added it we've added everything through the company is ready to go providing the instructor and those are ready made jobs if you finish that that companies probably will be hiring you because it will start to add in our welding lab, and I think that's a lot of good things. This worked out well with that money and what we did cut before, and it really has for the county so grateful for that. Thank you. Alright then I'll see you at 12 at lunch.

Supervisor Turman called to recess this meeting at this time.

Brian Craig – Floyd County Sheriff –

So, Linda had messaged me the other day about trying to get into I guess, give them a rough draft. What we're looking at seems like our budget here, we never figure out what's going on with the legislators or anything like that until the very last minute. It appears they are trying to kind of hammer down it's not as crazy it was last year. So hopefully, this would be more of a decent rough draft. So, what she asked me to do was come in and just kind of give you a heads up of what we're looking at funding wise, additional revenues, if needed. So, we'll go ahead and jump right in it. Of course, as we've discussed with the last couple of physical years, the state did an unfunded mandate. Imagine that asking for end which I'm totally for the emergency medical dispatch. I've wanted that since I've been sheriff. So, with that being said, we're looking at the equipment side, emergency medical dispatch side that comes into effect July of 2024. But we would have to purchase that equipment, things like that. I think Kevin is working on that side of it. If not, I'll make sure I get with him so we can find out for sure. Personnel wise. We'd went to around to two other departments very similar our size. And it looks like minimally we can get this going with end with an additional two

dispatchers, which I believe I've told you all that for the last couple of years. And of course, now we're getting down to the to the nitty gritty give or take depending on where that's at the additional funding with benefits and things like that. You're looking at about \$105,000. Once again, that's an unfunded mandate, Marie March and I have had discussions about that. I don't know if anybody's put any bills in to try to help us with that. I'm not sure wasn't able to talk to her to see if there were any bills, trying to help out the localities with that, but if nothing passes on that side, once again, we're looking at about \$105,000 for two dispatchers that includes benefits VRS that should be close to about everything. It does appear that the Senate and the House are somewhat agreeing on a 5% raise for deputies with that, what that equates to is about 78,000. And some change, additional revenues coming in from the comp board, my very rough estimate so far without seeing the numbers from the governor's office or the House or the Senate would be 33,000. And some change. So, we're looking at an additional 45,000 to 46,000 additional revenues from the county, you know, that would be minus the comp board coming in. So we would have the additional revenues of 33,000, which would leave the county looking at 45,000. And that's, that's animal control. That's everybody. So that's all the law enforcement side. I know we had talked about last year, with it with the addition of Emergency Medical dispatch, trying to get the starting wages of our dispatchers up. So, we can, you know, keep our experienced folks and to, to try to help pay for the additional stressors that EMD is going to bring. We're looking at the potential of the additional \$3,000 raise for those this year, which would add another \$30,000 additional funding coming in, there was some talk about the state potentially funding some raises for dispatchers, but with that one, when we looked at the rough estimates, we're maybe talking \$10,000, they may give us towards that. So, but anyway, so we'll just stick with that first figure the 30,000 on that. As always, I always ask for that last school resource officer. And as you know, tried to get for the last, you know, I guess, seven, eight years. But y'all have given me one here and there, you know, we're almost there. Of course, that would bring in that \$60,000, I'll probably got that number memorized by now. But the only other thing we're looking at is Taser has kind of threw us for a little loop, which is, you know, what we use were our guys and gals are out there by themselves is just one more, one more tool on their belt to keep them from going to their side arm. Now they're looking at a yearly purchase price in support of \$14,300 a year, it will have to pay just in order to keep our men and women safe. So that's the decision that we're trying to work with him to see if we can get that changed or how long they're going to continue to support the current tasers we have. We've got Greg who's over, over those, he's contacting other departments kind of seeing where they're going. But axon is one of those deals that every time another company comes out with a taser, they assume and when it just blows my mind how the government can't figure out how to step in and allow this not to happen. But anyways, that's a whole another show. Other than that, you know, there's really no bills that we're seeing kind of

coming through that would significantly impact financially yet, what's going to happen other than the end side of it. Hopefully Kevin could find some grants or something like that to help support that and I think he has been working on that.

Supervisor Boothe:

Questioned if since the pandemic struck, if the Sheriff has seen an increase in arrests?

Sheriff Brian Craig:

Yes, definitely on the rise, you know, our drug arrests have increased you know, DUIs are more, services increased, or civil process has increased. You know, everything definitely slowed down during the pandemic side, but you know, just overall you know, since I've been Sheriff our numbers have continually went up in about every aspect of it.

Supervisor Boothe:

Noted after recent events, asked if the Sheriff can assist Social Services when needed for the safety of the department?

Sheriff Brian Craig:

Yeah, if we get the calls from social services or anything like that, yes, whether it's a road officer goes with them, one of the investigators, anytime they request anybody, we're always do everything we can to kind of meet up with them. You know, it's one good thing is we're such a small group of folks that we all try to work together and knock it out. You know, sometimes we may have to delay it, you know, they understand we've got court going on jury trial, whatever, they may have to delay it for an hour or two, but then you get out there. But, you know, I don't I don't I haven't had any complaints from Chad or anything like that. Supervisor Boothe thanked the Sheriff and his team for the relationship they have with DSS.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch:

Made note that the dollar figures quoted by Sheriff Craig were the additional dollars necessary to give everyone raises in the department.

Sheriff Brian Craig:

Yes, I broke it down into keeping the civilian side, law enforcement side. Because unfortunately, most of time, what happens is the state always looks at our law enforcement officers, which is great, you know, these men and women need it, but very seldom do they ever look at our communications folks, which to me, you know, those folks, they got PTSD, everything, they hear and see what's going on. They know, these folks are dying, they hear, you know, the spouse screaming, faces, they hear the shots fired, you know, these folks go through it, but it's just seems like they're always, you

know, on the back side, to give you kind of an idea on how much those positions rotate. Our second most senior person, or second most senior dispatcher now has three years, and she just turned 21 years old. So, these are the folks that, we're asking to, especially with EMD coming on to help you, do CPR on your spouse or put a tourniquet on when they cut their leg with a chainsaw, or, for that matter, deliver babies there's something nice in there. You know, those are the things that excited me about the end side but scares the folks that we currently have. Because it's a step they've never done. But you know, when it's taken, whether it's 10 minutes or 20 minutes to get ambulance to you, if you're having a heart attack, or you've hit your leg with a chainsaw or something like that, that time just doesn't work.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch:

Noted and questioned a ruling came down where someone was found not guilty of passing a school bus with the flashing lights and the stop sign out is this correct?

Sheriff Brian Craig:

Yes, that was the decision. We just had another one the other day, and this one was an officer who observed it. It's one of those things that you know, of course, Paul works part time for us sometimes. So, we have very good opening Communication if he knows, there's a problem area, we'll send an officer behind that bus, we can have them just kind of ride behind that bus to see. And try to catch if it's definitely a specific individual or a place that, you know, openly occurs. Other than that, you know, it's one of those cat and mouse games, we could ride behind that bus for 300 miles. And then the minute you know, the officer turns off to work field traffic, three cars blow through a stop sign, right. And if they know that there's something and yes, we're going to follow those buses.

Supervisor Turman:

Asked, if we have workforce coming out yet? Also, about green box violations.

Sheriff Brian Craig:

No, no one wants to come out and work. Yeah. we have a roadside crew. And every time officer Dobbins calls me up, he's like, do I need them, I'm like, Yes, I need you to come help Sherrell . Or go along this road and pick up trash, go around these green boxes pick up trash. So anytime they have a free moment, I've never I will never turn down the jail crew. You know, they don't have enough for even trustees right now. No departments. And you know, Gerald lot of times Gerald is getting out here, and he's waiting with inmates to help, so this officer who's, he's getting a man or two, and they're coming out and he's jumping right in with them in the weeds, with the weed eater?

Sherriff Brian Craig:

We're continuing with our green box efforts. Ironically, seems like I get more complaints on that than about anything. But yeah. So, we're out there trying to help the county and the taxpayers.

Supervisor Levi Cox:

Questioned what the training time frame is for the Sheriff. Also, asked what the pay difference is for other localities.

Sherriff Brian Craig:

We've already started training; all our officers are all CPS CPR certified except for maybe one or two of the new ones. I know Kevin and Lucas Graham are working on it. My communications director, Kevin Sowers emergency services coordinator, people are listening. And so, I know I think Kevin has found some grants on that side. So, we're fortunate there. So, they're going to start working on that side of it to try to get those folks trained up. Regarding the pay difference, no, not right off. I know Lucas has started a list on kind of where everybody's at, and I'm thinking those figures are in there. You know, so we're getting closer. And we'll continue to when I submit the budget, hopefully that'd be part of it. You know, that way y'all can kind of see where they're at. And maybe what I'm asking today is nowhere near enough or way too much, flooded to give you all a sliding scale. I got through both that, and I will tell you, my men and women are worth everything.

Supervisor Levi Cox:

Continued to ask, what Sheriff Craigs sees as the biggest hardship regarding staff, the pay or the benefits?

Sherriff Brian Craig:

The health insurance benefits, we get a lot of men and women that come in, the pay, y'all have done an outstanding job with getting pay close enough to where we're finally at a point where folks from other departments that we've lost them to are coming back to us, yes, they're taking a pay cut to come to us. But it's worth it to them to come back to their home community. So, right now, it's just, it's incredible, I've been able to get three folks back to this department that have had one two other departments. And, you know, so that side of it, but the problem that I see running into whether it's dispatch or law enforcement, it's probably any career is, these guys and gals getting into law enforcement, they're single, everything's going great, the county pays for that, that single policy, they get married, and all of a sudden, they have a kid and there, \$40,000 a year job just took a \$1,200 month cut to pay, you know, the insurance. So, when they're 40,000, this went to what's that 38,000 are now 20,000. And that's hard to live.

And then when they see some of these other departments, you know, right now, the State Police for their transport, their transfer portal, they're probably going to open that back up. So, these folks are going to get a pay raise, and then their family plan is only going to cost about \$400 a month. So instantly, you know, you're getting a \$10 to 12 to \$15,000 raise, then you get another eight \$9,000 raises because of health insurance. You know, what's the answer on health insurance, that's something I have no knowledge of, on how to do the bidding process, how to get all that kind of stuff out there. So, but that is one of the big things that you see. And that's where, you know, once these men and women, they start looking at having families, that's really when they start looking to well, where am I going to go to get better benefits for they just get out of law enforcement completely. And they were, you know, they were great. We need them here in a very talented young men and women.

Conversation ensued amongst the Board members regarding combining localities and or departments with the intent of decreasing insurance cost.

Sherriff Brian Craig:

Now one of the biggest things, whether it's law enforcement, teachers, what have you, there's so much training that goes into these folks, there's so much investment we as a county already have into these people. You know, just to turn around and, to lose them, let's talk about my law enforcement, folks. I came to y'all years ago with a plan, how do we keep our folks, we implemented that plan. We've got these folks, since I've been Sheriff now in I guess this is the eighth year, I've lost one person to another department that was the state police and a lot of transfer, one officer has left me to go to another department. Now I've had one to leave and go to steel mill or, jobs that we just can't compete with, but not to another department. You know, and to me that is a huge step with that being said not only that, now we're starting to get our folks back like I said a little bit ago we were close enough and you know, the enjoyment of working here in this department. So, you know three of those individuals that we trained here we shipped to another department we've got that training experience right back now because of the plan what y'all been able to do as a board and what we've been able to do as a county and hopefully they like me a little bit there to hopefully.

Lisa Baker – Floyd County Commissioner of Revenue:

Hello, just come to update on the NADA values which are about 20% less and should of hit mailboxes yesterday. They did come down and that will help taxpayers. Still not as low as they should be, but they are going down. Mrs. Baker reviewed her numbers with the Board.

Further conversation ensued regarding the differences in the numbers between The Commissioner of Revenue and the Treasurer. Clarification from Lisa Baker and Missy Keith, Treasurer, shared that the Commissioner of revenue numbers are estimates and the treasurers' numbers are actuals to date and include supplements and assessments.

Supervisor Cox:

Asked a question to Missy regarding the collection and was that the extension for the collection and referenced about 85% or so.

Missy Keith, Treasurer:

Shared, a lot of people wait until we get there, amazing the people who just think that's the way they pay their taxes. I ran this on January 22nd, so I will run it again and send it to you. Thank you.

