

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Joe Turman, Board Room, County Administration Building.
2. Opening Prayer – led by Supervisor Coleman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Supervisor Yoder.
4. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Dr. Millsaps called the roll.
 - Supervisor Coleman – present
 - Supervisor Kuchenbuch – present
 - Supervisor Yoder – present
 - Supervisor Boothe – present
 - Supervisor Turman – present

It was determined that a quorum was present.

5. Approval of the agenda – Dr. Millsaps asked if anybody had changes to make to the agenda.

Vice Chairman Boothe asked that the agenda be amended so that right after the approval of the agenda a moment of silence be observed in honor of D-Day.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the agenda as amended to observe a moment of silence in honor of D-Day.

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

Chairman Turman called for a moment of silence in remembrance of D-Day and all the service men and women who gave us this freedom.

6. Approval of disbursements

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the June 2021 monthly disbursements and additional bills as presented.

- Supervisor Coleman – yes
- Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

7.a. Mr. Chad Alls and Mr. David Hope, Floyd County Social Services

Dr. Millsaps – Mr. Alls and Mr. Hope were unable to attend this meeting and will present to you at a future meeting.

8.a. Approve resolution for Six Year Secondary Road Plan

Discussion was held on how to identify the sections of the roads to be included on the plan.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the resolution for the Secondary Six-Year Plan (2021-2022 through 2026-2027) and Construction Priority List (2021-2022) with the following priorities:

- 1) Route 641 Ponderosa Road hard surface unpaved road
- 2) Route 768 Firehouse Road: unpaved road project from 0.3 miles east of Route 765 to Route 766
- 3) Route 683 Roger Road: unpaved road project from Route 221 to 0.50 miles north
- 4) Route 680 Starbuck Road from Paradise Lane to Thomas Farm Road
- 5) Route 712 Hope Road
- 6) Route 820 Silverleaf Lane from Route 681 Franklin Pike to end state maintenance (0.5 mile)
- 7) Route 728 Reedsville Road from Route 729 to Wade Road and Route 743 (1.2 miles)--hard surface unpaved road
- 8) Route 764 Merrifield Road intersection improvement, drainage, and hard surfacing unpaved road
- 9) Route 649 Bear Ridge Road hard surface unpaved road
(Document File Number 1186).

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

8.b. Approve Organizational Cooperative Agreement Between Floyd County and the Town of Floyd for the Creation and Implementation of a Joint Tourism Program

Dr. Millsaps – I brought copies of the agreement that was discussed, which includes the suggestions made by our counsel, and then took the Tourism Agreement Addendum item and listed those things.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yesterday afternoon Vice Chairman Boothe and I met with representatives from the Floyd Town Council. We went item by item and discussed our concerns and they discussed their concerns. The items on the Addendum were those that needed clarity and/or agreement upon. We did that. You will see that the Tourism Development Council (TDC) will take on a new role that will be the advisory arm of tourism efforts. This creates a streamlined tourism path for the Operating Team and for the Tourism Director. The Operating Team, made up of the Town Manager and the County Administrator, will give the Tourism Director his/her marching orders. The Tourism Director will answer to and report to the Operating Team on a daily basis.

7.b. Public Comment Period

Chairman Turman read the handicapped statement, explained the rules for speaking, and called for the Public Comment Period.

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

8.b. continued – Approve Organizational Cooperative Agreement Between Floyd County and the Town of Floyd for the Creation and Implementation of a Joint Tourism Program

Vice Chairman Boothe – If neither side objects to the agreement 90 days before the renewal date it automatically renews for two years. If anyone has concerns, they are to take them to their representative on the Operating Team rather than going directly to the Tourism Director.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – To get this off the ground and successful, the empowerment of the Operating Team has got to be rock solid. I think all four of us walked out of that meeting feeling the same way of that being absolutely paramount.

Vice Chairman Boothe – There are few guarantees in life, but I guarantee that all of us were on the same page when we walked out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – When we walked in there wasn't much separating us.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Our longest discussion was about 3.b., the size of the TDC. The fifth to the ninth member of the TDC is determined by the Operating Team.

Supervisor Yoder – I don't agree with that. I think appointments for any Board should come from the elected officials. I think adding members to the TDC is great.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – You can see where the TDC becomes more advisory.

Supervisor Yoder – Yes. I think that is a good thing, but I still think the appointments should come from the Town or County.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I understand what you are saying, but I am looking at it more long term than immediate. But with the Operating Team doing the appointments it takes the politics out of it because they will be choosing people who are associated with tourism in some way. For my part having the Operating Team doing it and understanding how the TDC members need to have a connection to Tourism to make the TDC and program work, it will take the potential politics out of it.

Supervisor Yoder – Would you favor that approach for other Boards, like Social Services for instance? I'm just saying we do it for every other appointment.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I am just telling you my thoughts on this particular Board, especially since we have changed the role of this Board completely.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This is a new model. It is sort of a hybrid situation. I do understand what you are saying, but I think it further empowers the Operating Team to get a group of people in place. You still have your finger on the pulse of what is going on in the TDC in that it includes two elected representatives from the Town Council and two elected representatives from the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Coleman – In parallel with Supervisor Yoder's statement, I like the consistency of establishing the diversity of each Board's appointed positions. At the end of the day, we are the ones on the hook each time we go to the store or Recreation game. That is when we get questions, and we all know that.

Supervisor Yoder – I have a question on 3.f., because although the TDC will be more advisory they will be setting a strategic goal. I would think this body would want to make recommendations so wouldn't that involve a vote?

Vice Chairman Boothe – We discussed that and the four of us thought that could be done by consensus rather than an official vote.

Supervisor Yoder – Wouldn't they need to vote on a Chair to run the meeting? I am just trying to think how a Board could take action without being able to vote. Sometimes having a vote helps the meeting run better.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – The TDC will be going through an overhaul. The way it stands in the agreement we need to redefine what it is and that is what this addendum does. I don't see a sticking point with voting or consensus. It can go either way. I think after the June 30 date, the Operating Team will have to meet with the TDC to get it rolling, because basically the TDC does not exist as it has as of June 30. July 1 it is a new entity. We have to come up with the bylaws.

Supervisor Yoder – Without an ability to vote, you will have to appoint a Chair or something. You could do that by saying the Town will appoint the Chair one year

and the County will appoint the Vice Chair and then flip it the next year. There is a way to do that, but I think it might be easier to do it within the body.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The thought of this process was that there was no appearance to members that sit on the TDC...the Operating Team oversees the Director and the TDC should not go line by line through the budget. If we can come up with language that does what you said without giving crossover into other areas, then I don't have a problem with it.

Supervisor Yoder – In my mind there are two things they need to do: 1) vote on organization, and 2) vote on recommendations to the Operating Team for the strategic plan.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Consensus works depending on the number of members, which is decided by the Operating Team. They will have to come up with the number. Advertisements will have to be made almost immediately for this to be in place by July 1. The wording on votes can be made by somebody better with words. The four of us want to be sure the TDC realizes it is just an advisory body. Their advice will be considered by the Operating Team. We just want to be clear what the function of this committee is.

7.c. Ms. Susan Leonard, Floyd County Merchant's and Businessmen's Association

Ms. Leonard – I want to share some information with you about the Fourth of July celebration that is coming up. Thankfully, we will be able to do it this year. Fireworks are already set. We have some possibility of financial assistance that will be needed for that. We also hope to be able to go to the back of the school so everybody can see it. As you know the construction in the front has created some issues, so we won't be able to do it in the parking lot. We are working on several different things that will hopefully work at the back of the school. Hopefully, we will be able to use the baseball field again with foot traffic only. We won't be able to set anything up in there. I will be contacting the County Administrator for permission to use the back road and shut that off between the vocational building and Floyd Elementary School. This is a "head's up" that there may be some financial assistance needed later. Some of that comes from last year. We had to pay a postponement fee, which is over and above what we normally do for the fireworks which you so graciously help us out with.

Chairman Turman – When is the event scheduled?

Ms. Leonard – Saturday, July 3. We hope to open the gates at 6:30 p.m. We are working on having live music, food vendors, and others who want to share information on things going on in the County. Fireworks will be about 9:15 p.m., weather permitting.

Chairman Turman – You said there may be some overrun on the fireworks?

Ms. Leonard – I am not sure yet until they actually bill us for what is remaining. It would be nice if the carryover we had from 2020 could be used.

Chairman Turman – Should we go ahead and get that in place, so Ms. Leonard does not have to come back?

Ms. Ryan – At the last meeting in June we normally do department and organization carryovers into the next fiscal year, then we turn around and do it all again in August when the prior year financial statements are closed. I talked to Dr. Millsaps about not doing carryovers in June because we can do it in August when we have the true numbers for the fiscal year. This year I propose don't do anything in June. We have check runs in July where expenditures for that year are charged to FY21, and then we do a close where department heads know the actual revenues and expenditures for the year, and they can make carryover requests at that time. Hopefully, Ms. Leonard will have her information by the first meeting in August and she can put in her request for a carryover at the same time.

Ms. Leonard – I should have the information by that time.

Chairman Turman – I am glad we are going to have the event. People need it.

Ms. Leonard – Hopefully, I will see you at the event, but if not, I will see you in August.

7.f. Constitutional Officers' Report

Sheriff Brian Craig provided an update on his department:

- 1) We have one graduating the New River Criminal Justice Academy next week;
- 2) We have another person starting the Academy on July 1;
- 3) Six or seven months ago we were talking about CARES hazardous duty pay for first responders and Dispatch was not part of that. I told you at that time I had something in the works and would get back with you. I have a vacant Compensation Board position and I have tried to use all of those funds for overtime. However due to COVID we were not able to do a lot of overtime patrols. With the overtime savings and money left in the one open Compensation Board position, there is the possibility I could give Dispatchers \$3,500 to \$4,500. COVID was a stressful time for them too. They were sequestered from everybody, and they had to wear a mask the entire time they were on duty for 10- or 12-hour shifts. This would be for 11 employees.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I think it is great that you are trying to do this for your employees who did not receive anything previously. It is within your budget and as long as you don't go over your spending authority, you have my support definitely.

Chairman Turman – Most people who think about the Sheriff's Office only think about the people on the road, they don't think about Dispatch. It is one of the most important, stressful jobs.

Supervisor Yoder – I appreciate that you look out for your employees and that you come and talk to us. I used to deal with Dispatch when I responded to Fire and Rescue calls, but I had no idea until recently about the amount of time Dispatch spends on other calls, like someone’s cattle being loose. Every employee you have is pleasant and a pleasure to work with. They are doing a service for the community.

Chairman Turman – They are the first people to talk to angry citizens who call in too.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – They may not have the title of deputy or firefighter, but they are the first responder that people talk to.

7.d. Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Clarke provided construction and maintenance updates:

On the maintenance side –

Pothole patching in front of the overlay schedule	Various roads, Stuart Road is upcoming
Slurry is done	In Town
Pipe replacement	
Brush cutting	
Ditch work	Morning Dew Lane
Dust control	As we get calls for it
Mowing	Trying to keep up. A couple of tractors broke down, but they will get to this as they can
Shoulder work	Route 8

On the construction side –

Roger Road is moving along. They replaced some pipe and did drainage work near the intersection, drop inlet. They still have some soft spots and need to remove bad material and put in good material and then get to work on the slopes.
There was a request to put in a stop bar on Laurel Branch Road because sight distance is bad, but a lot of it is private property so there is not much we can do.
They redid the striping for the Courthouse parking so handicap vehicles can load and unload easier.

Supervisor Coleman – Everything looks good in my district. I’ve experienced slurry, asphalt, and mowing. White Rock Road looks great. Slurry on Alum Ridge Road looks good. They were mowing yesterday evening and this morning. The only issue

I am concerned about is that hole on Ridgeview Road which seems to grow. It is right underneath the brand-new asphalt that was put down last year. The center of the hole is at the yellow line, and it is moving out. It is on a downhill grade. Please check that. Thanks for all the work in my district. Everything I have called in has been taken care of and I appreciate that. I want to ask if we are good for June 22?

Mr. Clarke – I need signed copies of the resolutions. The date on the resolution was incorrect. It says 2020. I will be in communication as to when we will have the signs. Which one needs to be done first?

Supervisor Coleman – They are of equal importance. I don't think the invitations have gone out yet. They are both for June 22.

Mr. Clarke – I will see if I can get at least one of each sign for June 22 so we can do the ceremony. The full installation may be a little later. I will stay on my sign guys.

Supervisor Coleman – Thank you for doing that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Thank you for the work at the Courthouse. It looks great. I've had several complaints about the line painting on secondary roads. They are not putting up signage along the road. One vehicle almost ran up right on top of them around a curve without realizing what was going on. When they see the roads being lined, they know those roads won't be resurfaced anytime soon, so it is kind of a double-edged sword. I have a request for a speed reduction study on Gallimore Lane because traffic has increased. The amount of the traffic is not concerning to the citizens, but the speed of the traffic is. Have you had an opportunity to look at the legislation that passed the General Assembly as far as giving local government the authority to reduce speeds on roads? Unfortunately, the wording for it is in business districts and residential districts.

Mr. Clarke – Business districts and residential districts are in current law, and it defines what those are.

Vice Chairman Boothe – As I understand it those reductions can be as low as 15 mph. It is worded so it is more in line with zoning, but I put forth the question to our attorney and have not gotten an answer back. The comprehensive plan carries a lot of weight. It shouldn't be too long before we look at the comprehensive plan. I think we should look at designating some agricultural districts. Maybe we need to talk to the Town about doing a business district. Even 25 mph is too fast by The Floyd Country Store. Even though we spent the money to put the flashers in, people don't use them. I still think from the stoplight out in each direction we should reduce the speed to 15 mph, especially with the summer season and the tourist foot traffic. Please review the legislation to guide us on what we can do.

Mr. Clarke – Various divisions in VDOT take up new legislation and write a policy for us out in the field to follow. I'm sure they will look at that and tell us how to proceed with implementing new legislation.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Anything you could do for the brush would be great. We haven't had a lot of rain, but I am sure a lot of roads need milling. I have heard concerns about Music Road, some of the culverts have not been cleaned out. Another request on that road is for litter signage.

Mr. Clarke – Those are usually only put up at the County line.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Do you have an updated paving schedule for primary and secondary roads?

Mr. Clarke – I don't have where they are right now, but I have a list of where they are going to be.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Next time please bring us an updated version that would help me answer some citizens' questions. Thank you for what you do and thank our local people for what they do with what they are given to do it with.

Mr. Clarke – I want to bring up the striping at Milestones Childcare. I took a look at that, and I am going to look at different options as far as striping out parking areas. I noticed there is a lot of loading and unloading for very short times. I don't see a problem with that because they are not crossing at that time. Maybe I can look at something that says loading and unloading only from certain times.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The one on Rt. 221 where we are talking about using safety money to do the crossing, if we could eliminate two parking spots there it would open it up safety wise and would help some.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Let's revisit an item you talked about – using Maintenance crews to do, for instance, Roger Road. How does that impact the maintenance of our roads? I am trying to answer questions from constituents who are complaining about maintenance, whether it be contracted, or work done by VDOT.

Mr. Clarke – It is a balancing act for us in both Maintenance and Construction. It costs a lot more to get a project ready to put out to bid. You can have a no plan project, but if you put it out to bid, the contractor has to know what they are going to do. The bottom line is that it will cost you more to pave a road out of your construction allocation if we put it to contract. We have to know pipes and things like that. We don't have to know quantities quite as much. We don't have to do as detailed an estimate if it is State force doing it than if a contractor is doing it. Then it becomes contract administration instead of a project.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We are not debating Roger Road; but is our other maintenance being impacted?

Mr. Clarke – Not as much as one would think because it is also a balancing act with our maintenance budget. It helps our maintenance at the end of the year to be able to

charge to something other than maintenance. We are running low on maintenance money right now so there is not a lot we could do anyway with our maintenance crews that wouldn't cost a lot of money. It helps that they can charge their time and equipment to a construction project. If not, they would be doing more trash pickup than pothole patching because trash pickup is very, very cheap. Pothole patching obviously costs for the materials. If we had an unlimited maintenance budget, then we would put all the work to contract. Having a small project like Roger Road really helps ease our maintenance budget and that is why we wait until the end of the year to do these kinds of projects. Sometimes we will do one if it takes a lot of coordination and communication with residents. With our crews we can make a lot more concessions and changes. Changes in the field can't be done very well with a contract. Administration of a contract is not through my office; it is through Construction. We will design it and put it out to bid. It is a whole other group at VDOT that administers the project.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – What are we looking at for the completion of Roger Road?

Mr. Clarke – They hope to get it done in the next month or so.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – That explanation is helpful. I want to reassert the point about a four way stop at Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek Road. I don't want that to fall off of the radar. Huckleberry Ridge Road and Stonewall Road are really bad. One spot on Bethlehem Church Road is continuing to deteriorate. Are we contracting the mowing out?

Mr. Clarke – We contract out the primary roads, but we do most of the mowing on secondary roads. Sometimes we will put a multi-county crew together and try to knock it all out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Coles Knob at Stonewall Road was the particular spot that was mentioned yesterday morning. For my folks who travel to work in Montgomery County, you discussed with me the bridge at Brush Creek. It is really bad. Someone mentioned to me that we need the green signs back in the crosswalks even with the flashing lights.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The reason I suggested that they remove them is because they were constantly being hit and had to be replaced.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Does that come out of our budget?

Mr. Clarke – Oh, yes.

Supervisor Yoder – 2881 Lick Ridge Road might need a pipe looked at because of a drainage issue. I have received a lot of calls regarding Stuart Road so that would be great if those could be patched.

Mr. Clarke – That should be next week.

Supervisor Yoder – My other concern is Route 221 North of Kings Store Road before you get to River Ridge Road. There is a spot that is fairly shaded, and the road is starting to come up. It has a few potholes and one big hole. Route 221 from Check back to Floyd, the shoulders are getting in bad shape in spots. I've had a few people ask me about mowing, but I know that is a scheduling thing. Thank you.

Chairman Turman – Somebody asked me about private individuals getting VDOT permission to mow sections of roadways. I told them that might be a liability problem.

Mr. Clarke – If we do allow it then there is an official program. You get into safety issues about signs and vests and types of equipment you need. Allowing somebody to mow a certain section, we tried to regulate it a couple of years ago and it didn't work out well. The process is still there.

Chairman Turman – The bridge at Gardner's Road, what is the holdup there?

Mr. Clarke – I don't know. It was put out to contract. I will find out the end date. They don't have an unlimited time to do it; the end date is in the contract.

Chairman Turman – People want brush cut back. Other than that, thank you for what you do.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Constituents who travel Laurel Branch Road have complained about the patching on top of the patching. Hopefully, it will be on the overlay list you have. This is from Rt. 221 to where it intersects with Wills Ridge Road.

Mr. Clarke – I see approval of the Six Year Plan is later on the agenda. Do I need to stay for that?

Supervisor Yoder – It has already been approved, but I have a question on that. Was there a different number on Ponderosa Road that we need to include?

