

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe (joined by conference call), Vice Chairman; W. Justin Coleman, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, and Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Cynthia Ryan, Acting County Administrator; Angie Ellis, Accounting Clerk; and Tabitha Hodge, Operations Manager to livestream and film the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. – Meeting Called to Order.

Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Coleman.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Turman led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Turman requested a moment of silence in honor of former Board member, William “Bill” Curtis Hayden.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of December 2, 2020; December 8, 2020; December 9-10, 2020; December 17, 2020 and January 4, 2021.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020; December 8, 2020; December 9-10, 2020; December 17, 2020 and January 4, 2021 as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of monthly disbursements.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to approve the January 2021 monthly disbursements as presented.

Supervisor Coleman – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Boothe – abstain
Supervisor Turman – yes

Agenda Item 7a – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for December 2020.

Ms. Ryan – Would you like me to see if Ms. Turman is available?

There were no questions or discussion.

Agenda Items 7b and 7c – Discussion of Community Development Block Grant #20-20-11, and Task Order regarding Floyd County Scatter-Site Housing Rehabilitation Project.

Ms. Ryan – Lydeana Martin requested that we hold off on “b” and “c” until closer to the closed session so that she may join us for that part of the discussion.

Agenda Item 7d – Discussion of Floyd County’s participation in the New River Valley HOME Consortium.

Ms. Ryan – This is a three year contract. We need to decide if we want to renew for the next three years.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Is this the same contract we had before?

Ms. Ryan – Yes, I believe it is.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Do we have the agreement?

Ms. Ryan – Yes, it’s this one page. We’re just committing that we will be part of it for the next three years. Last time we did put in some money. I want to say it was around four thousand dollars to be a part of it. This agreement does not give us an amount, I would expect there would be a cost. And by being a part of this, this is the one where we received the money in order to do the townhomes. By being on this Consortium, it brings a lot of money into the county.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the participation of Floyd County and the HOME Consortium Board for the New River Valley (Document File Number 1149).

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

Agenda Item 6a. – Mr. Chad Alls and Ms. Hope Estes, Floyd County Department of Social Services.

Mr. Chad Alls – Social services is still closed to the public, operating by appointment only. Some of the staff is teleworking and others have staggered schedules when they are in office to keep socially distanced.

Ms. Estes explained the impacts COVID 19 has had on services:

- The Medicaid program has been the most impacted. No Medicaid cases can be closed unless one of the following is applicable: it is requested by the client, the client is deceased, or the client moves out of state permanently.
- Due to COVID, there are 379 late renewals to be reevaluated. This is in addition to all the ones that are due and all new applications.
- Renewals for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits have doubled and are delayed about six months.
- Medicaid and SNAP applications are expected to increase in the September through December range because unemployment benefits will be ending.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – When I look at the chart it indicates the biggest amount of SNAP cases in May, June, and July. We've kind of leveled off in December, and you're expecting us to increase?

Ms. Estes – Yes, because when the pandemic unemployment started, that \$600 stimulus money was countable for our SNAP program, but not Medicaid. A lot of those people are timing out of that unemployment and starting to reapply.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – So those 813, 815, 812, 799 during May through August, coincided with more people coming in due to the COVID situation. And this is expected to happen again.

Mr. Alls – The state has allocated a certain amount of overtime for Benefit Program Specialist at the lower match rate. We haven't dipped into it because we haven't gotten to the point of starting up again. Also, interviews for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) have suspended.

Ms. Estes – The TANF and SNAP interviews are normally required for renewals. Currently they are being waived. Also, the new SNAP application interviews have been waived. This means if there is nothing questionable, but we need verification, we can send a check list. Or if something needs to be clarified we can call and do that over the phone. TANF interviews for the cash assistance program are still required. In person interviews for SNAP have been waived and can be performed over the phone. Daycare interviews must still be held in person.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – So that helps to keep staff and the client safer.

Supervisor Yoder – When all this ends, there be a massive amount of paperwork.

