

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

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

ABSENT: W. Justin Coleman, Board Member.

Agenda Item 1. - Meeting called to order.

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

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Ms. Cynthia Ryan.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda and to immediately go into Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel - Discussion of prospective candidate for appointment.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and 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 §2.2-3711 A.1., Personnel - Discussion of prospective candidate for appointment, 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 to the 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 – absent
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification resolution was adopted.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to appoint Dr. Linda Millsaps as the County Administrator for Floyd County, effective March 1, 2021 (Document File Number 1158).

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

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of January 12, 2021 and January 26, 2021.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to approve the January 12, 2021 and January 26, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

Agenda Item 5. – Approval of the monthly disbursements.

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

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

Agenda Item 7.a. - Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for January 2021.

No questions were asked.

Agenda Item 7.b. - E911 Road Name Request - Laurel Heather Pass.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and carried, it was resolved to approve the naming of Laurel Heather Pass, with the cost of the road sign installation to be paid by the County.

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

Agenda Item 7.c. - No bids received for Roof Replacement - Dog Pound.

Mr. Bolt requested permission from the Board to contact local contractors to see if he could obtain bids. Any bids received would be presented to the Board.

Chairman Turman - I know a local contractor that I would like to reach out to regarding the bid.

Ms. Ryan - Why don't you provide the information to Mr. Bolt and he will reach out to the contractor.

Chairman Turman - I think Mr. Bolt knows him as well.

Agenda Item 6.a. - Public Comment Period.

Chairman Turman read the handicap statement and opened the public comment period.

There were no public comments. Chairman Turman closed the public comment period.

Agenda Item 7.d. - Bids received for Front Loading Garbage Truck.

Ms. Ryan - We received ten bids. One of the bids was deemed not responsive because it was for a rear loading garbage truck. Two were received after the bid opening time. After

disqualifying the non-responsive bid, we had two from the same company that were the next lowest. One was for a 2020 model; it is a floor model used for demonstrations. The other was for a brand new 2022 model. I spoke with Mr. Thompson. He said that since there was only a \$9000.00 price difference, he would prefer to go with the 2022 model. Our recommendation is to accept the bid for the 2022 model front loading garbage truck.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to accept the bid from Equipment Works for \$249,851.00 for a 2022 Pete 530 (Document File Number 1159).

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

Agenda Item 7.e. - Draft Contract with Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP).

Ms. Lydeanna Martin joined the session by phone.

Ms. Ryan - I did not receive your email in time to give the Board the revised SERCAP agreement.

Ms. Martin - The only correction made was adding "SW" after Campbell Avenue in SERCAP's address. We previously discussed SERCAP's concerns with not getting paid for work performed. Ms. Ryan and I discussed a good faith offer of \$5,000.00 from the County. This is what we have drafted and have for you to consider. I discussed this with SERCAP, and it was acceptable to them. The contract in front of you includes this possibility, as well as some other clarifications that I made to the document.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - What is the maximum amount?

Ms. Martin - The maximum from the Board with the contract as it is now is \$5,000.00. There is \$81,000.00 in the contract from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that would cover fifteen houses that sign on to the construction contract. The County's maximum outlay would be \$5,000.00.

Ms. Ryan - We felt like this was reasonable because our only alternative would be to go out to bid again. The time it would take to do that would delay this project. We thought \$5,000.00 seemed reasonable for the County.

Ms. Martin - I'd like to add that we've worked with this organization through the planning grant and application process. They are very good at what they do. They went above and beyond whenever we needed them to. We know they are a good partner.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - We need to make sure the folks we get into this program really want to participate, so SERCAP will receive their payments. Will you remind me why SERCAP is a little gun-shy?

Ms. Martin - They were burned badly. They had signed on to do a project with ten or eleven houses. They were only paid for two of them even though they had completed all the work. It was a narrowly defined neighborhood, not like our situation. I feel confident that we can get to fifteen houses that ultimately sign on. It might take a few extra to get to that point. Life circumstances can change abruptly and sometimes people balk at the last minute. Ms. Wilsie and I will do everything we can to make sure that the people that enter the pipeline understand everything about the project and what they are getting into. It's not a perfect situation as circumstances can change.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Most definitely. We've certainly been reminded of that over the last year.

