

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Turman, Board Room, County Administration Building.
2. Opening Prayer – led by Supervisor Coleman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Supervisor Kuchenbuch.
4. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Dr. Millsaps called the roll.
 - Supervisor Coleman – present
 - Supervisor Kuchenbuch – present
 - Supervisor Yoder – present
 - Supervisor Boothe – present
 - Supervisor Turman – present

It was determined that a quorum was present.

5. Approval of the agenda – Chairman Turman asked if anybody had changes to make to the agenda.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to include re-appointment to New River Valley Community Services Board and a road name request.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

6. Approval of minutes

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the May 25, 2021, and June 2, 2021, Floyd County Board of Supervisors minutes as amended to take out the word “Agenda” in the heading.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes
- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to approve the May 11, 2021, Floyd County Board of Supervisors minutes as presented.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – abstain because he was not present for that meeting
Supervisor Turman – yes

7. Approval of disbursements.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

8. Public Comment Period.

Chairman Turman read the handicap statement, explained that comments were limited to four minutes per speaker, and that the Board would not respond to the comments. Chairman Turman opened the public comment period.

Ms. Becky Howell, Indian Valley District – At the last meeting, there was a discussion about reducing the speed limit to 15 mph in town because pedestrians do not use the flashers or crosswalks. Do you consider it appropriate to restrict law-abiding citizens because some people do foolish things? I urge you to consider efforts to educate pedestrians on safety; perhaps you could recruit volunteers, wearing T-shirts with “Pedestrian Safety Patrol” to remind folks to use crosswalks and flashers. If that doesn’t work, I don’t think it will take any more manpower to ticket pedestrians than it takes to ticket drivers. It seems more reasonable to me to focus on pedestrians rather than imposing a 15-mph limit on all drivers 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Thank you so much for using the microphones. We want to hear what you have to say.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Turman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

8.b. Presentation of Resolution regarding Highway Intersection Naming of Route 619 Horse Ridge Road and Route 631 Sumpter Road in Floyd County as the “James Michael Cox Vietnam Memorial Intersection”

Supervisor Coleman – Most of you know why you are here. I appreciate the Cox family being with us tonight. A few months back I was approached by members of the family, and it was decided that we would like to do something special in memory of their family member who had passed on while serving in Vietnam. We were able to collaborate with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Mr. David Clarke was a key part of that and provided us a lot of agency support to be able to name the intersection of Horse Ridge Road and Sumpter Road as the “James Michael Cox Vietnam Memorial Intersection.” I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the family for the service of Mr. Cox. As Board members we have done a lot of good things over the past few years. Some things have been challenging. But it is times and opportunities like this that make this worthwhile. It is a very small token of appreciation to you for what you went through as a family and the ultimate sacrifice that was paid in service to our country. I would like to present to you this official plaque in recognition, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and Chairman Turman, of the naming of the Intersection of Route 619 Horse Ridge Road and Route 631 Sumpter Road in Floyd County as the “James Michael Cox Vietnam Memorial Intersection.”

Mr. Donnie Cox, brother to Mr. James Michael Cox – I would like to thank the County for being willing to do this on his behalf. I hope the country will go in a direction that will make his death...he fought in Vietnam to slow down communism and keep it from going across the world. I hope that is still the goal. I hope when him and Mom and Dad look down that they are proud that he gave his life.

Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer with VDOT – I am just glad that VDOT has a program such as this where we can work with the community to get roads and bridges and things like that which have a special meaning to the community and people see it every day...things are named from roads and bridges to a small intersection. It all means something to the people whose family member’s name is on there. I am glad we can be part of that.

Supervisor Coleman – Again I want to express my appreciation for working with me and the family to see this through. Thank you.

Supervisor Yoder – I think you mentioned this before, but would it be possible when the actual signs go up that we have a ceremony there?

Mr. Clarke – Yes, we have done that before. Once it is in place, we can put a cover over it until it is time.

Supervisor Yoder – I want to say thank you for the sacrifice of the family. The citizens of Floyd County thank you. It is not just from the Board of Supervisors. This is a recognition from your fellow citizens of the County. It is the ultimate sacrifice, and it is greatly appreciated.

Chairman Turman – I am glad we can give a little bit of honor to Vietnam veterans because the Lord knows they didn’t get any when they came back. I had a brother and brother-in-law who fought over there. I know the stories they told when they came back,

and how they were treated, and I think it is a shame. Thank you for your son's and brother's sacrifice, and the freedom he fought for.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I want to echo what all three of our Supervisors have said. It is an honor for us to recognize your brother and uncle. Thank you so much for wanting this. Mr. Clarke, please thank everyone at VDOT for allowing us to do this for our citizens.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It has been said, but it can't be said enough: thank you to your family and the other families of this County for their sacrifices. They gave the ultimate sacrifice so we could sit here and do this.