Ms. Estes – Yes. What happened in March was it hit mid-month and we had already closed a lot of people who had not done their renewals or were over the income. The state went in and opened it in the Medicaid system, but not in our everyday eligible system. The states are

saying when COVID or the state of emergency ends, even if the state has opened it, not the local office, we will still have to evaluate them all.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Talking about overtime hours, you can bank those, so to speak.

Mr. Alls – Yes, they've given us a certain amount of money to spend for overtime as we see fit. We have not dipped into that yet because we really haven't seen the influx at this time, but we will be seeing that. It's like the old expression, kicking the can down the road. Well, eventually that can is going to have to stop and we're going to have to pick it up.

Supervisor Yoder – Do you think that is something that they will allow you to do over a period of time? Or are they going to expect you to do it quickly?

Mr. Alls- They really haven't said. We have deadlines we have to meet. My instinct says that when they realize how much backlog there is, they'll be lenient and understand that we'll have to get caught back up.

Supervisor Yoder – Just seems like if they say, the state of emergency ends and now you have to be up to date, that's a massive amount of work.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We are lucky we're not as big. I can't imagine.

Supervisor Yoder – But that money would be matching money.

Mr. Alls - It has a fifteen and a half percent local match. The budget looks good, though the rate of return will not be as high as anticipated based on the amount of funds in the different budget lines with the different match rates. And one other piece of good news I'd like to report, is that I have been successful at entering into a regional agreement with Montgomery County Department of Social Services (DSS) and Giles County DSS. Montgomery County will be managing all of our pride resource foster homes. We will go from, we have four local homes right now, to a pool of around fifty homes. This will prevent us from having to use the therapeutic foster care that we sometimes have to use for children who don't need that level of care, just because we don't have the homes. The cost savings will be significant because the therapeutic foster homes have daily maintenance fees that can be anywhere from \$80 to \$250. We are paying for the program. I was able to use local funds because we have not been traveling this year due to COVID, so I was able to take advantage of that savings to do this. And, once again, I think the savings will be significant, especially for the Children's Services Act (CSA) program.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How did this come about? Was it all of you talking? Did you reach out?

Mr. Alls - Montgomery County already had a plan working with Giles County. They knew that we were looking at trying to expand our resource homes because I had reached out to the regional consultant. They reached out to us and asked us to come on board as well. It's a win-win because we have a capacity issue with the resource recruitment program downstairs. Montgomery County will take all that off us, they'll manage our homes, take new referrals,

approve them, manage them, train them. Then we'll be able to use that whole pool of foster homes instead of just the four homes we currently have now.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - I asked Senator Suetterlein last week at the reorganizational meeting about mental health. Has there been an increase in any kind of mental health issues surrounding any of our programs? Is it measurable?

Mr. Alls - Not to the degree that I think it has been extremely significant at this point? The concern has been and continues to be with the children not going to school as they have been in the past, there is a lot of things we may be missing because those mandated reporters aren't having that face to face time. Our Adult Program Services (APS) program has increased over the last couple of months in relation to the number of reports we are getting and the number of Uniform Assessment Interest (UAI) screenings that we're receiving for Medicaid Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver services within the home. That may be a result of the population in Floyd County also aging. As far as the Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals, we'll have a spike for one week, then we'll go back down the next week or two. We really don't think we've seen the aftereffects of COVID 19.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yes, it's something that I've had on my mind. It's concerning.

Mr. Alls – Our agency attorney said she thinks more and more kids will be coming into care as a result.

Supervisor Boothe – Is the heat and electrical assistance money used up yet?

Mr. Alls - We have seen a decline in individuals coming in for that assistance. American Electric Power (AEP) has suspended terminations. Also, eviction notices have been placed on hold. We've redesigned how we're able to pay for some of these for emergency assistance needs. We're maintaining those funds so when all this is over, we'll be able to service more people.

Agenda Item 6d. – Constitutional Officers.

Sheriff Craig checked in to see if there were questions or concerns regarding the budget. There is currently a position open in dispatch. The department will be short one deputy for a couple of months. Tanner Dean is now in the training academy.

Supervisor Yoder – You have a lot of pressure on you, from a lot of different directions. We appreciate you, the officers, and folks in dispatch. It's a rough time to be in law enforcement. Your approach to work and involvement in events has been very good for our community. You are building trust and a stronger community.

Sheriff Craig – I'm very thankful for the officers we've got. They roll with the punches. At times we get down but knowing how the Board and the community supports us makes a big difference.

Ms. Ryan – And I wanted to mention, later on the agenda we have a resolution in opposition of legislative efforts to revise the qualified immunity. Sheriff Craig has had an opportunity to review the resolution.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yes. I was going to ask about that. But I also wanted to note that Law Enforcement Officer’s Day was Saturday and I wanted to publicly acknowledge this and let you all know how much I appreciate everybody. The level of care you give this County, it’s great to see how many folks come out and support you. It makes you feel good that we live in a community where there is trust. I think it goes back to how well connected you have been in this community since you came here and started your career, and that has paid dividends now that we are in turbulent, choppy waters. Kudos, thank you, and please thank everybody in the department.

Sheriff Craig – The way to win anybody’s heart is through food. There was a family on Christmas Eve that supplied a meal for officers and dispatch. It included shrimp and different meats. I know the family well and they wanted to do something nice, I didn’t realize it was going to be that nice. We are very blessed in this community. Hopefully when the officers are out, and dispatch, if they see you all they are thanking you for the support of the Board and the community. Thank you all. We’ve got drug court going on and circuit court, so I need to get back over there.

Agenda Item 6b – Public Comment Period

Chairman Turman – Opened public comment period and read the handicapped statement.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 6c. – Mark Bolt, Building Official

Mr. Bolt – The maintenance garage’s current roof is roughly 41 years old. It’s been leaking and painted in the past. It’s still leaking, and rust is bleeding through. Most of the lights are not working. Fifteen to seventeen lights would be needed. LED lights would be recommended. We could cut down on the amount of lights needed and save on energy and costs. Per the last quote, it would be \$5000-\$6000 for lights and installation. The lights would hopefully last nine years. The estimate for replacing the roof is \$60,000. Another option is putting a new roof over the existing roof. This would cost around \$25,000.

Ms. Ryan – I believe we had roofing in the budget this year for \$25,000. We don’t have the lighting in the budget.

Discussion was held regarding costs for roof replacement and lighting.

Supervisor Boothe – As far as long term, it’s about the same?

Mr. Bolt – Yes, the re-roofing should last as long as a tear off roof.

Supervisor Boothe – Do you have an estimate on the lighting?

Mr. Bolt – No. The lighting will cost around \$1,500.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – \$1,500 per light?

Mr. Bolt – No, for all the lights. We have to bid it out to get a good quote.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – How many bids did we have on the roofing when we bid it out the first time?

Mr. Bolt – We did not do an official bid, I called and asked for an estimate from a local company. What we try to do is send it to bidders locally. If we don't get enough bids, we go beyond. Re-roofing this building will require bids beyond Floyd County because we don't have local people that can do this type of work. I will contact contractors and we can put an ad in the newspaper.

Supervisor Yoder – I would do the lights too. It might have to be a separate bid.

Mr. Bolt – We can probably find somebody local to do the lighting.

Supervisor Boothe – Have we tried to get our folks to repair and patch what's there?

Mr. Bolt – Yes, Mr. Kenny Cox has tried a few times. The roof is so thin at this point, the concern is someone falling through.

Supervisor Boothe – We definitely want to fix the roof before we install new lights. Perhaps we could talk to a local contractor and see if they could coat it for us to get us through.

Mr. Bolt – I don't think I'd waste the money.

Supervisor Boothe – I'm speaking about the worst of the leak spots, to stop it from leaking now. I'm not saying not to do the roof project, this would be a temporary fix to keep as much water out as we can.

Mr. Bolt – I'll look into it and see what I can find out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I do think the LED's are the way to go.

Supervisor Turman – This is a structural and safety issue.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to advertise accept bids for the re-roofing and lighting projects at the transfer station.

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman - yes

Agenda Item 7e - Resolution in opposition to any legislative effort to repeal or revise the Judicial Doctrine of Qualified Immunity for Law Enforcement Officials.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the resolution (Document File Number 1150).

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

Agenda Item 7f - Request for a revenue supplement in the amount of \$311,990.00 from federal sources and an expenditure supplement in the amount of \$149,230.00 going to Operation and Maintenance category for preparing, responding, and mitigating impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and \$162,760.00 going to Technology category in the FY21 School Budget.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Was there additional documentation to see what it was used for?

Ms. Ryan - On the page for the expenditures, it says preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the impacts. That's all it says.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for the revenue supplement.

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

Agenda Item 7g - Discussion of proposals received for financial and compliance audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 through 2023.

Ms. Ryan - We received two responses to our request for services. One was from the company we've used most recently. The other is a company out of Maryland. The company out of Maryland does perform some audits in Virginia. If you look in the proposals you received, you will see that most of those are larger counties, and most of them are up in the Washington D.C. area. However, they do service Roanoke County. Would you like to meet with the two companies, or just make a decision based on how responsive the two companies were compared to what we had requested.

Supervisor Yoder - This needs to be completed in the next few months?

Ms. Ryan - We usually have the preliminary phase of the audit start in March or April.

Supervisor Yoder - We choose a firm, and then negotiate on the price?

Ms. Ryan - Correct. You choose a firm and negotiate on price, and for if some reason could not come to an agreement, the firm is automatically eliminated. Then you go to the next firm to negotiate price. We can't return to the first firm once we have found out about price. If it turns out you don't like either price, we will have to bid it out again.

Supervisor Yoder - We've had no issues with the group we currently work with.

Ms. Ryan - Correct, they've been very good to work with. Not only do they do good audit work and know us and our accounting system, they are very responsive to questions.

Supervisor Yoder - Does anyone see a reason that we would want to switch?

Supervisor Coleman - I've always been impressed with Robinson, Farmer, and Cox (RFC).

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - They are always complimentary of our staff.

Supervisor Boothe - I think we should enter negotiations with RFC.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to enter negotiations with Robinson, Farmer, and Cox for the County's auditing services.

Supervisor Coleman - yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes

Supervisor Yoder - yes

Supervisor Boothe - yes

Supervisor Turman - yes

Agenda Item 7h - Discussion of current status of expenditures and balance in CARES money.

Ms. Ryan - You have received a request from the Town for additional funding. I thought you would find it interesting to see how much has been spent by category for each recording period. And how much we currently have obligated, so you could see the total amount spent by category. We only have \$60,778.00 left. It's a little less than that, as there are ongoing monthly expenses. There is monthly COVID cleaning, and the Adobe Acrobat program. One thing regarding the Town's request, if they had known it was going to be extended a year, they would not have put so much money in the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority meter project. They would have held some back in order to continue with their monthly expenses.

Supervisor Coleman - I'm concerned that with testing sites in Floyd, and the cleaning involved, we might not have enough.

Supervisor Yoder - I think we should get more information. The Town and the County can bear the weight of the costs for a month. Then we can repay the bills if need be.

Supervisor Turman - I have a question for you, Mr. Boothe. The New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) building, do they have a place to set up a vaccine site? The building is accessible for handicapped residents.

Supervisor Boothe - I think so. The inside is laid out with individual rooms, then there is a large area in the back. There is a front and rear entrance, the rear entrance is covered. I think we would have to put in a formal request to use the facility. I think the facility would work if it were approved.

Ms. Ryan - Another thing the joint task force asked us to look into was having a testing center in Floyd. I had considered using the facility you are discussing as a testing site.

Supervisor Boothe - It would probably work better as a testing site than a vaccination site.

Ms. Ryan - If we have a site here in Floyd, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) would supply us with self-testing kits. People would drive in, receive the kit, and be coached on how to administer. If NRVCS would take this one they would hopefully have the staff to handle this. The person would do the test on site, then turn the test in to staff who would input the data in VDH's system. The kits have to be delivered to a site in Blacksburg by a certain time each day. It would likely be two or three days a week. We'd have to have someone on staff to transport the kits.

Supervisor Yoder - Would the CARES money cover the testing costs?

Ms. Ryan - As I understand it, VDH would supply the kits to us as part of the joint task force. I think the transport of the kits would be considered part of the testing.

