

**Minutes**  
**Floyd County Board of Supervisors**  
**May 28, 2024**

**1. Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. or thereafter.

**2. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Bechtold.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Supervisor Kuchenbuch offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found for Supervisors, please note that Supervisor Cox is absent from the meeting.

**5. Approval of Agenda** –

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended adding 10 b 2.2-3711 A.1, and 10 a. adding Radio Tower Location.

**6. Approval of Disbursements** –

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the disbursements as presented.

**7. Approval of minutes** –

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried as corrected to approve the minutes of 04/23/2024 and 05/14/2024.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch the approval of the public Hearing of the Floyd County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance.

**8. Public Comment**

a. Paul Kitchen – Little River District

Mr. Kitchen provided a handout to the Board Members and County Staff stating the following:

Floyd County Board of Supervisors

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. I will address the Office of Elections, General Registrar, and Electoral Board FY 24/25 budget requests.

We must run smooth, efficient, and accurate elections. To do so we need the appropriate staffing levels as determined by the anticipated voter turnout and the law. For this November's Presidential Elections, we need twelve Officers at each of our five precincts on election day. Plus, State law requires three officers at the Central Absentee Precinct. And, during the 35 days of early in-person voting code requires two officers and a curbside assistant on busy days. This headcount is the bare minimum. I ask that you adjust the funding up from \$31,000 to \$38,000 to cover these costs at the same compensation level as prior election cycles.

We must operate the Office of Elections efficiently with a combination of full-time and part-time employees. Our original budget request of \$42,000 was reduced by the County Administration review to \$30,000, then further reduced to \$20,000. We are trying to balance part-time clerical and administrative staff with county-mandated separate IT support. We ask for the \$30,000 so we can achieve this balance, have a secure computer network, and operate for the benefit of our citizens.

Finally, I bring to your attention the income stream that comes from shared expenses with the State Department of Elections. The current FY 24/25 budget only forecasts a \$25,000 reimbursement. Based on the most recent reimbursement request we recommend that the County plan for an \$85,000 reimbursement. That \$60,000 addition to income more than covers the difference we are asking for on the expense side of the ledger.

I hope that you will be able to find the extra \$7,000 to properly compensate the Officer of Elections, and the \$10,000 to allow us to run the Office of Elections efficiently.

Remember that by adding the extra \$60,000 of State Department of Elections reimbursements the County will have a net gain of \$43,000.

I am leaving copies of this speech and a one-page spreadsheet that shows the election staffing levels and compensation at the previous levels for your information and review.

Thank you.

**9. Old Business:**

**a. New River Valley Home Consortium Reappointment**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch for a three-year term from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027, to the New River Valley Home Consortium Board.

**b. Floyd County Department of Social Services Reappointment**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried to approve Jerry Boothe for a four-year term from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028, to the Floyd County Department of Social Services.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Boothe – abstain.  
Supervisor Cox – absent  
Supervisor Turman - yes

**c. New River Valley Community Services Reappointment**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried to approve Jerry Boothe for a three-year term from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027, to the New River Valley Community Services Board.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes  
Supervisor Boothe – abstain.  
Supervisor Cox – absent  
Supervisor Turman - yes

**d. 6 – year Road plan draft resolution**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the resolution of the Floyd County Six-Year Plan

Resolution, as amended by adding #5 Sunny Ridge and #6 D-Harts Store Road (779) widening.

e. Transfer Station Equipment Discussion –

County Administrator Millsaps gave the board an update on the equipment at the transfer station. Further discussion ensued about the current running trucks and that today it was reported the 2011 Dump truck needs a new transmission.

Discussed Roll-offs and beginning to possibly intergrade those at the green box sites and look into the costs.

Supervisor Bechtold asked if we could add new signs on the doors as well as get a schedule together to have the doors greased regularly.

**10. Closed:**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to enter into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.3.

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

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.1 Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to

authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively. Recreation – Chain of Command

- b. § 2.2-3711 A.3 – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Park and Recreation Facility and Radio Tower

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

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

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

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

## **11. New Business**

- a. July 6<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Event

Planning the fireworks at the school and all permits have been obtained. Working with Dr. Cromer who stated she is excited about it. All plans are moving forward.

**12. Board Time**

No board comments at this time.

**13. Administrator Report: Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator reported**

- a. Audit Kick-Off Meeting
- b. Investing in Rural America
- c. Franklin Pike update
- d. Tourism Development Council
- e. The Inspection Department will close June 3-7.
- f. Agency on Aging Event

**17. Correspondence –**

Deputy County Administrator/CFO Chiddo updated the board on the contents of the Correspondence folder.

**18. Adjournment:**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried for the approval to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 06/04/2024, 7:00 p.m., Public hearing for the FY25 Budget Proposal.

  
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Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator

  
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Joe Turman, Chairman