8.c. Presentation of Resolution regarding naming Route 8 in Floyd County from the Montgomery County line, south to the north Corporate Limit of the Town of Floyd near Route 685 Needmore Road as the "Scott Allen Hylton Memorial Highway"

Chairman Turman – It is good to see you all here tonight. I feel honored to be able to present you with this proclamation. It was a long time coming. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Clarke worked on it for a good while. This is something you never want to do. Never. It is an honor. I knew Scott when he was a little boy. I worked with him. I had a few fights with him. When we worked together at the Sheriff's Department, they called us the "Old Dogs Team." We were the oldest ones in age, as well as years of service. I told them, "When they had the best, they didn't need the rest." Scott was unique to work with. We could go to a domestic. I would let him do all the talking because I have a bull-in-the-china-shop attitude sometimes. Scott had a way of talking, low, quiet, even toned, and he could defuse a situation pretty quick. I knew if I needed help, he was going to be there. Like I said, it is an honor to do it, but it breaks my heart to do it. On behalf of the Board and the citizens of Floyd County, I give you this proclamation naming Route 8 from right outside of Town to the Montgomery County line as the "Scott Allen Hylton Memorial Highway."

Supervisor Coleman – This has definitely been a project. Like Chairman Turman said, it has been a long time coming. It is hard to know what to do in these situations. When someone has given all, what do you do? How do you honor somebody like that? This is a small token of appreciation of the ultimate sacrifice that was given, and the family is reminded of daily. It is an honor to be a small part of this. I want to say thank you to the family. Thank you for the opportunity for every one of the Board members to have a part in this. It was a unanimous decision that required no question. I'm thankful for each member who agreed to this vision. I'm thankful for Mr. Clarke at VDOT. I'm thankful that VDOT has an opportunity for us to honor folks in some way who has given for their community and country. This is a perfect example of that. Thank you, Mr. Clarke, for the years we put into this. It has now come to pass. Thank you to the rest of the Board for agreeing to this project.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I would like to echo Chairman Turman and Supervisor Coleman's words and thank the family. I agree with Chairman Turman that I wish it

hadn't happened, but it did. Hopefully, the family can take some comfort. This is our small appreciation for Scott's sacrifice. Thank you.

Supervisor Yoder – There is not much else to say, except thank you for the sacrifice. I hope this in some way reminds people as they drive down the road of the sacrifice of one individual and the sacrifice of each one of you that is family and friends. I know it has been a hard time for you. I think it is good that the community remembers that. It is also good in some small way that Mr. Hylton's sacrifice is remembered because it reminds us of what law enforcement faces on a daily basis. In some way his memory makes our community stronger because it helps us appreciate those who are still here and serving. I would like to say thank you to the Sheriff and deputies that are here as well for your daily sacrifice. This Board represents the citizens of Floyd, so this isn't just from us but from the people who live here in Floyd and are saying thank you in remembrance of Scott.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This is a small tribute. I remember that morning. I am obviously not personally affected as you the family have been, but not a day goes by that I don't think about it if I am on that road. At least we are able to honor Scott because he knew so many people. Chairman Turman so eloquently talked about him as he was presenting the proclamation. My son-in-law is now joining the ranks of law enforcement so in some small way our family becomes part of this family. I just want to thank you all and from the citizens of this County for everything that you have given and continue to give on a daily basis. Thank you.

Chairman Turman – There is one other thing I would like to say on a lighter side. If you have ever watched the movie *Sling Blade*, every time I hear the voice of Karl I think of Scott because he could talk like Karl. We used to go into the Blue Ridge Restaurant, and he would say, "Got any spam?" and he sounded exactly like Karl and crack everybody up. He had a sense of humor. In law enforcement, for people who have never been in it, it is a family. When one hurts, all hurt.

Sheriff Craig – There are too many young people here to tell Scott stories. I could go on and on about those. The way our shifts were back then when you worked you either had Joe or Scott. No offense to Joe, but you knew when you worked with Scott you were going to have a good time, laughing, and giggling the whole shift and enjoying things. Scott was incredible at defusing situations. Joe on the other hand, he could have used a little bit of that. It is definitely an honor to be here tonight, and I am so blessed and thankful for your working on this project and getting it going. For all of us who knew him when we drive down this road, what a great way to think of the memories that you have and remind you of the good times you had with Scott.

Ms. Darlene Hylton – As the matriarch of the family and his momma, I just want to say thank you all so much. He would be so pleased. Just thank you.

Ms. Khris Hylton Morris – Thank you all for your support through the years, especially the Sheriff's Office, Joe, and all you guys. I really appreciate it.

Chairman Turman – At a later date when we get the signs, I would like to have a dedication ceremony. I would like to have some representatives from Christiansburg Police Department and Hillsville Police Department to come to it because I think they would be honored to share that moment with us. Whenever that is set up, Mr. Clarke can let us know and we will work on setting up something. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know and I am sure everyone will do whatever they can.

9.a. Tourism Agreement

Chairman Turman turned the Chair over to Vice Chairman Boothe.

Dr. Millsaps – At your last meeting you approved the new Tourism Agreement and empowered us to go ahead and incorporate changes.

Dr. Millsaps handed out copied of the updated final Tourism Agreement. Ms. Cox, Town Manager, said the Town Council approved the agreement at their last meeting and appointed one of their two Council members to the Board. I think we are close to bringing this part of the Tourism Agreement to a close. We have posted the Tourism position on Indeed and when I checked today, we had 53 applications. Not all of those are full applications, but there is a lot of interest. Ms. Cox and I will talk about who we want to pull out and whether we need to extend the posting. Ms. Cox, Ms. Sharkey, and staff at the Chamber of Commerce, have met and are working the financial transfer issues. Ms. Ryan and I met with Ms. Cox to walk through the transfer issues relating to our outgoing Tourism Director.

Vice Chairman Boothe returned the Chair to Chairman Turman.

Supervisor Yoder – We haven't actually appointed anybody to the Tourism Development Council, have we? Will we advertise for the two public spots?

Ms. Ryan – That is what we usually do.

Vice Chairman Boothe – We could probably go ahead and appoint the elected officials.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Supervisor Yoder to a two-year term and Supervisor Kuchenbuch to a one-year term to the Tourism Development Council.

Supervisor Coleman - yes

Supervisor Yoder - yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes

Supervisor Boothe - yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

By consensus, the Board members requested that the advertisement for letters of interest from the public for appointment to the Tourism Development Council state that residents of the County who are interested in diverse aspects of Tourism will be welcome.

Dr. Millsaps – I stopped by the rest area and Floyd’s display is very impressive. It is the largest one. When you walk in the sandwich board outside said “Floyd” and talked about all the great stuff going on.

8.d. Mr. Mark Bolt, Building Official

➤ Recreation Building

Mr. Bolt went through a slide show of drawings for the Recreation Building, including CAD (computer aided design and drafting) drawings prepared by a volunteer. An alternative to the original plan was suggested by the volunteer to put all the areas that require plumbing together in one area of the building. This change in design would create a large open conference area. That space could later be divided for future growth.

Board members discussed security, internet access, and water and sewer hookups for the new building. By consensus, the Board members directed the County Administrator and Mr. Bolt to put the alternative plan, which has the plumbing located together, out to bid.

➤ Seizure lot and Shooting Range

Mr. Bolt explained that the Sheriff’s Office has money set aside for an 8000 square foot parking pad at the landfill for seized vehicles. Mr. Bolt contacted DEQ and was told it should not be a problem but not to go through the membrane of the landfill. However, the County would need to apply for a permit. Mr. Bolt said the deputy was also interested in having a shooting range set up at the landfill.

By consensus, the Board directed the County Administrator to discuss these issues with the Sheriff. If he wants to proceed with the shooting range, then she needs to discuss this with the County Attorney and also find out whether there are any insurance issues.

➤ Ordinance regulating construction of tall structures on protected mountain ridges

Mr. Bolt displayed an elevation map that shows everything in Floyd County at 2300’ and above and asked the Board to confirm that he was to regulate tall structures defined as 300’ and above according to this map. After much discussion, the Board confirmed that the map on display was the one used in developing the ordinance on tall structures. Mr. Bolt requested that Mr. Brandon Moore be asked to prepare an overlay map for Mr. Bolt to use in regulating the ordinance. The Board agreed that this map should be prepared.

8.e. Constitutional Officers’ Report

No Constitutional Officers were present.

10.a. Acceptance of Abstracts of Votes for June Democratic Primary Elections Held on June 8, 2021, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Member House of Delegates for District 7

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to accept the Abstract of Votes for June Democratic Primary Elections Held on June 8, 2021, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Member House of Delegates for District 7.

Supervisor Coleman - present
Supervisor Yoder - abstain
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

10.b. Authorize the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Floyd County Circuit Court, New River Valley Community Services, District 28 Probation & Parole, Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, and Attorney David Rhodes for continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Floyd County Circuit Court, New River Valley Community Services, District 28 Probation & Parole, Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, and Attorney David Rhodes for continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court (Document File Number 1189).

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

The Board requested that Dr. Millsaps seek clarification on whether an elected official was to be appointed to the entity overseeing the Drug Court, because while Supervisor Kuchenbuch is currently a member, it is as a citizen and not in her role as an elected official.

10. New Business

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and carried, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr. Jerry Boothe to the New River Valley Community Services Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – abstain
Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Hayden Lane, with the cost of the road sign installation to be paid by the County.

- Supervisor Boothe – yes
- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
- Supervisor Turman – yes
- Supervisor Yoder – yes

Dr. Millsaps read from the letter of request for Naming of Shared Drive for the proposed Townhouse Subdivision Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to be built upon Tax map #055-A2-1Z-11:

It is my understanding, that the above-mentioned proposed road name was chosen after our Planning Commission Chair, Ms. Deborah Baum, reached out to several folks within the Newtown Road community asking for suggestions for a proposed road name and in turn received several suggestions for the road name of “Hayden”. After a bit more digging executed by our Subdivision Agent & Planner, Ms. Karla Turman, an obituary was discovered which turned out to be of Ms. Constance “Connie” Hayden’s late husband, Mr. William “Bill” C. Hayden who sadly passed away this past December. In accordance with Mr. William “Bill” C. Hayden’s obituary, Ms. Karla Turman, discovered that Mr. Hayden was not only a WWII Vet and member of the Veterans of Foreign War, but he served in the Navy where he was honorably discharged in 1946. Mr. Hayden worked at Maberry Funeral Home, as well as a brick mason building many homes in Floyd County and surrounding areas. Mr. Hayden was one of the founders of Floyd County’s first rescue squad where he went on to become Captain, and he was also the first African American to be elected as a Board of Supervisor. As of current, Ms. Constance “Connie” Hayden is still living.

10.d. County Administrator’s Report

- Maintenance update – I sent out a request and new .pdf form to all the supervisors, directors, and Constitutional Officers in all the buildings we maintain asking that they submit requests and indicate if the request is urgent, if the request was made before, and if the issue impacts health and safety. This will allow us to prioritize requests and identify the funding needed to address the maintenance.
- Economic Development Authority (EDA)
 - Funding has been awarded to the Workforce Training Program from YouthBuild. High School students will be engaged in building trades. We are one of two sites where the work will be done. The students will be engaged in our projects of the new townhomes or housing rehabilitation.
 - Lydeana Martin, Tabitha Hodge, and I met with Dr. Wheeler about another workforce grant opportunity through the U.S. EDA, which may or may not move forward. It would assist students and adults on training skills and entrepreneurship. Only \$10 million is being awarded throughout the country so we really have to think through what our odds are before we invest in this but wanted to make you aware that we are looking into it.

- Karla Turman plans to put more time and effort into learning about transportation planning and be engaged with the New River Valley Regional Commission as they work on this. That technical committee has not met in some time.
- Other items
- I have received the memorandum of understanding from the Virginia Cooperative Extension.
 - Tomorrow Lydeana Martin and I will be going to Citizens. Earlier I was on a webinar talking about the amount of grant money available through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), through the Governor's Office, through VATI (Virginia Telecommunications Initiative) grants. There is anticipation that in the special session this summer when they allocate funds through the legislative body a large portion will be put into broadband. Some of the folks at DHCD suggested, "This is your once in a lifetime or better opportunity for broadband. Don't miss it."
 - We have posted on Indeed for the Tourism Director position, and for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Solid Waste positions. I also plan to print flyers for the EMS and Solid Waste positions and post the flyers at the convenience stores. The Indeed posting for the Tourism Director cost \$350 and we have received 53 applications so far.
 - I have 3 separate change orders on the Collaboration and Career Development Center project, but they are all within the budget, but not on time. The HVAC project is almost finished. I have a couple of change orders on that, but the School is paying for the change orders they requested.
 - Dr. Millsaps handed out the Budget Highlights she prepared.

11. Board Member Time

Vice Chairman Boothe – Have you and Mr. Durbin and the accountants come up with anything on the new money as it pertains to water and sewer?

Dr. Millsaps – I have not gotten anything back from Mr. Durbin. We are still waiting on that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Please light a fire under him. At the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority we have some financial decisions to make.

Dr. Millsaps – This is something Ms. Ryan and I want to look at as well. We will try to get something back to you for the next meeting. The first report on expenditures is August 1.

Supervisor Yoder – Do we know when our local state of emergency runs out?

Ms. Ryan – I am almost sure it has already run out, but I would have to look.

10.c. Closed Session to discuss assignment and performance of County employees under – §2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel – Discussion of assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1., Assignment and performance of County employees.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe -yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss § 2.2-3711 A.1., Interview for appointment of person to position, of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted to the conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

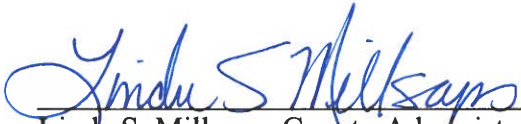
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

12. Adjournment

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to July 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes



Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors