

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 02, 2025**

1. County Administrator Dr. Linda Millsaps called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.
2. Opening Prayer - Supervisor Bechtold
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Supervisor Kuchenbuch.
4. Quorum- Dr. Millsaps called roll and determination of Quorum, all board members were present.
5. Board Organization:

A motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe, to adjust the terms of office for the Chairman and Vice Chairman term dates to be January 2, 2025, through January 6, 2026, was unanimously carried and approved.

a) Election of Chairman for the calendar year 2025:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Cox and carried to nominate Joe Turman for Chairman of the Board of Supervisor for a term date of January 3, 2025 – January 5th, 2026.

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

County Administrator Dr. Millsaps noted that Mr. Turman will remain chairman for 2025 and turn over the meeting to the Chair.

b) Election of Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2025:

On a motion by Supervisor Cox seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried to nominate Jerry Booth for Vice Chairman for the 2025 calendar year.

Supervisor Boothe- yes

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

c) Setting of the date/time for the 2025 regular Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Discussion ensued that the 2nd meeting time would be January through April and October through December with a start time of 6:00 p.m. May through September the time would be 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Cox and carried to approve the day meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and the night meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

d) On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the setting of the 2025 date and time of the Board meeting in the event of inclement weather too, the Thursday following the meeting and if necessary, the following Tuesday. The same times apply.

e) On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve Roberts Rules of Order as the meeting protocol for the calendar year 2025.

f) Discussion of Closed-session protocols

A conversation ensued regarding the Closed session process, lessening the Closed agenda, and considering putting the closed session at the beginning of the agenda.

Suggestion of the board that the closed session be noted last on the agenda before adjournment whenever possible. Adjustments are to be made pending timing, staffing, and necessary participation of others.

6. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended to add Public Comment, remove 8 h. under appointments from the agenda, and add closed session § 2.2-3711 A.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.7.

Supervisor Turman read the handicap statement and opened the meeting for Public Comments.

a. Public Comments:

Paul Kitchen, Little River District:

Mr. Kitchen thanked each board member for their service in 2024. Also, noted that he appreciates the discussion of a closed session for transparency. In addition, he looks forward to continued conversation about the budget and direction.

7. Approval of Disbursements

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and carried to approve the disbursements for 12/24/2024.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Bechtold – yes

Supervisor Cox – yes

Supervisor Boothe – abstain

Supervisor Turman - yes

8. Appointments

- a. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve Supervisor Cox the appointment of Extension Leadership County, one-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/26
- b. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve Supervisor Bechtold, the appointment to Floyd County Public Service Authority, 3-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/28
- c. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Turman and unanimously carried to approve Rick Parrish, the appointment to Floyd County Public Service Authority, 3-year term based on his willingness to serve. 01/03/25-01/05/28
- d. On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded By Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve Supervisor Bechtold the appointment of Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Board Liaison, one-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/26

- e. On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded By Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve Supervisor Bechtold the appointment to the Tourism Development Council for, a two-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/27
- f. On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded By Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve Chairman Turman to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board of Directors, one-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/26
- g. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve Chairman Turman to the New River Regional Jail Authority, for a one-year term, and Supervisor Cox as the alternate representative, for a one-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/26
- h. On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve Chairman Turman, the appointment of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Legislative contact, a one-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/26

Conversation that this appointment is a Chair appointment.

- i. On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, Seconded By Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve Chief Dustin Thomas, the appointment of Western Virginia Management Services Council, a two-year term. 01/03/25-01/05/27

9. Old Business:

a. Physical Addressing –

Supervisor Boothe asked that the Board consider the approval of staff to ask Steve D., attorney, to review the wording of the current ordinance to change that it does not have to have a permanent structure to receive an address. Conversation ensued that this would allow opportunities for temporary housing, or permanent non-traditional housing. This would allow those living there would be able to vote, change their IDs, first responders, deliveries, utilities, and so on.

Supervisor Bechtold asked that we look into the following:

- a. Cry Wolf Ordinance concerning the multiple false alarms and our first responders continually reacting to this and putting a fine behind multiple false alarm businesses.
- b. Festival Ordinance
- c. Property Tax date
- d. Requirements of the physical address signage.

10. New Business:

a. FY26 Budget preparation:

- i. January letters to FY25 funded outside organizations (non-regional)

A conversation ensued about the request and Supervisor Boothe would like the participation numbers that are not duplicated.

Scheduling department heads for discussion of budget.

Also, the request that the County receive the school projections as early as possible.

- ii. Request for Fee information from Floyd governmental units.

11. § 2.2-3711 A.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.7 –

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.1 - Discussion, consideration, or 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 the performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.
- b. 2.2-3711 A.7 Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation"

means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to go into closed session under, § 2.2-3711 A.1 and § 2.2-3711 A.7.

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to come out of closed session.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to certify that the Board only discussed the matters that they went into closed session for.

10. Adjournment

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously and carried, it was resolved to adjourn the reorganization meeting to our next regular meeting on 01/14/2025.


Linda S. Millsaps, County Administrator


Joe D. Turman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors