

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2021**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; W. Justin Coleman, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, and Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator; 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 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Coleman.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Boothe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of Disbursements.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I request that copies of the bi-weekly meetings regarding HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) and CCDC (Collaboration and Career Development Center) be made part of our Board packets.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I would also add that if there are surprises that will cost more money, before they proceed the County should get a “head’s up” so we have an opportunity to discuss it before they jump in and move forward. Price overruns are a little bit out of control, if you have bought any building supplies you know that. Stuff out of the blue we should be notified long before it is authorized.

Chairman Turman – We shouldn’t pay for anything we haven’t been notified of ahead of time.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Now I am worried about the \$14 million project. We need to do some investigating on it. When we set a price here that we agreed to, I expect that price to cover everything. We bid that project out, then we re-bid it and we went back and forth. A lot of future projects we agreed to after that, I based my agreement to those projects on a fixed number that I knew we were responsible for. When the number gets here it needs to be the total number.

Supervisor Yoder – On the \$14 million project I wonder if it would be helpful to get one-page updates on construction costs as they go forward.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I don't expect an extra fence price on the high school because I brought up that we needed a wall or something around those tanks. A fence around that should not be an extra cost. That was talked about at the very first.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I appreciate the updates we are getting but just telling me that we are on track doesn't really give us information. I am responsible to the Little River District constituents as to how this money is being spent. I take that job seriously. I want to make sure that the money being spent is being spent correctly and within budget.

Chairman Turman – We get a report every month that shows what we budgeted and what has been spent and the percentage that is left. I can't see why they can't do that for the project.

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

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

Agenda Item 5. – Mr. David Rose, Davenport & Company.

Mr. Rose provided an update on the \$8 million financing with the hopes of getting consensus from the Board:

- 1) After my discussion, you provided an excellent thought to look at the fire truck at 10 years as well as 15 years;
- 2) Based on further discussions with your staff, we recommend that you use that 10-year approach;
- 3) We recommend that this financing be done in two parts, with the larger part being with Truist because they are considerably lower in cost even after Skyline dropped their basis points a second time, and the smaller part being with Skyline;
- 4) The results of the competitive requests for proposals means Floyd County will be able to complete the capital program with a total of 3¢ equivalent in FY22;
- 5) \$175,000 of recurring meals tax revenue is built into the County's annual budget to pay debt service beginning in FY22;
- 6) The Capital Reserve Fund, consisting of \$197,000 already in that fund and transferring \$400,000 (for a 15-year loan on the fire truck) to \$489,000 (for a 10-year loan on the fire truck) from Meals Tax Fund to Capital Reserve Fund, which will be strategically used to pay debt service during years in which debt payments exceed revenues;
- 7) We need to go through the Floyd County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and we will meet with them on Monday, May 10 with a Zoom meeting;
- 8) The next night you, the Board of Supervisors, need to take action;
- 9) This financing must close on or before May 21, 2021;

- 10) This is the most cost effective way to borrow the \$8 million, because even after Skyline dropped their rates a second time it would still cost the County an extra \$282,000 if they financed the whole thing;
- 11) Prepayments are also very favorable if the American Rescue Plan (ARP) money comes in and can be used for some of these projects;
- 12) Skyline required additional collateral of the radio system and new Recreation Building as well as the County Administration Building that Truist required;
- 13) Skyline would also have to reduce the amount of the line of credit you have with them to meet the amount they can take under one credit.

Supervisor Yoder – Why is the interest less on the radio system than the shell building?

Mr. Rose – The shell building is done on a taxable basis and that is a federal requirement. This is a pretty complex combination of cash flows. We are really doing five distinct financings and rolling them up into one. But the beauty of that is that it can also be broken apart in terms of prepayment. You will know what your payments are for each of those loans.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – If we hear back that we can use infrastructure money to pay the fire truck, garbage truck and ambulance and it reduces the amount we have to finance, but then we would have to pay a penalty.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Not with Skyline.

Mr. Rose – There is talk that the first round of the ARP money will be released around May 11. If it does, until you close, that is the way it works. We might have to amend things. That would be a good problem. We just wouldn't close on the part not needed.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I like that the Skyline portion has no penalty.

Mr. Rose – We did that a couple of years ago for you when rates came down and you had loans with no prepayment penalty.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Did you ask Truist about not having a prepayment penalty?

Mr. Rose – We did, but they were very specific about the 1% and it is what it is. That is their approach.

Supervisor Yoder – Is there any concern with the new federal money that it is only for new projects and if we get too far into this, these won't qualify?

Mr. Rose – We don't know the answer. Everyone is waiting on clarification on this new federal money.

Supervisor Yoder – Do we have \$489,000 in Meals Tax Fund?

Ms. Ryan – We have \$493,000 right now.

Supervisor Yoder – I really like the idea of going 10 years on the fire truck. I don't want to go too long before we get the next fire truck. Thank you for working on that.

Mr. Rose – It was your idea. We listened to your feedback and with the cash flows it works. We just need a consensus from you right now. I will ask Dr. Millsaps to call the EDA and let them know this Board is hopefully unanimous in planning to approve this on May 11. If something happens between now and then and we have to provisionally approve this because of moving parts, we will deal with that. That will be a good problem because it means we have more dollars and less debt service. I would hope that Truist and Skyline will stick to the interest rate if this does get pushed back, because since we did the request, rates have stayed the same if not gotten a little better in the general marketplace. It could go the opposite way very quickly so that is a little bit of a risk.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Once an agreement is reached and we close, those interest rates are fixed?

Mr. Rose – Yes, sir. They are all fixed rates.

Supervisor Yoder – With these being five different loans essentially, if we wanted to hold off on one of the items, how would that work?

Mr. Rose – I don't think that would work very well. With the two with Truist you risk blowing up the transaction.

Supervisor Yoder – Are the two Truist loans tied together?

Mr. Rose – To go into it they are tied together. They are only asking for one piece of collateral for the two, the County Administration Building. They are not asking for the shell building or radio system.

Chairman Turman – What is the Board's thoughts?

Vice Chairman Boothe – I think the split is the way to go.

Supervisor Yoder – I think there are some unknowns on one of the projects and that still has me a little bit hesitant about going in too deep. I guess my fear is that without knowing the exact costs, there is a prepayment penalty if we decide to pay that back.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – What happens if we have to push out the May 21 deadline?

Mr. Rose – Both banks could walk away and start all over possibly or they may honor it or change their rates or terms or conditions. They both know what is public so you may not be in the same negotiating position. For example, even after Skyline's second bringing the rates down, they were still 35 basis points higher so Truist might do it again but not be as aggressive. It is your call.

Supervisor Yoder – I am 100% behind the Skyline project. We have the trucks ordered.

Mr. Rose – Short of getting some American Relief Program monies, which would be great, we don't want to go into your fund balance. We showed that as option months ago and both your auditors and ourselves were not excited about that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I don't know that we are in a position to borrow any more money than what we are proposing.

Ms. Ryan – We also talked about when the ARP money comes in the possibility of swapping out the radio system and putting in more on the shell building or even the Phase 2 road construction.

Vice Chairman Boothe – If the radio system comes in less than we anticipate and the shell building comes in at more, over the total loan can we move money around between projects?

Mr. Rose – Most likely that would take a Board action. The banks don't care.

Supervisor Yoder – Before we try to reach consensus it might be helpful to have a closed session.

Agenda Item 6. – 7:00 p.m. 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.

Agenda Item 7. – Public Hearing on the Six Year Secondary Road Plan with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer with VDOT – The draft plan is last year's plan, minus the roads we have completed, keeping the same priority as the Board passed last year. The Board will pass a new resolution in the next few months with perhaps a new priority list. We finished Mill Run Road and Quesenberry Road last year so the new priority list as it stands now is:

- 1) Ponderosa Road – we are working on the right of way on that; one thing that delayed this one is that we changed the project limits, and it intersects the Parkway 3 times, and we added the section between Stuart Road and the Parkway
- 2) Roger Road – the right of way on that one was easier, and we are clearing trees
- 3) Firehouse Road – this is about 1 mile long and we are already doing some preliminary engineering and environmental work
- 4) Starbuck Road
- 5) Hope Road
- 6) Silverleaf Road
- 7) Reedsville Road

- 8) Intersection of Merifield Road and Deer Valley Road
- 9) Bear Ridge Road

The construction budget this year is projected to be about \$525,000. This is less than in years past. The bulk of that will go to the balance needed for Firehouse Road. With the rest we will start funding Starbuck Road. Roger Road is funded and with Ponderosa Road it will depend on how much of it we end up doing.

**Ms. Danielle Ogle, Indian Valley District** – Please give the Board this map and pictures of the road (also included in the packet were signatures of 16 people requesting that Hylton Road be paved). My husband and I are from Carroll County and just recently moved back to the Indian Valley district on Hylton Road (Rt. 757) to be close to family. The road is probably 1 or 2 miles. It is paved for about ¼ mile across from the Indian Valley Post Office and it loops from Indian Valley Post Office Road back to Indian Valley Post Office Road. It is rough driving conditions. One end is very narrow and if you meet someone you have to back down. When you are not a great driver like me, sometimes that is hard. You have to back down and find enough space to pull over and let someone by. The last road traffic report showed an average of about 90 cars per day in 2016. I think in part because Greasy Creek is accessible on that road, so I think a lot of people come down through there to fish. There are a lot of people who have moved in. We recently bought an 88-acre farm on that road. Luckily with the pandemic my husband's job turned remote so he is able to work from home. I am a nurse practitioner here in Town for Carilion. We were lucky to be able to come home after 20 years to be close to family. But it is rough conditions. A lot of potholes are patched by farmers with hay. The creek washes the road out a lot of times and it washes debris and stuff into the road. Some portions of the road, when it rains a lot, are almost impassable. In the year we have lived there they have put gravel once, but only in patches here and there. Some spots were so thick that it will wreck you and some spots were just mud that you sink into. I wanted to see if it could be put on the Six Year Road Plan because there is a lot of traffic through there. The road is pretty harsh on vehicles and things of that nature. The pictures show the road after the rain this past weekend which was a little rain. You can imagine what it is like after a big rain like we've had. There were a couple of days when you could barely get through in some parts because of trees and water standing in the road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would surmise that some of the people who live on this adjacent road also use the road?

Ms. Ogle – Yes, and there are quite a few houses on that road.

Supervisor Yoder – Are there sections that are used more than others?

Ms. Ogle – I think the section that comes out by the Indian Valley Post Office is the section everybody prefers. That is the longest for me because we live at the other end, but I prefer to go in and out that way because the road is wider. There is one section where neighbors have put up an orange cone in a sharp curve above our land. The creek runs under it and you have to get to the far right when you go around that sharp curve. If you don't you will fall off the road into the creek. One of the neighbors just stuck an orange cone up there to warn people to not drive off there. Yes, I would say the section near Indian Valley Post Office is used the

most because people know the other end is so narrow, they are afraid to go down through there. The section people use the most is paved and then it turns gravel.

Supervisor Coleman – If memory serves me right there was a rescue call and they had difficulty getting there.

Ms. Ogle – Yes, that is the farm we bought. The owner had a stroke and fell into the creek and the ambulance got stuck on a logging road.

**Mr. Jack Wall, Little River District** – I own Floyd EcoVillage and live there. It is off of Franklin Pike. It also borders on Sams Road, which is a little dead-end road. I have been working a lot recently with Jeff Wade who lives on Sams Road. Together we have about 250 acres in there. We are doing some farming. But we are doing some business development. We have three houses that are being built at the EcoVillage that would have access off of Sams Road entrance. We are also building a couple of houses bordering on Franklin Pike that is to the east of Sams Road. With the land we have there, Jeff and I are working on a business development to build a biochar production facility on some land Jeff Wade owns. I just want to mention that there is a fair amount of activity and development on that little road, and it will be increasing over time. It is a gravel road. It is not very long. But with the access coming in, there are a number of houses on the road, but there will be even more activity with increasing activities at Floyd EcoVillage and across the road on the other side on some property Jeff owns and some property I own. We are interested in putting it on the radar for the County to see about considering paving that road. We think that the use coming in there...there are trucks coming in there as it is, but there will be more of that occurring in years to come.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – What was the facility you said you were doing with Jeff Wade?

Mr. Wall – We are working on a biochar production facility. It is a little bit of a new thing. It has to do with taking waste wood products and baking it at 1200 degrees for 8 hours in an anaerobic chamber with no oxygen. It turns the wood product into a pure carbon product that is ionized. It is a highly porous material. It attracts minerals and it absorbs water. It can be used as a soil amendment. Studies have been done about it being of a benefit to concrete and asphalt. It strengthens some of these products and reduces the weight. There are a number of different benefits. We are working with a business owner out in Colorado who has really good technology on that. There are a lot of waste wood products that you can convert...even treated lumber and railroad ties. The process cleans the product and makes a pure carbon product which has no residue in it. We are actually working with it to add to animal feed. It is a little bit like activated charcoal in that it is an inert carbon product and with the negative ion it attracts minerals. As a soil amendment it attracts nutrients into it. It balances out the minerals and nutrients needed for the root structure of plants and it also absorbs water and retains water. It is part of regenerative agriculture.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – You are going to build a factory is what you are saying?

Mr. Wall – We are looking at putting in some kilns in there that will take these leftover 2' x 4' wood products or dead wood from forests and turn it into biochar. Thank you.

**Mr. Rob Campbell, Burks Fork District** – The roads I am going to talk about also go into Indian Valley District. We are already on the list so thank you. We just want to keep our faces here, so we aren't forgotten about. There is a safety concern that I have mentioned before. At the new bridge that was put in on Reedsville Road there is a drop off there. I guess it was always there before, but they cleared some trees up and stuff that made it more obvious. It is in a straight section coming down a hill. Ninety percent of the time it will never be a problem. But my thought is with icy roads, out of a curve and down a hill, if you lose traction on ice on either side you could go over that bridge and it would probably be a 10' to 12' drop into a creek. It is something we have noticed that might need to be mentioned. A lot of our concerns that we mentioned here years ago were safety oriented. It is better to do roads in sections VDOT told us. We want to prioritize that section as it gets closer. I think the Rt. Number you are using is on the other side and we think more people travel out Rt. 728. But we have time. Thank you very much.

Mr. Clarke – I spoke to a couple of people out there and I may have used an old number. The County did get an email about Quesenberry Road. We did most of it, but a mile section is about all we can do as a project without taking our crews away and making it last too long. The request from Larrene Bowman is for the 1/3 mile left.

**Ms. Larrene Bowman, Burks Fork District email** – I live at 836 Quesenberry Road NW in Willis. I'm 81 years old and I have lived on this road my entire life. I have been vocal about needed improvements on Quesenberry Rd. (formerly SR 760) for the past 40 years. Earlier this year a one-mile section on the east end of the road was finally hard surfaced. This is now a very nice and safe section of road and I'm very thankful for the improvements. Unfortunately, this improvement falls short of the needs. In the next 1/3 of a mile from where the new surface ends, there are 5 occupied homes and one of the worst sections of the road. There is a steep, sharp and dangerous curve adjacent to an area where the road is washed out virtually every time we have significant rainfall. Furthermore, the ditches are no longer cleaned or maintained on a regular basis resulting in high volumes of water running across the road in several areas washing out the gravel and creating deep ruts. Large amounts of gravel and mud are often washed into my yard and adjacent pasture fields during storms. After one recent storm there was so much "ponding" due to lack of drainage in one section of the road that it was virtually impassable. The entire length of Quesenberry Rd NW is less than 3 miles. Please consider further improvements and hard surfacing the remainder of the road. It is desperately needed. Thank you for your consideration.

**Mr. John Hale, Little River District** – I live on Silverleaf Road and we are on this Six Year Plan. Right now, we are number 6. I guess I want to let you know that the squeaky wheel, may get some grease. I want to keep our faces known to everybody. We don't want to give up on this. This is the third time we've been on this Six Year Road Plan supposedly and we haven't gotten there yet. This time we are hoping that we can stay there. We just want to keep our road and name, 820 on Silverleaf Road known. Thank you.

Mr. Clarke – I always advise people to show up to hearings just to make sure because Boards change sometimes. The Board does not need to take any action tonight. Right now, it is difficult to review these roads as a group, but you can review them yourselves. I would like to



get a resolution before the end of June. I would ask that. There will probably be room to add a project this year.

Supervisor Coleman – When we finalize and adopt this list, can the routine road maintenance be done in such a way that moves these roads in that direction? If maintenance issues are being kept up and some safety issues are being addressed, then we are moving forward when the time comes for those roads to be hard surfaced; there are some things that have already been done. I'm sure you think about that.

Mr. Clarke – We do. There are reasons these roads are on the construction list – because of problem sections. Construction will help out with some of these projects, but in the meantime maintenance can as well. I share this list with our crews, so they know what the public comes and talks about and these are the things people want to see. It probably won't make the construction project any easier, but it points out that because it is on the plan, it highlights that it is an issue. If you have a road that doesn't have a whole lot of drainage issues, potholes or whatever, people won't come to a public hearing and ask for their road to be on there. When they come it is because there are issues.

Chairman Turman – Is there an “End State Maintenance” sign right past Sams Road?

Mr. Clarke – Yes, that section is not a VDOT road right now. That would have to be a rural addition. It was added a long, long time ago, but it was only added up to a certain point.

Vice Chairman Boothe – So it would be from that point back to Barberry Road?

Mr. Clarke – Yes, but that would make it a through road.

Mr. Wall – Right now we are just asking about the State maintained part where the traffic is. I measured and it is about ½ mile at the most.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Your community accesses Sams Road from Franklin Pike?

Mr. Wall – That's right. And with the extra activity at the EcoVillage, quite a bit of that is coming in from Sams Road. We have access coming in off of EcoVillage trail. There is a back way in from Sams Road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – You also have Yarrow Way. That is what comes in from Sams Road.

Supervisor Yoder – Just so I understand this correctly...Sams Road is not a through road; there are two State maintained sections, one from Barberry Road and one...

Mr. Clarke – No, it is maintained for a certain section from Franklin Pike and then there is an “End State Maintenance.” The end from Barberry Road is not State maintained. It is very, very rough.

Mr. Wall – I proposed at one point making it into a bicycle path, but I don't know. There would be quite a bit of work to do and I'm not sure that the people who live down there would want it.

Mr. Clarke – We looked into it and people were not interested.

Mr. Wall – The part we are talking about is basically from Franklin Pike down to the entrance at Yarrow Way to the EcoVillage. Jeff Wade who has the other entrance of Sams Road is about 2/3 of the way down and he has built a road into his farmland. That is where all the activity is. It is a very short piece of road but quite a bit of traffic now and we anticipate in a year that it will be increasing.

Mr. Clarke – I will review the part of Sams Road that is in the system and see if there are any maintenance issues or anything that would qualify for Six Year Plan funding.

Supervisor Yoder – I have gotten a lot of calls about Lick Ridge Road. People were not able to come tonight, but I want to go on record that people called. It was on the Six Year Road Plan two years ago I think, a one-mile section from the pavement to an old church. It was taken off last year. The squeaky wheel. No one showed up.

Mr. Clarke – There might be a traffic count issue on that one as well.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – This needs to be added to the record from a constituent in my district. “To whom it may concern: My name is Blake Loftus and I have been a Floyd County resident since 2013.” She apologizes for not being able to attend this evening in person. “Road maintenance has always been a very pressing issue for my family in Floyd County. I live on a dirt road that cannot or has not been properly maintained by VDOT despite my County representatives doing their utmost to ensure the safety of their constituents. There are several residents on my road and many others in Floyd County who are quite elderly or have critical health conditions who cannot be accessed in order to provide potential lifesaving services during extreme weather conditions. I have read the Six Year Secondary Construction Plan being presented this evening for the specific nine roads being addressed. I personally know and have regularly driven these roads which has also contributed to my family's personal expenses of replacing for thousands of dollars new struts and other vehicular maintenance in our 4-wheel drive vehicle numerous times. The roads currently being proposed for surface treatment are critical to provide safe emergency medical access, educational transport, and individual commuting to provide income for my Floyd neighbors and our community as a whole. I ask you to please approve this plan for the benefit of all Floyd County residents. Thank you very much for your time and effort to continue our lovely community.” Ms. Loftus lives on Countyline Church Road.

Mr. Clarke – I will be contacting the County Administrator and we will be discussing a resolution and a final priority list. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Mr. Clarke a whole bunch of our signs have been laid down all through the County. They all couldn't have been run over. Somebody took a lot of time taking these down.

Mr. Clarke – These aren't down because of weather, because this is the time of the year when we straighten up signs?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – No.

Agenda Item 8. – Public Hearing on Floyd County's Proposed FY22 annual budget and tax levies.

Dr. Millsaps read the call for the Public Hearing on Floyd County's Proposed FY22 annual budget and tax levies.

Chairman Turman opened the Public Hearing.

Dr. Millsaps – We have not received any written comments or telephone calls from citizens and no one from the public is here to speak.

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

Agenda Item 9. – Public Hearing on Road Abandonment Request, discontinued portion of Rose Hill Road NW.

Dr. Millsaps read the call for the Public Hearing on Road Abandonment Request, discontinued portion of Rose Hill Road NW.

Chairman Turman opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Ryan – Ms. Barbara Spangler of 533 Laurel Branch Road wrote with her comment: “As an adjacent landowner to the proposed abandonment altogether as a portion of Rose Hill Drive Road, beginning at the end of state maintenance and ending at the intersection with Laurel Branch Road, I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote for the approval. I know that Layne and Frosty Poff has been keeping this section of Rose Hill Road cleared of snow in the winter and buying and spreading gravel at no cost to the county for several years. I feel that this section of the road should no longer be open to the general public. This would help keep the maintenance at a lower cost. Thank you for your consideration of this request.”

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

Vice Chairman Boothe – May we add Mr. Darrell Hylton to the agenda for five minutes? I have a few questions for him or just ask him now. However, you want to do this.

Chairman Turman – Go ahead, that would be fine.

Vice Chairman Boothe – It hasn't been recorded yet. But agreements between all parties have been agreed to but haven't been recorded yet?

Mr. Hylton – Yes, everybody who joins the part we want abandoned has agreed, the Miles, Bob and Bonnie Dillard, Layne and Frosty Poff. We do have a new neighbor out there where a house was sold. I have spoken to them and they are in agreement. They told me to bring whatever they need to sign, and they will be glad to do it.

Vice Chairman Boothe – My other question is about that turnaround on the driveway on the State maintained end. Has that all been worked out for it to continue to be a turnaround there?

Mr. Hylton – You mean for the school bus?

Vice Chairman Boothe – Yes, but it will have to be a turnaround period because any vehicle who comes in there will have to turn around. You told me you were going to contact those people and talk to them.

Mr. Hylton – The school bus turns around about halfway up on the paved part. It has done that for years. I talked to Will Dotson (VDOT) about that. It has been like that forever. There is no way to turn a school bus around there at the end. The Miles are the ones who own that. They are in their 90s. I have been talking to them and their grandson. They are going to turn it over to their grandson. It will never be a problem for him. He comes up on weekends and he is not planning to block it or anything like that.

Vice Chairman Boothe – When VDOT pushes snow they are still turning around. I just want to assure that we still have a turnaround there.

Mr. Hylton – If they want to push all the way down to my house, I will let them and make sure they can turn around.

Vice Chairman Boothe – I just want to make sure we have some type of turnaround. Do you think they would be willing to put that in writing?

Mr. Hylton – I am sure. It may take me a little time, Justin doesn't live right next to his grandparents, but I am sure that won't be an issue whatsoever.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Coleman, and unanimously carried it was moved to abandon the discontinued portion of Rose Hill Road NW (Rt. 722), beginning at the end of state maintenance and ending at the intersection with Laurel Branch Road, contingent on the new neighbors signing the agreement and getting an agreement in writing from the owners of the turnaround property (Document File Number 1176).

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

Agenda Item 10. – Constitutional Officers' Report.

There were no Constitutional Officers present.

Agenda Item 11.a. – Request for exception to Floyd County Ordinance 62-31 (C)(2) Vision sight distance requirements; setback for 2419 Kyle Weeks Road to be built a minimum of 20’ from the edge of the roadway.

Dr. Millsaps – You will recall that this is something you took up at your last meeting and you wanted to table the item until this meeting so you could visit the site and consider it.

Chairman Turman – I went by there twice and to be honest with you, I have a problem with it. When you come up off of Union School Road up the top of the hill, at the hillcrest the house is not that far off of the road. Even if they move it back 20’ that would have it in their living room. They have a lot of stakes and I had to guess where they were going to put it.

Supervisor Yoder – I worry about if we start doing it for just any reason, why even have a rule.

Chairman Turman – If I looked at it right, 20’ would put it right up against the house.

Other Supervisors also expressed their concern with the request, and by consensus agreed that no action would be taken on the request.

Agenda Item 11.b. – Appointment of Dr. Linda Millsaps to Onward New River Valley to fill the vacant Public Official position set to expire on June 30, 2021 and to continue that appointment from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Dr. Linda Millsaps to Onward New River Valley to fill the vacant Public Official position set to expire on June 30, 2021 and to continue that appointment from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

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

Agenda Item 11.c. – Appointment to Onward New River Valley to fill the vacant Industrial/Economic Development Authority position from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint Ms. Marty Holliday to Onward New River Valley to fill the Industrial/Economic Development Authority position from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Supervisor Coleman – yes  
Supervisor Yoder – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Turman – yes

Agenda Item 11.d. – Proclamation recognizing May 2-8, 2021 as Resilience Week.

Dr. Millsaps – Resilience in this proclamation refers to adverse child experiences.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Where did this proclamation come from?

Ms. Ryan – Mr. Michael Wade at New River Community Services.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and unanimously carried it was determined to proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as Resilience Week in Floyd County.

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

Agenda Item 12. – Additional items to discuss.

Dr. Millsaps – I think there are a couple of things you would like to know. I don't have final numbers yet, but I believe for our three days of free tire drop off, we think we received around 600 tires. Everyone came in with their 12 as you suggested. Many of them came in after the traditional business hours. However, on average so far, we have had only 6 or 7 come in on the shifted hours each day for a total of 18 to 20. It turns out that our recycling rate is higher than expected, thanks primarily to our business community. While the State might adjust it, the number we are going to send to the State is 22.6%. The requirement was 15%. Because we were concerned, I reached out to Dr. Wheeler. I am going to send him a flyer which I will make this week and they are going to do training at schools with the kids and have flyers to take home that will hopefully be recycled at some point. The Solid Waste inspector will be here tomorrow. Thanks to the Sheriff's Office we had deputies out doing green box awareness or ticketing. I think it is getting noticed and I appreciate his support on that.

On the Tourism memorandum of understanding, the quick update on that is that Kayla Cox and I have a draft that we are working through now. We are very much in agreement on what we are suggesting. We will get that to you at the early to mid-May meeting for both organizations. We will get it to the people on the Tourism Development Council first who are your representatives.

We have approved festivals under the ordinance, several at Chantilly Farm and Replenish.

For Parks and Recreation, we have made an offer to someone who will be our employee to do concessions. We are moving forward with that. They have to do their Safe Serve Training online. Jacob Agee has also prepared a draft three-year plan of his direction for Parks and

Recreation. We are meeting every other week or so to work on that direction. He is working very hard this summer and putting in a lot of hours.

EDA is very, very busy. You will be hearing about that.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Thank you for the concise update.

Chairman Turman – When you talk to Dr. Wheeler, thank him for making the schools available to us for tonight.

Dr. Millsaps – I have already sent him a text that while we had visitors, we were able to handle it and thanked him. I will thank him again on your behalf.

Supervisor Coleman – Thank you for the update. Thank you for your help on the Solid Waste issues in my district as well as the change in hours. I have heard a lot of feedback. The numbers may not be there. It may take some time. It will be used as needed as people go to and from work, but it has been an overwhelming positive response.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Same with my constituents. Everyone was thrilled with the new hours.

Vice Chairman Boothe – Word is getting around. Give my thanks to the Solid Waste staff. They have put forth an effort and we appreciate it.

Dr. Millsaps – I will pass that along. As you know many of them have elderly parents that they also care for. It is not as easy to shift as you might think, but they are changing their schedules to take care of it.

On a motion made by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session for manufacturing and support services under § 2.2-3711 A.3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body., § 2.2-3711 A.5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community., and § 2.2-3711 A.29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

On a motion made by Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, 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 Boothe, 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 discuss manufacturing and support services under § 2.2-3711 A.3., § 2.2-3711 A.5., and § 2.2-3711 A.29., 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.

By consensus, the Board selected the Truist/Skyline combination as the financing option with a 10-year debt service on the fire truck.

The Board discussed various real estate tax levies and personal property tax levies. By consensus, the Board directed that the Commissioner of Revenue be given tax rates of 63¢ per 100 for real estate and \$3.20 per \$100 for personal property.

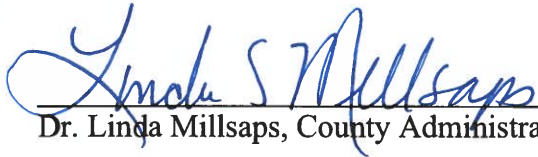
Agenda Item 13. – Board Member Time.

No Board members brought up any items to discuss.



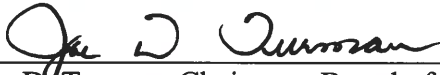
Agenda Item 14. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to May 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



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Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

