

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2022**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Joe Turman, Board Room, County Administration Building.
2. Opening Prayer – led by Supervisor Cox.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Supervisor Kuchenbuch.
4. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Dr. Millsaps called the roll.

Supervisor Cox – present
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – present
Supervisor Bechtold – present
Supervisor Boothe – present
Supervisor Turman – remotely present

It was determined that a quorum was present.

5. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

6. Approval of Disbursements

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

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

Chairman Joe Turman -We can move down to number nine on the agenda, appointments. We were looking for a nominee for the Extension Leadership Counsel. It is a one-year term and must be filled by a board supervisor member. Previously it was Mr. Yoder's position. Any volunteers?

9. Appointments

- a. On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried, Supervisor Cox was appointed to the Extension Leadership Council. For a one-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next is the appointment to the Floyd County Public Service Authority, a three-year term. Mr. Boothe are you willing to continue?

Supervisor Boothe – Yes, I would like to, if that is the Boards pleasure.

- b. On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried, Supervisor Boothe was appointed to a three-year term on the Floyd County Public Service Authority.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next, would be the appointment to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Board liaison, one- year term.

- c. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried, Supervisor Bechtold was appointed to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce as the Board liaison, for a one-year term.

Supervisor Boothe -yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – abstain
Supervisor Turman – yes

Chairman Joe Turman – Next, is item “d” the Planning Commission.

- d. On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Cox and carried, Supervisor Bechtold was appointed to the Floyd County Planning Commission for a one-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next up is the Floyd County Tourism Development Council for a two-year term. It must be a Board member.

- e. On a motion of Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and carried, Supervisor Bechtold was appointed to the Floyd County Tourism Council, for a two-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next is the appointment to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board of Directors, a one-year term.

- f. On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and carried, Supervisor Turman was appointed to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board of Directors for a one-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – The next one is the appointment of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board, one year term and one alternate representative. I would like to continue on that board and would also like to have Mr. Cox as an alternate as he already has the background.

- g. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried, Supervisor Turman was appointed to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board for a one-year term.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried, Supervisor Cox was appointed as the alternate to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority for a one-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next is the appointment to the New River Valley Regional Commission for a one-year term.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - Mr. Chairman, I have some information to explain this. Mr. Coleman and I served on this commission. I would like to continue, and I would like to continue in the Board of Supervisors position which was Mr. Coleman's position. That is a four-year term. It's been kind of an interesting time. And we just started meeting in person again. I really have enjoyed my time on this. So, if it is the wishes of the board, I would like to take the Board of Supervisors position. And then maybe see if Mr. Cox would serve in the one-year term that I have filled. It would give you a taste of what it is like. It is a very interesting Regional Commission. But if I get this position, that will leave my position that would need to be filled through June 30 of 2022.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and carried, Supervisor Kuchenbuch was appointed to a four- year term on the New River Valley Regional Commission.

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

Supervisor Boothe – I think it would be proper proceeding that Supervisor Kuchenbuch resign from her current position. Then we would do a motion to appoint Mr. Cox to the one-year term position.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – I would like to at this time resign from the one-year term board position on the New River Valley Regional Commission. I would move to appoint Mr. Cox to that position.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried, Supervisor Cox was appointed to the one-year term on the New River Valley Regional Commission.

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

Supervisor Joe Turman – Next is the appointment of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Legislative Contact, one year term.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried, Supervisor Turman was appointed as the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Legislative Contact for a one-year term.

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

Chairman Joe Turman – Next, is the Equipment and Vehicle Committee. I'd like to say that this something I helped get started two years ago. It really worked well. Even if we do not intend to buy anything this year. It helps us know what we have and what conditions the vehicles are in.

Supervisor Boothe – Yes, I was one of the two appointees. We did not meet this past year due to the pandemic. But I agree we need to get back to it and really need to get this committee together. It also includes the County Administrator.

Chairman Joe Turman – Also, Mr. Coleman talked to me previously and he would like to continue as a citizen representative, to which I have no objection.

Supervisor Boothe – I served with him and appreciate his knowledge of the vehicles and other associated things. I think he is a great asset. And if the board wishes to leave him on it, I think it would help us in the long run. Also, Kevin was on it. I believe it was Kevin, myself, Justin, the County Administrator and Mr. Dalton. Mr. Dalton has a

lot of knowledge as well. I would expand the committed to include Mr. Coleman. And if Mr. Dalton is willing to serve again, let him also serve as another set of eyes with knowledge from the citizen point of view. And I would like to continue if it is the pleasure of the Board.

j. On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman and carried, it was approved to reinvigorate the Equipment and Vehicle Committee to include Supervisor Turman, Supervisor Boothe, County Administrator Dr. Millsaps, Director of Public Safety, and two citizens if they are willing: Mr. Coleman and Mr. Dalton.

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

Chairman Turman – At this time I am going to turn the meeting over to Supervisor Boothe.

Supervisor Boothe – Let the record reflect that the meeting was turned over. We are still about 15 minutes out from the first closed session appointment. Do you want to go ahead to New and Old Business?

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - That would leave us with the resolutions, the techsquared item and the closed session. To clarify the record, that it would be A6, for the closed session language. So, 2.2 -3711 A6. And that is discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, or if made public initially the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. And I believe that that would work for what is contract conversation.

In terms of my report, first I would like to thank you for the Board's graciousness. As you know, between my mother being ill and then passing away. And then illness coming through our family. I really appreciate all of your understanding and support. I also want to thank all the staff here, but especially Kim, Chris, Lydeana, Mark, Kevin and Angie. I'm very, very appreciative and very happy about all of them.

Supervisor Turman – May I interject here?

Supervisor Boothe – Yes, please.

Supervisor Turman – I would like to give a shout out to Kim. She has been fantastic to work with. I think Dr. Millsaps did a really great job recruiting her from downstairs. Their loss is truly our gain. She has really been good to keep us updated, and you work well together. So, I just wanted to say thank you.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps- Thank you. Alright, so going on to a couple of updates while we're waiting for our speakers. As you know, a while ago we applied for a Bear Wise grant from the state. We asked for \$50,000 with grand plans to put together a very nice site that would be bear resistant and have all kinds of good features related to having a model Green Box site near the entrance to the Commerce Center. And those of you who are returning members, know. They gave me a call and said we don't even have \$50,000 to give to everybody in the state. Would you take \$8000.00? So of course, I said we'll take \$8000.00. We will go ahead and use it to purchase some bear resistant boxes like you're used to seeing in the parks that are part of the Bear-Wise program and put them up at the Rec Park, because we have had continuing issues up there.

Once you become engaged in the process you can be designated as a Bear-Wise community. And that potentially comes with some additional resources like signs. Related to this is how you need to handle trash and things related to trying to keep bears out of the green boxes. And we will also probably put some language on the sites related to trash, to help people understand more about how they should be depositing their trash and how they can recycle. Because of course, the less we could have in the green boxes has lots of benefits for all of us. And we've got some outside funders who will help with that. So, we'll be moving forward along that direction. We'll also be putting some things up on our new Facebook page.

The next item we're very excited about is we now have Chris with us. When we interviewed him, he and the other candidates kept asking how broad the job description and we said, just imagine anything that could be related to IT. I think that's pretty much been true. He's been climbing through the ceilings, working on our licenses, working on our Facebook page, talking about what our web page should look like, and all kinds of things. We have launched a Facebook page for the county, to put out announcements. Things like the burn ban, for example. It will be one-way communication only.

IT Manager Chris McNabb - So if I may, it measures people reached. When I shared the first burn ban announcement 29 people were reached. And then the next one was inclement weather, 464 reached. Then when we lifted the burn ban, I reached 2400 people. Letting them know about us having a delayed opening was 900 people. And letting them know that we were open, 1500 people. And while I haven't reached anyone for today's post about the Board of Supervisors meeting, but that is still to be told. It measures it in a four-hour increment. So, they got posted less than an hour ago and at noon. It will give me a readout of how many people got reached.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I think any way we can reach our citizenry, make it easier for them to stay involved, invested, and informed is important. So, kudos to you Chris for developing it and getting it launched. Excellent news.

IT Manager Christopher McNabb - One more thing is in a conversation between me and Ms. Kuchenbuch, we realized that there is another Floyd County Facebook page. I have gone through Facebook support. I've also contacted that page to see if I can transition myself into ownership of that page. That page has significantly more people. So, it will

hopefully give us a broader network to share things out on, I'm in the process of trying to get ownership of that page.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - Yeah, it was like by accident. When he mentioned it, I went online and found the other one.

IT Manager Christopher McNabb - It hasn't been used since 2017. So, it needs to get used.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - Well, and again, to give more kudos to Chris and Kim for her leadership in this as well. We've been doing things like going through all the licenses for the Floyd CoVA accounts and all those kinds of things to make sure that things are active and belong with who they should. We've been also looking at what some of our hardware and software needs are. Which of course has gotten us the new system, again to give Chris and everybody appropriate credit. So, the short version is the old equipment that we were using, we had to pay \$900 a year for continued licensing and got mixed quality. But it was certainly the best that everybody here could come up with on short notice, which is how it all started. But what Chris has brought us instead is something that we paid a onetime \$1,400.00 for the equipment, and we can use it in perpetuity for free. So, while it cost us a little bit more this year, it'll pay for itself in a year and a half.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - And the quality is above and beyond anything we've ever seen. I mean, just the way the cameras can focus on you at the table or listeners in the audience. Or participants in the audience. Yes, Chris has a little handy dandy thing that takes the camera can zoom in on you.

7. Presentations

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler –

Good morning. Happy New Year. Appreciate coming as always, and don't have a whole lot of updates. The court dedication is Friday, between the girls' and boys' game for Coach Kane. So that's going to be a very nice thing. Obviously, we did the field dedication in the fall. So, it's nice getting back to normal activities like that.

We had a good start to the second semester. I would have liked seeing the snow over Christmas, but that's okay. But we're, rolling and, basically instructionally we're in a good place, with time. And we'll continue to do what you all are doing with the new leadership that's coming and see what comes next. But we're prepared either way, we've got a good relationship, like we always do with the New River health department and any resources we need from VDH. We're already on board with them. So, anything that comes down the pike that may cost us money will come free to us as a school system. So, we'll be able to provide some good resources. From that standpoint.

The only other updates are, we'll get you over there to CCDC. One of the things that we're working on that will hopefully come the summer when the new phase one's done, is we're continually looking at adult education opportunities. And that means that we'll go find some pretty good experts that have the ability to train for jobs that are relevant and needed in our area. The grant we work with Dana, from the Tobacco Commission. You know, we're getting some equipment in for that for our new area. And we'll keep building that up. Miss Cromer and Brittany Quisenberry have done a great job with the internship program. And we're starting with job shadowing. And like I said, our experience is fifth through 12th grade. As far as careers in college, we send out a monthly career and college update to our families. So, we got a lot of opportunities there. But other than that, we're in good shape. We're doing like everybody else; we're trying to stay healthy, trying to keep enough people in our classrooms and behind our bus seats. And when I'm on calls with superintendents, I feel pretty good. And that's a good thing these days. And that's all I have there. With the new construction will always be on budget. If something comes up, we'll, adjust another way.

Supervisor Boothe – How does our schedule look?

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler – The last schedule was the end of April, or the end of March for phase one, we'll still see. That was the last one put out by Thomson Litton. So, most of the area is heated. They have the windows and until we get a lock inside there, we will not put them up so, nothing gets broken. But we have those, and we got the nice windows. We've got a three-month span there, that it's not going to harm us if we get behind a little bit at all. And that's the most important and we don't want to interrupt instructionally. And it doesn't look like we will.

Supervisor Boothe - I have one more. What I'm seeing on propane increases and natural gas increases if you all had a chance to check and look at that.

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler - We have, and we adjusted for the possibility within our budget from other areas of our budget. So far, and we do our budget weekly, for this year. Right now, we don't have a clue what the General Assembly's going to do for next year. But right now, for this year we're doing well. It's going to be tight at the end. It's not going to be a normal year. But we'll finish, you know with a little excess.

Supervisor Boothe – That was one of those things I saw that is increasing. And, we'll have to look at it on our side of the table too.

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler - Yeah. And that's, one of the things like I always say, you know, you look at a little less than 2%. You need more every year at the end. So that's in budget, it's not excessive, and it should be in every budget. But this year we're going to come down to the wire and we should be fine. And just like you do every year with a budget you reset. And you know, see what the state says.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch - How is your staff? I mean, everybody staying relatively healthy. Without going into too much detail, obviously.

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler – Relatively, we keep a very strong track of it. So, we know. Because you're in the same boat. We're ready. From the standpoint of staffing. We're very cautious with that. We could employ a full-time sub at every school. And we've looked and we can do it. Come every day you'll be working somewhere. We've made it. I've been in classrooms. Miss Cromer and Dr. McDaniel have been in classrooms. We'll do it and doesn't happen very often. Teachers all over the country will say, this is the most difficult year. We're able to at least stay on a schedule and at least have breaks that we either created by redoing our calendar, or we'll see what the snow gives. Luckily, we're going to have a full week, knock on wood. I'm not talking about weather anymore.

But no, it's difficult and we appreciate the teachers, and oh, we look all the time for new teachers. We've already posted for next year. And we'll, because we want to get people here, whatever jobs you know; we'll have the normal retirees, so we have those posted and we're ready to get a jump on all that. Usually happens late spring, but you got to do it early now. But we'll see what happens obviously the same report you all get from the health district. I've talked with them weekly with all the other superintendents in southwest Virginia and the spike is supposed to hit this week the same way with the country and have a drastic decline. And then after that, we'll see where we are and with new leadership and we'll go from there.

Supervisor Boothe - Anything else? Thank you for what you do sir.

Superintendent Dr. John Wheeler – We will keep rolling. Come to the ceremony. It should be 7:30 and 9:00, between boys and girl's games. So that will be very nice.

Supervisor Boothe - Thank you appreciate y'all. Thanks.

Supervisor Turman - If you don't have anything, I may take some board members time and bring something up for your consideration.

Supervisor Boothe – Okay.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - I also have some other things that we can use to fill in those slots between speakers at different times. So please, please go ahead, Mr. Chair.

Supervisor Turman - Do yours now. Great.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - All right, and we'll remind you that you still are holding a slot.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - Apologies that there's quite a few things in my little pile here. But as you know, between everything, I've missed a couple meetings and want to keep you in the loop.

There is a Virginia Passenger Rail Authority which has been around for a while. But now there is a lot of activity, particularly in the New River Valley. And driven in part, or at

least help being led in part by the Regional Commission. The current project is to extend the line that currently stops at Roanoke into the Christiansburg area. I have a note to have Kevin Byrd come from the Regional Commission and talk to you all about that a little bit, because they have asked for a little bit of contribution for \$9,000. So, it'd be part of the budget process, but wanted to give you an update on that. But that's all by way of background to say that they have asked me to participate in the New River Valley passenger rail study, stakeholder group for their feasibility study on behalf of Floyd County, and they've asked for the state highest ranking staff person to do that. So, I assumed it was okay to say yes, I can always say no, but wanted to let you know we're moving along in that direction

There's two ARPA related items in my pile. One is you might, those of you who've been here a little longer, might recall that we had some original discussion about the possibility of using some of the ARPA funds for an upgrade, improvement to the playground area at the Rec Park. And so, we have sent our recreation director back to work on an application. And so, we've gone through a couple of different drafts as we've gone back to see it's particularly how it relates to the allowed items. And so, Kim has been working with him, I was working with him first, Kim's been working with him in my absence. And we will get that to you pretty shortly, but just want to let you know. But I just wanted to have one more go through before we get it to you and make sure we have all the right language in it. And then of course, as Mr. Coleman had suggested, that we put out a survey to the county asking folks Well, what type of things would you like to see and of course, recognizing we'd have to stay within the allowed uses of the funds. And we've drafted that survey and have this nice Facebook link, we'll be able to put that out. As a way to get in, we're starting to get some traction now. So, before our next board meeting, that'll be out to start getting some community response to that. So, I wanted to make sure you were aware of that.

And the other item related to ARPA is we did just get the final rule. They finally gave us the final rule for the use of the ARPA funds. So, I think it's come within the last two, three days. I have not had a good chance to review it. But we'll make sure that, I do that and give you an update at our next meeting, if there are any changes. And if there's anything really big, I'll be sure to drop you all an email quickly in advance of that. But as you know, we certainly felt very comfortable about all the things that you have funded to this point that if there were sides to the box, you all have stayed well within the size of the box and haven't funded anything to date that could be considered in any way gray. So, we'll get that to you.

Reminders. And thanks to Kim, of course, we're back into conflict of interest filing period. So not only do you and I get to fill out all these nice forms, but the EDA does the Planning Commission, and the PSA, Social Services board and all the constitutional officers. So, Kim has sent something out to all those folks. And even though they're not officially due till the first she's put a little bit earlier due date to us. So, we can remind folks in case we don't get them. So, we will comply, because that's a pretty big audit issue for us.

And then finally, our items kind of related to budget prep. We've been, as you know, we are all very conscious that we are coming quickly into the budget season. So, we've been looking at several things. First, I have a letter drafted but haven't sent yet. But we'll get it out here this week. Two, all the constitutional officers, reflecting what we've done what you all have asked to be done before, showing them what they have requested and received the last couple of years and asking them to fill that in. And if they have request of any type to include that with it. We will do that for our department heads. But I've chosen and Kim and I have been working on kind of marrying that with departmental performance metrics in review. And so, we'll start a self-assessment. Yesterday, while I was working from home, making sure I was feeling well enough to come back today, put together our self-assessments, and then we'll start sitting down with all the department heads, and part of our discussion will be their budget request. But it will be in the context of their personal performance, but also in the context of the performance of their department. And I'll be asking them to put together some specific goals and metrics for your consideration for different departments, obviously, you get a lot of information from all of them. And I'm sure that in many ways, you would still like some of that level of detail. And we can continue to create that. But then the past has also found it really useful for folks and you guys' type position to maybe have a front- and back-page kind of thing of these are some of the high-level things, this is how many runs there has been for EMS, this is where we are next to budget, this is how many games are being played and how many kids so you have a real quick glance, and then can also have availability for more resources. But at least you'll get to the 15-cent view pretty quickly. And then when, of course, you can feel free to ask questions. But that's kind of where we're going on those.

And finally, related to that, I have been asking some of the folks to start looking for any places where we have user fees, or anything along that line that they feel might be a little bit out of order or an opportunity for you all to consider. And so, I have gotten those back, some suggestions, back from our inspections, folks. So that might be something and again, I know I have had some individual conversations with some of you just about wanting to know what your options might be outside of property and real estate taxes, not making any commitments, not suggesting you all are making any commitments. But allowing you to have a list of these are some of the things and it may or may not be worth it. For instance, one of the options you would have on the table, which candidly I would not recommend, because I don't know that it's necessarily going to make any money unless you want to do it for other reasons is, you all have the ability to put in a five-cent tax on plastic bags. I do not see that as something that's going to be helpful or something that you all wouldn't necessarily find worth it. But it would be on your list of options. So just to give you another idea, cigarette tax permit some of those. And then you can look at it and say, might want to think about one or two of these or none of these, but at least you'll kind of know what your options are. So, with that, I think I will put this under correspondence. And that is pretty much I do not think there was anything else I needed to make sure to cover. I think that is pretty much where we are.

We have had, you know, an employee that's out with COVID. And so, we've had some of our own challenges with that including myself, but we continue to work through it. And Kim has been a really good resource for a lot of the other folks in the county. Not even just under county administration kind of bouncing off what should our procedures be

under the current circumstance to make folks feel safe and be safe, as safe as we can under the current circumstances. So, appreciate that.

Oh, and finally, I apologize. I promised I said I would say this. So, we do have some rapid test antigen test available. In particular to allow us to allow employees to test to be able to either leave work or come back to work. And those have been provided to us free of cost from Montgomery County. They committed to it before Christmas and said Merry Christmas Floyd County. And it is from the county. It's not necessarily from public health, but it was just from the county, they were delayed a little bit due to shipping issues, but they have arrived, and I wanted to give them a shout out for that, since they are as you know, very hard to find, especially free.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I would like to go on record as thanking the county of Montgomery for being as generous as they were to get those tests over to us in a timely manner as soon as they got theirs. And that was very gracious of them. And you know, it's just in time where regional cooperation is really important. This is just another element and example of being cognizant of that so thank you Montgomery County

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps – That is all I have Mr. Chairman.

Supervisor Boothe – We are a little bit early, but I believe Ms. Kings is with us so we can move forward.

7. Presentations:

b. Ms. Nikki King, Clerk Floyd County Combined Courts - Good morning. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Nicky King. I'm the clerk of the Floyd combined court. I know there are a couple new members, and I would like to welcome you. I have requested ARPA funding as a supplement to the clerks in our office based on previous documentation. The ones of you that have been here familiar with my requests before, and the new ones I've provided a packet of the same information that was given before. I come before you today to ensure that you have adequate information, and each board member has had a chance to ask any questions prior to making a decision. Further, I want to thank the board for time spent thus far considering not only my request, but others on your plate. I have heard the term fair mentioned numerous times while I've been in consideration for this funding, which is admirable and respect, respectable thing for the board to do. However, I'm here to represent the employees of the Floyd combined court. In the courtroom, the judge listens to all the facts that determine guilt or innocence, based on the entire situation, including what the potential offender has done to rectify their actions. Those who have tried to rectify their actions, more often than not are treated in a manner that illustrates the lessons learned. I make this point because for my understanding every department that county was eligible to apply for funding based on the needs, they deem necessary. I put forth the effort to represent my office and follow up with several board members and staff of the county have multiple occasions where others may not have by wording my office's funding. It does not make this unfair but illustrate something that many in society are lacking. That is accountability and ownership of their actions and those they're responsible for. Lastly, I'll leave you with eye opening statistics

on September 27, which was very soon after my request. The State of Virginia had 8000 I'm sorry, 857,852 COVID-19 cases, with the addition of the new variant, which was reportedly more contagious than others. As of yesterday, the number was over 1 million and close to almost 16,000 deaths. This number has increased so drastically over the past few months, that as of yesterday, we were put on another state of emergency challenge you the board members to support the Floyd combined courts, and the expectation that we were open daily during multiple searches of COVID-19. And as we continue to add yet another peak, we can continue to serve you the board and other citizens of the county by collecting funds that ultimately wind up in the county budget during the time of March 2020 to September 2021. The Floyd combined corps collected over \$37,000 which stays local in the county during this time. As my request is for the same time period, this was during a time when my office remained open. Due to myself and my staff being considered essential workers. I do also have a letter from the clerk's Association, which I'm the region non representative of, we kind of go to bat with the legislators and things like that for raises. There are also some management programs where if you complete, it's a total of 12 classes, then you get a onetime bonus and a raise. So, we try to fight for things like that for the clerk's as a state doesn't always give raises. So, I was just going to provide that letter to you. Just so you can see that. You know, we also talked in that letter about labeled essential workers during this time. And I do thank you for your time today. And I'll answer any questions you might have.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Mr. Turman you're on the phone. Do you have any questions?

Supervisor Joe Turman – No.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I did want to qualify that state of emergency was for the health care. But I understand, your yes to qualify.

Nikki King – Yes. And I will be glad to come back at any point, if you all think of any other questions or concerns and I appreciate your time and looking at this stuff again today. Thank you.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I appreciate Miss King, your advocacy for your employees. I think it's admirable. And I applaud you for all the work that you did in the courts. Like you said, in your presentation that you gave to us, you are front and center in front of people every day, especially once it opened, even when it was normal part. Thank you very much.

Nikki King - Thank you all for your time. I appreciate it.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Thank you. Do we have time between now and when Mr. Clark comes to work in the closed session? Or will it take longer? Do you think

Dr. Linda Millsaps -We probably can work it in and even if not, since there are two items, we could potentially do one item.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - I would go in on both just in case. I'd entertain a motion to enter into closed session under 2.2 -3711, A1 and A6. Is that correct? Which covers interviews of prospective candidates for employment assignment, appointment promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers' appointees, or employees of any public body and evaluation of performance of departments. And you'll have to read number six, I don't have it in front of me. All right.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - And Mr. Durbin would probably ask that I be a little bit more specific. So, this has to do with particularly departmental matters, not necessarily individuals, but the last one evaluation of departments. And then on A6 discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds, or competition or board bargaining is involved where it may public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, and that's particularly related to one contract.

8. Closed Session under § 2.2-3711 A.1., under §2.2-3711 A.6

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried it was resolved to go into closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.1. for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and/or appointment to boards and commissions and under § 2.2-3711 A.6 discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds, or competition or board bargaining is involved where it may public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, and that's particularly related to one contract.

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

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

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

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - At this time I'd entertain a certification motion and we discussed only the matters that we entered into closed session to discuss.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

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

Supervisor Joe Turman – Yes, with the statement that Steve Durbin had me prepare that I am alone in the house. No one else is here and there is no recording devices.

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 under § 2.2-3711 A.1. for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and/or appointment to boards and commissions and under § 2.2-3711 A.6 discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds, or competition or board bargaining is involved where it may public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, and that's particularly related to one contract.

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.

This certification resolution was adopted.

7c. David Clark, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation.

This year, slow time of year with holidays and everything like that going on. Plus, weather tends to dominate our maintenance as it has this past week for sure. But there's been other smaller weather events we've had to deal with. And so that kind of puts a crimp in our planning stuff. But we have been out on gravel roads have been doing some pothole patching. I might do some later this week, as we get some good temperature a couple days before the weekend. So, we did do some patching on sours Road, Laurel Creek, someone in Franklin pike and Cole's knob. Right, we'll do some brush cutting as well on 221 and 610. On shoulder repairs, we just kind of hidden the major kind of things that are cropping up not knowing anything in particular a lot of but trying to get it all is some pipe repair replacement on Griffith Creek Road and Wilson Cemetery Road.

Next item I think, will be and I know you have some resolutions that I've asked you to consider. These are the roads that are on your current six-year plan. And we'll also discuss having a public hearing this spring which was always due. So, the board passed a priority list of roads. For the six-year plan. The six-year plan is the construction money that we can use to build roads most of the money in your plan is earmarked by VDOT for unpaved roads but has to go on an unpaved road. And it must go on unpaved roads with the traffic count of 50 vehicles a day. So, the county has passed a list it's the same list with just a few changes every year some kind of rolls as much as we complete one will add a new one at the at the end. And it will take several years to get to that one that was added. Last but we're trying to get one or maybe two or small roads a year and the sort of methodically go through planning roads on the list. And right now. As I say how many roads are in your list right now. It's probably seven or eight actually nine. But that's the list that was passed last year and was coming off. So, when we build these, these unpaved roads, we must have some kind of a standard to build into some kind of guidelines or have, you know, what do you got to do to this road? For years, we had no choice but to build it to our standard for, it's kind of a one size fits all you can have secondary roads in some counties with 1000s of vehicles today, literally, maybe not unpaved roads. But you could easily have a road with several 100 500 600 700 vehicles a day, on an unpaved road, up and say, Loudoun County, or some of these counties that are really close to some urban places that are seeing a lot of residential growth, those standards didn't fit our needs in a lot more of these rural areas where you may just barely have the vehicle today. So, when you build a road for 800 vehicles a day you build it differently than you build a road for 50 vehicles a day. Just that much more traffic, you just need, a lot more space for some of that stuff. So be that in realizing that and this was then over 20 years ago, just wrote a different standard, all the federal government requires or engineering Best Practices requires that you build to a standard, he's going to just go out there and do what you feel like. So, we just simply had to create a standard that we were going to follow for roads with these 50 vehicles a day to and I used it, we'll use the number 400. Because that number is what is used by the Federal Highway Administration and a set of standards that they wrote many, many years ago, called the Federal Highway Administration designed for they called very low volume roads. So, they identify very low volume roads as those that are 400. And the last, well, we don't have anything around here. But I think even the highest unpaid count in Gumby County is about 250. Some of them have in the 180 range, I think we think our highest Floyd is maybe it's less than 100. So, we're well below this federal guideline for 400 deals. So, we wrote a set of standards that kind of mimic the federal highlights 400. And that specifies a 16-foot-wide roadway. Which is fairly narrow, about 16-foot-wide road. That's two-lane roads. So, you get a school bus and a large pickup truck to pass each other in the morning. 16 feet just barely. So that's kind of our minimum standard. But to build a road to the rural rustic road standards, instead of the old standards, which would require like a four-foot shoulder, we just simply require the board of supervisors to pass a resolution, designating it to rural rustic road. So, what that does, putting the road on the six-year plan, and by the board passing a resolution that serves a couple purposes. First, the board knows what standard we're building to. Because it's a resolution and because it's publicized, the county right the residents of the road and residents of the county should know that we are building into this standard. We've been doing it so long that I don't think anyone expects us to go in now. Nor do they really want us to go in and build a 20-

foot-wide road with four-foot shoulders. So now you're looking at a 28 foot plus the ditches another six feet. We're now dealing with much less so when you have a 16-foot, one shoulder maybe in some ditches, we can do a lot of the work within our 30-foot easement which we currently have to maintain. Generally, on these unpaved roads, nor do we go nowadays, and because the role was to jump in and get it donated, sometimes we have done that. And sometimes this even with the rural rustic standards, it allows us to do some minor spot improving if it's not deemed an engineered solution, because these while these roads are sketched out and design and we have consultants that help us it really doesn't require a P stamp on these unless we have a specific spot where we are doing some kind of, quote design on it. So, while yes, it has to have a design before even if we're building with our VDOT people, they need some kind of a guide to go by where are we doing this or we'll be doing where, certainly, if we put it out, the bid has to have some kind of design because the contractor has to have something to bid on to figure out how much you know how much to charge. So, while it's very minimal design, there is some sort of a design, but it doesn't require a P stamp. But it does require a drainage review. We must do environments that are still bound by environmental concerns. How much this land disturbance, so we know whether we use stormwater management or runoff and erosion, siltation control economics, so there's still quite a lot that goes into building a road that doesn't have really a set of plans or design. But in order to use this set of standards, we use the rural rustic standard, it allows us the flexibility of improving where we can where we need to. But it comes along with the understanding. And this is actually what I really like the board to understand is that when we do want to do some of these improvements, we may have in mind that we're going to do an improvement. But we may run into a property that doesn't want us to go beyond our 30-foot easement that 30 feet would be measured 15 feet from the center of the road. If they do not and they're adamant about not letting us go beyond our 15 feet, we'll just go ahead and pave it within that 30 foot rather than rather than kill the project, you must do two choices, you can either just not do the project, or you can just pay what you've got in the spaces where we can work out something with the property. So, I want the board to understand that. First, this list was devised by the board, the board came up with the list that we currently have. So that's a signal to me that you want us to proceed with these roads, with the understanding that we will get what we can and if we can't, we'll pay what we can with a 30. And a pass, I've had the resolutions approved, kind of as they come along as we're ready to build. And I just thought it was going to get you to pass one. We just we could just do them all better on the six-year plan. That way, I won't have to come to you again for a resolution until whatever the last Road, bear Ridge has done. So that's why you have I believe it's six of them there.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - One other thing I'd like to point out if I could for the record, originally under Rural Rustic you built a road under Rural Rustic and could never be expanded or changed. Whatever you did under the Rural Rustic would have to remain. We had several roads in the county that we use that. But since then that terminology and definition has changed. If one of these down the road needed an expansion or whatever, then it could still be done. If I understood correctly,

David Clark, Resident Engineer - It might take another resolution. Right at that time. Obviously, you can't see completely into the future to know one of the things that in this

resolution is that you're acknowledging that there won't be any development in it. Well, to your knowledge right now. You won't, but things happen. So, but the other thing that keeps you from, from expanding in the future, as things stand right now, as I said before most of your money in your six-year plan is earmarked for unpaved roads. And that amount of money right now is about a 10th of what you used to get in the early 90s. What was maybe 3 million is now 300,000. So once you've got it as a paved road, you can't use on paved road money on it. So, there wouldn't even be any money to improve it in the future. But that could change as well. It changed from one way to the other, you can go back. So, if for some reason you get a lot of money where you could do some improvements on an already paved road. The fact that you designated it to build it, but something has changed would not preclude you from doing that with this.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - That was what I wanted to bring. Once you do that you couldn't do anything to expand. But now that's all changed and that I just wanted to make sure everyone understood that aspect of it to the board.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - In the future for a road that's already been paved and is a rural rustic if that need arises. We can work through the same funding.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Safety money for spot improvements. There are some grants that might apply.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - That's a little background. I'm sorry, I ramble a bit on it now. But that designation will receive lets us use these guidelines, basically. Because right now, if we were to use the old guidelines, instead of having nine roads on your plan, you'd have would be so expensive, we'd have to get so much right away, you'd probably have to buy right away. And that, we couldn't get donated, you would have to kill the project, because there be no way to build the road under the field standards, and not get some kind of donation or cooperation. And we've done that we used to do that a long time ago, we ran into roadway issues. They simply wouldn't give it to us.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Do you need us to do these individually? Or could they be done as a group?

David Clark, Resident Engineer - It could be a group.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I, for supervisor Bechtold and supervisor Cox, I do want to say that what we've tried to do over the course of time, is everybody's district get some representation as to what roads get put on, we really do try hard to do that as we go along. And what is the schedule for just there? What do we get to work on first?

David Clark, Resident Engineer - Well, there's the schedule we take the list in probably order as much as we can correct. But there are kind of two tracks within this one track. They don't, really affect each other. But like Firehouse Road is going to have to be put out to contract it's just a complicated road. And it's a long road, right. But there are others in there. They're short, Roger Road, which we've completed. Hallelujah, even a half mile long. We just did the easy part. Now we can go at the end, but the first half mile looks

pretty good now. And so, we've got one set that we're working on for put out to contract. And we've got another set that are short little things that our guys, our crews that work out of Willis and Check can do right without big design. And so, we may go forward with one of those which might jump the big one but it's not affecting the schedule of that big one. So right now, Ponderosa is Number One on The List. But as you can see, we did Roger before we did Ponderosa. Ponderosa is having some right of way issues. And that right away issues people that you know whether you even if you're working in the prescriptive easement within your 30, they didn't want it done. So, we're still working through that. We haven't taken it off the plan yet. We may still go and meet with some of the residents of Ponderosa to see they don't want it we'll do what the board asked us, and we just put it that way. Our goal isn't to go out here and build roads if you don't want to. There's plenty that people do so Ponderosa remains on there for right now as we work through right away issues. Firehouse is going to be a contract one Rogers done. Hope is going to probably be a contract, long because that's a long one several weeks is one of those. It's going to be easy. So, we may proceed the Silverleaf.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - And the in-house crew does a wonderful job.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - They really do.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - They may have done Quisenberry involved as well. Those are both long ones. The problem with doing the in-house ones is good, gives our guys a chance to do something a little different than the normal maintenance. We can work with property owners a little bit easier because it's not under contract with the contractor and then administered by another section within VDOT not our people the problem with doing with our guys it does take them so much time. So, if they're building Roger Road, they're not maintaining others so that's why I've tried to keep it short. So, put together you know, we don't take the entire check crew and have them do that we'll grab people from other areas and form a crew. So that one area is not saying a big decrease in maintenance because they're doing construction work.

Supervisor Jerry- You did the sheet that had the layout of projected money and projected when everything would be done that, you'd sent us once before.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - Yeah, I can update that.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe Could you update that and send a new one out that way I mean, we're going to have to have it for six-year meeting anyway. But sometime when you get a chance.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - I think last year, we just had the six-year plan public hearing in April, if you'd like to continue to do that in April, that plan has to be an advertisement.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - So is that alright with you, Mr. Chairman?

Supervisor Joe Turman - Yes.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - And could also give the resurfacing schedule. If you could send it out. Again.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - we're working on finalizing that coming up because we put together a schedule, but funding always changes. Yeah. Generally, it's not giving us more. So, it's asking us to each cut a mile, it depends on how do, then we make a list, and we never know how it's going to be? And as you all know, with everything else, prices.

Supervisor Kalinda Bechtold - I don't have any information to share. But thank you for all your information that you've given us.

Supervisor Levi Cox - Sir thank you, that's very informative. Is Sugar run, on any six-year plan now? It's not really a question for you. But I just wanted to go on record. I had a citizen called from Sugar run. And he thought maybe the six-year plan would be coming up in the next month or so meeting, but he was interested in talking about his writing, so I'll inform him that we're looking at April for That for that meeting.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - And again, that will be the second meeting. In the evening.

Supervisor Levi Cox - Yeah. Just be noted, I brought up this concern.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - I will go ahead and take a look at it, so we know, at the public hearing if they come in and talk about it all. I'm familiar with it.

Supervisor Levi Cox - Thanks, sir.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - Okay, so, first a constituent has brought up and I know that this is a difficult matter. But more and more tractor trailers are using state route 615, not just in Floyd County. But in Montgomery County as well on Pilot Road. They're getting stuck in the curve on Pilot Road. And you will know, you've had to fix that guardrail multiple times in the last year. I'm not sure if when something's happening on Route 8, or the interstate that tractor trailers are being directed down Smith Creek to pilot road than Pilot Road to old pipe road. And then all Christiansburg pikes, tractor trailers that were used to or a Pepsi truck and a couple of other ones that come down know the road know what they're doing. Other trucks have no idea what they're getting into. And it has become somewhat of a safety issue. I don't know if we can put more of those signs. But you know, they're obviously being routed GPS wise. And maybe it is appropriate on, you know, Smith Creek, because that's where they're starting from is that Smith Creek, it's got something to do with the Interstate and Route 8, I do believe, then they find themselves on Pilot Road, and are very much surprised when they get to the hairpin at the top of the mountain or right at the as they ascend to the top. And then on 615 through Christiansburg Pike, that is a nightmare and an 18-Wheeler. So, I wanted to bring this up to you, I wanted you to know, I don't know somebody needs to analyze it. You know, I

don't know. I mean, if you meet a tractor trailer and those curves between bluebird and grandma's place, that is just not the place you want to be.

Alright, so from our recent storm, just north of Sowers Road on the north side of Christiansburg. Pike, there is an overhanging oak tree that was blown down. And what it's doing is it's forcing people to move into the southbound lane at a point where they really can't see what's coming at them. And it's very dangerous. So, if they can tend to that sooner rather than later.

David Clark, Resident Engineer - Okay.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - Did you see a lot of brushing? I mean, a lot came down. And a lot of people, you know, pushed it, moved it, but this one is just sort of hanging. And I also must make note, you know, our crews during our recent snow. I know how hard they work. And this is a caveat. I really do know how hard they work. But and it is a big but. And I don't mean to take your district and Joe's but route 8 in particular. You know, ever since the long level shop closed. I think that route eight has fallen into a kind of no man's land. When it comes to snow removal. People were stating that they were coming in we have like a lot of traffic accidents happen just past the breadbasket setting heading north and south. The snow removal just didn't happen quick enough, I guess. And route eight is a major artery. I mean, we know that as is 221. But I received I can't tell you how many private messages on my phone about it.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Coming in from Riner, roads were fine. Till, you hit the bridge. It was just a line in the road. In and I know years ago we had problems and it turned out it wasn't local forces. It was contractors. Contracted to snow removal for a certain price, well, the more times they scrape the road the less profit they make. But I don't know what the current is as they were supposed to make changes in the contracts at the time that they didn't wait till the snow event was completely over to start pushing. I'm afraid that may be what we've reverted to. Just from the comments I got.

Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - Anyway, so really, let's try to investigate that. Because there's probably another one, two, possibly three snowstorms in the next, month that are probably going to happen. And, you know people feel like, we're not taken seriously that, we're just Floyd County, but everybody in this county pays their taxes too. And they want to see a road, clean. And like I said, this is no reflection on our local VDOT workers. But we definitely have to figure out what happened on Route eight.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - I also had to explain this to many of them that we had to bring in before the events, you couldn't put your magic elixir, because it just washes off the road. I know really one time between the rain stop and then the storm event cranking up to even begin to put anything.

Next, and I'm sure the guardrail crew will eventually get to Floyd but also, I've mentioned the under 730. Now, I don't know if it's been done recently. I've been back there but I've looked at that and nothing had been done. Where you are coming down 730 to Route 8. Along that guardrail, the water is worse and gravel out from the guardrail into the road.

And that is not washing the gravel out, the water's turning into the road there and when it freezes, you're going to slide right into Route 8 traffic. Somewhere backup there, we need to ditch, if you can, and you may have to use some riprap or whatever y'all know. Get that water going, under the guardrail.

One of them was on Music Road, which is in your district and Justin talked about the culvert down there that had been eroded around. Last time I was through there, it still hadn't been done. Or over, it's marched out again, I don't know which. If somebody could just watch it.

And the last I knew we had talked about cleaning those culverts out down here on Music Road, or a lot of the debris and stuff and worse, I don't know if that's been done or not. I know the citizens down there had been complaining quite a bit about it. Some of them had went down there and tried to clean some of the culverts. I often recommend that they stopped doing that for obvious reasons. I've had several citizens that I've talked out of going and putting their own asphalt patch to the potholes. I think you do know if that causes an accident that don't need not be done.

But do appreciate you. Joe and the staff have anything concerning the end of our road projects or anything?

Supervisor Joe Turman – I just wanted to remind David we still to get Derhart Road.

Supervisor Boothe – I will read the handicapping statement. It is the intent that all persons attending a meeting of the board regardless of handicap conditions shall have an opportunity to participate. If any person present requires any special assistance, please let the board know in order that arrangements can be made. And we allot four minutes I believe it is a person. And if anyone wishes to speak at this time, please come forward and state your name and the district you are from.

7d. Public Comment

Ms. Gale – Ms. Gail, Indian valley, I wasn't going to say anything. He started talking about roads. Alum Ridge goes all the way through from 8 to 221. And I live right on that road setback. But and I live between Ridge view and 221. I don't know if the trucks are coming all the way down Alum Ridge from eight or down Ridgeview. And then making that left and going up. But we get trucks going down. I can't believe how fast they come down that curb right there. I mean, they're sweating, Jake brakes there. There's a lot of really fast truckers and a lot of increased trucking going on that road. So, I don't think that road was never really designed to do that. In the summertime, we get everything from 18 wheelers to long trucks. And it's really dangerous because there's so many blind curves there. When you get to that one section at the big F curve Yeah, there's all those little trailers there. There are no guardrails. I mean, there's been more than one time, the afternoon of the middle of the night. I just thought, wow, what was that. And it's a truck, slamming on their brakes or some car slamming on their brakes coming down that curb. And there have been a couple of accidents there. There was one guy who spent the night and his car in the ditch down there. But I think it's dangerous. And I think there needs to

be a warning that trucks or that you have to slow down on those curves coming from 221 going towards you. It's not bad because the curve goes up. Right, there is that blind curve kind of there. But the curve goes up. But they're cut they hit that the top of that hill, they have no idea what they're going to do when they get as you know, 300 400 feet later as they were having that curb, how steep that's going to get in how tight that curve is. And I just thought I'd mentioned that. Thank you.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - And those curves are actually on State Route 750.

Ms. Gale - Yes. I live at 1724 and if you're coming from Riverview, it would be right before you get to 1714 there's two trailers their little white house and then there's the house the White House on the on the embankment there, and that's where we live. So, it's not any danger to us. Except other than it's startling, but it's I think a real accident where you have no such an increased number of heavy trucks. Thank you.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Anyone else wish to speak? If not, I'll declare the public comment period closed I believe that falls into your district.

Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I'd like to make a motion to approve the resolutions in our six-year road plan for Ponderosa Road State Route 641. From route 651 Stewart to north of the intersection with the Blue Ridge Parkway to bear Ridge Road route 649 from route 221 to route 647. The Starbuck Road route 680 from 680 to paradise to 635 Thomas farm, road Reedsville Road route 728 from 729 Laurel branch to the intersection with Wade Road and route 640 374 143 Excuse me. Hope Road route 712 from route 709 morning due to route 714. That should read Roberson Mill Road, not Robertson.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried it was resolved to approve the resolutions in our six-year road plan for Ponderosa Road State Route 641. From route 651 Stewart to north of the intersection with the Blue Ridge Parkway to bear Ridge Road route 649 from route 221 to route 647. The Starbuck Road route 680 from 680 to paradise to 635 Thomas farm, road Reedsville Road route 728 from 729 Laurel branch to the intersection with rate Wade Road and route 640 374 143 Excuse me. Hope Road route 712 from route 709 morning due to route 714.

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

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - You have passed all those resolutions and to if, Mr. Chair if it's all right, pursuant to Mr. Clark. request, we will send them all as separate resolutions even though you voted for them as a block.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - And part of that was authorized and appropriate signatures

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - Come in with the correction. So as amended.

The only other action item that you currently have listed is tech squared, 90-day notice. It's as you all know, a couple of years ago the county experienced a ransomware attack. And at that time as recovery the County engaged tech squared, to provide all of our IT support our cybersecurity support, kind of a soup to nuts agreement, because it was done as an emergency contract. It wasn't bid, and there isn't a particular date, it's just a month-to-month contract. Since that time, they have increased the rate of that contract twice, once last spring. And then again, beginning this month. Fortunately, we have been able to hire Chris to do a lot of our IT work. And so essentially, this chair, the request from staff would be to authorize myself, and Chris and Steve Durbin, our attorney to work together to notify tech squared of our 90 days and make sure that all of our i's and Ts are crossed, both it wise and legally, and protect the county but authorize us to move forward with working on and sending that letter.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried it was approved to submit the 90-day notice to Tech Squared, with the assurance we receive everything from them and to include all signatures necessary to send the letter.

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

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - I don't know if you all get them (Onward Pamphlet). You're welcome to have mine. As you know, the county is part of the Onward New River Valley, which is course our regional economic development group. And they have recently sent out the annual report. They have also hired a new executive director, which they asked that finally at their last meeting, I serve on the executive committee for that. So, we're going to have a meeting towards the end of the month. But because this is one of your investments, when this came in, I wanted to make sure you all had an opportunity to see what goes on.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - I'll entertain a motion that we go back into closed session under 2.2 -3711 A1.

On a motion by Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried it was approved to go back into closed session un 2.2-3711 A.1, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers' appointees, or employees of any public body and evaluation of performance of departments.

Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes
Supervisor Bechtold – yes
Supervisor Cox – yes

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

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

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - At this time I'd entertain a certification motion and we discussed only the matters that we entered into closed session to discuss.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification.

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

Supervisor Joe Turman – Yes, with the statement that Steve Durbin had me prepare that I am alone in the house. No one else is here and there is no recording devices.

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 under § 2.2-3711 A.1. for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and/or appointment to boards and commissions.

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.

This certification resolution was adopted.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - And we are in open session. Unless you have something else, I'll just go to the board. Alright. Board Member Time. Mr. Turman, I know you had something do you want to go ahead?

Supervisor Joe Turman - Let me get here right quick because Poor Chris is going to have to help me with this. I've got seven emails. Last hour and a half. And its titled ship and then moving Muhlenberg or die. Subtitle. So, uh, no, it's got to be some sort of spam saying if you could look at it. Now try to delete least without opening them.

The other thing I have one of them we may have to check with Stephen. I've always been a big proponent of you know you got a chair and vice chair if he got a sheriff and chiefs deputy and you know you get the idea, one needs to know what the other one knows and hears. And I've been thinking, you know, usually when we go into closed session, it's just Dr. Millsaps. And I'm wondering unless there's some reason, we can't do it we go into closed session maybe Kim can go with us that way she knows what we've discussed and general conversation because you know why things are now you never know when something's going to happen to one and the other's going to have to pick up and continue on so I just like it to be on same page so that was just something I put out there for food for thought.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I think its good idea added often you know Joe I often wondered that with Cindy sometimes back you know in the day when especially like around the time when COVID started to hit and all of that but yeah, I think it's a great idea Joe.

Supervisor Joe Turman – So actually maybe we will be able to but check with Steve and make sure it's fine Me and Kim were talking the other day, and then me and Dr. Millsaps. and you know staff is really tied up. When they make an agenda because they got to get it approved. And then they get all this stuff they got to put in a packet, so they see a night or so getting it all together. And you got it printed out else and you got all these reams of paper it's being used. And after a while the cost amounts up as far as staff time and materials. So, I brought this idea two years ago, and about got run out of the boardroom, but I'll bring it up again. iPad, or you can pay it in the case, and it's got a keyboard with it. And I think it would be good if each board member had one. And then when they make a packet that can just put it on that, you know, send it to us that way. And you can make folders you know, just store it after the meetings. And then if they have to change their agenda, they can do it without, you know, sending out throughout emails paper copies and stuff I can't. So, Linda and Kim sort of help me out here because I'm getting to an area I'm getting lost in, with the board what we discussed.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe – So can I ask a question? If you have a board member for various reasons, still require can request a paper packet. Do you have a problem with that?

Supervisor Joe Turman - Absolutely not. Because, you know, that's one thing that, you know, I told him, I said, you going to have to have some schooling on it. And we got Chris now, he could have a training session where we all show up, and he could walk us through it, and show us how it's done and how to make our files. It was saved county some money as far as paper, and staff time.

Supervisor Levi Cox - I think it's a good idea. I use one in my profession every day and it works out really well. This is the most paper I've handled in years on my desk.

Supervisor Joe Turman - Well, it also helps people out on social media to listen to us, you know, I get a lot of feedback. And I'm guilty, I'm pointing fingers at myself now I'm always shuffling the papers. And they say that when we get to shuffling papers, especially for five of us, then they can't hear what's going on. In this is hard enough trying to hear the mask, you know about having background noise.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - If I might help out on this a little bit to Mr. chair. With the two other items that I would add to this is, I guess another argument I would make towards this is we have increasing FOIA request Freedom of Information Act request, and about communications, written text, whatever between members of the board and other folks. And so, if you were to do all of your county business, whether it's text because you can text from iPad, or email on your iPad, and then when we get those kinds of requests, it would be a lot easier on y'all. And we could help more in just being able to bring it in and say Hey, can you help me pull these and that would make it I think a lot easier to kind of help. Otherwise, you know, then you have to kind of go through all your personal stuff and see just, well did any of this relate to county business? And then and how do I print out a text and all that so that's another reason. In anticipation of this, I will say that Chris's looked up and so for five iPads similar to what we're talking about, and the five cases that are also the keyboard it would be \$2,394. So, to the chairs point I feel confident between paper toner and time and you all the trouble to come up here and pick up a packet unless you really want to probably would save some things and also make a little bit easier for the public, I think as well.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - I also think that this idea about FOIA and just not even about FOIA, I remember one of the first things that Mr. Durbin told me, our county attorney was, you've got to make sure you separate everything between your personal communications and your board of supervisor's communications, and you have to steadfastly do that. And, you know, when we got the new system in which our emails, a folder was created for just my county mail, and then all my professional and personal mail goes to the other mailbox, but still, in all having to things to have to go through is a bit of a, you know, it's difficult to say the least. So yeah, I see the benefits in that as well.

Supervisor Joe Turman - We take Kalinda having to come out away from Indian Valley. You know, I'm fortunate Mark passes my house within a half mile, so he just drops mine

out. But you know, not so apparent she has to run away into town to pick hers up. And a lot of miles after a while. That is all I have.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - One thing on board time. So, I'm asking for consideration and indulgence of our time for March. The third anniversary of my mom's passing is coming up, and I still have not been able to get up to New York to visit her grave, and that just visit my brother, who has advanced MS. And it's very difficult for me to do this. Anyway. So, we have five Tuesdays in March, I am planning on trying to get up there and spend some significant time with my brother, leaving after our meeting on the eighth. So that would stay normal. What I'd like to do, if at all possible, is move the meeting of the 22nd to the 29th. Because I'll probably stay through the 20th. I'm trying to get three full weeks, two full weeks up there, and maybe a couple of days. So, what I would ask is that we meet on the 8th of March for our day meeting on the 29th of March for our evening meeting, if that would be possible.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Any board member have any problem with that? Joe, you okay with that?

Joe Turman - Yeah, just have to remind me. Yes.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - I'm getting ready to take you to the vote to the effect of changes the meetings for that month.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried that the March meeting, day meeting be held on March 8, as normally would be the second Tuesday at 8:30am. And move our fourth Tuesday of the month meeting to the fifth being March 29. At 7pm.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Turman - yes

Supervisor Levi Cox - I was going to add, while she brought that point up, if this is the appropriate time to talk about it. Before I took on the appointment on the supervisory position, I already had a week that I was going to be out of town, which is in March, which is the march 7 to the 12th. I mean, I guess I can certainly do the remote thing like Joe.

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - What do we get two remotes a year now?

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - Yes, the emergency order did include that.

Supervisor Levi Cox - More conveniently for me if we can move to the first but let's see what you guys think about it.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Turman and unanimously carried it was resolved to move the first meeting in March from March 8th to March 1st at 8:30am.

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

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - I know we've got others. But can we schedule something there for the night meeting, too? Will it be enough time we can go through all levels? I've requested we put that ARPA funding issue on the night meeting agenda.

Supervisor Joe Turman - That's fine,

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - . So, if I might clarify that because Kim and I are both trying to make sure we're following. So, you want to make sure of course, the question that was raised by Nikki, but I think there was also something else.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - We need to review all of it because we've had an opportunity here to do that.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - So I think if I might share to clarify what we're talking about. So, in some of the earlier discussion, before our two new members, we had been asked to kind of look at, well, what kind of provisions have been given to date between the CARES money and the ARPA money? And who, has been touched so far? And who hasn't? And to what degree has, so that's for hazard pay? So that's what we wanted to?

Supervisor Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch - That's what I would like to see Yes, exactly. That's what I'd like to know. And I guess, also an updated Floyd offer grant application sheet, perhaps saying, you know, maybe color coded, funded, funded in a table setting, because these are all the ones that we'd already funded. And some things that we hadn't done so. So, if you could do that, that'd be great. And then how much money we have left and all that kind of good stuff.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Could you just briefly state where we're at on the REC building? Where are we building? Or maybe for the next meeting?

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - Well, where I can say for sure. We signed you the contract had Steve review the contracts and all that. And so, you'll need selected a bid, right? Which was within budget, right? And so, the expectation is that would be completed probably late summer. So that's kind of where that end of it is. Jacob's been putting some more gravel up there in the parking areas and stuff to kind of shore things up and to help ensure that they are doing all they can, as all those construction trucks up

there aren't going to turn it into a mud hole, or at least any more than they don't have to be. So that's where that is and then Jacob and Angel are starting to clean out, you've probably seen, to clean out what's in the current rec space and disposing of some stuff. They've actually also had a storage building, paying \$90 more so to keep equipment that we can no longer use, so we're going to get rid of some of that kind of stuff.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe - Also, whenever the construction company needs to be aware of what our scheduling games, scheduled things and that sort, make sure they're aware of those so they can practice and that sort of stuff.

County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps - We'll be happy to do that. And just as an addition to where we are, of course, as you know, the plan is to move some of the social service staff into the other space. And so, Mark and Chad have met several times and walkthrough, so they've got the designs ready to go as soon as we're able to clear that out.

Supervisor Jerry Boothe -There will be some that won't be happy with that, but since that's the decision that was made and that's what we're recruiting them to do. Thank you, sir. Alright, anybody have anything else? Joe, do you have anything else?

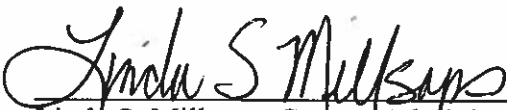
Supervisor Joe Turman - Just a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried it was approved to adjourn the meeting with the next scheduled meeting for January 25, 2022, 7 pm.

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

13. Adjournment

By consensus the Board adjourned the meeting to January 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.



Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator

Joe D. Furman

Joe D. Furman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors