

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
April 23, 2024

1. **Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 all Supervisors.
5. **Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.**

- a. Road Abandonment of the old Route #646, Copper Hill, Virginia.

Ms. Turman, County Planner gave the board an update on the request approved to have the Public Hearing on the Road Abandonment of Old Route #646.

- b. Public Comment –

Gwendolyn Lucas, Locust Grove.

Ms. Lucas requested change and or clarification regarding the requirements of the notifications that need to be sent about the cost implication, what was done and what the requirements in the ordinance noted.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the abandonment of the discontinued portion of Route # 646 (Holland Road SE).

6. **Approval of Agenda** –

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended adding 14 b, Certificate of Appreciation to the Partnership of Floyd for 20 years of service.

7. Approval of Disbursements –

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

8. Approval of minutes –

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried as corrected to approve the minutes of 04/09/2024.

9. Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. -

Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation

a. Six-Year Road Plan

Mr. Clarke updated the board on the changes from last year's resolution of the -year road plan. Mr. Clarke discussed Countywide items of various descriptions using construction funds and the opportunity to get more things completed this way. A conversation ensues regarding the following:

- Route 680 Starbuck Road hard surface unpaved road
- Route 712 Hope Road-hard surface unpaved road
- Route 743 Reedsville Road hard surface unpaved road
- Route 764 Merrifield Road intersection improvement, drainage, and hard surfacing unpaved road

b. Public Comment

Jim Newell – Burks Forest

Mr. Newell asked about Reedsville Road and what is the plan for construction. Mr. Clarke stated that at this time no construction is scheduled, and it is still in the engineering phase. Mr. Newell noted he is thankful to VDOT for the work on Laurel Branch Road.

Rob Campbell – Burks Forest

Mr. Campbell shared that he is here because the board encouraged him to participate each year to remind them to keep Reedsville on the list.

10. Presentations:

Kevin Sowers, Director of Public Safety, and Dustin Thomas Chief EMS

a. EMS transport Zone Map

Mr. Sowers updated the board on board on the EMS transport Zone Map. GIS mapping by zoned area. This map will expedite the quickest route for EMS transporting a patient to obtain medical assistance. Mr. Sowers wanted to explain what appears to be some confusion and clarify how transport is designated to which hospital.

A conversation ensued about the zoning map. The board thanked Mr. Sowers for the explanation and clarification.

11. Public Comments

Cieara Saunders – Floyd CARE – Locust Grove

The following was read: handout given at meeting.



We are here as part of the community group, Floyd CARE. As a non-partisan non-profit, our mission is to inspire CARE, or Community Action for Racial Equity, in Floyd County, Virginia. The definition of equity is defined by the federal government as "the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals..." Equity work can address anything from gender, class, and location-based (such as rural vs. urban) imbalances.

Our work focuses on racial equity, and specifically in Floyd County. If you listen to some of the stories of our community members, it is very clear that equity has not yet reached every corner of Floyd County- This is why we are here.

One way we work toward our mission is through celebration and education during two events each year: Juneteenth and National Hispanic Heritage Month. We celebrate our local communities while creating a platform to educate the public about the past and present context in which we all live. We believe in celebrating the diversity of our community while honoring the full history of how we all arrived here. This history, and how each of us were and continue to be affected by it, is critical to understanding each other. Racial segregation, discrimination, and slavery are all a part of Floyd County history, while so is determination, survival, and celebration. We organize our events to hold both truths.

We would like to personally invite each of you to attend as community members outside of your elected positions to our celebrations this year in Floyd:

- **Juneteenth Celebration:** Saturday June 15th in Warren G. Lineberry Community Park in the Town of Floyd
- **Hispanic Heritage Celebration:** Saturday September 28th (with a rain date of October 5th) at Oak Grove Pavilion behind Zion Lutheran Church on Needmore Lane in Floyd

Music, food, storytelling, historical context, resource sharing, community engagement, and celebration are all integral as we learn more about each other and work toward the goal of achieving racial equity in Floyd. We invite local community groups and organizations to bring information about the work that they do for Floyd, and our events are sponsored by the donations of individuals and many local businesses.

We have a website www.floydcare.org if you'd like to learn more about us, and please feel free to email us at floydcareva@gmail.com. We are also on Instagram and Facebook if you'd like to follow us on social media. Again, we hope to see you celebrating with us this year.

Mara Eve Robbins – Court House District

Request a pronoun protocol for county Staff. Ask the board to make this proactive change. Noted that respectful pronouns are suicide prevention.

Anne Armistead – Courthouse District

Ms. Armistead thanked Supervisor Boothe and Supervisor Kuchenbuch for voting yes to the matching funds of the June Bug Center. Also, discussed the importance of the center and how much of an asset it is to the community.

12. Old Business

- a. New Board of Supervisor meeting room update.
 - a. County Administrator, Ms. Millsaps, updated the board on all the construction progress and noted all the hard work of Mr. Lowry, Manager of IT Operations. Mr. Lowry updated the board about the security system as well as the camera, TV, and speaker system that will go into the Board room.

13. 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.6.

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.6 Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.
Contracts/EDA

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

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

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

14. New Business

- a. Guillian-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and Chronis Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), Proclamation for May designated as awareness month.

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously approved the Proclamation for May as designated GBS and CIDP awareness month.

- b. Certificate of Appreciation to the Partnership of Floyd.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously approved the Certificate of Appreciation to the Partnership of Floyd as recognition of 20 years of support to the county.

14. Board Time

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that she and Supervisor Boothe will be attending the VaCo board meeting.

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


- a. Bank update.
- b. Budget Update
- c. Auditor confirmation
- c. Speaking engagement
- d. H & V plant tour – Supervisor Turman, Supervisor Boothe, Ms. Martin and Ms. Millsaps
- e. NRVCS location tour and discussion
- f. Floyd Fest Information Booth planning
- g. Senior Transportation
- h. Craig Chancellor
- i. ACCE meeting on 04/24 and Vendor fair on May 1st.

17. Correspondence –

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

18. Adjournment:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried for the approval to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 05/14/2024, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Turman, Chairman