Mr. Clarke – No. I have it straight on Reedsville Road.

Supervisor Yoder – On Ponderosa Road will it be a local crew?

Mr. Clarke – I'm not sure yet, but due to complications with property owners and the Parkway I think we might do it locally.

7.e. Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent, Floyd County Public Schools

Dr. Wheeler updated the Board on issues and events at Floyd County Public Schools:

- 1) We work with GO Virginia, which is the New River Valley career and technical education programs, and one of our students got one of two jobs at Citizens after a rigorous interview process;
- 2) We want to get other New River Valley businesses on board with offering internships to New River Valley high school students;
- 3) This wouldn't be possible without our new computer science program;
- 4) The internship is the first step in that field;
- 5) Frith Construction will also be offering internships to our students;
- 6) Frith Construction will probably hire our entire Building Trades class if those students want to work;
- 7) We are a couple of weeks behind on construction of the Collaborative and Career Development Center (CCDC) because of the weather;
- 8) They say they always catch up when the steel time comes, and all the steel is in;
- 9) We are well ahead of the project in that they had foresight and ordered all the steel they would need as materials are hard to come by these days;
- 10) Hopefully, the parking lot across the street will be paved by the end of July and will be graveled by the beginning of July;
- 11) We are on budget with the CCDC completely;
- 12) Some equipment for our building trades and welding classes was not repairable and was not aligned with what is needed and we went ahead and bought that;
- 13) If there is another round of relief money, a lot will be career and technical and we will be able to recoup that instead of having it come out of the contingency;
- 14) The original heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) is very close to completion;
- 15) We were able to put back the \$3 million that was initially taken out and we will be starting on that part of the project next;
- 16) We are changing some things with the heating, but the costs are covered, and change orders are coming;
- 17) Timmy Cox is the clerk of the works on both jobs [CCDC and HVAC] and he is incredible.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Will the air conditioning be ready for summer when school starts again? For all schools?

Dr. Wheeler – For the rooms where we put air in, yes, which is classrooms. The HVAC relief is very specific from the federal government and the extra we are putting in is the controls. The controls will be for the whole school, and it will be much more efficient with ventilation. All rooms should have air conditioning. Within our maintenance budget we are going to make improvements to the old gym at the high school. We already have the barrier taken down and we are going to get all new basket systems in there. Trane is looking at putting air conditioning in there. Once it is finished it will be a great recreation area and we can have great tournaments here.

Supervisor Yoder – Once the air conditioning is working, I would love to walk through and see how it works. People have wanted this for a long time, and it would be great to see it in action.

Supervisor Coleman – Can you share the smoke occurrence at Indian Valley Elementary School with us?

Dr. Wheeler – That was not a fire. Over the kitchen area, the compressor blew on the old HVAC unit and released steam. It is best to send out first responders to be sure.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Constituents have asked if the Schools have any plans in the future for lighting at least one set of tennis courts at either the high school or elementary school?

Dr. Wheeler – Tennis courts are extremely difficult because nobody is touching them because they will crack. We looked at the U. S. Tennis Association grants. We would love to have them up there, probably first at the high school. We need to see what funding measures we can do here plus seeking grants. We are still looking at it. Right now, I would like to replace the goals at the Floyd Elementary School basketball courts, some of them are not functional and they are at all of the other elementary schools. We are looking at those too. You could run a basketball camp out there if we had good goals. That is always on our radar, and we are looking for grants.

Dr. Millsaps – I would like to thank Dr. Wheeler and Timmy Cox for their help with the HVAC and boilers, particularly around the finances, but also with the day-to-day stuff which has taken a lot of work and effort on their part.

Dr. Wheeler – Thank you. We start summer school this week. We probably have four times as many as before. We have quite a few signed up for the feeding program. We are also doing grocery bags. Any household with an 18-year-old or younger can go by the schools and every Wednesday pick up 10 meals – 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches through the end of June. Even after the emergency feeding program ends, we are going to keep feeding kids for free. It is in the budget.

10. Board Member Time.

Supervisor Coleman moved for rescinding and reconsideration of two motions made at the May 11 meeting – one was a resolution regarding Highway Intersection Naming of Route 619 Horse Ridge Road and Route 631 Sumpter Road in Floyd County as the “James Michael Cox Vietnam Memorial Intersection” and the second was a resolution naming Route 8 in Floyd County from the Montgomery County line, south to the north Corporate Limit of the Town of Floyd near Route 685 Needmore Road as the “Scott Allen Hylton Memorial Highway.” Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded the motion to rescind and reconsider the two resolutions and the motion was carried to reconsider and rescind the two motions.

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Coleman explained that he wanted to bring the resolutions up for vote again so the full Board would have the opportunity to support the resolutions that honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community.

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution regarding Highway Intersection Naming of Route 619 Horse Ridge Road and Route 631 Sumpter Road in Floyd County as the “James Michael Cox Vietnam Memorial Intersection” and that Floyd County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming (Document File Number 1181).

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Chairman Turman turned the Chair over to Vice Chairman Boothe so that Chairman Turman could make the next motion.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution name Route 8 in Floyd County from the Montgomery County line, south to the north Corporate Limit of the Town of Floyd near Route 685 Needmore Road as the Scott Allen Hylton Memorial Highway (Document File Number 1182).

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Vice Chairman Boothe returned the Chair to Chairman Turman.

9.a. Presentation of Proclamation of Retirement to Mr. Ford Wirt

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a Proclamation of Retirement for Mr. Ford Wirt (Document File Number 1187).

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Chairman Turman – When I started working for the Sheriff’s Office in 1977, one of the first people I worked with was Mr. Wirt. The Rescue Squad was just getting

started. Mr. Wirt and a few others worked hard to get it up and running. Mr. Wirt was a coordinator and a leader. When I showed up on a scene, he had it under control and everybody was doing what they were supposed to do. I thank him for his leadership over the years and the effort he has given this County to make Rescue what it is today.

Supervisor Yoder – In my time volunteering on the Rescue Squad and then also serving on this Board, I've had a lot of opportunity to work with Mr. Wirt. Several things really stood out to me. One was what Mr. Turman just said – you were well qualified for the positions both in emergency management and within the Rescue Squad and Boards you served on representing Floyd County. Thank you for that. It really stood out to me about Mr. Wirt – and we've had conversations over the years about needs within the Rescue Squad and needs within the County – we may discuss sensitive or tough issues, but it was never about a power move for you. It was always about what is best for the County. That can't always be said for everybody who is involved in government or any organization. There are always people who are looking to assert power. Often in our conversations you would say, "This probably has to be done a certain way, but we have to figure out a way to get there. We don't want to come in and lay down the law. Let's try to gain support as we go and get the group together and try to come up with a solution." I really appreciate how much you care for the County and care for the Rescue Squad and emergency management in general. You really care for people, that is what it really boils down to. Thank you for many, many years of service.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Like Mr. Turman, we go a long way back Mr. Wirt. I agree with everything that has been said here. Your dedication to this community...I would like to express my thanks because I know the time and dedication you have given to the various jobs you've had took you away from your family a lot. You didn't do it for recognition. You did it because you care about the people of this community.

Supervisor Coleman – I would also like to say thank you for your years of service. I remember as a young man starting as a dispatcher many years ago, you were in the role of Emergency Services Coordinator for the County. In fact, I remember you called me young man. Thank you for your years of commitment to Floyd County. It is still noticed today.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Mr. Wirt, thank you. We go a long way back from when I first arrived in this County. Everybody has said eloquently what I believe is your heart for Floyd County and its people. Through this work, through your faith, through your dedication to people in general and this community; we truly thank you.

Mr. Phillip Belcher, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operations Manager – I have been here about 13 years. Mr. Wirt has been one who has helped me a whole lot. Sometimes when you don't know what to do or which way to turn, I turn to him. He has always given me wise advice. Besides being a friend, he has been a good person to work with. I appreciate him a lot. I still continue to be around him and trust his wisdom. I would like to introduce Steve Simon, Executive Director of the

Western Virginia EMS Council and Mike Garnett, our Field Coordinator for the Western Virginia EMS Council. They came to share this moment with us today.

Mr. Steve Simon – I recently retired after a 35-year career with Roanoke County as the Chief. I was on the Board of Directors of the Western Virginia EMS Council for 20 years. I represented Roanoke County. I have had a lot of dealings with Mr. Wirt over the years in my capacity. I agree with Mr. Yoder. It was never about what was in it for Mr. Wirt; it was about what was best for Floyd County. He represented Floyd County very well. Roanoke County and Floyd County share a boundary line and we work very closely together. I am not representing Roanoke County here, but I can say that for all of those years of service, Mr. Wirt was always someone I could turn to when there was a question on anything. From a Board perspective on Western Virginia EMS Council, he is not a charter member on the originating documents, but Floyd County was not part of that originating document. The year after that in 1976, Mr. Wirt came on. To me, he is a charter member and that is how everyone on the Board looks at it. Mr. Wirt was the President of the Council for many, many years. There are 11 Councils throughout the State, and we have 20 jurisdictions in our district. Mike Garnett represents the New River Valley and works hand-in-hand with Mr. Belcher and Mr. Wirt. Mr. Wirt, as the President, would get involved with other jurisdictional issues and people would turn to him from counties outside of our Council because they trusted him. When he came to a meeting, he was always calm. He treated everyone professionally and he still calls me “young man” also. Thank you for allowing Mr. Wirt to serve on the Council for all those years. Dr. Millsaps has already signed the appointment of Mr. Belcher to our Board. We have our quarterly meeting this Thursday. They will both come to that meeting and Mr. Wirt will be recognized then too.

Chairman Turman presented the proclamation to Mr. Wirt.

Mr. Wirt – A lot of kind words...You will have to excuse my voice. Several years ago, I went to a doctor, and he did all kinds of tests. He couldn't find a thing. He asked me if I talked a lot. I told him I talked all my life. He said, “I thought so because you have worn your voice out. There's not a thing I can do.” I would like to thank all of the previous and the present Boards for their support in allowing me to represent Floyd County. It is not about me. I appreciate the kind words. It is the people of Floyd County. I moved to Floyd County in 1970. I came from an area that had an excellent Rescue Squad over in Christiansburg. I saw the need and I had some excellent people who assisted in getting it started. It was a rough road. The funeral homes had always taken care of taking people to the hospital. I won't say they were opposed to the idea of a Rescue Squad, but it was difficult. We overcame that and hopefully provided a service to the County. Things have changed drastically since we organized. As you know we have a career system now and it is overwhelming those people. You and our manager are going to have to look at how we cope with the situation we are in to serve the people of Floyd County. Volunteers, not only in Rescue but in churches and everywhere, have dwindled over the years through no fault of the people. It is just that things have changed. That is one of the big things that the EMS Council works to try to help. When the County gets ready and moves

forward, the Council will be there to assist you with what you need. I want to thank this Board and all the previous Boards, the Administrators, and the office staff in the County who have given me support to do the job I hope it needed to be because I did give 110%. Thank you very much.

9.b. Closed Session to interview residents who expressed interest in appointment under § 2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel – Interviews of prospective candidates for appointment

On a motion made by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session for interview of candidates for appointment to the Economic Development Authority under § 2.2-3711 A.1. Interviews of prospective candidates for appointment.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, 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 Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, 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 interview candidates for appointment to the Economic Development Authority under § 2.2-3711 A.1., 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 Coleman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

9.c. Appointment to Economic Development Authority to fill an unexpired term ending December 10, 2024

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Ms. Melissa Cox to the Floyd County Economic Development Authority to fill an unexpired term ending December 10, 2024.

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

8.b. Approve Organizational Cooperative Agreement Between Floyd County and the Town of Floyd for the Creation and Implementation of a Joint Tourism Program

The Board continued to discuss items listed in the Addendum to the Agreement, particularly the number of members on the TDC and how those members would be appointed.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Organizational Cooperative Agreement and Addendum Between Floyd County and the Town of Floyd for the Creation and Implementation of a Joint Tourism Program with amendments to the Addendum in 3.b. to state: that there will be 5 additional at-large members, two of which will be appointed by the Town Council, 2 of which will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and 1 to be nominated by the Chamber of Commerce and jointly appointed by the Town Council and Board of Supervisors; terms of appointment will be staggered for up to 2 years; the Operating Team will draft procedures for the organization of the TDC; and that the TDC will meet at least once quarterly. The County Administrator is authorized to execute the agreement.

(Document File Number 1188).

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

Vice Chairman Boothe – Are the two elected officials from the Board of Supervisors willing to continue serving on the newly revised TDC?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I will.

Supervisor Yoder – Let’s wait until our June 22 meeting so we are sure the Town approves the Agreement and then advertise for the County appointments.

8.c. Approve FY22 budget in the amount of \$41,422,031

Supervisor Justin Coleman stated the following for the record:

Today’s discussion involves the County budget which includes funding for the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office. As many of you know, I am employed by the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office. The proposed funding would affect the entire department and not just me individually. Together we constitute a group of three or more individuals who are similarly employed by the Sheriff’s Office and similarly affected by the discussion. Therefore, the exception of State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act section § 2.2-3112 A (i) applies to this situation, and I am able to participate in this discussion fairly and in the public interest. Thank you.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the FY22 budget in the amount of \$41,422,031 as presented.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – While I was not in favor of the tax increase, we had as part of this budget, because I was not in favor of increasing monies to the budget stabilization fund and out of the pockets of our hard-working citizens, however, we have worked long and hard on this budget. We will work even harder on it next year. I just want this to be put into the record – that I was not in favor of the tax increase, but I don’t feel that I can look my other Supervisors in the eye and say I’m not going to vote for the budget just because you didn’t do it my way. The minimum tax increase we could have done I was in favor of. I just want everyone to know that.

Chairman Turman – I am never in favor of any tax increase, but sometimes you have to do what you have to do.

Supervisor Coleman – ...especially as it pertains to core services and that is where we are at. There is nothing in this budget that isn’t important; it is for core services and infrastructure of this County that serves every single citizen of Floyd County.

Supervisor Yoder – Some of the things that are in this budget – and the reason I voted for a tax increase this year – are funding economic development, installing a radio system that will be used for a generation, there are things in this budget that aren’t just for this year. We are doing things that are looking long term that I hope my grandkids will see the benefits from. I wholeheartedly support it and I think the citizens support it. I have not received the first call or message opposing the things that we are working on. The new projects of the radio system, fire truck, ambulance, economic development...I have not had the first person reach out to me and say,

“You shouldn’t be doing that.” I am really excited. We have talked about some of these projects for a long time and now we are making progress on them. Thanks to each of the Board members and thanks to staff for their hard work.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I think we have a good budget in front of us. I just don’t agree with having the budget stabilization fund and a contingency fund. To me – I know you have different definitions for them – they are both the same.

Supervisor Yoder – When we first did it, I voted against the budget because I thought it was a bad idea. There are other things in the budget I wouldn’t personally have done myself, but it is a group effort. There is give and take and I think we worked through things.

Vice Chairman Boothe – That is my only hang up with it. If we didn’t have the budget stabilization fund and we just put the money in contingency, then I could 100% support it.

Chairman Turman – I remember Mr. Rose saying that the bank liked our stabilization fund and it was one of the reasons we were able to refinance a loan for lower interest rates a couple of years ago. It helped us at that time.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The overall budget has things in there that have been needed for years like the communications system. Mr. Wirt was instrumental in getting our current system set up in the 1990s. Neighboring counties did not have people of the caliber of Mr. Wirt. They bought systems and had to replace them two years later. He did a great job, or it wouldn’t have lasted as long as it did. The school improvements will impact generations to come.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – We have 5 individuals who all work together to try to make this County the best it can be. As Supervisor Yoder has said, and as Chairman Turman has said, we are diligent in how we come to this. We think about each tax dollar and what it will be spent on. It is not an easy process for any of us. We come from varying backgrounds, but we are able to sit down and work hard at coming together but we may not agree on everything. This is a lot of hard work here. Changes that are coming to this County from this budget will benefit at least a generation.

Chairman Turman – When I first ran, people asked me, “Are you going to raise taxes?” I told them I can’t promise if I will or won’t, but I will be accountable for the money we get. I think we can justify everything we spent. It was a hard year to get it.

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

Dr. Millsaps – I will work on a document with some of the highlights and I will get that to you. You mentioned some of these, but significant investment has been around public safety with the new radio system, ambulance, and fire truck; capital items include the new roof at the Courthouse, the library parking lot, green box site development, and a new position; and investments in economic development for existing businesses and expanding; 2% raises for County employees; and 5% as required for Constitutional positions.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Please put this on our website and advertise our website.

- 9.d. Approve budget transfer of \$19,000 in FY21 budget from Contingency line to New Opportunities that Emerge line for logging at Commerce Park for Phase 2 Road Project

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a budget transfer of \$19,000 in FY21 budget from Contingency line to New Opportunities that Emerge line for logging at Commerce Park for Phase 2 Road Project.

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

- 9.e. Economic Development New Marketing Campaign

Ms. Lydeana Martin – Thank you for your hard work on the budget and for supporting economic development and your appointment of the new Economic Development Authority member. We will put her to work on Monday. We are very excited to be rolling out a new website today for economic development. It has a lot of new features and support that we worked quite hard on. For a couple of decades Floyd County has been known for music and the arts and natural beauty. When we did our new logo, we said we want to expand what Floyd is known for because while those things are wonderful, we are more than that. We have given more attention to agriculture and forestry. Ms. Sharkey has promoted tourism. We have an amazing story to tell that centers around entrepreneurship, craftsmanship, and innovation. You will see that in the new website and in some videos, we will share right now. We are launching our new website today and it is YESFLOYDVA.ORG; it is the same address but all new content.

Ms. Martin and Ms. Tabitha Hodge, Operations Manager showed the first video on the webpage, but did not go through each page on the main website.

Ms. Martin – Thanks to a partnership with the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission and funding from them with matching funds from you, we are also launching today a metalworking campaign. It is a celebration and promotion of a cluster of businesses here in Floyd. We want to tell their story to welcome other

businesses and to welcome talent. Ms. Martin and Ms. Hodge displayed another video.

Ms. Martin – The next video talks about learning opportunities for our youth.

Ms. Martin – Seven years ago this spring we started the Floyd C4 Business Development Series. We started it with an innovation seminar. We had two guys who came, Tim Akers and Kenneth King, who wanted to start a custom machine shop. John Robertson, a biomechanical engineer at Virginia Tech, also attended and met Mr. Akers and Mr. King. The next video shows the men working together. Their business embodies entrepreneurship, craftsmanship, and innovation. They are a great poster child. We are going to launch this with targeted mailings to businesses beyond the State. We will be doing some calls and hopefully some visits.

Ms. Martin handed out a brochure featuring metalworking and said 10 more videos on entrepreneurship featuring different facets of the community will roll out in the future. Ms. Martin requested that Board members share the links with others.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Thank you and your team for your effort on this.

Ms. Martin – It was definitely a team effort. Ms. Hodge has been instrumental in this. The website had to be created twice because we lost the content in the ransomware incident last year. It was much more painful to create the second time.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Great job!

Ms. Martin – We met with the contractor for the Growth Center Building yesterday. If he places the order for the building next week, he thinks it will be January before the metal will come in. He will back up from 4 to 4.5 months from when he knows the building will be ready for him to start the site work because he doesn't want to mobilize twice. He thinks even with that January delivery date that the overall timeline stays the same. We should be finished by October 2022.

- 9.f. Discuss titling to Floyd County Board of Supervisors a vehicle donated by Montgomery County to Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Station #3 but not having that vehicle as part of the County Equipment Replacement Committee Evaluations

Dr. Millsaps – Mr. Tommy Sowers submitted this request and Mr. Kevin Sowers and Ms. Ryan worked with him to present this request to you.

Supervisor Coleman – From the Equipment Committee perspective I want to make sure we are not setting a precedent for us to provide multiple vehicles for the Chief and support.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Do we have other vehicles in this type of situation that are not included in the evaluations?

Supervisor Yoder – Station #1 has an additional vehicle. How do we handle that?

Ms. Ryan – Station #1 has a vehicle that originally belonged to EMS and was then given to the Sheriff's Office and ended up with Station #1 Fire. It is titled to the Board of Supervisors. Volunteer Fire puts it on their insurance policy and buys gas and oil and takes care of routine maintenance and then requests reimbursement from the County through their Operations line in the County budget. When this vehicle was donated Mr. Kevin Sowers said we don't want to get into a position where we are expected to one day replace these donated vehicles. The top letter from Mr. Tommy Sowers reaches an understanding with Volunteer Fire that we will allow these two donated vehicles to be titled to the Floyd County Board of Supervisors and be on our inventory. Insurance, gas and oil, and routine maintenance on the two donated vehicles can be part of the request for reimbursement in the Operations line. However, these vehicles will not be part of what the Equipment Committee looks at each year and therefore it will not be something the County will replace. If something major goes wrong with these vehicles, Volunteer Fire either needs to pay for repairs themselves or give the vehicles to us to sell. That was the understanding reached based on discussions between Mr. Kevin Sowers and Mr. Tommy Sowers.

Supervisor Yoder – When the Equipment Committee goes out to evaluate next year, they will be evaluating the new Chief's vehicle and the old Chief's vehicle that goes to support will be considered replaced at that point.

Ms. Ryan – They would only be evaluating anything that has been purchased, but not any of the donated equipment.

Vice Chairman Boothe – The donated equipment would not count toward what this Board is obligated to replace.

Supervisor Yoder – The Equipment Committee could look at the support vehicle and say we need to buy one. Meanwhile there is another one that is in good shape, but we can't consider it because it was donated.

Supervisor Coleman – I am thankful to receive donated equipment, but I struggle with not evaluating it on the basis that the County will still be providing maintenance and insurance. We still have to exercise due diligence to make sure that things are kept up and in decent running order. The Equipment Committee needs to evaluate this donated equipment to make sure that is being done, but with the understanding that this is not a new line of vehicles the County will be incorporating for purchase in the future. Does that get at what you are saying?

Supervisor Yoder – Yes. If we are titling it in our name, then there is a certain amount of responsibility we have to make sure that things are in decent running order. The flip side of that is you don't want to be responsible for purchasing more than one at any station. With the big trucks we had two main trucks and a reserve truck. For station #3 that would be the new tanker that we bought in the last 5 years. Tanker 3

has been put in as a reserve truck. Tanker 32 essentially replaced tanker 3, but tanker 3 is still in the fleet. I wonder if we couldn't almost do that with the chief's vehicles. A vehicle can be considered replaced but it is still in the running order. I'm fine with taking it.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It is more a liability issue than anything and we want to make sure they have safe vehicles. It should stay in the inspection inventory when the Equipment Committee looks at it, but it should not be listed as a replacement vehicle.

Supervisor Yoder – You still only get one chief's vehicle.

Ms. Ryan – As I understand it, you are okay with accepting the donated vehicle and having it titled to the Board of Supervisors; the Equipment Committee will inspect the vehicle along with all other equipment during the evaluation; but the County will only provide replacement for one chief's vehicle per station as recommended by the Equipment Committee.

By consensus, the Board agreed.

9.g. County Administrator's Report

➤ Green Boxes/Solid Waste

Dr. Millsaps – As you know, and the signs will go up today or tomorrow morning, we will go ahead and pull the boxes at Lick Ridge. The signs say they are pulled temporarily. We have directed people to use other dumpsters nearby on Rt. 221, Hummingbird Lane, and Rescue 3. There are some very kind neighbors who clean up around one of the green box sites every day and that one is more of a neighborhood box. I talked to the property owner of the Lick Ridge site, and he has allowed the County to use it since the 1970s and he would be happy to let us continue using it and put the new bear resistant boxes up there when they come in. The vendor tells us they should come in by the end of the month.

Mr. Sherell Thompson came by this morning and left the numbers of the people who have come during the shifted hours. We continue to have extremely little activity. For instance, May 18 – 3 people came with trash, 1 with tires and 0 recycling. May 20 – 4 people with trash, 0 tires and 0 recycling. We have asked them to keep track of how many people are coming. Soon we are going to have to decide if we are going to keep those hours or change them to something else. Our permit from DEQ extends this another week or two for the temporary shift of hours. If you decide to keep them, then we will continue to advertise more on social media and ask you to help us do that.

Supervisor Coleman – By way of advertisement on each green box if we could come up with some brief signage that says, "You may dump excluded items at the Transfer Station and state the hours." We would need an understanding that we

are going to keep the hours before we spent money on the signs. Put the message out where the problem is. We have the statute cited but most people aren't going to read that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – In my opinion we should continue with the hours. It takes time for change in Floyd County. I think we should go ahead and apply for the new times. We are doing this for the citizens and staff. If we can get citizens to bring stuff to the Transfer Station, then we are not having drivers get out and move sofas.

Chairman Turman – There are a lot of people out in the community who don't know that the Transfer Station hours are changed.

Supervisor Yoder – The only thing that seems to work is selective enforcement because the word gets out. It works for a little while and then goes back.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to apply for a permit with Department of Environmental Quality for the Floyd County Transfer Station and Recycling Center hours of operation as: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Coleman – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Vice Chairman Boothe – You did say the new bear resistant boxes will be here at the end of the month.

Dr. Millsaps – Yes. Mabry Mill has ordered a different type from what we ordered, and we will see if theirs works.

Vice Chairman Boothe – They need to add gravel to fill holes at some of the green box sites. Maybe VDOT can maintain the sites where the boxes are on State right-of-way.

Supervisor Yoder – Thank you for the work you've done on that one particular site in my district and several others as well. I hope by pulling the boxes for a month it will lessen the pressure on the site. Maybe the gap in time before the bear-resistant boxes are put in will help us.

Supervisor Coleman – Do we still expect the fence installation to be the end of this month at the Indian Valley site?

Dr. Millsaps – Yes. They haven't said anything, and they are supposed to let us know if it isn't going to work.

➤ Parks and Recreation

Dr. Millsaps – Mr. Agee has given to me his end of season report. 241 young athletes and 50 coaches participated in the baseball/softball/coach pitch/t-ball combined spring season. There were 17 teams overall and a number of new coaches. Those 17 teams played over 200 games throughout the 7 weeks of the regular season. We continue to have a lack of field space pressure and some modifications had to be made because of that. It creates difficulty with practice time. For concessions we went out twice with a request for proposals and did not receive any responses. We have a person in the process of getting Safe Serve certification. In the interim I said a local family could sell prepackaged food and drink outside of concessions, but they are following Safe Serve guidelines. Once he is certified, the gentleman will be working the hot concessions stand over the summer. They are working at replacing old and outdated, dysfunctional equipment in concessions to meet current requirements. As far as facilities upkeep, his assistant works 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. most days and is capped at 29 hours per week. Mr. Agee also included the maintenance checklist on duties that have to be completed daily, weekly, monthly. Daily items include cleaning and replenishing the bathrooms, which I know has been an issue and removing all the trash. We still have some things that need to be done and I know there are other issues. Mr. Agee has put out a survey monkey survey that went out yesterday to coaches and family members. I look forward to seeing what we learn from that. I know it has been challenging from both a family and coaching perspective and from a staff perspective. We still have a lot to learn and a lot of things to keep moving forward on. I appreciate that Mr. Agee has been trying to focus on a lot of these things.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I relayed to you the concerns that had been shared with me. Hopefully, their concerns will jive out with the checklist.

Dr. Millsaps – There continues to be challenges with scheduling, some of which is under our control and some which are not. We are continuing to come up with better ways to send notice of any changes to people. Mr. Agee and I have talked, and he will primarily be focusing on improving the programs we have and not expanding, even though there are a lot of great things we could do. We want to do what we have very, very well. Going forward we can start doing new things equally well.

Supervisor Yoder – I agree with that approach.

Supervisor Coleman – Regarding the checklist, as of yesterday evening, many of the items were not completed, which is a disservice to the Recreation program and the County. I would like to see us continue to revisit this monthly and perhaps in a different setting where things of great issue and concern can be dealt with.

Vice Chairman Boothe – We all agreed when we took this on that we did not want it to be the same as what we took over. There are a few things that have to be straightened out. Now is the time, not later.

Supervisor Yoder – I feel like we made a commitment to the Town when they signed everything over to us. The numbers may look good to him in this pandemic year, but 4 or 5 years ago we had over 500 kids playing spring ball, that was t-ball, baseball, and softball. We had 42 teams. At the time we thought we could improve on that. But it is a pandemic year, and I am sure there are parents who don't want their kids to play because of that. We made it work then with the fields that we had.

Supervisor Coleman – We all worked very hard to get issues resolved with the Town and I feel like I am partially on the hook. It is not going well currently, and I don't want it to get too far in the reverse direction.

Dr. Millsaps – We will get a monthly report and continue this conversation.

➤ Review of Customer Service Data

Dr. Millsaps – You have in your packets some of the data, but I want to bring to your attention the level of work or activity that is going on in some areas. Even though Social Services is not under County Administration, you will note under the Medicaid elements we are at the highest number of active Medicaid cases and total Medicaid clients that we have had this year. I want to give a shout out to the staff downstairs who are continuing to work through that. My personal interaction with those folks has been extremely positive.

You have in your packet the numbers from EMS. We have on our agenda major items to start working on. For all levels of what they do has increased 11% from where it was last year. Rescue's numbers are smaller, but they have seen a greater percentage of increase. There are a number of reasons for this, but COVID continues to be one with people wanting to know if their symptoms are COVID. That is a fair portion of the calls.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It is a combination of things that has increased the volunteers' numbers. I think their leadership has improved and their membership has improved. I think we should recognize that. They are putting forth much more effort.

Dr. Millsaps – The new ambulance is now under cover. Mr. Belcher apologized but he has been out on leave and one of the delays was there is a set of permits that only he can apply for. Even though it would have been nice to have it inside earlier, there isn't any extra space and any vehicle with a drug box in it must be inside.

The other data I want to bring to your attention is the permit numbers. The total permits issued last year was 145. This year so far 214 permits have been issued, which is a 47.6% increase with the same number of staff. There are very few 10-minute spans during the day when there is not someone sitting out there filling out a form or talking to one of the staff.

Mr. Sowers has done an inventory of all of our vehicles that are sitting around deteriorating, both here and at the Transfer Station. There is one vehicle at the landfill we might keep for parts, but other than that we will look at how best to dispose of those. Some vehicles are so deteriorated it might be best to sell them as scrap. It has been 7 years ago since the most recent one was cranked.

We are required to have housing training related to the Community Development Block Grant Affordable Housing project. Those are scheduled for the end of the month. Anyone who wants to be a contractor on that project has to participate in those. Please let folks know.

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library is getting a mobile unit and the unveiling will be June 25 at a special ceremony from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Christiansburg.

We received our first allocation of American Rescue Plan funding. We now have an additional \$1,529,529.50 in our bank account. Once we get final guidance on the uses of that we will move forward on rolling that out. Our first reporting period is in August.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Now that we have approved the budget and have everything set up, and I know we have the shell building and all of that, when can we expect something on the building at the Recreation Park? What timeframe are we looking at on that?

Dr. Millsaps – I think we are to a point where this is something we can discuss in more detail at another meeting with Mr. Bolt. He has done some initial sketches and we can go with that or go with an architect. The challenge of course is that we asked the person to design that who has a 47.6% increase in activity. He doesn't have much time.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Social Services has authorization for another employee but has no place to put one. I was just looking for a timeframe, but nothing definite.

Dr. Millsaps – I will follow up on that and bring something back to the next meeting on where we are.


11. Adjournment

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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



Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

