

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
September 26, 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** – Supervisor Kuchenbuch 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 September 26, 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 Bechtold and unanimously carried as amended to approve the minutes of 09/12/2023.
8. **Presentations -**

- a. **Lisa Baker, Commissioner of Revenue – Re-assessment**

Mrs. Baker reviewed the re-assessment schedule with the board. She noted that it takes approximately a year and a half to complete.

Supervisor Bechtold asked if one of the Assessors had a minimal challenge rate. Mrs. Baker said yes.

Also, discussed a possible cost decrease in the cost of one of the bids as long as it does not affect Mrs. Baker's department and the results in any way.

Mr. Cox asked if in the past we were able to negotiate the fee. Mrs. Baker stated that she believes the prior County Administrator did negotiate somewhat.

Also, a discussion ensued regarding the equalization board and the implications and timing of land use.

Mrs. Baker continued to update the board on the process and history of the process.

The board thanked Mrs. Baker and her team for all they have done and continue to do.

b. David Clarke – Virginia Department of Transportation

i. High School Road Abandonment

Mr. Clarke stated he has no update at this time, and we are awaiting the draft resolution from Alex at VDOT. Upon receipt, the County Administration will forward it to the County Attorney.

ii. Buffalo Vista Road

As of right now, it shows as a discontinued road. A conversation ensued regarding the resident and what his rights are as the property is presently deemed.

iii. Pioneer Way

Request for a stop sign and 15 MPH for safety purposes. Mr. Clarke stated he would check to see if a speed limit is established there.

iv. The speed limit on Route 8 (North of Town)

A Realtor asked if the board would entertain reducing the speed near the brewery for future development needs. Mr. Clarke noted that VDOT normally does not change speed limits to accommodate entrances. Also discussed removing the 45 MPH altogether and moving the 35 MPH pass the dumpster.

Mr. Clarke shared that they just did their equipment check as a dry run for the winter season.

Supervisor Boothe thanked the VDOT team for the work on Laurel Branch.

9. Public Comments

No Public comments at this time.

10. Old Business

a. Opioid Abatement Authority

Dr. Millsaps discussed the Gold Standard and noted that the Board already approved the Resolution for the Opioid Abatement Authority. Dr. Millsaps read the requirements of the application now needed in addition to the resolution already approved with regard to the Gold standard.

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Opioid Abatement Authority Application.

Supervisor Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes
Supervisor Boothe – no
Supervisor Turman - yes

b. RFP Re-Assessment

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to authorize the staff to enter into negotiations with Wingate Appraisal service and for an amount not to exceed the bid and signatures as needed.

11. Closed Session

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, 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 Cox 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. Disbursement Plan for November and December 2023.

The board discussed that during this time a consensus from the board will continue and then be placed in the following meeting for approval by the board.

14. Board Time

Supervisor Turman discussed an email he received regarding the participation of kids in parks and recreation sports. Supervisor Turman encouraged the support of the coaches to ensure that all kids get equal playing time to learn.

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

- a. Onward Annual Dinner and Awards

Dr. Millsaps shared about the Onward Annual dinner and noted H & V and Biochar received awards.

- b. Possible Medical Facility Meetings

Dr. Millsaps updated the board on her recent meeting with the CEO of Carilion. Future meetings with Lewis Gale and Tri-Area as well.

- c. Biochar Ribbon Cutting and USDA Grant

New Biochar facility ribbon cutting.

- d. Meeting with Department of Social Services, Chad Alls

A meeting was held with Mr. Alls, Ms. Chiddo, and Dr. Millsaps was held. Topics discussed were the Opioid plan in the county as well as the future use of the building and what the needs are.

- e. Community College meeting update

Dr. Millsaps met with Dr. Huber and discussed some ways that the County could work with the Community College students.

- f. New Administration Building update.

Dr. Millsaps stated that we would be putting out a bid for the painting. Also, met with the flooring people.

17. Correspondence –

The Deputy County Administrator noted the completion of the CMS Medicare audit. Deputy County Administrator also shared that Jenny Tolbert led this audit and deserves credit for organizing, processing, and completing it.

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 10/10/2023, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman