

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 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
- 3a. 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 – present

It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the agenda for February 8, 2022.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes for December 14, 2021, and December 16, 2021.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried it was resolved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022.

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

6. Disbursements

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the monthly disbursements.

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

9. Old Business*

b. Kim Chiddo, Deputy County Administrator – Explained to the Board of Supervisors the CDBG Rehab Documents as discussed prior by Lydeana Martin and then reviewed and updated by attorney Steve Durbin. Ms. Chiddo asked for board approval of the changes.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the CDBG Rehab Documents changes and allow for authorized signatures of appropriate staff.

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

Supervisor Turman read the handicap statement.

8. County Administrator Report*

Dr. Linda Millsaps, County Administrator.

f. Art Grant – Dr. Millsaps discussed the art grant that both the county and the town apply for \$4500.00, and the Commonwealth matches this. The grant is designed to encourage local governments to support the local arts program. Last year the Board chose to give it the art center. Dr. Millsaps asked the Board if they

would like the county to continue applying for this grant again. And if the Board chooses to, how they would want those funds structured?

Supervisor Boothe and Supervisor Kuchenbuch expressed that they would like to see the funding continue with the Floyd Center for the Arts, to be able to utilize it in various avenues within the program. Supervisor Cox also voiced his agreement with the funds remaining there as well.

e. Outdoor Classroom – Dr. Millsaps updated the Board of Supervisors on the funding from the Department of Forestry for purposes of an outdoor classroom at the Recreation Department. Dr. Millsaps stated that a diverse group of people, including the Extension staff, Partnership for Floyd staff, Citizens staff, and a few community volunteers walked the proposed area and decided the best spot for the classroom would be on the other side of the ballfields. As well, I have asked Jacob Agee (Recreation Director) to take the lead along with Mr. Vest and Mr. Bolt, which will be the three leading the building piece of the project. We have another group of people that will be working on the educational piece. I will continue to keep updated on the direction and progress. Dr. Millsaps transitioned to the discussion of the playground and noted different people's opinions on the equipment that will be placed there. Dr. Millsaps stated that she will be sending out a community-wide survey. Once information from those surveys is collected, it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Boothe asked Dr. Millsaps if the surveys will come to Dr. Millsaps's office? Dr. Millsaps replied that the survey will be electronically administered through Survey Monkey and Chris and Jacob will collect results through that.

d. EMS – Dr. Millsaps shared that a second all-staff EMS meeting occurred. Dr. Millsaps recapped the first meeting and then explained that Chad Alls, Director of Social Services presented at the second meeting to discuss resources and processes for EMS workers to utilize for additional resources and support for individuals in the community. In addition, we have rolled out the new EMS schedule of 24 hours on, 72 hours off. We have had some challenges with the staffing due to COVID and others with medical issues that have taken them temporarily out of service but otherwise, it is going okay. We have, Kim and I, have been working through some alternatives that the staff brought up as well as looking at some incentives, maybe for recruitment for example. We have been researching other jurisdictions that are doing sign-on bonuses and looking at a way internally, doing something in the same fashion but more towards the lines of sign-on and stay-on. With that, we are looking for the EMS provider who recommended the individual would commit to help and mentor them to be successful.

Supervisor Turman questioned that the EMS workers experience trauma in their work and asked if we have something here in the County to assist the EMS workers to talk about those experiences.

Dr. Millsaps responded that there is a similar program that's available as the deputies have. In addition, Phillip has an outside resource as well that can come in. With the changes to the EMS, one of the positive things is that, with what you had approved, was moving to four lieutenants. With that, these are some of the more senior experienced individuals that are available as well, in the event an EMS employee would like to talk. And lastly, Kim reminded me that through our insurance, there is therapeutic support as well.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked to revisit the meeting and the results of the Social Service process and assist individuals in the community with increased support. Dr. Millsaps responded and stated it's a two-part answer. One, Chad, DSS Director reminded the EMS team that they are mandatory reports, so if they see something that is truly neglect or abuse, they have a proactive responsibility to report it. Secondly, Chad discussed the resources and appropriate referrals to APS. Another issue that did arise during this conversation was the lack of resources and staffing and at times a willingness to accept outside help from the individual in need. Supervisor Kuchenbuch ensued that this is a tough problem, and our County is getting older, and it's going to continue to get older. As such, many of the folks are very independent here in Floyd County and we want to stay where we're at.

Supervisor Boothe questioned if contact information was provided to the EMS Workers? Dr. Millsaps confirmed information was left.

7. b. Mr. David Clarke, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation

So just a brief overview of what we've been working on this month and mostly it's still been weather-related. And not quite as bad as the first part of the month was the first couple of weeks to January. But still, a lot of prepper mobilization getting ready, cleaned up, and so forth. In the meantime, we have been able to get on some gravel roads. After the work out there we completed some brush cutting, most significantly on Christiansburg Pike and Franklin Pike. We also did some bridge and shoulder repair on Duncan's chapel and we are doing work, a little bit, on the Rock Bluff on Thunderstruck. They're chipping away at that as often as they can. I've scheduled some regular meetings with the Town Council as well. So, I'll continue to meet with them and hear some of their concerns. We did get signs up at the daycare to limit parking right around that crosswalk during the day, which limits sight distance for people seeing the kids going across the road. But we've left enough time for parents to use that area right there to drop off. That's kind of a touchy thing we're still working on and making progress on getting the crosswalk upgraded.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that she had a couple of things to report. Our crosswalk lovely as it is, and working relatively well, has decided that it is going to cycle now into walking all the time and nobody's there to walk. Supervisor

Boothe noted, it will come on, on its own. Mr. Clarke assured us that he will look into it.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch continued to share an agreement a couple of months ago about the new construction at the school, the sort of exit lane that's being created and if you see it on Baker Street it is looking more like a turn lane. Baker Street - it's still going to be a VDOT road so I think you should make sure somebody knows what's going on with it. So, if you will check on that. Mr. Clarke replied that he will contact Jessie Miller who is coordinating for the department for that. Supervisor Kuchenbuch continued to state that she wanted to thank everybody for all the work that they've done in the Little River District. The only other thing I have is, the guys did such a great job on 615 just North of the Little River bridge where we had all the water on the roadway causing accidents. I came through it after the last rain and the drainage was incredible. We still have that other spot just above that at the beginning of the curve from that spring, if we could do the same thing to correct that as well, it would be great.

Supervisor Boothe added that as far as Route 8 was after the last snowstorm, he noted he heard compliments instead of complaints. Mr. Boothe continued to state that he knows there is a long list of roads to be serviced and questioned Mr. Clarke if he was able to get that list together and share it. Mr. Clarke stated that he will get that next month.

Supervisor Bechtold thanked the crews and all their hard work. Supervisor Bechtold added that more work needs to be completed at 787 Indian Valley Road right there at Higgs Road which has a lot of runoff and gets icy. As well, house number 1294 also on 787, there is standing ice that is there for days, and apparently, there are some pretty large potholes on Alum ridge right at Duncan's Chapel. Again, thank you and the crew for all you do.

Supervisor Turman shared that he appreciated all the hard work that VDOT has been doing especially with the limited staff that they have had.

d. Eddie Worth Liaison to Drug Court and Laurie Trail Drug Court Coordinator

Eddie Good morning, I would like to introduce Laurie Drug Court Coordinator. We wanted to come in and give you guys an annual recap of where we've been the past year or two and where we're headed. We certainly feel it is working well, for the county and more importantly for the participants. And the only thing I would like to say before Laurie is the success goes out to the communities and the families of these participants. We're seeing families get back together, that have been broken for a long time. And especially children, getting back to their parents and the parents, understanding the importance of being drug-free, and really how to parent. Sometimes I think maybe we need more classes on how to parent but that's a different subject. But these folks are really, really trying hard. They're working hard. This is a tough program. And we've even had some

say, I'll just go back to jail. But if they stick in there and hang with it, they come out much better on the other end and make us proud of them. And proud to have them as citizens of our county, because now they're going back to work. They're paying taxes and there, proud of themselves. So that's about all I had to say. I do want to thank you guys for being so good to us and allowing us to help. All I can say is thank you. Thank you for the privilege of letting me do it because it is a privilege. Thank you.

Laure Trail shared; I just want to echo what Eddie said. Thank you all so much for your support. We really appreciate it. The drug courts in the river valley are administered through New River Valley Community Services. So, we really partner and it's really a collaborative partnership with everybody and especially here in the County. We have wonderful community support. We had community members who after every quarter they serve on our local advisory committee but they always bring participants groceries. And I think they had homemade cookies this morning. But they're always there after court to kind of help provide support. And so, we just have had wonderful support from you all. And we really appreciate it. So, what Eddie handed out to you all, are two pieces of information that we just wanted to share with you that kind of highlight some of our outcomes. So overall, since we began drug court in Floyd County in March of 2016, we've served 37 participants total, we currently have 11 active participants. During COVID, we had a period where numbers dropped, because I think just the traditional court cases also dropped in there weren't being able to do indictments and things of that nature. So, we weren't getting referrals as much. We have 11 graduates. And we've had 15, participants who left the program in some ways, typically are terminated or they can voluntarily withdraw. So, in terms of what it said, as you see, it's definitely not an easy thing. It's not everybody goes through it and easily graduates. And we have four new referrals. So, we are kind of getting our numbers back up. And hopefully, our goal is to serve 20 and I think we're moving in that direction. I worked on looking at drug court cost savings and the sentencing guidelines for each participant and looking at either the midpoint or the low end. So, if it's low and high, then I'll take the low end or the midpoint to not try to exaggerate the cost savings. And so, we look at the daily cost of the Regional Jail, and the cost savings for these graduates, because at this point, those charges have been dismissed, there's no chance they're going to go back and serve any time on that. So that was a true cost saving for the locality. My estimate was \$165,000. For those 11 Graduates, if I did the math correctly, it's probably more in the \$150 to \$165 range. So, I'll go back and kind of do that I can't remember off the top of my head, the daily cost for the Regional Jail, I think it's \$27. I think it was a pretty fair estimate of 165, it may be closer to 150 When I go back and do the math. But our participants are required to do 100 hours of community service. So, to give back to the community in some positive way. And again, that has kind of dropped because of COVID. But as you see, that's just free labor for the locality. And in fiscal year 2021. They completed 556 hours here in Floyd County. And then today we've completed 123 hours. I think a lot of times it is at the transfer station because they have a lot of hours that they can go and get those done. And then I'm going to come back to the bottom of that sheet in just a

second. But I did also hand out Virginia Tech did an impact analysis study on our drug courts across the New River Valley. So that's also something that I included for you all a summary of that. This is not specific to Floyd and includes all of our drug courts across the New River Valley. We are producing 19 new workers annually through our programs, which is producing an increase in tax revenue for the community. We also looked at the benefits for families' things that I've not been able to quantify myself, but things like either preventing foster care or returning children from foster care also having children who are born without substance exposure. We've had at least three babies born in Floyd County, through our program that was fortunately not exposed to substances because they were in our program. And so, they looked at the cost savings for those issues and said that the maximum potential for savings for that is \$197,000. From what we've done to date. They talked about our community service and that across the New River Valley, we were performing 5800 hours of community service annually. So that's about \$42,000 of free labor going back into the localities. Then it just talks about our local governments on the next two pages, it shows the contributions to our local governments and then a return on the investment, and basically that localities are receiving a four to one return on their investment for our programs. There is a narrative to that, if anybody's interested in that it was just a lot of paper. But I wanted to before I finished talking about the fact that this last fiscal year, we thankfully received an increase in our state funding. I was a little scared of it being the opposite, but it was a little bit of an increase. And then we look at our programs, always and try to evaluate what's working and what's not working. And what we know is that we're not curing addiction. And we're not saying that people who go through our program are cured and are not going to struggle with their substance use disorder when they graduate. Our hope is that they don't. And so, we try to look at what can we do to better prepare them, and also support them when they graduate. So, what we have done is, number one changed our phase structure, I think, if you look in that report, it shows that we had five phases, now we've added an aftercare phase within the program, where we start to back them out a little bit more, they come every other month to court versus once a month. They started out coming twice a month, they back down to once a month, and then they come every other month. We have a little less accountability and supervision and the aftercare to see if they start to struggle so that we can step back. And if we see that they're struggling, in terms of graduation, because we've recognized that some graduates have struggled more when I say struggle, just they've had issues related to their substance use disorder. The good thing from my perspective, we've made relationships and they reach out and they say, I need help, and we're able to connect them with services when that happens. But we have hired a drug court team lead position to help me do some of the administrative pieces. She also is primarily responsible now for proactively reaching out to graduates when they first graduate, so that we can kind of check and see how they're doing. We also are developing a mentoring program. So, we've partnered with the Peer center, Leroy Robinson, who is a former graduate, who I think I've spoken to you all before. He is also the peer center supervisor; he is training our participants to become mentors. And so, in Phase Five, and After, our participants mentor folks who are coming into the program in early recovery.

We are inviting our graduates to discontinue as a mentor when they graduate in the hopes that we keep them connected to hopefully sustain it long-term. We can't make them once they graduate, but we invite them to come back. So those are the things that we're trying to do to help support and hopefully help the graduate sustain it when they graduate. I know I talk fast, and I apologize. But if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer any questions or if any wants to add anything. Any questions?

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that as a member of the drug court advisory committee she has been thoroughly touched by the work of some of our advisory council members. And the cost savings is amazing. Just what has been done to save people's lives, you can not put a price tag on that or on the fact of how someone feels when they know someone cares. Lastly, would you send the link to the narrative to us? Laurie Trail confirmed she will send the link.

Supervisor Cox thanked both Eddie and Laurie for what they do. Supervisor Cox shared his experience as a Sheriff with the program and considered it a privilege as those he would visit as participants in the drug court program were so thankful for the opportunity.

Eddie Worth shared that he has lived in a lot of places in his 70 plus years. But none like Floyd County that cares. If you are in trouble, you have somebody, and you guys as leaders. And you lead by example and for that I thank you and I thank you for your support of the drug court. Because obviously if you guys didn't support us, we wouldn't be able to continue.

Supervisor Turman added his appreciation of what they do every day.

e. Closed Session 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.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 Turman - At this time I'd entertain a certification motion as we discussed only the matters that we entered closed session to discuss.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold 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

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.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 a 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.

8. County Administrator Report

Dr. Millsaps wanted to make the Board of Supervisors aware of the changes in the ACCE program. The Tobacco Commission is not funding general education at the community college. So, in the future, Angie from the ACCE program will be reaching out to explain the need for additional support to help fund the semester. Continued conversation regarding the ACCE program ensued. We are looking at the volunteer side of the program and focusing on three particular areas instead of them having to go find their community service and get documentation and having Kim chase it down and it becomes very labor-intensive for everyone. The three areas possibly are with Partnership for Floyd especially scheduled maintenance of the Dodd Creek Trail, staff the Tourist office and visitor center for the county, and potentially internship type position with the EMS.

Dr. Millsaps continued explaining a challenge that came up this week from a discussion with Eric Branscom. He informed the County that animal control will be taking a fairly sizable herd of cattle is due to negligence. The county will be responsible for the feeding which could become costly.

Supervisor Boothe asked if an auction is an option?

Dr. Millsaps explained that the process needs to go through the court systems and until then we need to maintain it. As well, hay is hard to come by these days so that is the concern at this time. Also, a vet came out from Virginia Tech who is willing to do testing on the animals.

Supervisor Turman added that we would need to figure five, six rolls a day.

Dr. Millsaps shared that she will continue to receive information through Mr. Branscom and Sheriff Craig and will update the Board.

Dr. Millsaps updated the board that the permit clerk has tendered her resignation and Dr. Millsaps, Kim and Mark are working on the posting for that. We will be looking for someone to do both administrative support work and be the building tech clerk/permit clerk.

c. ARPA

Dr. Millsaps explained the federal government rolled out ARPA funds to local governments previously it was Cares ACT. Floyd County will get a total of \$3.1 Million. We have already received exactly ½ in our first allocation. Dr. Millsaps then walked through the previously approved allocation of the ARPA. Dr. Millsaps then explained what is new to the list is playground equipment and an initial quote that Jacob wrote up for your review. The quote provided is high but includes other things other than just equipment. The pricing for the

equipment is approximately \$78,000.00 for reviewing purposes only and not for any decisions on it today.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if this will go in tandem with the survey. In which Dr. Millsaps acknowledged it would.

Supervisor Boothe suggested we emphasize our signage and naming of various things with those donations that come. Dr. Millsaps acknowledged the emphasis of the donations and presented an example of having a brick named after them.

Dr. Millsaps revisited the ARPA-approved allocation and asked the Board if they had any questions. I will pass it off to Kim now so she can explain the other related numbers regarding the ARPA fund request.

9. a. ARPA departmental Hazardous Pay

Kim Chiddo, Deputy County Administrator explained the handout with the requested explanations of past payout employees, and a dollar amount attributed to the policy of risk determination ranked as high, \$5.00 per hour, medium \$4.00 per hour, and low \$3.00 per hour. Additional determination was added due to an even lower risk determination of \$2.00 and \$1.00 for review. Ms. Chiddo explained the 10-month determination as what history preceded the payouts and the change in the original departmental requests due to these determinations. Also, the removal of management requests due to consistency of past payments for employees and not management. Conversations continued with the Board of Supervisors asking for clarification of risk determination and minimal exposure for departments requesting hazard pay.

Dr. Millsaps interjected explaining that Kim started with the original infectious disease plan when COVID started which divided all the staff out into different categories of risk. Dr. Millsaps gave examples of the departments that fell into high risk like EMS, Sheriff, and the transfer station.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch questioned if all of the employees fit into one column or is it best to allocate sort of an in between and go for the \$2.00 per hour.

Ms. Chiddo responded by explaining the monetary opportunity of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 was following the path of the original risk determination which stopped at \$3.00 as low. However, the descriptions would indicate that their level was even less than "low" category but didn't depict that on the original policy determination form.

Supervisor Bechtold asked for an explanation, since not being here at the original time of the request, and asked did the departments not get compensated because their risk was low enough that they did not meet compensation?

Supervisor Boothe answered the question by stating that at the time the pay went to those that were most exposed first and anticipated something like these requests coming later.

Dr. Millsaps added that the original money that was used to pay those was under the CARES ACT money and had different standards for approval. These current requests are coming out of ARPA funds.

Both Supervisor Boothe and Supervisor Kuchenbuch voiced that they would be in favor of the \$2.00 per hour.

Supervisor Bechtold stated she is hesitant to do the \$2.00 an hour. Questioning compensation for doing a job as other people completely lost jobs during COVID and had no compensation and our employees continued to receive compensation and benefits through COVID. I just think we need to keep our budget in mind and that these funds are limited.

Continued conversation ensued discussing what ARPA money has come in and what ARPA we are expecting to come and when. Acknowledgment that an un-surety of when the second round of ARPA funds will come and could be as late as September pending on how the State dictates. Also, further discussion among the Board members about the risks to the transfer station, EMS, and Sheriff officers had during that time.

Supervisor Boothe made the motion to approve the \$2.00 per hour hazard pay as presented, Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded. Supervisor Bechtold clarified that this is for current employees only and Supervisor Boothe added and does not include department heads.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried, it was resolved to pay out the hazard pay at \$2.00 per hour from the ARPA funds for a total of \$40,500.00

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

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about the HVAC at the Innovation Center and noted it was a critical need.

Dr. Millsap's responded as correct due to the filters being attended.

so, what you have is a two-part request, one for the cleanup but also add the ionization. The total request is \$12,098.00 and noted it is what Lydeana requested and the documents provided.

Supervisor Turman noted that the Innovation Center comes down to a health issue and we need to clean it out.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried it was resolved to approve an allocation of ARPA funds of \$12,098.00 to fund the request for equipment and labor for HVAC duct cleaning and addition ionization at the Innovation Center.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Boothe – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked the question if the Board can get a breakdown on what has to be done on the County Administrator building regarding the HVAC.

Dr. Millsaps asked to also consider that as well as get a quote for any changes needed to the building where the Extension and Recreation department are.

Supervisor Turman noted absolutely.

Supervisor Boothe also added to the conversation noting the need for a quote in the Carillion Building.

Dr. Millsaps will follow up with Mark Bolt to get quotes for all three buildings discussed and to request them to itemize them separately.

8. b. Board/Management Team Retreat

Dr. Millsaps presented to the Board and questioned an interest in having a Board/Management retreat. It would be 2/3 of a day and be held at the Regional Commission office. Kevin Byrd who runs the New River Valley Regional Commission will host us. This will be a high-level review and overview. Also, the management team will present from a staff standpoint of what we see you will be facing over the next several years, not just the next budget cycle.

Supervisor Turman and Supervisor Boothe reflected on the past retreat and how beneficial and helpful it was.

The Board and staff discussed certain dates for the retreat and Dr. Millsaps will follow up with Kevin Byrd to confirm the date and time.

a. Transportation

Dr. Millsaps gave a recap of the series of meetings with DOT, VDOT, and then the Regional Commission staff. So, one of the things that could be a contention of conversation is help us put together a wish list and they can let us know if there are any options related to that. Dr. Millsaps then referred to previous conversation related to a large bucket of money that rolls out through the Smart Scale program. Currently Floyd County is not eligible. However, there is a possibility that we could if you all designate a particular area that meets certain statutory requirements in the County, then we could start applying for Smart Scale funding. Per the Regional Commission there may be one project that they thought might be worth applying for and might actually core fairly well. This has to do with the intersection of 21 and Christianpike Road. As more information comes in, I will share as this will have to be approved.

10. a. New Business

Karla Turman, Floyd County Planner informed the board of the property details. The first time that it went to you all in December, two-property owners had responded, and they chose different names. So, you wanted them to decide on a name, or the board would name it, is what was said, right? And then, so we sent out the notification again, and the same two property owners that responded the first time responded again, with the same name. The third property owner did not respond to either one and they live in a state like Ohio, I believe.

The Board of Supervisors questioned the attempts made of contact, the dwelling on the properties as well as taxes paid. Ms. Turman confirmed a second letter was sent to all three property owners again, and that there are structures on two of the properties and taxes are being paid.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch noted that she usually likes to have everybody involved but if two attempts were and the one still hasn't responded then we have two people living there that want it named.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to resolve the Department of Emergency management request of naming a shared drive where three or more structures will be addressed. The tax map numbers are 56-148A, 56-148H, & 56-148J as Victory Court.

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

Supervisor Turman – Asked if anyone had anything else, if not he accepts a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried it was approved to adjourn the meeting with the next scheduled meeting for February 22, 2022, 7 pm.

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

11. Adjournment

By consensus, the Board adjourned the meeting to February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

* Some items were considered out of agenda sequence due to time and speaker availability.


Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator


Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

