

**Minutes**  
**Floyd County Board of Supervisors**  
**June 25, 2024**

**1. Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. or thereafter.

**2. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Supervisor Bechtold offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found for all Supervisors.

**5. Approval of Agenda** –

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended moving board time after Public Comments.

**6. Approval of Disbursements** –

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

**7. Approval of minutes** –

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried as corrected to approve the minutes of 05/07/2024, Budget workshop, and 06/11/2024.

**8. Public Comment**

a. Paul Kitchen – Little River District

Mr. Kitchen provided the following information that he presented during the meeting:

Good evening

Paul Kitchen - Little River District

This evening you will be making a motion to approve the Floyd County fiscal year 24/25 budget proposal.

Once the motion is made and seconded you will have the opportunity to consider amendments to that main motion.

The Floyd County Office of Elections has presented a fair and equitable budget request. As of May 22, 2024 there have been no changes to the County Budget proposal.

We ask that you consider the following amendment to the budget before your final vote.

Make a motion to amend the Floyd County FY 24/25 budget proposal be a as follows:

One - Cost Center 3010 - Account number 411006 strike \$31,000 and replace with \$38,000.

Two - Cost Center 3020 - Account number 412313 strike \$20,000 and replace with \$30,000.

Three - Cost Center 2306 - Account number 323600 strike -\$25,000 and replace with -\$85,000.

The rationale for these adjustments have been presented to you several times. Please take a moment to consider this amendment.

The Electoral Board, Office of Elections staff, and our dedicated Election Officers ask that you support our mission to promote and support accurate, fair, open and secure elections for the citizens of Floyd County, Virginia.

Thank you

**. 12. Board Time:**

Supervisor Bechtold stated that recently many have come before the Board of Supervisors making statements about the rule of government and I have really taken it to heart. Particularly we have been told that there is a separation of Church and State. This is absolutely incorrect.

Supervisor Bechtold read the following:

Separation of Church and State.

A manipulation of the intent of our founding documents to appease those offended by the Church.

The first written constitution protecting liberty was the MAGNA CARTA in 1215

deemed necessary by the barons (large landholders) to protect freemen and limit the power of England's ruling Queens and Kings from repeated acts of tyranny such as unfair trials, land confiscation, unreasonable taxes

The tyranny continued and the Church of England, whose supreme governor was the British monarch faced a reformation. King James published an "authorized" translation of the Bible. This version removed long-standing annotations that called into question the authority of government.

King James: was very much opposed to its annotation, in particular the marginal note in the first chapter of the book of Exodus which questioned the authority of the King

The King James Bible was read in every church throughout the country (England)

The Pilgrims brought the Geneva Bible with them in 1620,

and the first line of the Mayflower compact is:

In the name of God, Amen.

The Declaration of Independence ends with:

And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

In 1620 divine providence was commonly understood to mean God or God's intervention.

The divine intervention is that we answer to God not to Government, as God is the ultimate authority and giver of our freedoms.

The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States reads:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abiding the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The concern of our founders was not the church in government, but rather the government in church.

John Adams wrote:

because we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. it is wholly inadequate to the government on any other.

Our founders relied on the people having a moral authority outside of government. In 1776 this was not an unreasonable expectation.

## **9. Old Business:**

### **a. EMS emergency Ordinance date extension.**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the extension of the EMS emergency Ordinance and the signing of such ordinance by designated County Staff.

## **10. Closed:**

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to enter into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.3, §2.2-3711 A.5, §2.2-3711 A.6 and § 2.2-3711 A.7.

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

- a. § 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. Public Safety Acquisition.

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

- b. § 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. Potential Business Expansion

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

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

Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes  
Supervisor Turman - yes

- d. § 2.2-3711 A.7 - Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. Construction Dispute

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

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and Seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried, the Board voted to come out of closed session.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and seconded by Supervisor Bechtol and unanimously carried, the Board certified that the Board of Supervisors only discussed those matters that they entered into closed session for.

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

## 11. New Business

- a. Department of Emergency Management request for the naming of a shared drive. Tax map numbers, 17-67B and 17-67A for the requested name of Willow Brook Lane.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the naming of the shared drive, Tax map numbers 17-67B and 17-67A as Willow Brook Lane.

- b. New River Valley Onward video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwSSOlbYCPo>

The video was shown during the meeting. Dr. Millsaps noted there is also another video geared toward younger adults that also shows some Floyd County attractions.

- c. County/School Ball Fields.

Dr. Millsaps noted that we have two Recreation ball teams that are going to State. Also, discussed a thank you letter from the Parks and Recreation department for the Board to sign, thanking the coaches for all their hard work. Each board member signed the letter.

- d. Approval of the FY25 Budget

Discussion ensued regarding the budget for FY25.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried to approve the FY25 budget with the adjusted budget line item of 480450 to increase from \$12,000.00 to \$22,600.00 for a total Operation Expenditure of \$59,254,644.00.

Supervisor Boothe – yes  
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes  
Supervisor Bechtold – no  
Supervisor Cox – no  
Supervisor Turman - yes

**13. Administrator Report: Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator reported**

- a. NRVRC building purchase
- b. NRVCS led luncheon meeting
- c. New River Valley Recovery Ecosystem Leadership Meeting
- d. Franklin Pike's update
- e. Festivals update
- f. July 10<sup>th</sup> VaCo meeting at Chateau Morrisette

**17. Correspondence –**

Deputy County Administrator/CFO Chiddo updated the board that there are no documents in correspondence at this time.

**18. Adjournment:**

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried for the approval to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting of 07/09/2024, 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator



Joe Yurman, Chairman