Supervisor Boothe - Could we ask Community Action to transport the tests with their bus, and we could cover costs associated with it?

Ms. Ryan - I will find out.

Supervisor Yoder - I'd like our citizens to have the same advantages as other counties.

Ms. Ryan - We are working with both CVS and The Pharm House to find out when vaccines might be available. Once they are, we will publish the information on our website.

Supervisor Yoder - As a reminder, the County is still under a state of emergency. This gives our Emergency Management Coordinator and the Acting County Administrator power to make some of these decisions.

Agenda Item 6e - Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. Clarke provided maintenance updates:

Stone and gravel	Numerous gravel roads
Pipe repair	Spangler Mill Road
Pothole repair	Meadow Run, Jacks Mill, Route 8
Tree and brush removal	Route 8

Mr. Clarke - Mr. Boothe had texted me regarding the six year plan. Last year we held the Six Year Plan public hearing in February. We can hold it whenever you'd like to in the spring, February, March, or April. Last year we did it just before the restrictions were in place. It's tough getting the public hearings in because of the new guidelines. I will gladly do what the Board would like regarding the public hearing. It is usually held at the evening meeting.

Supervisor Yoder - May I make a suggestion? I think it would be appropriate to wait a little while until the new County Administrator is in place so they could be involved and gain knowledge of the community.

Mr. Clarke - That is fine. Our six year planning process has been flexible this past year, knowing that some counties are having difficulty getting their public hearings scheduled. We like to get them done before July, because that's the fiscal year. It doesn't make a big difference here because you already know which projects you're going to be working on. What you would be doing is revising the six year plan, adding to the end of the list, unless you decide to change the order.

Supervisor Yoder - If we waited until April, would that put you behind?

Mr. Clarke - No. You've done it later than February in the past, sometimes it's been in April. I think last year we had it early because there were a lot of roads on the list, and we weren't anticipating a lot of changes.

Supervisor Turman - I think April would be better.

Mr. Clarke - I will go ahead and plan on doing that.

Supervisor Yoder - Thank you for the patching on Jacks Mill Road. The work on Rt. 8 is wonderful. The only thing I've heard from residents are complaints about potholes on back roads. One thing that was brought to my attention was the shoulders in several areas on Route 221, the rain has washed out several areas. There is the pavement, then a ditch, then gravel. Thank you for all of your work.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - There is a gully between Stonewall Road and Kings Store Road, you can't miss it. There is also a tree on Rt. 615 between Thunderstruck Road and Bethlehem Church Road, on the left. I'm concerned with another big windstorm that the tree will fall. It needs to be taken care of, please. There is also a part of Thunderstruck Road that is being lost, towards Slushers Store Road.

Supervisor Coleman - I talked to Mr. Sowers yesterday. Some of the issues I mentioned have been taken care of. I appreciate that. I also want to say thanks to the guys who worked over the Christmas holiday.

Supervisor Boothe - Please extend our thanks to all the crews that worked through this bad weather. It seems years ago we had discussed trying to put rip rap on Thunderstruck Road. I can't remember what the issue was. We're either going to have to move the road or do something eventually. The road I texted you about, Woods Gap Road, I explained to the people how the process works. Between now and the Six Year Road Plan, could someone from VDOT go back and look? For some reason, I this was previously proposed for the Six Year Plan and the property owner wouldn't sign off on the improvement.

Mr. Clarke - I will take a look and see if it's been on the plan before.

Supervisor Turman - There are still problems on Fairview Church Road, it needs attention. Trucks are getting routed that way by their GPS systems. I'm not sure what the answer is. Folks don't read signs; the road gets blocked up. I'm not disparaging the guys, I know it's a hard job removing snow, but the road from Rt. 221 to Shady Grove Road, the blade was too deep, and the gravel was rolled to the edge. When it's freezing, it's like a speed bump. In some places it's over a foot deep.

Mr. Clarke - I'll have someone take a look at it.

Supervisor Turman - I know you all are shorthanded; we appreciate all the work you do.

Mr. Clarke - We rarely have a full crew on any given day.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - How has the pandemic affected our crews here in Floyd?

Mr. Clarke - Floyd has been the least affected as far of the crews go. We take precautions during our morning meetings. We have an initiative to use cell phones so the crews can be distanced. We've had some secondary exposures, but no positive cases.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - I wanted to echo what Supervisor Coleman said about the crews working over the holidays.

Mr. Clarke - The trucks are shared between the day and night crews. We have precautions for the shift changes to protect everyone. Thank you. We will work on getting the public hearing set up.

Agenda 7b - Authorize Acting County Administrator to execute Community Development Block Grant #20-20-11 Floyd County Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA) Program Project.

Ms. Martin - The document you received for the Community Development Block Grant is for the VIDA project, the \$200,00 to help with housing down payments and business development. There is one page that they approved changing this morning. If you turn to page

three, they had mistakenly put that we had twelve months to complete the project. They have now sent an amended page; it should now be twenty four months. When you make your motion if you would note the amended document reflecting twenty four months. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have, I just wanted to make you aware of the change.

Supervisor Boothe - That was the only change made?

Ms. Martin - Correct. It's page three, number seven. It changes from twelve months to twenty four.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the Acting County Administrator to execute the VIDA Program Project as amended (Document File Number 1151).

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

Agenda Item 7c - Task Order between Floyd County and New River Valley Regional Commission for Community Development Block Grant: Floyd County Scatter-Site Housing Rehabilitation Project.

Ms. Martin - The next item is a task order for the New River Valley Regional Commission. This is for our other community development block grant, the housing rehabilitation project. The regional commission will provide the grant management, that will include qualifying the individual households. The \$80,000 for this contract is fully covered by the Block grant itself, and you'll note it is for the two years plus three months to allow them to help us with the closeout documents at the end of the project. I'm happy to try and answer any questions you have.

Supervisor Boothe - They will administer it, but technically if something gets rejected, the County will be responsible for any funds that didn't qualify?

Ms. Martin - That's right. The County will still be the ultimate sign off. The Regional Commission will help prepare documents, but it's still a County project. In terms of selecting contractors for each project, and the paying of those things, they will have to be formerly approved by a committee. This committee could be the same as the management team, or some subset thereof, to be involved in that process. We will be bringing that to all of you, and the other documents, at either the meeting later in this month, or the first meeting in February. I think we have until the 19th of February to get all the pre-contract documents done. There will be an oversight committee for going through the contract and those types of things.

Supervisor Boothe - And the committee will be reviewing to see if they qualify, correct?

Ms. Martin - Correct.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - The contractors qualify? Or the homeowners?

Ms. Martin - My understanding is that it would be for both. The Regional Commission's staff will be collecting the financial information from the individual households, but ultimately the oversight committee will be reviewing and scoring the applications. The County Administrator can certainly serve on there as well.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - I also appreciate the detail in the pay for performance budget.

Supervisor Coleman - On the task force paperwork, number four is blank. Is that intentional?

Ms. Martin - Oh my goodness, I did not catch that. Can I investigate this and then we can talk about it briefly after Dr. Wheeler talks to the Board?

Ms. Ryan - Yes, of course.

Supervisor Turman - We will just put this on hold for a few minutes.

Supervisor Yoder - If you need help on the committee, I'd be happy to help you.

Ms. Martin - Mark has put out a request for a contractor to join the group that didn't anticipate bidding on the work. There are a couple of people interested. We'll have a process to go through and hopefully get one of them on the committee.

Agenda Item 6f - Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent, Floyd County Public Schools.

Dr. Wheeler - We have a few updates with some of the questions you may have on the last order. Ms. Sunshine is here, she has the answers for you. If you will look at them, we'll go through each item. Right now, things are going very well. We have a great contractor, Frith is really good. We are on task and on time. Ms. Sunshine is going to give a site map and answer any questions you may have.

Supervisor Boothe - Thank you for coming, I hope you are doing well. The first question, on the change order, you are not asking for additional funds. It would be funds taken out of contingency to pay for the change order, is that correct?

Ms. Sunshine - Yes, that's correct. Dr. Wheeler is emailing you the handout we have here today. One of the exhibits is the estimated budget. On the bottom line, there is still the project contingency, the \$4.5 million that was initially budgeted. Through all the line items we still have a project contingency of \$389,828.

Supervisor Boothe - This question is for Dr. Wheeler. When we first started this project, we talked about abandoning a portion of the road from the top of the hill entering the high school around to the elementary school. If I'm reading correctly you are now proposing a state maintained road, the new entrance to the Collaboration Center and around the back of it. Is that correct?

Dr. Wheeler - That is not correct from the standpoint of the time frame. We are going to get a VDOT grade road in. Once we get further in the project, I think this is a discussion we will continue to have. We can do that at any time, none of that has been decided. I think the main thing is we're going to get the drainage fixed. We're going to get the best road possible. We're going to get to a point where if there are any other variables from the standpoint of the road, and the road construction, we'll have those known. We can go back and do that at any time.

Supervisor Boothe - So you are basically preparing the road so that if the School Board decided they wanted it, it would already be in place.

Dr. Wheeler - It would already be in place. It would be up to VDOT standards. Once the road is completed, before we occupy the building, we can have those discussions.

Supervisor Boothe - Has VDOT decided at the elementary school, and at the high school, if they want a cul-de-sac or a "T" turn around where we are abandoning the end of the road?

Dr. Wheeler - At this point, at one of the update meetings, I was talking to one of the representatives and all of it is doable. He said it can easily be done if we want to abandon it from our property line at the elementary school all the way down to Baker Street. All that is very doable with what we have now. We are going to be discussing this more and more. There is nothing we need to do to the construction of the road to make it more easily abandoned. I think it's a possibility, but they were saying we'll be able to do whatever we need to do. The objective hasn't changed, we want to skewer our campuses.

Supervisor Boothe - And before we get into abandoning again, at some point and time, I saw plats of the properties that adjoin the road between the high school and the elementary school. For one of the properties it appeared the entire road came out of the property. We need to look into it regarding getting a right of way through the abandoned portion.

Dr. Wheeler - Right. All the details will be sorted out between Mark, VDOT, and us. There is enough variance where we would take over the road if we wanted to do that we'll be able to accommodate all the people and serve our purpose.

Ms. Sunshine - There was a question about VDOT requiring 100% containment of the drain. The original design was a curve inlet with a drain that would be 100% containment. VDOT did not want grates in the road so they made us put in a curve inlet that was longer. There was also a question about will there be drainage problems because we are adding a larger parking lot and the road coming down the hill. Part of our design was to take care of all the drainage problems, and the ones created by the new buildings and the new roads. That is why we have the detention pond. Another addition that was not required, but Skyline requested was that we add blankets and matting to a 3 to 1 slope. This way drainage will not be a problem going into the subdivision behind the school.

There was also a question about the original design not containing the fence around the detention pond. It is recommended because it is a school, so we are providing one. That is within the cost of this change order.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - The design of the pond is for a ten year storm event.

Ms. Sunshine - Correct. If water accumulates in the pond it should be out within 48 hours. Most of the time it would be dry. Next item, the original design was not to have a parking lot on the other side. We had a problem in a location where there was no boring done. We had a resolution to the problem, and it is incorporated into this change order. We don't feel there are any other major items.

Supervisor Yoder - You've gotten the base down now. Now you're just building up and will encounter problems.

Ms. Sunshine - They've put a lot of the drainage in already. Most of that work has been done. Since the borings have been done where the building is going to be, we don't think we'll run into any issues there. Are there any other questions?

Supervisor Yoder - Looking at the map of the borings, it looks like a road going in on the far side of the pond.

Ms. Sunshine - That was an initial concept, we decided not to go through with that one.

Dr. Wheeler - I have one thing for you all. When you come on site you have to have a construction hat. Dr. Wheeler handed out construction hats to each Board member.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Dr. Wheeler, our sports activities had to be reconfigured last week. I don't remember receiving an email concerning the "why's" involved.

Dr. Wheeler - If it's not in school, if we don't have a case associated, we're not going to report on another school.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - But there were positive cases in our school.

Dr. Wheeler - Not in our school. We were on break at that time. Even outside of sports, as we know, looking after the holiday people have done a great job staying home. Fall sports start February 4th. Coaches have done a great job.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Kudos to the custodial staff for cleaning as much as they have.

Dr. Wheeler - Five for five, you don't know how happy they are not to have coal. The boiler rooms are clean, it is great. They are all very appreciative.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to allow the Acting County Administrator to execute the change orders for the AIA construction contract (Document File Number 1152).

Supervisor Coleman - yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes

Supervisor Yoder - yes

Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman - yes

Agenda Item 7c - Task Order between Floyd County and New River Valley Regional Commission for Community Development Block Grant: Floyd County Scatter-Site Housing Rehabilitation Project continued.

Ms. Ryan - Ms. Martin did let us know that if you would approve 7c with the amendment of taking out number four, it would be renumbered.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Task Order between Floyd County and New River Valley Regional Commission for Community Development Block Grant: Floyd County Scatter-Site Housing Rehabilitation Project as amended to be executed by the Acting County Administrator (Document File Number 1153).

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

- Closed Session § 2.2-3711 A.1. and § 2.2-3711 A.5., Personnel, discussion of prospective candidate for appointment and Prospective Business.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel, discussion of prospective candidate for appointment, and § 2.2-3711 A.5., Prospective Business.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to certify the closed session topics were discussed.

Supervisor Coleman - yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes
Supervisor Yoder - yes

Supervisor Boothe - yes
Supervisor Turman - yes

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve an expenditure up to \$9500 for the building in the Commerce Center.

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

Agenda Item 8 - Old/New Business.

Ms. Ryan - When the coronavirus first came, the federal government passed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. As part of that act, if you had a certain amount of employees -and Floyd County qualifies-, you were required to offer emergency paid sick leave if an employee was under a federal, state, or local quarantine; was advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine; if the employee was caring for someone who was subject to that, experiencing symptoms of COVID themselves or caring for a child due to school closures. We have been providing two weeks of emergency paid sick leave if they met any one of those conditions as required by the federal government. The federal law expired December 31, 2020. Should we continue offering this, even though it's no longer mandated? One benefit I see from us offering it is employees are more likely to follow the quarantine if they know they are going to get paid, than if they're not. It's only up to 80 hours, after the first 80 hours they have to use their own annual or sick time. And if they're part time they are not getting paid. It does provide an incentive for people to quarantine.

Supervisor Yoder - It's essentially keeping our other employees safer.

Ms. Ryan - That was the whole idea of it. I'm looking for consensus on this one. I'm hoping when the federal government comes back, they look at this and extend it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - My feeling is that it will be retroactive.

Supervisor Boothe - I think yes, if they meet the qualifying factors. Does this apply to employees we're paying for and constitutional offices as well?

Ms. Ryan - It's all employees, including constitutional officers.

Supervisor Yoder - I really appreciate how this Board supported the local food bank project. What really struck me was how many people in this community really work behind the scenes to get so much done. We probably don't even realize. One of the locations received one of the small freezers, they were so excited about it. They couldn't believe the County had helped buy it with federal funds. Another location said this is the first year they had been able to supply good produce this time of year. Usually after the summer, it's only canned goods. We live in a great community. I'm thankful to live here and have these folks as my neighbors.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - I received a text this morning from one of the facilities that has a food bank, Eagle's Nest Regeneration. They were so appreciative of us bringing the meat to them and how much they received. They've seen an increase in need of over 50%.

Supervisor Yoder - Haven's Chapel told me they went from 30 families per week to 70 families per week due to COVID.

Supervisor Boothe - Community Action used to have meals on wheels for the elderly, are they still providing this?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Yes, they are.

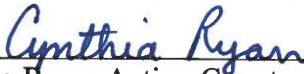
Supervisor Boothe - Were they able to participate in this latest round of stuff we were doing?

Supervisor Yoder - I delivered meat to them twice. I'm not sure how it was utilized.

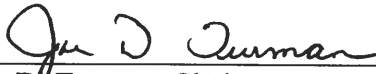
Supervisor Boothe - I want to recognize the volunteer rescue squad, the call volume has gone up.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



Cynthia Ryan, Acting County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