Supervisor Boothe - Several places where it mentions the County Administrator, should we add County Administrator or Assistant Administrator?

Ms. Martin - It makes sense to me. Whatever you all think.

Ms. Ryan - My impression is that it would be automatic.

Supervisor Yoder - When the County Administrator is unavailable, the Assistant Administrator automatically steps in.

Ms. Ryan - We removed names from the contract and replaced with titles. I do think it is automatic.

Supervisor Boothe - I know our side is clear. The wording in a contract is important.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to approve the contract with SERCAP as presented with the amendment of the address correction (Document File Number 1160).

Supervisor Coleman - absent

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - yes

Supervisor Yoder - yes

Supervisor Boothe - yes

Supervisor Turman - yes

Agenda Item 7.f. - Determination of site for building at Recreation Park.

Ms. Ryan - Mr. Bolt did the original plans last year during the budget cycle. He has since spoken to Mr. Cox and there are some concerns. One concern is the site would not have adequate drainage. Mr. Bolt hasn't ruled the site out, but he would like to spend a nominal amount of money to hire someone to do some testing and determine if it is the best location, or if there might be a better location for the potential building.

Supervisor Boothe - There is a lot of fill down there. I don't know if the site was originally compaction tested.

Ms. Ryan - Yes, I think that is what he'd like to explore.

Supervisor Boothe - At one time there was a plan for an amphitheater below the ball field. It was a perfect spot if the drainage worked out. There will have to be a roadway that will continue off the top of the hill and swing around. If bore testing reveals this is the only acceptable site, I would suggest placing the office closest to the fields.

Supervisor Yoder - When I was on the Recreation Authority, we discussed building an office on the left side where there is pasture as you enter the park, right off of the paved road. It would be accessible without having to go back to the ball fields.

Supervisor Boothe - Is there enough room to accommodate the office and the storage facility?

Supervisor Yoder - There are two to three acres of pasture there.

Supervisor Boothe - Compaction wouldn't be an issue there.

Supervisor Yoder - If the office was there, it would be easy to monitor everything. It would also be easy to access. Even if the park was closed, people could still get to the office. Is the current proposed site in the existing parking lot?

Ms. Ryan - I am not sure of the exact site. This doesn't need to be approved today, we're putting it on your radar.

Supervisor Boothe - Let's have Mr. Bolt look at the site that Supervisor Yoder has mentioned. Ms. Ryan, have you received a response from Ms. Cox?

Ms. Ryan - We have encountered a problem in that Mr. Shortt said the deed has never been filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court. We have been unable to locate the original deed. I have a copy, and Ms. Cox has a copy. Mr. Durbin doesn't have it, and Mr. Shortt doesn't have it. Right now, we are searching for the original deed. I have a question to Mr. Durbin regarding if we need to go through the process of signing a new deed in order to get something recorded. Because of this, Ms. Cox has not responded to the original question as to whether this would be an acceptable use.

Supervisor Yoder - If we end up proceeding, this building would be a part of the budget?

Ms. Ryan - Yes. I discussed it with Davenport. You had asked them to be here today; they were unable to make it because there was not enough time to pull all the information together. We had an extensive conversation regarding the things the Board wants to do, offering the alternative of both total financing versus the financing and using part of the meals tax collection. We also discussed which items might fit better into use of the meals tax. They are

going to come up with some alternatives and plan on being here for this month's evening meeting.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - You discussed the acceptable use of the meals tax with both?

Ms. Ryan - I discussed this with both Mr. Griffin and Mr. Durbin.

Supervisor Yoder - Originally, we discussed using it for fire and rescue, then we decided to expand it. We wanted it to be available to everyone for capital expenditures.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Mr. Durbin was okay with this?

Ms. Ryan - Yes, he wanted to know what had been presented to the public at the time that the ordinance was approved.

Agenda Item 7.g. - Green box site in Indian Valley.

Ms. Ryan - The green boxes have been removed from Indian Valley at the request of the property owner. Supervisor Coleman and Mr. Thompson are looking for another suitable site and are hoping to make it happen as soon as possible.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - I looked back through my files. We looked at this in 2016. We wanted to keep things on our major byways. Access is difficult for large swaths of our County. I think we should put this topic on the agenda for our new County Administrator. I think we need to revisit this issue. At some point property owners aren't going to want to do this anymore. These issues will continue to come up.

Supervisor Boothe - It may get to the point where we have to actually purchase an acre of land for a site.

Supervisor Yoder - This Board, or a future Board, will get to the point where we need to build four or five sites around the County. These would be well maintained, and County owned.

Supervisor Boothe - Just please don't gate them.

Supervisor Yoder - People expect a higher level of service than driving into a muddy parking lot that has sink holes.

Supervisor Boothe - I've had many discussions and arguments regarding this issue. If we do gated sites, like Montgomery County, there will be a small percentage of our population that will continue to dump in old sites. I'm not opposed to centralized sites, but if they close the gates and lock them at four o'clock, I know what's going to happen.

Supervisor Yoder - Sixty percent of people work outside the County, so you can't close sites so that people can't access them when they aren't working. We have to make the sites available, and the Transfer Station.

Supervisor Turman - This is a complaint that I hear often. People go to dispose of trash and the Transfer Station is closed.

Ms. Ryan - Mr. Thompson has in his fiscal year 2022 budget to hire one more person. It might be worth considering if it could extend the hours at the Transfer Station on Saturdays.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - When you drive into a site that is clean, you are far less likely to make it a mess. One resident suggested that if the Transfer Station isn't going to stay open, that we have a site that would act as a remote Transfer Station.

Supervisor Turman - One thing I've always advocated for is installing a chain link fence behind the green boxes to keep trash and debris from blowing onto the neighboring properties. It might also help keeping bears from dragging trash into the woods.

Supervisor Yoder - In my district, I think we'll have to find a new site every six months. The rotation could help the current situation by helping to break the bears' cycle.

Agenda Item 6.c. - Mr. William "Billy" Newcomb, Senior Program Manager with Draper Aden Associates.

Mr. Newcomb highlighted two issues concerning the Landfill:

1. Trench and Hillside Erosion Reclamation.
 - a. The County and the contractor have completed the repairs, reclamation, and stabilizing of the slope.
 - b. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been informed and are satisfied with the results. DEQ will continue to keep an eye on the slope.
 - c. Draper Aden will do quarterly inspections to make everything remains stable until vegetation locks in.
2. Status of Groundwater Monitoring.
 - a. The Landfill continues to be in the corrective action monitoring program. This entails semi-annual sampling of the wells.
 - b. The well network is broken into different sets of wells.
 - Compliance wells, or assessment wells: These are monitored even when a site is not in corrective action.
 - Performance wells: The wells that are down gradient get the constituents of concern and the indicator perimeters for monitored natural attenuation, which is the correction action process.
 - Surveillance wells: These are designed to ensure the plume is not expanding.

Exceedances observed on the November 2020 event include:

Target Analyte	Location	Result (ug/L)	GPS (ug/L)
Cobalt	MW-8	56	8
Benzene	MW-8	36	5
alpha-BHC	MW-8	0.37	0.0072
Vinyl chloride	MW-8	7.5	2
1,1-Dichloroethane	MW-10	4.4	2.8
Benzene	MW-17	8.7	5
alpha-BHC	MW-17	0.46	0.0072
1,1-Dichloroethane	MW-17	13	2.8
Vinyl chloride	MW-17	31	2
Cobalt	MW-18	17	8
Benzene	MW-18	6.9	5
Tetrachloroethene	MW-18	5.7	5
Trichloroethene	MW-18	13	5
Vinyl chloride	MW-18	3.4	2
1,1-Dichloroethane	MW-19	21	2.8
Cobalt	S-4	11	8
Vinyl chloride	S-4	3	2
Cobalt	S-6	62	8

Pertinent Observations:

1. MW-10 is located on the adjacent property. MW-19 is on County property upgradient with respect to groundwater flow. Note that 1,1-Dichloroethane decreases in concentration as groundwater flows from MW-19 to MW-10. Further down from MW-10 on the adjacent property is MW-21, which does not exceed the Standard for any analyte. So, natural attenuation is occurring. More time is needed to let closure and natural attenuation decrease analyte concentrations.
2. Spring S-4 continues to show Groundwater Protection Standard exceedance; however, the frequency of exceedances is decreasing. DEQ is focused on S-4 because of their guidance regarding transfer of contaminants from groundwater to surface water. The County proposed interim measures to address this in 2018. DEQ continues to evaluate the situation. The reduced exceedances at S-4 is good news.
3. The other wells and analytes exceeding a Groundwater Protection Standard are routine observations and will ultimately be addressed by natural attenuation corrective action.

Mr. Newcomb – I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Supervisor Boothe – At one point in time we were having a problem with chromium. Has that dissipated over time?

Mr. Newcomb – Yes it has. The issues with metals, like chromium, cobalt or lead, for example, are very different than the organic compounds. When you see metals in groundwater there is the potential it's from the bedrock or the soil itself. The way the regulations were written back in the 70's, total concentrations were required, meaning you pull a water sample out of the ground and acidify it. Then it is sent to the lab. You can't filter the sediment out of it. If there is a little sediment in your monitoring well and you acidify it, the metal concentrations will increase in that sample. When we see chromium, or another metal, it's not guaranteed that it came from the landfill. There is a higher likelihood that it's from the natural environment. The main focus for corrective action at the landfill is for organic compounds. DEQ has tacitly agreed they are not going to force a facility to conduct corrective action on metals. I'm less concerned about the metals than I am about the organics.

Supervisor Boothe – The natural filter system is working; nature is taking care of it. Is that a fair statement?

Mr. Newcomb – Yes, that is a fair statement. Along with looking at decreases in concentrations we also evaluate chemicals that are indicators for bacteria and chemical attenuation. We see indicators for that as well. For example, we see the generation of methane, we see the decrease in certain kinds of iron and the increase of other kinds of iron. Those are all part of the model that defines and describes how the natural attenuation occurs. We are seeing evidence that it is occurring. You are in the right corrective action program for the facility. The key is to get to the point where we can demonstrate that the issues have been taken care of and get you out of the monitoring program completely. That is the goal. It's going to take some more time. It's a better alternative than other forms of corrective action.

Supervisor Boothe – Do you ever look at it from the standpoint of the capped area versus the uncapped area?

Mr. Newcomb – We have in the past. For all the years we've been doing this work we've really come to focus on the area by MW-19 and MW-10, and the spring of course. We have looked at it in the past, I can't recall right now.

Supervisor Boothe – Early on, when we started this process, the train of thought was the uncapped area would get more dilution because surface water isn't kept out of the area. The capped area is essentially cooking, so there will be a higher concentration. Where are we in relation to this?

Mr. Newcomb – We are seeing more influence on where groundwater is flowing in terms of what the chemicals are in the groundwater than whether it's from the capped or uncapped areas. The transport of the chemicals in groundwater is really what is driving these concentration trends.

Supervisor Boothe – It was estimated that the capped area may take twenty to thirty years before it showed a decline so we could start backing out. We knew it would take longer to start backing out with the capped area because didn't have filtration or dilution from the rainwater. There is a higher concentration of contaminants in that area than in the uncapped area.

Mr. Newcomb – Yes, that is true. Once we begin the transport in groundwater from those areas then the natural attenuation process is what will draw the long term future of the concentration in the area.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Studying the maps, it appears that MW-8, MW-18, S-4, S-6 and S-7 receive water from both the capped and uncapped areas before it exits off our property. We have really made a lot of progress on these.

Mr. Newcomb – I believe so, yes.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – It would be interesting to see a chart of how much we've improved over the last ten years.

Mr. Newcomb – This is exactly what we do with the case report. We look at a snapshot of the past four years in progress, then we also look at it from all the monitoring data we have to date. We've come a long way in the last twenty years, and the trend has continued over the last four years. It is complicated to assess the distribution of groundwater when there is fractured control. Contributions from the capped versus uncapped and transporting in the fractured bedrock is tricky.

Supervisor Boothe – Are the tests evaluated over time in correlation with droughts, or times of less rainfall?

Mr. Newcomb – Yes. We do a seasonality analysis. We have not seen a significant influence by local climate conditions over time with respect to the groundwater. The chemicals are dissolved in the groundwater in the first place, and the fractured control of the groundwater means that it comes from a deeper aquifer that doesn't get as much influence from the rainfall. If we were more concerned about the metals, we would do a more detailed analyses and may find a seasonal signature on the metals themselves. At this point they are not driving the corrective action. The metal concentration distributions will be influenced by the amount of sediment in the wells. Once every six months we purge water from the wells and sample them. This dynamic is more influential over the amount of sediment than local rainfall. Looking at the organic compound, we do not see a seasonal influence.

Supervisor Boothe – Am I correct in that most of our contaminants would be classified as thinners, hand cleaners, or similar components?

Mr. Newcomb – Yes, household chemicals, and maybe some light industrial like paint, paint thinners, degreasers, and oil. What we see in groundwater at this landfill is common and what we see at every other unlined landfill.

Supervisor Boothe – Thank you for the refresher.

Mr. Newcomb - I look forward to coming back in September with another update.

Supervisor Turman – Thank you for the update. We look forward to seeing you in September.

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

Mr. Clarke provided maintenance updates:

Snow preparation, removal, and clean-up	County wide
Potholes	Stonewall Road
Brush removal	Daniels Run Road
Shoulder work	Sowers Road, Route 8

Mr. Clarke – Looking ahead over the next month, assuming there is good weather, we will be doing regular maintenance; patching potholes and removing brush until we can get some hot asphalt. And we'll be taking care of the gravel roads. Can we do the Six Year Plan public hearing at the evening meeting in April?

Ms. Ryan – What time?

Mr. Clarke – Can we do the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.?

Ms. Ryan – We will say 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.

Mr. Clarke – There isn't a lot going on right now. We will be working on getting a through truck restriction for Fairview Church Road. It will either be not recommended or restricted. That's all I have.

Chairman Turman introduced the new County Administrator, Dr. Linda Millsaps, to Mr. David Clarke.

Supervisor Boothe – I'd like to thank everyone for their work during the weather events. Have you figured anything out about the tire and the gravel problem?

Mr. Clarke – The gravel has been tested and it passes all the requirements. It was tested for gradation, angularity, and it passes all the requirements.

Supervisor Boothe – It didn't just affect vehicles with older tires, it also affected newer tires purchased within the last couple of months. One person had two tires on their vehicle go flat at different times.

Mr. Clarke – We will keep an eye on it. Please let me know if it continues. Maybe we didn't get a good sample.

Supervisor Boothe – Were you able to look at the history on Woods Gap Road?

Mr. Clarke – I haven't found anything yet. There may be something in the Hillsville office. I will see what I can find before the hearing.

Supervisor Yoder – Thank you for your work during the snow events. I've had a few people mention the condition of the gravel roads. I think it's going to happen with freezing, thawing, and scraping. I wanted to ask you about the proposed work on Ponderosa Road SE. Would it be possible to go across the Parkway and do the section there?

Mr. Clarke – We can do any section where we can get a right of way.

Supervisor Yoder – People understood you probably won't get the loop that's there. But if we could do even 200 feet that would give them better traction and the snow may melt better. It's rough right now with substantial potholes.

Mr. Clarke – Any place on that route that doesn't require right of way we can get.

Supervisor Yoder – The part between Stuart Road and the Parkway is a low area that stays damp. It would be help get some traction in the area.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I want to thank all the crews who worked twelve hour shifts during the snow events. I have received more calls regarding Thunderstruck Road, people are requesting gravel. Did you take Route 615 home last time you were here?

Mr. Clarke – I did.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Did you see the tree I mentioned at the last meeting?

Mr. Clarke – I think I did, is it right at Dove Lane?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Yes, just past there.

Mr. Clarke – The tree fell over from the roots.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Correct. It is a big tree. I'm not sure what the solution is, but I think it's important to take care of it. Also, I know this is in Montgomery County, there is a big pothole on Christiansburg Pike. There are a lot of people who travel this road, it must be patched. It's getting deeper and deeper. It may end up being a sink hole if we're not careful.

Supervisor Turman – I've had three family members that have had flat tires. One of the tires had less than three thousand miles on it.

Mr. Clarke – Apparently, it's the western and eastern ends of the County.

Supervisor Turman – I can sum my district up in one word: gravel. I've told them it's a bad time to put it down. Thank you for all the work you've done.

Mr. Clarke – Thank you all very much. I'll see you next time.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Constitutional Officers

Sheriff Craig – Speaking of VDOT, everyone knows fire and rescue work on these snow days and holidays. But people forget about VDOT. Those folks don't get to be with their families on the holidays. Same with Appalachian Power (AEP). In law enforcement, we see these people out. I can tell you from my twenty some years here, they are out there working hard. We still have a deputy position open. We probably won't fill that position until closer to June, with the academy starting later. We made an offer on the open dispatch position, hopefully it will be accepted. Tanner Dean is still in the academy. Things seem to be going well. We've been dealing with weather issues, looks like we have some rain and ice coming up in the next couple of days. Mr. Sowers has been working with me on a grant. If we receive it, it will be something we bring to the Board.

Ms. Ryan – Sheriff Craig, I don't remember there being a vacant position when I was entering the salaried positions for your budget request.

Sheriff Craig – On the spreadsheet I submitted there is a vacant slot.

Ms. Ryan – For both the dispatch position and the deputy position?

Sheriff Craig – I know there is one for the deputy position. There isn't one for dispatch because currently we have an employee who is working who wants to leave. They want to move to a part time status and not keep a full time status. That's why it's not showing on the budget request. That's all I have. Do you all have anything for me today?

Supervisor Yoder – I appreciate how you really put a focus on community interaction. I keep seeing officers out in the community and involved. You don't approach your job just as law enforcement, you approach it as a community service.

Sheriff Craig – As Sheriff, I think it is important to go around and talk to people and meet people in the stores and shops. Normally during the work week there are a couple of days after lunch that I would go out in the community and visit the shops. The pandemic has caused me to stop this practice. We still try and get out as much as we can without putting people at risk. Later this week I receive my second vaccination.

Supervisor Turman – The sunshine calls are appreciated, especially during this time of isolation.

Sheriff Craig – We work with those folks to see if they want to get vaccinated and things like that. Ms. Ryan had suggested this. I know there are some other upcoming things that hopefully we can help you all out with.

Agenda Item 6.e. – Dr. John Wheeler, Superintendent, Floyd County Public Schools.

Dr. Wheeler – I don't have any major updates. We are going back to instruction four days a week. Our Health District has been instrumental in this progress. Pulaski County is next, then Giles County, Radford is attending full time, and Montgomery County is still deciding. We were very fortunate to get in on August 11th. The loss of learning in the state is unbelievable. I was on a State Superintendent call today, many school divisions are just beginning to do the things we were working on in July. There are still a lot of areas in the state that aren't offering any in-person classes. We are fortunate. We will continue with the mitigation and get these kids back to a normal schedule. We are about to head in to the last nine weeks.

Supervisor Boothe – That makes sense, talking about summer school continuing. I didn't realize there were that many areas behind.

Dr. Wheeler – Summer school is a venture we always look at to continue the experience. We modified it last year. It is not a pandemic discussion, it's what we want to be able to offer as much as we can. We are looking to do more with the mental and social health of the kids, we are in the planning stages. As far as the coronavirus, there will be more cases. We are fortunate in the New River Valley that there hasn't been school spread. We've had employees interested in getting vaccinated that hadn't signed up for the shot previously. The district has opened another window for us. The majority will get their second vaccination on February 17th and 18th. We are on track to finish the year right before Memorial Day. We are in as good of a place that we could be in right now from that standpoint. Everything is moving fairly well with the construction. The air conditioning should be finished by mid-April. We usually don't turn the coal burners off until mid-April. Mr. Cox is handling the construction business well.

Supervisor Boothe – Is the rest of the new construction project moving along?

Dr. Wheeler – It's going well. There are two phases, whatever area is available to work on, they do it. Due to the different phases of this project, the construction company three different areas they can work on. We are still on track for fall of 2023. Moving in and out won't be a problem because the first phase will be completed. We are within budget; we haven't hit the contingency fund on the interior standpoint. We've met with the teachers and the designers a couple of weeks ago. We'll get that populated first and then we'll work on the existing Career and Technical Education (CTE) building. Thank you. If anything comes up we will let you know.

Agenda 8. Old/New /Business.

Mr. Sowers – I'd like to address the board regarding the COVID vaccination sites. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Turman have been working hard. We've had some snags concerning availability of the vaccines. We are doing everything we can. The good news is numbers are declining. The staff is doing everything they can do get the appointments set up, unfortunately there aren't any vaccines available. We have all been contacted by citizens, I urge everyone to continue to be patient. Are there any questions or things that need to be addressed?

Ms. Ryan – I'd just like to add every time we're told what we need to have for a vaccine center, Mr. Sowers and I jump right on it to get it together so when they tell us they are ready to go we can roll it out. I had emailed you all about possibly hiring some of the election curbside people, and a couple of you have volunteered to help. I think it would be helpful to go ahead and have some of them hired as well so that any given day if the health center wants to come over, we have a pool of people to call. We could maybe start off with having four people on site, see how that goes, and then scale according to the need. I think it is great if you are there, but I'd like to have people on call as well. Ms. Ingram has supplied me with the list of the employees and offered us the tent and the propane tank if needed. And the folks on her list know how to efficiently set up the tent. Not only would we get they workers, they would already be trained on how to use the equipment.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Is there any idea when this would happen?

Ms. Ryan – The problem is there aren't any vaccines available.

Mr. Sowers – There are enough to support the center in Christiansburg, but that's it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Some of the local pharmacies in the region have received vaccines.

Ms. Ryan – In the region, yes. The Pharm House has now been approved to have the vaccine. They have ordered some and think they can accommodate 75 vaccines a day on site. She does not know when she might get them, there is currently a waiting list.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – The Event Center at Floyd EcoVillage has already done one.

Ms. Ryan – They did one for Wall Residences staff and residents only.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I understand that went very well.

Mr. Sowers – Yes, volunteer rescue helped with that as well.

Supervisor Yoder – I read on social media that the County was taking lists of people who want to be vaccinated. That is not true. You still must go through the Road to Wellness on the Health Department's website. The County has nothing to do with that.

Mr. Sowers – Yes, they verify the 1A's and the 1B's.

Supervisor Yoder – The County is not signing people up, as far as the general public is concerned. If someone in my district wanted to sign up, they'd have to go through the Health Department's website.

Ms. Ryan – And if they don't have internet access, they can call the library and their staff will enter the data for them.

Supervisor Yoder – I think there was a misunderstanding. I want people to understand that we're not keeping a special list.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – Everyone who has received a vaccine has gone through the health department.

Mr. Sowers – Most of the staff here has not received the vaccine, myself included. We're all in this together.

Ms. Ryan – While we are on the subject, unfortunately we have run into some problems with the self-test site centers. I was asked last time if we really needed it, and if there was a problem with getting tested. At a manager's meeting I learned "no", there is not a problem with people getting tested, it's that the counties are trying to relieve the burden of testing from the health districts, allowing the health districts to concentrate on vaccines only. That's why the self-test centers have started popping up in discussions. The problem is New River Community Action thought they had identified a way to help us. They are not going to be able to after all. Before I proceed any further, I would like to get your opinion. I'd like to contact the ten largest employers in Floyd County and see how much use they think there is for a self-test site. I would hate for us to put all this work into this and not have it be something that was used.

Mr. Sowers - For these testing sites, we would keep the samples cool and transport them to Blacksburg.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – For the most part, I'm hearing that people are traveling to Roanoke or Christiansburg to get tested.

Ms. Ryan – What do you think about contacting the employers to try and get a sense of how much need there is for one. And if there seems to be a need, let's proceed. If there's not, it's taking up a lot of time.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I've heard that everyone that has wanted to get tested has been able to.

Supervisor Yoder – I think it's a great idea to see what people are needing.

Supervisor Boothe – Maybe check with the school system? That's a large employer as well.

Mr. Sowers – I don't have anything else. Thank you.

-Closed Session § 2.2-3711 A.3., § 2.2-3711 A.5, and §2.2-3711 A.7, Disposal of real property, business expansion unannounced, and litigation of possible opioid settlement.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.3., Disposal of real property, § 2.2-3711 A.5., business expansion unannounced, and §2.2-3711 A.7., litigation of possible opioid settlement.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and 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 § 2.2-3711 A.3., Disposal of real property, § 2.2-3711 A.5., business expansion unannounced, and §2.2-3711 A.7., litigation of possible opioid settlement, 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 to the 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 – absent
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes

This certification motion was adopted.

Agenda Item 7.h. – Petition to abandon part of Rose Hill Road.

Ms. Ryan – We received a petition to abandon a section of Rose Hill Road. It is signed by all the people who live on that section of the road. Would you like me to move forward with the process it takes to do this? I contacted Ms. Morris because she has always handled these, and she

is willing to walk me through the process. I know it must be posted for thirty days, certified letters must be sent to people within a certain radius, and there needs to be a Public Hearing. Are you interested in this being pursued?

Supervisor Boothe – I think so. I have been contacted by some of the property owners. I think we should at least move forward with the process. Do we need a motion?

Ms. Ryan – All I need at this point is consensus.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – So we have a discontinued portion that they now want to be abandoned.

Ms. Ryan – There are multiple parties to it. They have agreed to give each other easement access. It looks like they have drafted something, they haven't signed it yet.

Supervisor Boothe – We can move forward in the process, but prior to official abandonment, we need the documentation.

Supervisor Yoder – We also need to make sure no one is landlocked. It looks like some of the properties are already landlocked. We need to make sure that every property has access to that road either through a right of way or road frontage and is not landlocked.

Supervisor Boothe – Mr. Bolt will designate the start and stop points for the sign placement to ensure they are in the right spots.

Agenda Item 7.i. – Set dates for FY22 budget work sessions.

Ms. Ryan – I have the first draft of the budget ready. I have not had the chance to go back and check formulas and validate some of my assumptions on costs. I could have the budget completed and to you by some time next week. We need to set dates for the budget meetings. We also talked about having you meet as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board and having Mr. Belcher bring you up to date. We could plan on 6:30 p.m. at the February 23rd meeting, that would give Mr. Belcher a set time. He needs to bring you up to date on some things. I spoke to Mr. Belcher and he is agreeable to meeting quarterly.

Supervisor Yoder – Our new County Administrator needs to be involved in the budget process.

Ms. Ryan – I've prepared one for Dr. Millsaps as well. We will set the dates for the March meetings on February 23rd.

Agenda Item 8. – Old/New Business.

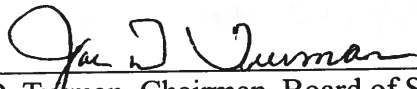
Supervisor Turman – We had discussed sending flowers to Supervisor Coleman's family. The service is in Dublin. Please send an arrangement on behalf of the Board and we will reimburse you.

Agenda Item 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



Cynthia Ryan, Acting County Administrator



Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors