

**Minutes**  
**Floyd County Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 14, 2024**

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – County Administrator Ms. Millsaps offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found of all Supervisors noting Supervisor Kuchenbuch is remote in a secure location.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and approved unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with the possible addition once the County Attorney arrives.
6. **Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to approve both the disbursement checks, including the late entry single disbursement, unanimously.
7. **Approval of Minutes** - On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and approved the minutes from 04/09/2024.
8. **Presentations:**
  - a. **Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent, and Darin Boothe, Finance Director**

Dr. Cromer updated the Board on the following:

- Waiting for final numbers for the budget as it was announced the budget was signed.
- May School Board meeting celebrated their retirees.
- Also discussed policy revisions.

- Looked at data for tutoring.
- Noted Dr. Millsaps and Mr. Agee spoke yesterday at the School Board Meeting
- Discussed team sports and they need more younger players.
- Questioning possible shell building and noted looking for donations to incur the cost.
- Looking for in-house professional development training.
- Graduation this Saturday, and Ms. Cromer encouraged the board to attend and celebrate.

b. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Clarke gave an update on the following:

Maintenance on the following:

- Stonework
- Hand patching
- Brush Cutting (Alum Ridge and others)
- Ditching on Route 8
- Pipe Cleaning (Franklin Pipe)

Mr. Clarke also stated that he continues to work on the 6-year road plan.

Both Supervisor Cox and Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked for an update on Stonewall. Mr. Clarke said they are still working on it and they are presently working with the property owner.

Supervisor Boothe noted there is still a problem with tree limbs hanging at the crosswalk. Also, asked if Mr. Clarke had an update on the crosswalk signs. Mr. Clarke stated that he is still looking into it. Mr. Boothe also asked if Mr. Clarke had a chance to look at the bridge on Epperly Road. Mr. Clarke said yes, and it is not a danger but needs some surface work.

Supervisor Turman spoke about Borderline Road and the issues with the potholes, right before the Carroll County Line. Supervisor Turman asked about a certain area

in his district if it is a state-maintained road, as he is being told there are issues with 4-wheelers. Mr. Clarke stated that he would look into it.

Each Supervisor stated that they would like to thank Mr. Clarke and his crew for all their hard work, and it has not gone unnoticed.

c. James Pritchett, Executive Director, NRV Community Services

Mr. Pritchett gave an update on the Agency and Developments:

- Behavioral Health provider in the NRV
- Last year numbers of providing services to over 12,000 individuals in the New River Valley
- 700 Served in Floyd County
- Crisis Center located in Radford.
- The department is focused on crisis intervention.
- Lead in the Region for the Call center.

Supervisor Bechtold thanked Mr. Pritchett for the update and the services to Floyd County. Mr. Pritchett noted that they would like to expand services in Floyd County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked Mr. Pritchett for all his work and the importance of this work to the individuals and the families.

Supervisor Boothe shared that Community Services has the best group of people and noted it is due to leadership.

Supervisor Cox noted that they have a hard job but do great at it and thanked Mr. Pritchett.

Mr. Pritchett noted that it is important to have a healthy community especially related to access to care.

**Public Hearing  
Proposed Amendments to  
Floyd County Emergency Medical Services  
Ordinance  
May 14, 2024**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Quorum, Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found of all Supervisors noting Supervisor Kuchenbuch is remote in a secure location.
3. Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator, Steve Durbin, County Attorney – ordinance overview.

Mr. Durbin and Millsaps updated and gave the Board of Supervisors an overview of the EMS Ordinance. Ms. Millsaps noted that there is a document behind this one that concerns staff and availability. Also, pending the success of the permitting it would state that if one area did not successfully obtain their permitting it would not prevent the other areas from operating.

Discussion ensued regarding the time frame of the effective date. Noted in section 7 that the document will be amended to represent 30 days from the day of approving the Ordinance.

This is also to ensure that it is noted that we are to provide the highest quality care within the EMS department.

4. Public Comment – no public comment at this time
5. Adjournment – Note Chairman Turman closed the Meeting.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried approving the proposed amendments to Floyd County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance.

## **Presentations Continued:**

### **d. Jacob Agee – Director, Floyd County Parks, and Recreation**

Mr. Agee introduced Miles Hunter, a new part-time employee in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Hunter introduced himself and gave the Board of Supervisors an update on what they are presently working on with the adult population as well as seeking sponsorship for the department.

Mr. Agee continued to give an update on the department:

- Ramping up and scheduling the all-star tournament
- Refs continue to be an issue.
- Football – 1 team in each division.
- Soccer – approached by Rush Soccer – camp-style structure. This allows a better rotation for the players to play all the positions they would like. This lets us develop kids from a young age.
- Eliminates the burden for County parents to coach. (Which is increasingly becoming difficult)
- Next month or so, we are sending our helmets to get certified. Approximately \$50.00 per helmet.
- Excited about the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. (Fireworks, bands, food trucks, corn hole games, etc.) Note that will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the High School.
- The first Senior event took place. Member of the Senior Games. Hosted the Captain's Choice golf tournament.
- Field Maintenance is continuing to be an issue. Working with hopeful volunteers for the immediate issue but will need a long-term plan.

Supervisor Bechtold asked if Turman's fields are used and how this may be a better possibility for future investment, as this field would not be used as much as the Elementary School fields.

### **e. Eddie Worth, Recovery Court**

Mr. Worth thanked the Board for allowing the Drug Court the assistance of housing all the years. However, due to the minimal occupancy, they will not be continuing with the housing at this time. Deputy County Administrator Ms. Chiddo will contact the current landlords to let them know that we will not be continuing with the lease, with a 30-day notice.

Mr. Worth also requested approximately \$500.00 - \$1000.00 to take care of the repairs and wear and tear of the apartments.

Lori, Drug Court, gave the board an update on the statistics YTD.

- 14 graduates in Floyd
- \$186,000.00 savings

## 9. Public Comment –

Note: No public present for comments

## 10. Old Business:

### a. Planning Updates – Lydeana Martin

- i. Housing Rehab Planning Grant and Contracts
- ii. NRV Home Consortium MOU
- iii. Other updates

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to authorize the signing by appropriate staff the Planning Grant Agreement.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to authorize the signing by appropriate staff the Housing Rehabilitation Planning Grant Task Order.

The board asked that the NRV Home Consortium MOU be table to the next meeting.

### b. New River Valley Home Consortium Reappointment, Lydeana Martin for a 3-year term, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox and Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried, to have a special board meeting to join the PSA on 05/09/2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Conference room.

**c. Resolution of Secondary Route Abandonment of State Route 646 Holland Rd. SE., .50 miles from the End of State Maintenance on Holland Road SE to the intersection of Holland Road SE/Huff Mill Road SE.**

Dr. Millsaps updated the Board regarding the Potential ARPA uses recommendations and our suggestions of the Staff. Dr. Millsaps reviewed each of the recommendations.

**11. Closed Session:**

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

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

- a. 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. Tax Billig Process

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

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

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

Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Turman - yes

Supervisor Boothe made a motion to amend the agenda to include an approval certification on a formal vote of the FY25 Tax rates as well as include a resolution of the extension of the deadlines for payment of the real estate tax rate.

## **12. New Business**

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and carried to set the FY25 Real Estate Tax Rate to 00.67 cents an increase of 00.02 cents, as advertised.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County to extend the Deadlines for payment of Certain Local Taxes.

### **a. Emergency Medical Services Ordinances:**

On a motion by supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the proposed amendments to Floyd County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance as presented.

### **b. FY Budget Calendar Update:**

Conversation ensued between the staff and the Board reviewing and changing, confirming, and agreeing to the current calendar as edited. Dr. Millsaps stated we will post the calendar to our website.

### **c. EverBridge – Danny Lowry, IT Operations Manager**



Mr. Lowry gave the Board an overview of the EverBridge site and educated them on the link on the website to sign up for various County events.

### 13. Board Time

Supervisor Turman noted the repetitive conversations regarding the Board of Supervisors spending money on the bank building. Supervisor Turman again discussed the state of the County.


**14. County Administrators Report** – Dr. Millsaps offered the following information about staff activities.

- a) ACCE Vendor Fair
- b) Kick-off for Economic Development Strategy Plan
- c) Festivals update
- d) Franklin Pike Update
- e) Outdoor Rec Consultant Meeting
- f) Community Foundation Scholarship Lunch
- g) Regional meeting VaCO July 10<sup>th</sup> Chateau Morrisette

### 15. Correspondence –

Deputy County Administrator Chiddo gave the board an overview of items in the correspondence packet.

**16. Adjournment** – On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to adjourn until the next meeting on 05/16/2024 at 11:15 a.m. (or soon thereafter) for the budget workshop.

  
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Chairman, Joe Turman

  
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County Administrator Linda Millsaps

