

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Joe D. Turman, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald. A moment of silence was held in memory of former Supervisor Virgil Allen.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Yoder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of July 11, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017 and July 25, 2017 with a change to the spelling of Sue Quesinberry's name in the July 11 minutes.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of June 2017 and August 2017 monthly disbursements.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the June 2017 and August 2017 monthly disbursements as presented.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the invoice from Shelor Motor Mile for windshield repair was for the same vehicle for which repairs had been invoiced in the previous month. Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what is Four for Life?

Chairman Clinger explained those are pass through funds.

Ms. Morris further explained that this is money that we receive on behalf of the Rescue Squad and send to them.

Kuchenbuch also pointed out that the name of the fund is not printing on the report for funds 50 and 140.

Agenda Item 6.c. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director.

Ms. Brewster provided the caseload statistics for July, 2017 which she said was stable from June, 2017.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 8

Adult Services Screenings (new): 4

Adult Services (ongoing): 2 *These are the screenings where we make sure nursing home patients are connected to services.*

Companion Cases: 4

Guardianship Reporting Cases: 35

Child Protective Services Investigations/Family Assessments (new): 7

Family Assessments/Investigations (Continued from previous months): 7

Child Protective Services Ongoing Cases: 9 *We are still running really high in these cases.*

Prevention Child Protective Services: 1 *This number is high as well as in Foster Care.*

Foster Care: 16

Adoption: 7 subsidies; 1 adoption case pending *We hope to close put this adoption in December of this year.*

View: 24

Child Care: 3 open cases; 1 pending to open once information received; 0 wait list families; 3 denial cases. *The denials are either because the families did not qualify or they didn't cooperate in turning in information to see if they are eligible for the program.*

Benefit Programs: SNAP: 831 SNAP (new): 72 SNAP (renewals): 57
 TANF: 53 TANF (new): 9 TANF (renewals): 3

Medicaid: 1490 (cases) Medicaid (new): 61 Medicaid (renewals): 81
Medicaid Recipients: 2565

Chairman Clinger asked if one worker handles all of your Child Protective Services cases?

Ms. Brewster replied we have one worker doing investigations and family assessments.

Chairman Clinger asked what is the typical caseload?

Ms. Brewster answered usually about 15 cases. Our worker has slightly over that, but as you can imagine sometimes it can be pretty in-depth. So our Foster Care worker helps out who is also the supervisor of the unit. Our CPS ongoing worker helps out as well.

Agenda Item 8.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for July 2017.

Ms. Morris reported that subdivision plats are up slightly from last month but down from last year at this time.

Agenda Item 8.b. – July 2017 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that values and number of permits are up considerably from last year. We have had several huge home permits come through in July.

Agenda Item 8.c. – E911 Road Name Request – Hawthorne Drive or Hawthorne Lane.

Ms. Morris stated that a third house on a private drive has necessitated a road name request. They requested that it be name Hawthorne Road, but we don't use road for private drives. We need to name it lane or drive. We have some of both.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Hawthorne Lane.

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.d. – Resolution Establishing the Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief.

Ms. Morris stated that this is an annual resolution where you set the percentage rate. This is based back against our local rate where you are required to use the entire amount from the State to offset citizens' tax bills. The Commissioner and Treasurer calculate this rate for you.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Resolution Establishing the Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief Pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief (Document File Number 933).

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.e. – Approval of name of New River Valley Community Services.

Ms. Morris reported this agency requests formal approval of their name change. The name was legally adopted more than 20 years ago, but they never had local governments officially approve the name.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to concur with the official name of New River Valley Community Services.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.h. – Floyd County Virginia Subdivision Ordinance, amendments to Family Subdivisions section, set Public Hearing date.

Ms. Morris stated these amendments are coming to you from the Planning Commission. They recommend these changes to you. There are three main items. In section 4-2-1 they changed that to try to avoid people circumventing the ordinance. By putting in a delay of time they can keep a watch on that. In section 4-2-5 they are codifying an interpretation made by the Planning Commission in the past couple of years. In section 4-2-10 they add a requirement for an affidavit stating the relationship for a family subdivision be recorded with the plat.

You discussed having a joint public hearing for this part.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise a joint public hearing between the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on September 26 at 7:00 p.m. for amendments to the Family Subdivisions Section of the Floyd County Virginia Subdivision Ordinance.

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.i. – 2018 Legislative Recommendations.

Ms. Morris stated this is a copy of your Legislative Recommendations from last year. Do you have any additions or deletions you want made to this list to send to VACO to include in their 2018 Legislative Program and Policy Statements?

Chairman Clinger suggested taking item a. off the list since we had that referendum on the ballot this year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she is still in favor of the idea of a County having the authority to enact a meals tax. Perhaps we should reword it.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that the same idea is already expressed in item j.

Chairman Clinger suggested moving item j. up to the item a. place on the list. When we send everything I think they only read the first five or six items on the list.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Jane Cundiff, Little River District – I am here also representing Partnership for Floyd, which has been a group in this County since about 2004. We have been instrumental in helping with both Town and County governments. We helped write the \$1 million grant for the revitalization of downtown Floyd. We helped build the Lineberry Park downtown and the trail to the library. We worked with Lydeana [Martin] making the water movie for the County. We are now working on the trails out at the Rec Park. So we have been quite involved. We were excited last time at the meeting when you invited us to get even more involved. Last night we met with the two other groups in Town. We occasionally cross over with some of our relationships. Partnership for Floyd, SustainFloyd and Preserve Floyd are all excited about working with you as you invited us to do. We are going to be at your service. Even though we have small groups that are actively involved we really have hundreds of members who are there to help when needed. We have a wide variety of people with all kinds of backgrounds. It is amazing here in Floyd County the kinds of experts that we have. We can be at your service when you need us. We would like to work with you; we have been working with Lydeana [Martin] on the County land plans. You've got things already in place; things you want to do and things you are reviewing all the time. We hope to work with you on that. We hope you will ask us when you need us. We hope and plan to be here so that when things come up we can help you when that is necessary. We have groups that are working on energy right now, the solarizing things here. We have people here who are going to be talking about that. We have people who are very excited about working with water and preserving our water quality here in Floyd and working with Lydeana [Martin] on that and also on forests. We have these major

groups. Like I said there are a lot of experts that can be at your service. So let us know. You can email me at Partnership for Floyd anytime. Again we hope to have at least one of our groups at every one of your Board meetings. Thanks so much for inviting us. We are excited.

Mr. Billy Weitzenfeld, Courthouse District – I am President of SustainFloyd. I want to tell you about an event we had three weeks ago on July 15 at Chantilly Farm. It was the first Floyd Energy Fair. It was the first of many. SustainFloyd worked in partnership with Apple Ridge Farm as well as many, many members of the community to put on this event. We had 23 exhibits, including wind, solar, energy auditing, energy efficient heating and cooling, lighting, all kinds of different topics. We had six presentations throughout the day with standing room only. Three hundred people attended the event. We also included a guided tour of Apple Ridge Farm ebase, which is one of three off the grid research stations in the world. A lot of people don't even know about it. Pretty cool, pretty cool place. We had food, music and the weather cooperated thankfully and we had a great time. I think what's important is that it is an example of non-profit organizations in Floyd and community members working together to provide opportunities in education and set the foundation for people to take action. We are going to continue to do these things. SustainFloyd has been doing these things since 2009. We are very committed to our society moving towards a clean and sustainable energy future. I want to reiterate SustainFloyd's full support of the Climate Change resolution that was presented by Preserve Floyd that I know you are considering. Thank you very much. Jane [Cundiff] is correct. We want to work with you. We want to get you involved in things we are doing. I really want you to know that we are out there doing these things almost every day. All the organizations are. We are not just sitting back and trying to pull the Board into taking action. We are taking action ourselves. Thank you very much.

Mr. Jim. L. Fogo, Little River District – I am Co-Chair of Preserve Floyd. I just want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for the Board of Supervisors addressing our resolution presented on July 25 so timely. The time is now. We also recognize that it is a mighty goal that we have put in front of you. I just want you to know that we are extremely dedicated to doing, just as Jane [Cundiff] and Billy [Weitzenfeld] mentioned, all sorts of things in our own organizations to help things move forward. We look forward to working with the Board on anything that we can be of assistance with and share with you the things that we are doing. Between all of us in this new collaboration, we are extremely committed to moving things forward into the 21st century. I just want you to know that we will stay in touch and we will be available to provide you with any information or assistance that you might need to any questions you might have. Thank you very much.

Ms. Mary Freday, Little River District – First I really want to thank you all for placing Floyd's Community Choice Resolution and Climate Action on your agenda this morning. I want to thank you for taking it seriously and for considering it so promptly. So I want to speak to the need for expeditiousness. First, according to a report recently released by the United Nations, the world really only has three years to begin the transition to low-carbon energy sources in order to keep the global climate under a 2 degree Celsius rise. If we are not able to make this transition, the world will become uninhabitable to many of its residents. The crux of the issue is that there are approximately 600 gigatons of CO₂ available for mankind to burn while still keeping global temperature increases between 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius. And if 2016 levels can be held as the peak, with emissions dropping after this year, we will have 25 years to reduce our

emissions to zero. Zero by 2050 being the accepted figure. The longer we wait to reach our peak, the less time we will have to transform our economies. And the more danger we will put ourselves in, as we may leave ourselves too little time.

I say this to you to help make it clear why even though the figures in our resolution are daunting, they are necessary for human survival. As we mentioned two weeks ago, the draft resolution we presented is a draft. We all feel that it would be much better to work with it and adopt something that you all believe will be achievable than to throw it out because the present language is daunting. But the numbers in the resolution are based on climate science, and I want to make that as clear as possible.

Second, from an economic perspective it is crucial that we act. Right now grant money is available to begin solar projects. The Bath-Rockbridge-and-Alleghany (BARC) counties solar project was funded with a REAP grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, and financed with NCREB financing from the IRS. All of this is presently available from the federal government. However who is this room can be sure that it will still be there in two years? Or in four? Or in eight? As communities across the nation wake up and start trying to make this switch, the federal financial resources are going to dwindle. I believe Floyd should strike now and should take advantage of its opportunities to get ahead of the curve. Additionally I think you should know that the people at BARC told me that they would not need any more grant money for phase two of their solar operation because the initial project was so profitable that it will pay for itself. It is a similar situation with the solar schools in Albemarle County. The panels were initially paid for by a power purchase agreement, which is a form of a lease. The school system did not have to lay out a huge sum of money at the beginning of the project. It pays for its panels monthly much in the same way it had previously paid for its energy bill and at a similar rate. But at the end of the 20 year lease period, the school system will save a projected \$80,000. So the solutions are available. And we are here to help you make them a reality. As you heard we all met last night and all of these vibrant, active non-profits are on board. We all want to see these changes in our community and we all want to work with you to help make them happen. We can do this and we will help you. And whether or not we are able to avert climate catastrophe is in the hands of each and every one of us – not only in how consciously we set our thermostats or how judiciously we recycle, but mostly in how we move as societies to make the big changes that need making at the policy level. I will leave you with a quote from climate activist and founder of 350.org, Bill McKibbin, “Very few people on earth ever get to say: ‘I am doing, right now, the most important thing I could possibly be doing.’ If you’ll join this fight that’s what you’ll get to say.” Thank you.

Mr. Tom Adams, Penn Road NW – I am one of your newest residents of the County of Floyd. In April we purchased a home on Penn Road NW just about 150’ outside the Town of Floyd. We’ve been coming here for at least five years. I have a sister who lives down the road in Check and we would come and visit her and the area. We wanted to be here. In the course of looking for the home we purchased on Penn Road, we learned about the cluster amendment to your subdivision ordinance that is under consideration. It happens that before I retired as a civil engineer, I had the opportunity to be the engineer on record for a subdivision in the City of Saco, Maine. This was circa 1990. It was the first project to be undertaken by the City of Saco incorporating the new cluster amendment to its subdivision ordinance. As you might guess there was a certain level of skepticism on some of the aspects that were becoming a reality as opposed

to the abstraction that goes into the creation of a new ordinance. The project was called “Plymouth Settlement.” I am pretty sure that when the plans were redrawn so many times the number of lots on the project changed pretty much with each redraw, but as I recall it ended up being a subdivision of 69 lots with three entrances. Two [entrances] comprised a horseshoe and the third one ending in a cul-de-sac.

The result of it all from the developer’s perspective – I still see the developer on a regular basis – he is the kind of person who likes to pat himself on the back, and he has several times in a group of people said, “Tom was the engineer of record on the most successful subdivision of Maine.” This is his way of congratulating himself for his success. I also from time to time see an individual who did and still does work for the City of Saco. We still go back and forth to Maine because we haven’t sold our house in Maine. When I do see him, after learning about what you are working on with your cluster amendment, I decided to ask him on one of these chance meetings, “How did Plymouth Settlement work out from the city’s perspective?” Suffice it to say with my limited time, the city feels it was a success, obviously a success in terms of increasing tax base. And because of the compactness of the development, there is less in the way of road maintenance to be undertaken. So financially and in terms of the less quantifiable community aspect, I think it is safe to say they feel it was a successful project.

I would love to assume working with Lydeana [Martin] to put Floyd County in contact with any of the people she or you might like to hear from. In terms of aesthetics I will speak for my wife Linda, who I took on a drive through the project last spring, and she was very surprised at what an attractive subdivision it is. Since the site was already wooded, it was easy to keep trees that provide a great deal of visual vegetative buffer. Again I will speak for Linda, she was knocked out. It’s really a pretty project. We can try and take videos or photographs or something like that. I hope that you will continue your work on the clusters and if there is anything that I can offer, obviously I would. Thank you.

Ms. Veronica Santo, Courthouse District – I am here to encourage you to pass this Community Choice on Climate Action Resolution. I am a full time caregiver. I also work part time at Apple Ridge Farm in Environmental Education and I am a solar energy worker. I work for Rick Brown in his business called SolShine Energy. It is true that jobs in natural and renewable and clean energy sources are outnumbering jobs in fossil fuels at this point so the economy transition is now. Thank goodness. We need this transition because climate change is such a threat. We need this transition because burning fossil fuels has already killed a lot of people through black lung and asthma and respiratory disorders and cancer. So we need to make this transition now and it is already happening. I want to thank you so much for a few years ago some of you that are here helped pass a resolution against uranium mining. I think it goes along the same responsibility that each and every one of us needs clean air, clean water, and a healthy planet to live on. And our local governments have the responsibility of helping citizens and us as citizens have the responsibility of helping the local governments to make that happen to protect our air and water. We need to make this transition from the perspective of the economy. It’s happening and we need to get on board. We need to make this transition from the standpoint of energy independence. You think about all the difficulty going on in the world and how we really can’t rely on fossil fuels from all parts of the world for very much longer – partly because they are running out and because they are poisoning us and killing our climate and partly because with international relations you just never know. If we can build renewable and sustainable

energy sources here in the U.S., here in our own towns and communities, that will be one less thing we have to worry about.

I read through the Community Choice Resolution and I agree with all the items. Like Mary [Friday] was saying I hope that you decide that if there are things in there you don't like, we can all work together and change the language and come to some sort of agreement in the community about how we want this thing to move forward. Some of the most important things are, of course, producing clean energy in our community that is reliable for many years to come and keeps our air and water clean. Carbon sequestration farming practices which could be promoted all over the County since we have so many farms and forests. We need to increase our recycling efforts because production of plastic bottles, glass bottles, and metal cans these things when being produced in the factories many of them are burning fossil fuels. So recycling is actually an important piece of the climate puzzle. One thing that all of us in this room can do today is call our utility, AEP, and ask for renewable energy credits to your home. I do this. I pay out \$3.00 to \$4.00 extra on my electric bill. So I say to people if you can afford to buy a cup of coffee twice a month you can afford to switch your electric bill. The County can do this and all of us as individuals can do this. Switch your electric bill so that the usage promotes wind and solar instead of promoting mountaintop removal and the burning of fossil fuels. I hope it goes well in considering it and I hope we can continue this dialogue. Thank you so much.

After no further comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Agenda Item 6.d. – Mr. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Clarke said that we are at the end of the Vaughns Mill Road project. We are hard surfacing that road. We had some interesting drainage situations we had to deal with there. We had issues with the stone being slick – the base stone not even the final surface. I don't know what the deal was with the rock we were getting from the quarry. I believe it came from Sylvatus. We had a talk with the quarry and hopefully we got that straightened out. We can't put the final stuff on until you get a good surface that it will adhere to. That is a 2-mile long project. That is not a small project; it is like two projects in one. We are slowly getting there and we should have it hard surfaced in the next few weeks.

The other secondary road project that has been ongoing is Alum Ridge Road and that is a small section of that road. We will fix some curves at the old store there. Since it is already a paved road and I think it is classified as a major collector road, our design team down in Salem is working on that design. We will put that out to contract late this year with construction being a good part of next spring and summer, so that will be done then. That will require some closures of the road while they get in there and bust out rock. We will have a detour set up

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if the green boxes would be moved?

Mr. Clarke replied that he didn't know if it would move them but it may change access to them. A lot of times there is access here and there with those green boxes and nobody knows exactly where to go. We will try to channel some of that. I'll check the plans on that to be sure. It's a good question.

Chairman Clinger asked if data for this project included accidents and such?

Mr. Clarke replied we changed that project from a while ago. That was one of the hot spots for accidents at one time. The downtown project has been approved and everything. Of course, they are just starting the design with the new fiscal year. I'll keep you updated on that. I'm about positive there will be public meetings on that to get ideas. We have to get it to a certain point so we have something to show people. We'll have some ideas. It is mostly generated towards pedestrian type stuff so we are not changing the footprint of the road and everything.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what is the timeframe on design?

Mr. Clarke said he didn't know if they have a full scope of schedule yet. Probably the first thing would be a date for public information and I'll see if they have that yet.

Chairman Clinger said he noticed they were up there measuring manholes.

Mr. Clarke agreed that before they do design there is some survey they have to do to get it all in the CAD and look at it and then start working on a design.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if they might have some design by next summer?

Mr. Clarke agreed that is possible because we're not changing the footprint of the road or buying a building or doing any of that stuff. It could be. I'll probably have an idea next month. Those are our construction things. Besides that we have general maintenance things. With a new fiscal year coming up we spent a lot of June reconciling our budgets and our books and we were able to do some more extensive patching because we had a lighter winter. We were able to use some of that money for road stuff. Now we are getting off more onto the gravel roads. We did do some patching on River Ridge and Route 221. We did some shoulder work on Route 8, Shooting Creek Road, and Woods Gap Road. We did brush cutting with the big mow-trim tractor on Ridgeview Road, Level Bottom Road, Diamond Knob Road and some on Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek Road and at the intersection of River Ridge Road. We had a major pipe failure on Black Ridge Road, which didn't take it out completely, but we had to take it out in order to get it fixed. We have been trying to work around patching and getting things ready for Floydfest, which as far as I can tell went pretty well at least as far as the VDOT part is concerned. We are always glad for that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she drove over Black Ridge Road a couple of times and it is not paved yet. It was good to leave the backhoe standing there so people would see it as they came around the curve. It slowed people down.

Mr. Clarke said the pipe is fixed but it may take a while to finish the surface. The plan for the next month for maintenance is to continue working on the gravel roads. We are going to keep the mow-trim and brush cutter out on work orders. We get a lot of calls and we hit those. We are working on putting together our schedule for next year as far as paving goes. That is all the updates I have.

Supervisor Gerald said this is third month I have brought up the paving on Indian Valley Road and you haven't done it yet.

Mr. Clarke said there is still some paving left to do in the County.

Supervisor Gerald said it was on the schedule but something happened to change their minds and they went somewhere else.

Mr. Clarke said I will see what is left on the schedule. I think there is still some work left in the County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she is really concerned about the Dollar General store – its placement and speed limit. I think it would be in the best interests to the citizens of this County to have a speed study done. I would like to have the speed limit reduced around the Dollar General store. That is a very difficult area at best. I finally came by last Friday on my way to a meeting with one of your co-workers. I'm very concerned about it. Very concerned about it. I think that area tends to get a lot of fog. You are also dealing with a lot of traffic coming in off of Daniels Run Road turning on and going both ways. There are people going in and out of Dollar General. On a morning where the fog is thick it is going to be very difficult for the safety of people going back and forth in everyday traffic situations. So I would like a speed study done to lower the speed limit to 45 mph through there. Again, I would like to have 45 mph limit extended past Black Forest Road on Route 221 as well. I drive Route 221 as often as a lot of other people. I know it is a main thoroughfare so people want to drive 55 mph, but we all know when they are supposed to drive 55 mph they are going 62 mph, 64 mph. Even if we move it to 45 mph they will still drive 50 mph. It really is for the safety of our citizens. Otherwise I haven't had anyone call. I appreciate the work done on Eagles Nest Drive in Montgomery County. It could still use some touch up. There is loose gravel. I think ultimately so the road doesn't fail again, a better fix is going to need to be figured out. It is going to continue to be a problem. Like I mentioned to Chris [Price] a lot of Floyd citizens go to work in Montgomery County and drive that road everyday with that hairpin turn.

Vice Chairman Turman asked when you are brush cutting please remember Turnip Patch Road, off of Shelor Road. I told Chris [Price] about it last month. Residents are concerned about school buses and the visibility.

Mr. Clarke replied with buses getting ready to run again we will be getting a lot of calls from the bus drivers.

Supervisor Yoder said you are getting a lot of compliments from people who live on Goose Creek Road. I haven't had a chance to ride down there, but you must have done a lot of work down there because there are some pretty happy people down there. I appreciate that. They wanted me to pass that along. There was a pipe replaced on Kings Store Road several years ago. There is still quite a dip there. I've gotten a lot of complaints recently about that. People are hitting that pretty hard. If they are out patching that would be a good place to put a little asphalt. I've gotten some calls about the crosswalks in town, not the ones at the intersection, but the ones elsewhere in town. Paint is coming off of those.

Mr. Clarke agreed and said we made that request to our crew in Salem to fix that. We remind them every month about that.

Supervisor Yoder said where they are smearing the slurry on Route 221, it is rough but I understand it gets better over time. My concern is with the reflectors. I know they are not done yet. The part they've done you can see where part of the reflectors are uncovered and parts where they are not. I will keep an eye on that.

Mr. Clarke said they are supposed to uncover those or replace them.

Supervisor Yoder said the dirt roads look good. Thank you for everything.

Chairman Clinger said I asked Chris [Price] last month about getting some sealer to keep the dust down on Thunderstruck Road. It hasn't been done yet.

Mr. Clarke agreed we can put chloride down.

Chairman Clinger said he had one complaint about Boxley crew. They covered the side of a white minivan when they hit their brakes and some slosed out. They are having trouble getting Boxley to do anything about it. Is that something the State gets involved in?

Mr. Clarke replied we generally don't, but they can call us and we'll make sure we get in touch with Boxley or our contractors will get in touch with them. Call the Christiansburg office and Susan Gerald's should answer the phone.

Chairman Clinger said I appreciate all the work you've been doing on the projects we have going on in town and moving along with the sidewalks.

Mr. Clarke said we will stay on that and make sure it doesn't fall behind. I'll keep you updated with the dates.

Ms. Morris said she heard yesterday that the guardrail on Route 8 is going to be installed within the next 30 days. It has been almost three years we've been waiting.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I want to thank you too. You have done an excellent job all around. I don't always mean to complain but it is the safety issue and the fog in this County can be really, really bad.

Vice Chairman Turman said on those 90 degree days three guys were out on Countyline Road uncovering reflectors. They did a really good job.

Agenda Item 8.i. – 2018 Legislative Recommendations continued.

Chairman Clinger said let us continue with the Legislative Requests. We said we want to take off the meals tax and move item j. to the top.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested moving item g. on Cooperative Extension up.

Supervisor Yoder said last year one of the delegates told me he hadn't even seen it.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the 2018 Legislative Recommendations subject to removing item a and moving item j to the first position (Document File Number 934).

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.j. – Authorization to advertise for audit proposals for 3 year term.

Ms. Morris said it is time for us to go out for audit proposals. It has actually been four years because we did an extension for one year.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for audit proposals for a three year term.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.k. – Appointment of representative and alternate to the New River Valley Agency on Aging Board of Directors, one year term.

Ms. Morris stated I serve as your representative and Ms. Ryan serves as your alternate. We are both willing to be reappointed.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to reappoint Ms. Terri Morris as the representative and to reappoint Ms. Cynthia Ryan as alternate to the Board of Directors of the New River Valley Agency on Aging from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.l. – New River Valley Agency on Aging Advisory Council, two appointments needed.

Ms. Morris stated we need two appointments for the Advisory Council for the Agency on Aging. I did advertise it, but we received no letters of interest. Ms. Morris said she would check with Ms. Tina King, the director and see if she knows of anybody who might be interested.

Agenda Item 8.m. – Acceptance of bid for replacement of two propane tub heaters at Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department, Station #4, Indian Valley.

Ms. Morris reported that we put out bids for replacement of two propane tub heaters at Fire Station #4. We received two bids from our advertisement. After review by the staff and myself, we recommend acceptance of the bid from Nolen LLC in the amount of \$4,950.00. He was the lowest, most responsive bidder. We had \$8,400.00 in the budget as an estimate.

Vice Chairman Turman pointed out the other bidder says there is no 75,000 btu but the lowest says 75,000 watts.

Chairman Clinger said he noticed that too. They put down LP gas. They might have different suppliers. We did specify 75,000 btus.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the bid of Nolen Electric with clarification of btu rather than watts and LP gas.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7. – Closed Session – Personnel 2.2-3711 A.1; Real Property 2.2-3711 A.3.; and Consultation with Legal Counsel 2.2-3711 A. 7.

On a motion made by Supervisor Gerald and seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph 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; Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph 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; and under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. 7., Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultations or briefings in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, 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 Personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1; Real Property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 and Consultation with Legal Counsel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7 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 in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8.f. – Resolution presented by Preserve Floyd on Climate Action
Community Choice Res. 2017.

Chairman Clinger said we all want to do something but the original resolution is too all-encompassing. We need a direction to move forward with it, maybe something similar to what the Mayor did.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that she agreed that this is a climate action community choice which as I understand it is a carbon copy of something that was adopted in other areas across the country. I just don't know if this Board in total is willing to go along with it. But I want to see some of these things at least in our collective consciousness as a governing body responding to the citizens, knowing these are citizens that are interested in helping us become more energy efficient.

Chairman Clinger described this as all-encompassing. A lot of these things we support but we can't affect. I would like it to be more things we can do and make sure they are followed through on. I was thinking if we have something where we can set goals, like we've done in the past, and a resolution supporting those goals. Like that young gentleman said about the coal-fired furnaces. If we pick one or two things that we can act on.

Vice Chairman Turman said I've noticed, since I have been on the Board the past six years, anything we do Lydeana [Martin] has pushed us to look at our footprint as far as protecting our water, our forests, our farm land and everything. We've got a lot of committees that are already doing that. I'm afraid we will get backed into a corner it will cost the County a bunch of money. I know my district can't afford it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch added I don't think any district in this County can afford it.

Vice Chairman Turman said I am all for anything we can do to protect our air and water. But we have to be careful how we move forward.

Chairman Clinger said we already have several resolutions about protecting our water supply and air quality. We contribute to the Soil Conservation District.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said this is taking more of a stand.

Chairman Clinger said I like the idea of looking at tangible things that we can affect and that is why we didn't have any trouble passing this before. We promoted things we can do on a daily basis. I agree with every one of them in part or in whole, but it is just that some of them are so far out of our area of affect. If you look at the list we put together for Legislative Requests, there are a lot of things on there that we have no control over and we ask every time for it. Rather than being like everybody else and rubberstamping this and going on and forgetting about it, let's take a lead in some things we can actually do.

Vice Chairman Turman pointed out that a lot of farmers have taken it upon themselves to protect the water. They are putting up barriers to keep cattle and horses away from creeks. A lot of farmers are stepping up on their own.

Chairman Clinger said here where it says protect water and land, we've got the Blue Ridge Soil Conservation and put in conservation easements to protect it and now we are also working on cluster developments that puts 50% away to protect land.

Ms. Morris asked if they wanted a working document as a guideline? You don't want a resolution you adopt and then put on a shelf and never look at it again. You want an action document.

Chairman Clinger said the uranium resolution started out as uranium mining in general, but we came back and said we don't want uranium mining in our state in these areas for these exact reasons. We do a lot of the items in here [the resolution] already. If you want to look back at this whole thing over again and addressed each one of them in terms of what we've already done, we can say we support these in this manner. I'm looking for something more tangible.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Terri [Morris] hit the nail on the head with a working document.

Vice Chairman Turman said as Lauren [Supervisor Yoder] mentioned the coal-fired furnaces at the schools, that is something that is on our radar and we can work on.

Chairman Clinger said if we look at each "Whereas" and put something tangible, I will be more comfortable with it than a broad statement saying we support this. We do support it. People support things all the time but don't walk the talk.

Supervisor Yoder said when I ran for office I didn't really want to run to get involved with a national debate, probably with the current political climate I am even more hesitant to get involved in a national topic of debate. At some point you have to focus on Floyd. I think that is a little bit what you are saying. There are a lot of things we can't control. But there are some things that we can control, focusing on those things that we can control and areas where we can have an impact. On the other hand, it is important for leaders to stand up and give opinions, but sometimes you can get bogged down in a debate that doesn't have any end goal. I see that a lot in the national media. There is a lot of debating and no real end goal in sight. The fight is the goal in some ways. If we can work on a document that comes up with goals for this County and a position for this County regarding environment and climate change, I think that is really where we need to go.

Chairman Clinger said we used grant money a couple of years back to change all the lighting out to become more energy efficient. We are embracing all of these ideas. We just need to figure out a way to make it Floyd's. I like to be able to double check what we pass.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch described it as an informative resolution. There are a lot of "Whereas" that explain all of this and that is well and good. But when it comes down to the changes. I would like to see something that really can affect us. I mean, for us by 2050, like I said that is not that far away. I hear what Joe [Vice Chairman Turman] is saying about how his constituents can't afford...but then not doing anything, what are you not being able to afford at the same time?

Chairman Clinger said I think he meant as far as not knowing what it would cost the County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied, absolutely, that is what I am saying. But inaction, what is that going to cost us down the road as well in a larger scale? But as Lauren [Supervisor Yoder] said we still have to drill it down to Floyd and make sure that what we do here...so a document like this as we said gets put on a shelf and somebody can come back and say 'well you signed this but your predecessors they weren't really serious about it and now here we are in 2052 and you haven't done any of this.' It would be better for us to have a document that allows us to make specific goals that we can then work on.

Supervisor Yoder asked what are some of those goals?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is what we have to think about.

Chairman Clinger replied like keeping more land from being developed, protecting that and waterways by adoption of cluster development. Realizing there is a need for growth but having it managed growth so we can protect our resources. I would like for us to look at something we heard about from the past Superintendent but not the present Superintendent, if at some point the schools decide to keep the elementary open forever let's look at something, whether it is the pellet furnace or something else. We might not be able to put enough in there to heat it with solar.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch suggested a hybrid system perhaps with solar and another renewable energy.

Chairman Clinger said I am open if you all think it is the way to go, let's brainstorm some ideas that we can incorporate and look at a draft.

Supervisor Yoder asked are you suggesting possibly looking at renewable energy for government owned properties?

Chairman Clinger replied that would be good too. You know you could take a step. If we have a positive that any new buildings we build have to incorporate...whether the school does it or whatever...that way we know going forward a certain blend has to be renewable. I'm not just saying checking I want the renewable from AEP, but actually putting whether it is solar collectors or somewhere that has hydro, getting hydro. That's the positive...something that we can affect. We can't do all of it just because of the cost. But if we look at least the first couple of years, any new government building needs to be 40% renewable energy on site.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch pointed at number two on the energy policy and stated it is all well and good to regionally want to get 80% of electricity to be derived. But when you've got a Board over in Montgomery County that is at odds with each other a lot, trying to get them on board with us, or Pulaski or Patrick or Franklin, that is a tall order right there. I'm not saying that it couldn't be done. It's hard to say how we affect the change of other counties around us from a regional perspective.

Chairman Clinger added we are unlike other Counties.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed, we are.

Chairman Clinger said we go on and be a leader instead of a follower.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it would be great if...80% is a lot, but if 50% could be derived then we could start sending back to APCO the electricity from certain areas.

Supervisor Yoder said he kind of liked on number twelve in the resolution talking about transitioning toward employment in a clean economy. I think that is an important goal for this County. When we are out recruiting a business to come in, what business are we recruiting? You want somebody who is the right type of business for Floyd and supports keeping our County and our region...

Vice Chairman Turman stated that we've always looked at in the past with the strain it will put on our water and wells.

Ms. Morris asked if the Board would like to think about it some more? You can send me different goals that you might have and I'll try to combine those.

Chairman Clinger said there is consensus that we want something. You are gleaning what we are trying to do.

Vice Chairman Turman said of everything that has come before this Board, I have thought about this more than any other.

Supervisor Yoder said on number nine, the tax incentives, I would be interested in knowing legally what are our options there. I don't know what the State allows us to do there. It would be interesting to know exactly what our options would be there as far as incentives for certain types of jobs versus others.

Chairman Clinger answered that is part of it too if you look at a general one [resolution]; if we adopt something that we are not allowed to do then...

Supervisor Yoder said I would like to get more specific than the way it is written. We can say we'll work toward machinery and tools tax reduction for these types of jobs.

Chairman Clinger said the things that we are allowed to use in our toolbox. Let's keep this moving forward. Let's take what we have now instead of trying to rewrite the whole thing in one sitting. Let Terri [Morris] take what we've said and any other ideas you want to add to it specifically email to her, and put this on our next day meeting agenda.

Agenda Item 8.g. – Letter Request from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Chairman Clinger asked when the pipeline was coming through Floyd County, did they come to our rescue?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied that she believed that they did.

Chairman Clinger answered I am trying to remember. I don't think that they did.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that may be because the Appalachian Trail doesn't run through Floyd County.

Chairman Clinger described the letter as being more about moral support than anything else. Did they do that when we were up against it?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch responded that may be because it was so new to everybody. We just jumped on it.

Chairman Clinger replied we didn't jump on it; the pipeline came to us.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied I know, what I'm saying is Floyd and some of the other groups jumped on it so quick, I really think MVP [Mountain Valley Pipeline] was blindsided and the people who are working with it. I've gone on record as not supporting this pipeline and on record as not supporting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as well in the Charlottesville area. These pipelines are doing nothing that is going to benefit us regionally, domestically. It is all for exporting natural gas with these pipelines for sale overseas. They have a real large footprint that will affect our water. They are being dug through unstable geology and are going through protected national forests as well as this trail that is such a big part of the western part of the State of Virginia. It is an important tourist and economic generator.

Chairman Clinger asked if she wanted to go forward with this letter? He pointed out that we said there was no need for it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked what he meant by no need for it?

Chairman Clinger pointed out in the last paragraph it talks about an alternative location for the proposed project that would be less impactful. That is like saying we don't want it here...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed that she didn't care for that at all.

Chairman Clinger stated when we put these out there if they come back and say it has to come through Floyd, which fought it before...

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she understood his point. I guess we could write back to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and talk to them about the fact that we are not in favor of moving it to some other location. My position is I don't think either of these pipelines benefit the State of Virginia at all. Since they are trying to frack from the Marcellus shale fields in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, the quickest way to get here is to come through Virginia.

Supervisor Yoder agreed this letter is opposing the current proposed route.

Chairman Clinger said remember this was better when they moved up that way. If we go against it there, we might get it here.

Vice Chairman Turman said this might not have anything to do with what you are on. I haven't made up my mind one way or the other as far as the pipeline. But you are talking about that 125' scar...it was right before Lauren [Supervisor Yoder] and I came on the Board. We were allowed to go with the other supervisors to Beech Mountain to look at the wind turbines. Look at the thousands of acres of forest land the wind turbines took, plus you have to have the right of way for powerlines and stuff like that. The pipeline is not causing as big a scar as the turbines did. Look at the damage they would do to this County if we had them setting on these hills. It aggravated me the other day when I saw a new cell tower because there was five acres of farm land that went for a cell tower. But that is just me. I love these mountains and I don't want to see them messed up.

Chairman Clinger said after hearing that I don't think we have enough to support this letter. Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Morris to please contact Andrew Downs of the Appalachian

Trail Conservancy and tell him we are not supporting the letter because it asks us to support pushing it off somewhere else. If he comes back with another type of letter, we will look at it and discuss it at that time. There are too many of these things that come through that if we agree to, it might come back that we said we wanted it here in Floyd.

Vice Chairman Turman asked when will the pipeline be approved?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch explained that it is going through the process right now. The Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public hearing tonight at Radford University from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to get public comments about the effect it will have on the environment. A lot of people will be attending from Floyd, Giles, all over the place on the Mountain Valley Pipeline. There will be a public hearing in Chatham tomorrow night, I believe. Then there are two public meetings, not hearings in Newport and Roanoke on the 10th. Those meetings are only for people to give written comment. They can talk, but if they talk and not back it up with a written comment, anything they say at these public meetings will not be introduced into the record. Delegate Rasoul and Tammy Belinsky and Delegate Yost asked for the meetings in Giles and Roanoke because they didn't think they were being served. The Department of Environmental Quality went ahead and set up these meetings. Again, if you don't have a written comment you will not be documented into the public record. A lot of people didn't understand that. These are real issues. Even though it isn't in Floyd County, it is coming really close. It is up at the Copper Hill end of the county and Bent Mountain. It is probably within two miles. A lot of people are very concerned about the impact it will have on Bottom Creek and the water source down there.

Vice Chairman Turman said there is a pipeline in Carroll County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said none of the others have been this big. The problem is this is a 42" pipeline.

Supervisor Yoder asked the size of the one that comes through Pittsylvania County? Is that one 42"?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch responded no, there has never been a 42" pipeline put through Virginia. It might be a 30". Pittsylvania is the termination point. The one coming through Charlottesville area in Rockbridge County is ending up in North Carolina for Dominion.

Supervisor Yoder said he grew up on top of the one that comes through Pittsylvania County. I grew up about ½ mile away. We used to go ride dirt bikes on it; I didn't know what it was.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated the other problem is most geologists attached to Virginia Tech have some very real concerns about laying a pipeline in limestone karst geology; that it is unstable and there is an earthquake fault that runs through Giles County down the spine of the Appalachians.

Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business.

Vice Chairman Turman said he received a phone call from one person for a group of people. He is just throwing it out there to keep in mind if we ever want to do something. It would be really nice if we could name the Recreation Department or some field in honor of Virgil [Allen], because he worked so hard to get the Recreation Department going. It is just something to put on our radar.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said he changed a lot of young people's lives; especially a lot of young girls' playing softball.

Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Morris to check and see if we have a policy on this.

Ms. Morris replied we don't have any type of policy.

Chairman Clinger said the Recreation Authority would have to be the ones to do it.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that one field is named Citizens field.

Ms. Morris said the Schools have a policy on the naming of things.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she has an item of new business. I have been called by a couple of constituents about problems they are having with Verizon. All of a sudden cell service in this county has deteriorated. We've got a new cell tower. There is a cell tower in the middle of the county that we all see. Phone calls are being dropped where they never were before. I don't know what it is. So many people no longer have landlines and depend on cell phone communication as their only form of communication. I think you always need a landline. When 911 occurred the only thing you could depend on was a landline. I don't know what we can do as a County.

Chairman Clinger said we can't even set the tax on it as a County.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch replied that she realized that. I don't know if we can do a letter from the County that tells Verizon we have received complaints. Maybe they don't even realize it. You can call their 800 number and that is what I told these folks to do was to call the 800 number and complain about the service. It has gotten worse and worse and not better.

Ms. Morris reminded the Board that the VACo meeting is coming up November 12-14. We've reserved three rooms so please let us know if you are interested in going.

Supervisor Yoder said he was definitely going because he serves on committees.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch expressed interest in attending.

Chairman Clinger said he could not commit to it, and since Mr. Gerald was leaving the Board he probably shouldn't go, if the other three supervisors want to attend.

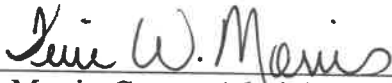
Ms. Morris said she would not be attending because she attended the Manager's meeting in June. Ms. Morris reminded the Board that the River Cleanup is August 26 starting at 8:00

a.m. We have about 30 volunteers signed up. We are limiting it to 60 volunteers. The committee wants to proceed even if we only have 5 people sign up. They want to do it to get our feet wet.


Chairman Clinger pointed this out as another way in which we are active in the clean environment of our county.

Agenda Item 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



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