8. Approval of Minutes –

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and approved unanimously the May 2nd, 2022, minutes.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and approved unanimously the May 24th, 2022, minutes.

Deputy County Administrator Chiddo confirmed that the remaining minute dates were reviewed, and a full Quorum was acknowledged at each of those meetings.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and approved unanimously, the following meetings: June 14, 2022, July 12, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 9, 2022, August 23, 2022, December 13, 2022, July 3, 2023 (Re-organization meeting), July 3, 2023, and July 24, 2023.

Supervisor Turman read the handicap statement and opened the floor for public comments.

9. Public Comment

Tom McSherry:

Morning, my name is Tom McSherry. I live in the Little River District. I have a master's degree in Engineering and Applied Mathematics, and I have worked several years in the field of acoustics. I have a good understanding of the science of sound and the need

for mitigation in the right context. My wife and I moved here in 2017, to a wonderful peaceful property in Pilot and enjoy everything about the property until last spring. At that time, my neighbor started the dog breeding operation of Australian shepherds. At any given time, my neighbor keeps four or more dogs in outdoor kennels and behind an invisible fence in the yard. The business owner lives on about three and a half acres but has elected to position the outdoor kennels at the edge of his property. My home is about 375 feet from their kennels. While the dogs do not bark continuously all day, the peak times are about two to three hours in the morning and three to four hours in the evening. With periods in off hours overnight where they will also bark is more pronounced in the warmer months. Here's a sample of the noise that we now experience on a daily basis. (Mr. McSherry shared a recording from his I-Phone of dogs barking on speaker)

Needless to say, our quality of life has degraded since last spring when I'm at home and when I am in my home with the doors and windows closed, I hear the dogs. We can no longer leave windows open during the summer as we sleep but we must also run a white noise machine to cover the periodic barking during overnight hours as well as close all the windows. We no longer spend evenings outside enjoying dinner because of the nuisance. We suspect that our home value has dropped several \$1,000. If this activity had been in place in 2017, I would not have purchased this home. I have raised the issue with animal control last spring who visited the site. I had no issues with the woman running the breeding operation I have full confidence that she knows what she's doing, and the dogs are well cared for. I think it was not implemented properly. Last spring, I spoke with the homeowner directly and was met with the attitude that it's not a problem and they're going to operate the doctrine of business without modification regardless of my concerns. I've also reviewed the current noise ordinance with Floyd County and came away with the notion that it essentially not in effect and not enforced. Out of curiosity I reviewed the current ordinances in Montgomery County and found after speaking with the deputy in charge of code enforcement that they had an actively enforced ordinance. I am requesting a review of the current noise ordinance in Floyd County. While I have always been a proponent of starting a business to help your family, I believe reasonable guidelines should be in place to protect the interest of adjacent residents. Let me make a couple of clarifying points. This has nothing to do with Floyd fest and any noise from now from that this has nothing to do with people who own dogs. My concern is a business of multiple dogs in a confined space that has been introduced in this enterprise has no end date and essentially operating 365 days a year all hours of the day. I believe a fair and reasonable ordinance could and should be crafted. It can be written to minimize frivolous complaints and have exemptions for farm operations live music venues construction in other words any activity inherently temporary are part of the accepted rural activities in Floyd. The ordinance should also

define noise level thresholds based on times of day and with off hours being more sensitive using the Montgomery County ordinance as a model would be a good first step to provide regional consistency on this topic. I would like to discuss this issue further and, in more detail, if I could be placed on a future agenda. Thank you for letting me speak this morning.

10. Old Business

a. Elderly and Disabled Relief Ordinance:

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and approved unanimously amending sections 46-106, of the Floyd County Code, relating to certain exemptions from taxation of Real Estate of The Elderly and Disabled Relief.

A conversation ensued by the Board of Supervisors regarding annual evaluation of the ordinance as well as the semi-annual evaluation of tax fluctuations.

b. Closed Session:

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under 2.2-3711.A1. 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. Personnel.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman - yes

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under 2.2-3711.A6. 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 Cox – yes
Supervisor Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Boothe – 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 Boothe – yes
Supervisor Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – 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 Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman - yes

11. New Business

- a. On a motion of Supervisor Boothe and Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried, the board approved the FY23 Floyd County Schools Expenditure Supplemental Appropriation. Instructional: \$188,936.52: CSLFRF funds for the state share of SOQ-funded one-time pandemic bonus. Administration; \$45,725.00; Additional COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Grant awarded. These funds will be used for school health needs and the educational development of school health personnel. Operation & Maintenance. \$337,398.48; \$113,400.00 ESSER II funds for Floyd County High School old gym make-up air handler replacement with air conditioning, labor only. \$61,828.63 ESSER II funds for cleaning, disinfecting, and mitigating materials and supplies used throughout the pandemic. \$8,960.00 ESSER III funds were used to clean, disinfect, and refinish all gym floors throughout the school division. \$140,609.25 of ESSER III funds for Floyd County High School make-up air unit replacement and bi-polar ionization, labor only. \$12,600.60 ESSER III funds for Floyd County High School, Willis Elementary School, and Indian Valley Elementary School, roof vent damper actuator replacement, materials, and labor.

- b. On a motion of Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried. FY23 Floyd County Schools Revenue Supplemental Appropriation. Federal Funds: \$572,060.00; \$45,725.00 for an additional COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Grant awarded. These funds will be used for school health needs and the educational development of school health personnel. \$113,400.00 ESSER II funds for Floyd County High School's old gym make-up air handler replacement with air conditioning, labor only. \$61,828.63 ESSER II funds for cleaning, disinfecting, and mitigating materials and supplies used throughout the pandemic. \$8,960.00 ESSER III funds used to clean, disinfect and refinish all gym floors throughout the school division. \$140,609.25 of ESSER III funds for Floyd County High School make-up air unit replacement and bi-polar Ionization, labor only: \$12,600.60 ESSER III funds for Floyd County High School, Willis Elementary School, and Indian Valley Elementary School roof vent damper actuator replacement, materials, and labor. \$188,936.52 ARP-CSLFRF Funds for the state share of SOQ-funded one-time ARPA pandemic bonus.

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

- a. Audit Update – Draft of audit Received, Kim and Linda reviewing and will update.
- b. Budget Process update for FY24 – Same templates distributed with 2/17/23 due date.
- c. Financial Software Update – Awaiting final contract for signature.
- d. Opioid Abatement Program – working with Regional efforts to apply for additional funding jointly.
- e. Comprehensive Plan Update
- f. Courthouse Repairs and Improvements- updated on repairs and improvements as well as potential costs related to requests.
- g. Personnel Changes – Chris McNabb put in his resignation, last day on 2/17/23. Danny Lowry was hired on 2/10/23 as IT technician.

Please note the board, recessed meeting to attend lunch at Floyd County High School.
Please note the board, will tour the new building at the Commerce Center.

Closed Session:

- a. 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.3 - Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Potential business location.

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

- b. 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.5 - Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. Potential business location.

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 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 Boothe seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously carried, the Board certified that the Board only discussed the matters in closed session.

Supervisor Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman - yes

13. Board Time –

Supervisor Cox questioned the exact time of VDOT's six-year plan. Confirmed on 2/28/23 at 7 p.m. Supervisor Cox continued to share about the recent flyer regarding, texts about Floyd Fest. Supervisor Cox noted that almost all of his communication with members of the community were positive with regard to Floyd Fest. As well, Supervisor Cox stated he would like to see those who put the flyer out there would also put their personal information, phone number, and email not just generic ones.

A conversation ensued by the board to note that no county cost was incurred, and no incentives were given to the Floyd Fest. As well, the county has no zoning and the board's participation is to ensure Floyd Fest as well as all residents follow the guidelines and meet the criteria set forth, that is it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch recognized and congratulate the Lady Buffalo for their Championship.

Supervisor Bechtold requested to look into a district baby drop box and be the first in Virginia to have such a thing.

The Board acknowledged and thanked Chris McNabb and wished him well in his new endeavors.

Supervisor Turman noted how impressed he was with the improvements of Floyd County Highschool and all that is and will be offered. Also, noted he would not be surprised if the census improves, and dropouts decrease.

14. Correspondence –

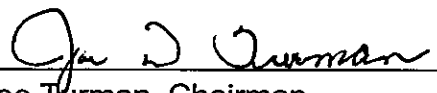
No conversation regarding Correspondence.

15. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 2/28/2023, 7:00 p. m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman