

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2024

- 1. Called to Order** – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- 2. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Supervisor Boothe offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Quorum** – Dr. Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found of all Supervisors.

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman; Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, Kalinda Bechtold, and Levi Cox, Board Members; Linda Millsaps, County Administrator; Kim Chiddo Deputy County Administrator/CFO, Danny Lowery IT Operations Manager to live stream and film the meeting.

- 5. Approval of Agenda** – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and approved unanimously to approve the agenda as amended adding
- 6. Approval of Disbursements** – On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to approve both the disbursement checks, including the late entry single disbursement, unanimously.
- 7. Approval of Minutes** - On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from 04/23/2024 and 05/09/2024.

On a motion by supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and carried to approve the minutes from 05/28/2024.

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

8. Presentations:

a. Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent, and Darin Boothe, Finance Director

Dr. Cromer updated the Board on the following:

- Staff Recognition
- No School Board meeting in June
- Reviewed the FY25 budget.
- Dr. Cromer provided handouts for review to discuss the original request of County funding will not be necessary. The new request will go from \$980,692.389 to \$188,484.44
- Supervisor Boothe asked for additional details for the salaries of two positions that are not funded for future discussion.

Floyd County Public Schools

*FY25 Budget
June 10, 2024*

	FY25 Budget Estimate	FY25 Proposed Budget
<i>County Funds</i>	<i>Requested \$980,692.38</i>	\$188,484.44
<i>Budget Details</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Instructional -Reading Specialist -Two bus driver positions -Two Instructional Assistant positions -Technology Specialist -Custodian- -Special Education Teacher -FCHS Librarian (half) -English Teacher -Salaries frozen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach-Instructional Coach Reading Specialist Two bus driver positions Two Instructional Assistant positions Technology Specialist Custodian Special Education Teacher +FCHS Librarian (half) English Teacher +1.5% salary increase

-Travel and Professional
Development

Travel and Professional
Development
+Additional contribution
to the employer

b. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Clarke gave an update on the following:

Maintenance on the following:

- End of FY
- Watching the budget
- Working on graveling
- Working on Patching
- Squatters/trespassers on Horseridge and Indian Valley Road
- Letter from a citizen on Yellow Brick Road concerning the abandonment of the road
- Speed limit request for Moore Road
- Request for schedule on Daniels Run slope work
- Speed limit request for Huffville Road
- Edge line request for recent overlay on Franklin Pike
- Rough patches on Shady Grove Road
- Passing lane modification requested on 221

c. Karla Turman Planer/Subdivision Agent:

Karla provided the Board of Supervisors the following for discussion, which is placed in the Board of Supervisors Packet:

Below is a transportation update from the County's Triannual meeting with VDOT on May 28th. Dr. Millsaps, Lydeana, Tabitha, and I participated in the meeting.

VDOT's Six-Year Road Plan

- Includes \$2.53 million for paving in Floyd County. According to David Clarke, the funding is coming from the State of Good Repair fund. It will include the following:

- o Route 8 will be paved from the intersection with Route 748 Parkway Road to near the intersection with Route 810 Gallimore—about 3 miles.
- o Route 221 will be paved from the west city limit of town to the intersection with route 615—about 1 mile.

- VDOT staff stated that it is very important to show up for the SYIP meeting each Spring to show support for a project (usually in April or May)

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

- Montgomery County's Route 8 improvement project

- o Rt. 8 North from Riner to Christiansburg was funded in the last round. It was the only project funded in the entire District.
- o Rt. 8 South from Riner to Floyd County Line was submitted in 2023 by Montgomery County but was not funded. However, they are holding unfunded projects for reconsideration for the next couple of years and not accepting new applications so hopefully, it will yet be funded.

- HSIP Systemic Funding

- o Rumble strips are being added to primary roads across the district.
- o May see new curve warning signs throughout the County.

- Centerline Pavement Marking

- o Segments having less than 500 vehicles per day may not be marked at all after paving due to cost increases and limited funds
- o Segments having 500-100 vehicles per day may get centerline marking, but shoulder striping would be eliminated.
- o The list of roads with an explanation from VDOT is attached to this document. Only those marked priority 1 (in blue) are slated for pavement markings at this time.

- The funding that the Salem district had to do one or two projects per locality is no longer available (we had collected from the Board and submitted as prioritized by you all.). The CTB took money from the program and transferred it to Smart Scale projects.

Smart Scale

- Most of the transportation funding in Virginia is going to Smart Scale projects. I asked how rural counties like Floyd can get transportation money when we are not eligible for Smart Scale.

VDOT staff said that we are not the only rural county that has expressed that frustration.

- There was discussion on the potential to adopt UDA-like areas in the County. Designating those areas would make us eligible for funding, but that wouldn't automatically make us competitive.
- VDOT staff said that the big areas for funding are grid network connectivity, safety, congestion, and access.

Ready, Set, Go

- A grant program that is open year-round and supports localities under 50,000 population in refining projects for future Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications; The TA program provides funding for non-motorized improvements, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities and community improvements.
- This program is provided with 100% funding and requires no local match.
- VDOT will contract and designate a consultant team to assist in developing content for a single future TA application, including a sketch, cost estimate, and other relevant information.
- Will not result in readiness to submit a complete TA application, but localities that participate will receive guidance about other application requirements.

Miscellaneous

- We discussed needed improvements to the 221/615 intersection and potential Economic Development Access funding. We would have to show that improvements are needed for that type of funding. Lydeana shared with them 221/615 Industrial Access Study that was done by the Regional Commission in 2015. VDOT will look to see what funding this project could be eligible for.
- Franklin Pike/Shooting Creek intersection – David Clarke said that a study was done in 2022 and a 4-way stop at that intersection was not warranted. I reminded them that there was an accident there in 2023. One of the safety engineers will look at this intersection again.
- Dr. Millsaps suggested that there be a 4-way stop at the intersection of Baker Street and Woods Gap Rd at the high school. The safety engineer will look at that, as well.

A conversation ensued regarding the VDOT meeting, and the information presented. The Board of Supervisors requested Ms. Turman to follow up with VDOT on the following:

- Ask VDOT to study the intersection of 615 (Barberry) and, 798 (Woods Gap) for a potential 4-way stop due to sight obstruction turning from Woods Gap onto Barberry. Jerry asked if VDOT could remove some trees to help with the sight obstruction.
- Ask VDOT to study the intersection of 798 (Woods Gap) and 1003 (Baker St) for a potential 3-way stop due to high school traffic.
- The Board asked me to stay on VDOT about the Franklin Pike and Shooting Creek intersection. They would like a 4-way stop at that intersection. They asked if VDOT could at least put a blinking light on the stop signs and up the hill towards 221. And possibly rumble strips.
- Joe mentioned getting with me about potentially abandoning the discontinued portion of Sugar Tree Rd.

d. Aphi Fancon, Director of Community Development NRVRC and Jennifer Wilsie, Director of Housing and Community Engagement NRVRC

i. Community Engagement Plan for Comprehensive Plan

(The following Was provided to the Board for presentation and placed within their packet:)

**Floyd County
Community Engagement Plan
Gathering Community Values, Discovering Local Vision**

Importance of Community Engagement

Community engagement is a critical component of the Floyd County Comprehensive Planning process because it gives citizens a direct way to participate in identifying community values and a shared vision for the future of the County. It is important to allow residents, civic organizations, businesses, and property owners to provide input, both in-person and virtually.

Community engagement plan

A variety of techniques will be used to identify, reach, and engage residents in a way that is fun and experiential. The following engagement activities will help guide the County when gathering input from its citizens.

In-person activities:

- Technical group discussions that are led by subject-area experts to ground-truth local data and to begin informing new goals and policies.
- Participation in existing community events is a great way to connect with citizens in spaces that are already meaningful to them. Focus will be on real-time games or activities that draw out community input as well as promoting the community survey.

Technical Group meetings

In addition to broad public outreach, facilitated conversations will take place with participants who have expertise in key topic areas. To prioritize the timeline and deliverables of economic development planning work happening concurrently with Comprehensive Planning work, the Technical Group meetings will be held in two phases. Each group will meet twice.

Phase I: July – October 2024

- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Economic Development

Phase II: January – June 2025

- Community Facilities
- Natural Resources

A total of 10 meetings will be facilitated/co-facilitated by the Regional Commission: five in-person meetings and five virtual. Staff can mix and match which meetings are virtual, or in-person based on their needs.

Community Events

Attending existing community events allows for engagement with a diverse range of citizens throughout Floyd County and ensures higher participation than holding Comp Plan-specific meetings. Priority will be placed on selecting events that provide representation across all districts of the county, diverse age demographics, as well as underrepresented populations.

Timeline: July – September 2024

Target: Regional Commission will attend 3-4 events and will assist with coordination for any events attended by staff.

At community events, the Regional Commission will offer multiple engagement activities, which could include a mapping exercise, games, and one-on-one quick poll surveys. Each participant will also be given information on how to take the longer community survey, whether online or in paper format.

Virtual activities

An interactive Floyd County Comprehensive Plan engagement website will be created to host a broad community survey. Other interactive tools are available through the site, such as message boards and quick polls. The site will also serve as an excellent resource for residents to stay informed about the timeline and status of the Comp Plan process.

- By June 30: Launch Comp Plan **community survey through Bang the Table** for community members. Ensure there are hardcopy surveys available and distributed at locations accessible to most residents.
- Promoting the survey may include, but is not limited to, paper flyers posted on local bulletin boards; Facebook posts; signage posted at schools, fire departments, and willing business locations; and banner space at Citizen Co-op.

Other Engagement

In addition to public engagement, the Regional Commission will coordinate closely with County staff and be available, as needed, with the following throughout the engagement process:

- Floyd County Planning Commission
- Floyd County Board of Supervisors
- Creative Economic Development consultant team

SUMMARY REPORT

The Regional Commission will develop a **Summary Report** of all community engagement activities to help inform the updating of Comprehensive Plan goals, policies, and objectives.

9. Public Comment –

Paul Kitchen, Little River District (Mr. Kitchen provided a copy of what was read by him during the meeting)

Good Morning

I am here to apologize. It has come to my attention that when I last addressed the **Board** of Supervisors, I was emotional and showed frustration, perhaps a little anger. I have in fact been frustrated with the County **budget** process.

However, it was unprofessional of me to allow these feelings to manifest as they did. For that, I am sincerely sorry.

When I think back on why I became frustrated and let emotion creep into my remarks, I reflect on my passion for democracy and how elections are the keystone that ensures democracy works. That is why I am doing this job.

I serve on the Electoral Board to promote and support accurate, fair, open, and secure elections for the citizens of Floyd County. Elections that will stand up to scrutiny during these times when election integrity is under attack.

The Office of Elections has made its case and has fully justified our budget request.

Please give your support to promote accurate, fair, open, and secure elections for the citizens of Floyd County.

Thank you.

Kerry Whitlock, Little River District

Mr. Whitlock noted that he liked hearing what Ms. Turman referenced about the roads near the school. He referred to being a school bus driver and all the concerns about the corner of Barberry and Woods Gap and that something needs to happen.

10. Old Business:

a. Floyd Regional Commerce Center Phase 2 Construction Grant Administration Task Order NRVRC– Lydeana Martin

Ms. Martin updated the board on the Task Order concerning the Commerce Center Phase 2 and the possible additional need of \$20,000.00. However, Ms. Martin shared that this project is eligible for ARC money per VDOT, so the \$20,000.00 will likely be absorbed through this.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the Phase 2 Construction Grant Administration Task Order between Floyd County and New River Valley Regional Commission with the appropriate staff signatures.

b. Economic Development Strategic Planning, Scheduling Board input Session with Consultant.

Ms. Martin updated the Board on the Economic Development Strategic Planning and presented 5 optional dates for the board to have a meeting session for input with the consultant. Further conversation continued and all Board members agreed upon the date of July 17th.

c. ARPA

Dr. Millsaps discussed ARPA funding for two particular options that were discussed previously: One for the purchase of a vehicle for Emergency Management and the other for funding for the Floyd-Floyd Public Service Authority.

A Conversation ensued and the following were the results:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a vehicle for Emergency Management for up to \$75,000.00 out of ARPA funding.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the funding of \$75,000.00 for the Floyd-Floyd Public Service Authority out of ARPA funding to extend the 221 waterlines.

11. Closed Session:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move to closed session under § 2.2-3711 A.3, § 2.2-3711 A.6, and § 2.2-3711 A.8

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

- a. § 2.2-3711 A.3 - Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Park and Recreation Community Development
- b. § 2.2-3711 A. 6 Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. Rescue Volunteer
- c. 2.2-3711 A.8 Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 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. Rescue Volunteer and PSA funding

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

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

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

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

12. New Business

- a. Request for Naming of Shared Drive – Cervantes Ernie Lane Tax Map #'s 42-162E, 43-130A, and 43-130B:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to approve the naming of Cervantes Ernie Lane, Tax Map #'s 42-162E, 43-130A, and 43-130B.

- b. Request to abandon a portion of State Route 792 (Runnett Bag Rd.), which was discontinued in 1957.

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried the approval to move forward with a public hearing to abandon 1.4 miles of Runnett Bag Road.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried, the approval for staff to move forward with all appropriate documentation and advertising for a Public Hearing to be set for July 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the abandonment of a portion of Runnett Bag Road.

- c. Road abandonment policy revisions

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the changes to the road abandonment policy as presented.

- d. Proposed Changes to Plat fees:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded By Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the proposed fee change to the Plat fee schedule/policy to begin July 1, 2024.

- e. Letter to Judge R.E. 2nd courtroom and November election

13. Board Time

Supervisor Boothe shared, from the school presentation earlier in the meeting and noted two staff positions that are not presently being funded in the proposed

budget. Supervisor Boothe received the information he requested earlier when Dr. Cromer presented. The board members discussed the school's budget and the most recent request for County funding, as presented by Dr. Cromer which resulted in the following:

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the Floyd County Public School FY25 budget with the increase of local funds of \$334,484.44.

It was discussed and further noted by the Board of Supervisors that the additional County increase of monies would intend to fund the positions of Reading Specialist and Special education teacher.

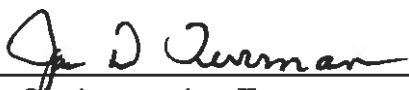
14. County Administrators Report – Dr. Millsaps offered the following information about staff activities.

- a) EMS update
- b) Habitat for Humanity Dedication
- c) Tourism
- d) Budget discussion meeting
- e) Franklin Pike Update

15. Correspondence –

Deputy County Administrator Chiddo gave the board an overview of items in the correspondence packet.

16. Adjournment – On a motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to adjourn until the next meeting on 06/25/2024 at 5:00 p.m.. (or soon thereafter) for the budget workshop.


Chairman, Joe Turman

County Administrator Linda Millsaps