

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Joe D. Turman, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Case Clinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2. – Opening Prayer.

The Opening Prayer was led by Supervisor Gerald.

Agenda Item 3. – Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Yoder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 4. – Approval of minutes of April 11, 2017 and April 25, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017 and April 25, 2017 as presented.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of May 2017 monthly disbursements.

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

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 6.c. – Ms. Tracie Brewster, Social Services Director.

Ms. Brewster provided the caseload statistics for April 2017. April was a little bit slower.

Family Services Programs:

Adult Protective Services (new): 1

Adult Services Screenings (new): 1

Adult Services (ongoing): 8 *These are the cases where we continue to work with the family to make sure they receive the personal care service and that the placement was successful.*

Companion Cases: 4

Guardianship Reporting Cases: 29

Child Protective Services Investigations/Family Assessments (new): 12

Family Assessments (Continued from previous months): 5 *As you can see that is holding steady.*

Child Protective Services Ongoing Cases: 7 *Those are the cases that are rated high risk or moderate risk after a CPS or family assessment and we just pass them over to the ongoing worker.*

Prevention Child Protective Services: 5

Foster Care: 15 *We received 1 additional child during the month of April. It was a case DJJ had been working with. It could have been a case where we did a non-custodial with the family, but the judge was not the one we normally work with. She felt like it was better to do a foster care placement rather than a non-custodial with the family.*

View: 22 *This number is going up. I think that is because we have a new worker and she is working really, really hard with those families. She has done an amazing job and that is why we see an increased participation, which is what we wanted to see in our VIEW caseload.*

Child Care: 10 *That number is a little misleading. It is not 10 open cases; we still only have four, but we have been able to work with 10 families and provide services and give them instruction on child care. We thought it was important to get that number on there to show how many families we actually worked with.*

Benefit Programs: SNAP: 804 SNAP (new): 45 SNAP (renewals): 67
 TANF: 49 TANF (new): 12 TANF (renewals): 3

Medicaid: 1443 (cases)/2590 (participants) Medicaid (new): 59 Medicaid (renewals): 79

Chairman Clinger said on the SNAP we lose some each month as well.

Ms. Brewster agreed and said overall the total number just went up by one or two.

Chairman Clinger said usually at this time and through the summer we see a decrease in the number.

Ms. Brewster said right now it is staying steady. We do lose a couple because some people move to a different jurisdiction or they will request for their case to be closed or maybe their income will go up and we close the case.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Subdivision plats as approved by Agent for April 2017.

Ms. Martin reported that April was a pretty busy month. This doesn't include the preliminary that went to the Planning Commission because it won't be considered for final approval until this month. We did have a month about like this in September so it is not totally out of line from what we have seen. It is more indication, I think, that the economy is doing fairly well locally. It has started to recover from the great recession from a number of years ago.

Ms. Martin provided an update on the Floyd Grown project, which is the agriculture-forestry program we are doing. We did another workshop last month. Joell Eifert, the food guru for all processing out of Virginia Tech came over and we had about 25 people come out that day. Not all of them were able to stay the whole time. It was a very good workshop. This week is a pretty big week. Requests for proposals are due back on the branding and logo help and theme help. There are two kinds of direct assistance that local businesses can request. One of them is what we are calling one-on-one technical assistance. The application for that will be due back this week. The local grant portion where they can compete for grant dollars will be due in August.

Ms. Martin provided information she had shared with the Economic Development Authority. In the White House proposed budget released in March, there are four agencies proposed to be dramatically affected. Three would be totally eliminated. These are programs that we worked with closely for economic development. I just want to make you all aware of it. U. S. Economic Development Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Community Development Block Grant are all slated to be totally eliminated in the proposed federal budget. The last one is the USDA Rural Development and it is slated for multiple cuts in different parts – \$500 million from the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant program, \$95 million to the Rural Business and Cooperative Service. I thought you may want to know what the impact of those agencies have been in Floyd for the past 15 years or so. Without those programs we wouldn't have the Floyd Regional Commerce Center, meaning we wouldn't have Dreaming Creek. We wouldn't have the place where H&V Plant 2 is currently. We wouldn't have the Floyd Innovation Center. We wouldn't have the two pre-graded sites and an additional 51 acres available. We wouldn't have Legacy Linens in the original Floyd County Shell Building, which was built with support from Rural Development. The Floyd Center for the Arts was assisted from two of these programs as well. Funds helped dramatically in getting the Crooked Road program up and running and the promotion of it and not just for Floyd County. Floyd has probably had an outsized impact from the Crooked Road compared to some of the other localities. We have gotten a lot of press from that.

The Town of Floyd received \$1 million in CDBG funds, which included \$300,000.00 for the revolving loan fund, which I think they have completely loaned out twice. Those dollars

have circulated well in the economy. Other local programs that have been assisted by one of these agencies are: our small business loan program, our printing program, and most recently the Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine project.

A summary of the impact on Floyd over the last 15 years because of these programs is \$4.5 million in federal funds, \$1.5 million in local government funds, and about \$25 million in private investments. A conservative number is that these agencies led to the development of almost 200 jobs in Floyd. Over 225 entrepreneurs and businesses received assistance through the projects and we still have 2 pre-graded sites and 51 acres to work with over the next few years. Comparing 2012 to 2016, we have had a significant increase in the number of business establishments, local employment, and average weekly wage in the County. We still look pretty pitiful compared to state and national numbers, but I believe we have been helped significantly from these programs. Not to take away anything away from the very hard work that the entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profits have put into it, but just in terms of underlying support and infrastructure, especially in making spaces available.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch described the information provided as sobering.

Agenda Item 7.b. – April 2017 Department of Inspections Report.

Ms. Morris reported that April is running slightly behind last year at this time, but year to date we are still ahead.

Vice Chairman Turman pointed out that manufactured home permits are high this year.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if modular homes are considered stick-built? It has to have a DMV license to fall into the manufactured home category, right?

Ms. Morris answered that if the home is on a permanent foundation it is considered real estate.

Chairman Clinger added you can turn manufactured into real estate by turning the titles back in and putting it on a foundation.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Proclamation for May 2017 as Older Americans Month.

On a motion of Supervisor Gerald, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt a Proclamation in support of Older Americans Month May 2017 (Document File Number 913).

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.d. – Request approval for County Administrator and Chairman of Board of Supervisors to execute engagement letter from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2017.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to execute an engagement letter from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2017 (Document File Number 914).

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.e. – Request transfer from Contingency fund in the amount of \$2,500.00 to EMT Training-Class/Instructor Fees to pay invoice submitted by the Floyd County Rescue Squad for an Emergency Medical Technician class.

Ms. Morris stated that back in October you approved reimbursing the Rescue Squad \$2,500.00 in expenses if they held the EMT class. This was not put in the budget because we wanted to make sure they had enough participation to hold the class.

Supervisor Turman made a motion to approve the transfer.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch made a motion to table this item.

Ms. Morris explained that you already approved paying for this bill in the monthly disbursements this morning.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch requested that Ms. Morris find out how many people attended the training.

On a motion of Supervisor Turman, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was approved to transfer \$2,500.00 from Contingency fund to EMT Training-Class/Instructor Fees to pay invoice submitted by the Floyd County Rescue Squad for an Emergency Medical Technician class.

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.f. – School Board request to receive an additional \$54,987.70 in Revenue appropriation authority from various categories.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental revenue appropriation request as presented in the amount of \$54,987.70 to the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget.

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 7.g. – School Board request to expend an additional \$54,987.70 in Expenditure appropriation authority from various categories.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the supplemental expenditure appropriation request as presented in the amount of \$54,987.70 to the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 10. – Old/New Business.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Gerald, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a budget transfer of \$10,812.00 from the Operation & Maintenance category to the Administration, Attendance & Health category in the FY17 Floyd County School Board budget.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Yoder – yes

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes

Supervisor Clinger – yes

Vice Chairman Turman asked if students can still participate in the ACCE program for the fall semester at New River Community College?

Ms. Ryan replied we had three students who were not at the meeting yesterday. Ms. Holly Murden is going to follow up with those students. One student showed up at the kickoff meeting yesterday who was not on the list provided to me of students approved to participate in the program. Ms. Murden is checking on his status. But it is too late for any other students to come into the program.

Vice Chairman Turman stated a parent who homeschools wanted to get some information. She is supposed to call me. I wanted to make sure a student could still get in the program.

Ms. Ryan answered I think the deadline has passed, but we'll have to work with Ms. Murden and Ms. Andrea Robinson at New River Community College and see what they can do.

Vice Chairman Turman explained the parent wasn't aware of the program. She just heard it from a parent of a student who is in the program. She is really interested in it. It may be her child won't be eligible until next year.

Vice Chairman Turman stated that he asked the Chairman this morning that at 9:00 a.m. we have a moment of silence in memory of Officer Scott Hylton [former Deputy Sheriff of Floyd County]. His memorial is being held at 9:00 a.m. today. Today is the anniversary of his murder.

Chairman Clinger called for a moment of silence as we remembered Officer Scott Hylton.

Agenda Item 6.b. – Public Comment Period.

Chairman Clinger called for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Ken Knott, Little River District, said he was here to provide an update of information he received from VDOT regarding our development. There is some good news and some bad news to report at this point. It is a little bit incomplete. They are still looking at a few things. It is clear that we do not qualify for Rural Addition because of the 20 year requirement. There is about 8 years left and that would be the easiest way if there wasn't still 8 years to wait. The right of way of the road was never deeded to the State. Who knows who owns it? I am looking into it. It is apparently going to take some investigation. Second, there is a line of sight issue that is not quite as significant as it appeared to be. But that is probably going to be able to be resolved with the landowner across the street.

However, what is also clear is that back in 2001 when this development was made, there was an agreement made between VDOT and the developer that if they brought the road up to code, which they agreed to do, the State would take the road in after three houses.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if this was a written agreement?

Mr. Knott replied I don't have copies of it, they are going to get them to me. But apparently this was signed off by somebody. There are several other things that VDOT agreed to do. For example the road is technically not signed. It is a 55 mph road. Phlegar Hill specifically. But there was a speed study done in 2001 that determined it was a 45 mph road. They agreed to abide by that when it was done in 2001. They are being helpful. But they also said since the developer never got the road taken under or the State never took it under after the third house – I'm not sure whose responsibility that was – they have offered essentially for us to bring the road back up to Code and then they will take it under. That involves some things that are feasible for homeowners in a small neighborhood and other things that are not, for example, paving the road. There are still some things to be looked at. But there is also in my mind a question as to whose responsibility is this? The developer clearly is responsible. But they are long gone. How can you pursue that route? But I also feel to some degree that it is the State's or VDOT's responsibility because they agreed to take this road after three houses. To some degree

perhaps even the County agreed to some parts of this when the development was being planned and certain things were signed off on. The report is incomplete at this point. It is my intention after I have everything to summarize the result and give you everything I have and tell you how I feel. There might be some options to proceed. What I don't feel, at this point, is the burden should be placed on the homeowners entirely, certainly some portion of it, but there is a limit to what we are able to do. We've all noticed the increased rain in the last few years. I know roads are being washed out all over the County and it is very expensive. Well, so is ours and we don't have VDOT to pay for it. That is where we are. I appreciate that you allow me to continue to come. I plan to continue to come until I have all the answers and I can give them all to you and then you can sign off on them. The Public Comment is a great opportunity for me to express this and I appreciate it. These meetings are wonderful. I love to see local government hard at work. Thank you.

After no further comments from the audience, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Agenda Item 7.h. – Set date for Public Hearing on proposed FY18 budget.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to advertise that the Public Hearing for the Floyd County FY18 budget be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 10. – Old/New Business continued.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the agenda to go into closed session.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion made by Supervisor Yoder and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph 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.

Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes

Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

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

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

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 Real Property in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

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.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

The County Administrator said that Ms. Ryan will discuss some new business.

Ms. Ryan explained one of the benefits offered to employees is that certain qualified payroll deductions can be handled as pre-taxed, which means the tax the employee pays for federal withholding, state withholding, and social security is slightly less. To allow this benefit the County has to have a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan in effect. The County's plan is several years old and needs to be updated. One new requirement is that each year there has to be an open enrollment period where each eligible employee has to sign a form stating that they have been told about their ability to pretax and either sign to take that election or waive the pretax election. I've checked with some other counties and none of them administer these themselves. Each has

one of their providers do it for them. For us the items that can be pre-taxed are our Anthem health insurance, our VRS group life, and certain types of AFLAC policies.

Chairman Clinger asked about HSAs?

Ms. Ryan replied no, we don't have a health savings account because we don't offer a high deductible health insurance plan. A medical savings account would qualify to be pre-taxed. I talked to AFLAC about having one because it would be wonderful for employees. But there is a big downfall to it. If I were to say that I wanted to put \$100.00 a month for a total of \$1,200.00 a year, they give me a preloaded card and I can spend the \$1,200.00. If I were to quit work after three months, it is up to the employer to get the \$900.00 back. It's too bad. It would be a nice benefit.

AFLAC is willing to be the plan administrator at no charge to the County. For them it is a way to meet each employee. I can tell you from being at the School Board that AFLAC does not do a hard sell of their products with employees. They would hand you their brochures and say we are available to answer questions, but they didn't go into sales mode.

Chairman Clinger said that given they are going to do the work for us and it will save the headache. Now the onus is on them if we find out that someone was not contacted. It does not come back on the County since AFLAC is the contractor?

Ms. Ryan said I have to provide them with a list of all employees who are eligible for payroll benefits.

Chairman Clinger stated the employees sign an affirmation?

Ms. Ryan said AFLAC keeps the paperwork of the proof.

Chairman Clinger repeated the onus is on them for that.

Ms. Ryan concurred.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if this then becomes a cafeteria plan?

Ms. Ryan replied the County already has a cafeteria plan. This just updates the plan so it is more current.

Chairman Clinger said before it was if you didn't have any changes you would continue the way you had. If we don't hear from you then we don't change anything. Now it has to be that you sign choosing one way or the other.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to execute a plan agreement with AFLAC to administer the Floyd County Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

Supervisor Gerald – yes

Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 8. – Work session on proposed FY18 budget.

Ms. Morris provided an update on additional information received including the May 1 budgets from the Compensation Board. The figures were a little lower than what we had in the budget because they are not showing August 1 raises that Constitutional Officers will get. We are showing that in ours so I didn't change any of those numbers. We feel like they will end up about the same.

You asked about the EMS billing rates. Ms. Grim contacted all the counties around us to get some information. Ms. Morris provided a chart that summarized EMS billing rates in Floyd and eleven other counties. Based on Ms. Grim's knowledge of the situation, she thinks we are right in the ballpark on BLS rates. On the ALS2 calls, we very rarely are called for that type of service. An example would be when they have to shock someone. Ms. Grim's recommendation for the ALS1 calls would be to raise rates some. We haven't changed our rates since we have been billing.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if Ms. Grim was not able to receive information from Grayson County and Patrick County?

Supervisor Yoder said they might have a contract with somebody.

Ms. Morris answered they have a contract in Galax. Patrick County is a little different. Each station does their own billing. We didn't know how we could compare that. The County gives each station \$10,000.00. We didn't see any way we could compare ours to theirs.

Chairman Clinger suggested that mileage rates should go up a little bit too.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch commented that it is interesting how low the rates are in Roanoke City and Roanoke County.

Supervisor Yoder pointed out that their turnover rate would be much higher than ours because they have hospitals close by. When we think about \$10.00 a mile that is just one way.

Ms. Morris concurred that it is a loaded mile.

Chairman Clinger said we will look these over and reconvene as the EMS Board on May 23.

Ms. Morris said we talked about charging fees when there is patient refusal or some treatment but not transportation. Ms. Grim only found 1 or 2 counties that were doing that. They indicated that it was quite cumbersome.

Supervisor Yoder suggested Carroll County and Franklin County as being most similar to Floyd County. However Rocky Mount has a hospital.

Chairman Clinger said where Radford City is contracting with Carilion that is probably a hard billing.

Ms. Morris reported that in this year's budget I have bids out right now for improvements at the dog pound and also for the septic system at Fire Station #3. Those are due in the next week or so. We will see how those fit into this year's budget.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch stated that she wanted to go on record again that she wanted to have the Health Department open five days a week. I think it's important. I hear my staff and our staff say they get calls left and right. I would also like to not have to use the Budget Stabilization Fund to pass a balanced budget. I don't see how we are going to do that either. I know we have money. I would like one year that we passed a budget with what we have. I know we did a lot this year. Don't get me wrong. We've gone to a better system for our public safety. That is really important. I just feel really strongly about this. I would like for us to live within our means. It's hard. Like you were saying, we are one of the few counties that sits down and goes line by line by line by line. It's not for lack of trying. I just want to put that out there.

Chairman Clinger said the last time we increased taxes it didn't have to be as much because of the Budget Stabilization Fund. Without that fund each year we would be increasing taxes. It's like with your personal finances...when times are good you put some in a rainy day fund. If we called it a rainy day fund instead of a stabilization fund some people might be more comfortable with pulling some out.

Vice Chairman Turman said we can't balance the budget without doing one of the two.

Supervisor Yoder said he is interested in seeing the results on the two bids that are out. It may be possible that we could do some of that work this year.

Ms. Morris stated that she is hoping the same.

Supervisor Yoder said it could have an impact on not having to use the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said we are making an investment in our Fire Department and EMS. That is what we are here to do. This is what our taxes go for. The other thing that we hear more than anything is the roads. Increasing the amount of hours for paid EMS staff is absolutely imperative in order to maintain the safety and health of our county citizens. For us to do that and come in at just \$100,000.00 in the red is pretty amazing.

Chairman Clinger said if we hadn't committed to giving the capital fund to the school system, there would have been another \$100,000.00 and you would have had your balanced budget. But we wanted to invest in the future. Another thing, we have conservatively estimated EMS billing to go up to \$75,000.00. But if we look at Franklin County's rates and match theirs, it will go to about \$96,000.00. At least \$100,000.00 still means a lot to us.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she hears from her constituents to be wise in spending the money you are collecting from us.

Vice Chairman Turman said many say that with a new administration for the first year or so it is up in the air as to which way the economy will go. They are really appreciative that we can hold off having another tax increase for a year.

Chairman Clinger said out of the entire budget we are less than 0.5% off.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said right but it is sobering to have the report that Lydeana [Martin] gave us. I cannot imagine the Appalachian Regional Commission being disbanded.

Ms. Morris said we as staff greatly appreciate your time, interest, research, and study that you put into this. This is your budget. It is not the staff's budget. I don't know of any other county where the Board puts in as much time.

Chairman Clinger said he calls members of other Boards and asks how they came up with some number. They reply they have to get with staff and find out how come it was put in.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said you mentioned how similar Franklin County is, but they are dealing with \$176 million.

Ms. Morris said she was at the Animal Shelter yesterday. We were talking about the bid and what we were going to do over there to have it to State specifications. Not slamming our adjacent county, but they just spent \$4.3 million on their animal shelter and it's not even up to State code and they were not increasing the number of dog runs.

Supervisor Yoder said a lot of it was privately funded, though.

Ms. Morris agreed.

Chairman Clinger said it shows we are good stewards. This will be the last time we address the FY18 budget until we have the hearing.

Agenda Item 6.a. – Sheriff Brian Craig.

Sheriff Craig provided an update on what was going on at the Sheriff's Office. He said today there was a memorial for former deputy Scott Hylton who died in 2003. We have been working on the green box situation pretty hard. We have given 10 tickets right now, one of which I got myself. One of them also had a suspended license.

Supervisor Yoder clarified you wrote the ticket?

Sheriff Craig responded that he did. We know the hot spots. We will continue to work those. Like anything it takes a lot of time and effort to set up. So far the landowners we talked to or have the property around have been very open to having us. They are thankful that we are

doing it also. Last week or the week before the inmate crew cleaned up around some of the green boxes. We will continue to do that also. Sheriff Craig requested that Mr. Doug Thompson with The Floyd Press put in an article. I would like to reach out to the community that if they see anything or know anybody from out of county who continually comes and dumps that they give me a call. That will give us an idea of times and days and during the night when people are showing up at green boxes. Just like everything else we will do some surveillance and hopefully we will catch them. None of these tickets yet have made it to court. May 18 the first cases will make it to court. We will see where it goes from there. We will continue to do what we can to try to help out on those. The prime target ones are the ones close to the county line. There has been a huge change just in the last week or two so I think word is getting out now. We will see what happens in court. Once they set a standard that is pretty much what they stick with. In the long run hopefully it will save Floyd County taxpayers some money. This has led to deputies being out in communities and seeing who the drivers are and meeting people. It has been a big return to us just in what is being said to us at the green box areas.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about the drug take back day?

Deputy Craig replied it went well. We collected 158.5 lbs.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked how many people came?

Deputy Craig responded that he did not know.

Vice Chairman Turman asked if trash dropped outside of a green box is technically littering and they could be charged under the State Code?

Sheriff Craig replied if they are putting it outside the green box, you would technically have a littering. We have had some illegal dumpster use from county residents, but the majority of it has been out of county. We've had one from North Carolina, one from Roanoke, one from Boones Mill, and around Willis it is from Dugspur and Hillsville.

Chairman Clinger asked when you write those it is not under a State code?

Sheriff Craig answered no, it is under a County code.

Chairman Clinger said good, we definitely want them under a County code.

Supervisor Yoder said we are the ones who are paying to have all the trash hauled off.

Sheriff Craig agreed and added sadly whatever comes back to us won't even touch what is coming out of taxpayers' pockets for illegal use.

Supervisor Yoder said we are spending millions on trash pickup and removal.

Vice Chairman Turman pointed out they haul trash some of it from Hillsville. They spend more to bring it here than they would in tipping fees.

Chairman Clinger said the biggest help was when we moved the ones on Route 8 near the county line. Those were so close and convenient for them.

Sheriff Craig said that Deputy Chase Vaughn has started in the Academy. Deputy Roger Dickerson is talking about retiring at the end of August.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if there is an opening in the August Academy?

Sheriff Craig answered the next Academy will be in July so that will be before we could hire somebody.

Supervisor Yoder asked if it would help to go ahead and hire somebody in order to get them in the Academy knowing that the retirement is coming up?

Sheriff Craig replied I need to check the exact date the Academy will be held. If it is in the first week or two of July; there is no way we could advertise, do background checks and things to hire somebody and get them in the Academy. I appreciate the thought but in the grand scheme of things I don't think it can happen right now.

Supervisor Yoder said he stopped by Animal Control the other day. You have good officers there. I appreciate your willingness to take that on.

Sheriff Craig said he was a nervous wreck even thinking about it, but it turned out really well. I have been very pleased with it. I've gotten a lot of good feedback from the community.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked about the uptick in March DUIs?

Sheriff Craig said he didn't know. It could have been a warm spell or it could have been a cold spell. Unfortunately here in Floyd when you are looking at just shy of 384 square miles with two officers riding around, it is a cat and mouse game. Sometimes we get them and sometimes they are a mile ahead of us and we don't see them. We do the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Award program and it ends July 31. Our patrol supervisor, Deputy Justin Coleman, just sent the statistics out. Deputy Bohnke is leading everybody with 5. Deputy Bremen Harris is running 3rd because he has been field training officer after officer.

Chairman Clinger asked if the Fishing Tournament is this weekend?

Sheriff Craig replied that it will be held rain, snow or shine. After the heavy rain the water is up and muddy. We've had a humongous turnout of sponsors this year. The kids have a chance at great door prizes. Mr. Daniel Sowers is going to come down and he may bring a kayak and canoes and do a familiarization with the craft. He will spend 10 to 15 minutes with each child. He has helped us out for years. We are trying to promote positive activities like fishing for children to choose instead of doing wrong things. Canoeing is becoming popular in Floyd.

Chairman Clinger thanked Sheriff Craig for coming and for the update.

Supervisor Gerald said on Indian Valley Road close to Camp 5, it looks like they are using it as a drag strip.

Sheriff Craig replied that he noticed that the other day.

Supervisor Gerald said he didn't know what time of the day or night they are doing it.

Sheriff Craig said that is on our radar already.

Agenda Item 6.d. – Mr. Chris Price, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Price provided an update on road maintenance in Floyd County. Willis Area Headquarters is doing a lot of pothole patching, finding and cleaning pipe on gravel roads, machining roads, and mow-trim brush cutting. We are trying to get the project going on Vaughns Mill Road but the weather has been hampering us. We plan to get pipe in there in the next week or so. On the Check side they were hit with a lot of flood damage a week ago. We had pipe up to 54" wash out. Prior to the flood in Check, they were working on pothole patching, cleaning pipe, machining roads, and mow-trim brush cutting. Projects schedule in the Check Area Headquarters include: culvert repair on Twin Falls Road, pipe replacements on Thunderstruck Road and Sowers Road intersection, and patching roads prior to surface treatment and paving.

Mr. Price provided an update of construction work in Floyd County. He requested that the County make a decision on what to do next on the high school sidewalk.

Chairman Clinger said this was discussed at the meeting on site with school personnel and Mr. David Clarke. The consensus at that time was to go over and tie into the existing sidewalk.

Mr. Price said he would pass that along. I talked to David [Clarke] about the secondary six-year plan. He said he can do a couple of different things. You talked about adding some additional routes and he has some suggestions. You seemed to think those were good candidates. He can put together two or three different resolutions for roads and give it to you or if you want to form a subcommittee and discuss it with him. The roads you discussed adding were Countyline Road, Moles Road, Epperly Mill Road, and Cannady School Road. He can prepare a couple of resolutions and put those roads on.

Chairman Clinger said we will talk about it between now and our next meeting. If he will have the resolutions prepared, if necessary, we can scratch one road name and pencil another name in and still pass it.

Mr. Price asked if he should go over the Town of Floyd discussion?

Chairman Clinger replied until we get more of an idea of what the drawings look like, it would take too long in a full session. We had a meeting with Ms. Kayla Cox, the Town Manager, Ms. Morris and myself and 6 people from VDOT.

Ms. Morris added that she thought Mr. Clarke planned to talk about that at the May 23 meeting.

Mr. Price requested that they pass the resolutions for the Rural Rustic program for the existing roads on the six-year plan.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the resolutions designating the following roads in Floyd County as Rural Rustic Roads and request that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in these designations:

- a. New Haven Road, Route 637; from Route 615 to 0.88 miles east of Route 615; (Document File Number 915);
- b. Vaughns Mill Road, Route 759; from Route 624 to 0.8 miles southeast of Route 622; (Document File Number 916);
- c. Firehouse Road, Route 768; from Route 766 to 0.3 miles east of Route 765; (Document File Number 917);
- d. Roger Road, Route 683; from Route 221 to 0.5 miles north of Route 221; (Document File Number 918);
- e. Diamond Knob Road, Route 808; from Route 653 to 1.0 miles northwest of Route 653; (Document File Number 919).

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Supervisor Gerald asked if Indian Valley Road will be paved with the good stuff – asphalt or is it just tar and gravel?

Mr. Price replied that it will be paved with asphalt.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I know you have been incredibly busy with the flash floods and overall rain. I have had folks call about Thomas Farm Road, Fairview Church Road, Countyline Church Road, and parts of Barberry Road from the rain. Also there was some work done on cleaning out the culvert and trying to reroute water where the dumpsters are on Barberry Road. It is causing adjacent owners property to be affected. I can email you names and such. The people who own the land next to the dumpsters are willing to give land to help make that area a little bit easier for trucks to get in and out. They are willing to let the County use that so trucks don't have such a hard time going out and tearing things up.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said Roberson Mill has also been impacted by all of this rain. People are talking about the paving of the potholes. After these rains people get up in arms. With so many gravel roads and rain like this, our crews work so hard and they do such a good job and no one is sitting down not doing anything about these things. I want to go on record again and say that our VDOT crews in this county do an outstanding job. I think what you are doing now in terms of maintenance and cleaning of the ditches and ditching and making sure

pipes are clear is so important. Over the long term, doing this all of the time, I think a lot of our problems will cease. If we really try to continue to do this regularly, we will be better off. Really make an effort to do this. It would be great if we didn't have so much gravel, but it is what we've got.

Mr. Price agreed that drainage is key.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said she gets that we are short staffed because of budget cuts. The folks on Sunny Ridge Road are a vocal bunch. Without gravel on those roads, all of the wonderful work that we did has now left it muddy. Also, there are areas where GPS is taking tractor-trailers, for example up Fairview Church Road to Chateau Morrisette. That's crazy, that a tractor-trailer would take that road when Black Ridge Road is paved and is the preferred way to go.

Chairman Clinger said you see a lot of tractor-trailers on Rt. 615.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch agreed and said if you meet a tractor-trailer in that curve we talked about that needs a guardrail, there is no place to go. I know I have seen signs on Shooting Creek Road that say it is not recommended.

Mr. Price responded I don't know how well they work, but would at least give them a little bit of a heads up.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said it would be good to have a sign up on Fairview Church Road. This traffic is not because of detours caused by accidents on Rt. 8.

Mr. Price expressed his desire that GPS didn't route any traffic onto secondary roads.

Chairman Clinger said it would help if you could include commercial routes.

Ms. Morris said she has seen a lot of tractor-trailers on Meadowcreek Road in Montgomery County.

Mr. Price said the restrictions are not just for tractor-trailers but anyone who has a "T" on their license plate.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there have been some mudslides on Five Mile Mountain Road. It looks like we have had some band aid work done. Trees were taken down, which were the only things holding back the bank. Are we doing to put in giant pieces of gravel? That is going to continue to wash out. A lot of my constituents use that road to go to work.

Mr. Price said that road is in the Bedford VDOT district. I will let them know.

Vice Chairman Turman said where Burks Fork, Boone Road and Laurel Knob Road come together there are a couple of culverts there that you will need a metal detector to find. It keeps that intersection washed out. On Reece Road, after this last rain, it tore that road all to pieces. There is a place where the rain washes down both ends of the road and meets in the

bottom. How you can fix that I don't know. Then the water jumps and washes out driveways. That will not be an easy fix. On Laurel Church Road there are two culverts that you cleaned a year ago, but they are stopped up again. The water jumps the ditch and guts it down through there. I was wondering if you could machine the road and clean the culverts out.

Mr. Price said that is the unfortunate thing about mountainous terrain. You are a little better here than some of our other counties where you can't get ditches in to the capacity of the size you need. A lot of the "V" ditches we are stuck with because before you widen out, where you cut back into the bank you are chasing it. It makes it tougher for sure. It would be nice to have flat bottoms. If you go to Franklin County or Bedford, you are not chasing the back slope.

Vice Chairman Turman said I mentioned that guardrail down at the end of Sugar Tree Road by the bridge. I have been watching the bridge, of course I am in a truck and up higher than everyone else, but I think it is a matter of perception. People are just not used to seeing the guardrail and it is throwing them off. I don't see the problem. I think people just need to pay more attention. They can't come out as fast as they used to.

Supervisor Yoder said I got a lot of calls after the rain, but I know VDOT is aware of the bad spots.

Mr. Price stated we pulled in an additional crew from other areas. Darrell Sowers pulled crews out of Willis and out of Montgomery County and sent them to Check.

Supervisor Yoder said before all of that I got calls about Lick Ridge Road. It is in pretty rough shape. I'm still getting calls so I assume it hasn't improved. Do you have the paving schedule for this year yet? I've had people call me and ask about different roads. Would you please send it to me.

Ms. Morris asked for a copy also so she could post it in the Administration Office.

Mr. Price said he would send it and also on the VDOT website there is a link you can go to and it shows all the roads getting paved this year.

Supervisor Yoder said there was an accident after one of the rains where the West Fork flows over the road near Rt. 221, just from Ingram's on the Poor Farm side. Is that going to be addressed? Crews have put out high water signs after the last two big rains. It comes across the road for probably a day or more. One car hydroplaned.

Mr. Price replied we need to check that out.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said there is a similar problem on Rt. 615 near Mr. Eddie Worth's house and Grandma's Place. She asked how often does the drainage engineer come out and look? You don't have one on staff in Floyd?

Mr. Price said we don't have one on staff in the residency. I look at some of them. David [Clarke] looks at some of them. Paul Brown does a lot. We can calculate drainage. We have those capabilities.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch asked if some of the drainage pipe put in Floyd is too small and we're now finding that is part of our problems?

Mr. Price said that is statewide. Drainage is tricky, especially on your rural, gravel roads. You need cover on top of pipe or it will fail. What we end up looking at on a gravel road is a pipe in a low area. I can size it for a 10-year event as a 42" pipe and there is an 18" pipe there with a cover on the 18". So if you put the 42" in there with a cover, you raise the grade of the road to 4'. It's tough.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said I would assume that is the problem with Jacks Mill Road.

Supervisor Yoder said they raised the level of the road there and with the fill you feel like you are driving down a logging road.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch said that is the headwaters to the Little River.

Mr. Price said you have to make sure that if you size the pipe and you've raised it more than one pipe size, you have to make sure you design it to at least a 10-year event because it creates a dam effect and you are backing water up if it won't carry it. It is hard around here. There is so much pipe. There are so many rural roads. Most of the pipe put in statewide were put in 30 years ago. They just identified areas that caused trouble and put in what they could. We've tried to make an effort in the last couple of years. I know we did one on Hope Road. Check has done several. We are trying to get the drainage in the areas where we know there is the most trouble upsized to a design standard. Drainage is key.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch also mentioned Showalter Road. It's a mess. VDOT trucks loaded with gravel didn't put any down, but left big ruts.

Vice Chairman Turman said on roads like Reece Road you might go through a moderate year and design to that, but then in a year like this wet weather springs show up. Then you have water running that you didn't know was there before.

Mr. Price agreed that drainage is a moving target. You would like to think if you could just upsize them all, but it doesn't work that way. Drainage patterns change and gravel runs off the road and fills up the ditches. It is continuous. We've made a big effort in the last couple of years in identifying our major drainage problems. I would be willing to say that a lot of the drainage problems you may have had a few years ago have been addressed.

Supervisor Yoder said he could recall a number of places that a few years ago failed with the water we got this past week. But then there were places that I had not previously thought were an issue. It is a slow improvement. I appreciate all the work that you do.

Vice Chairman Turman said on my road every time we had a rain like we had it washed the culverts out. You put in an extra culvert and raised the road. It is good to go up there and drive now. It's no longer like you are driving through the Little River.

Chairman Clinger said pipes are stopped up all the way through on Lumber Lane. They need to be blast cleaned.

Mr. Price mentioned that there is a section of Rt. 58 that is in Floyd County. It is not maintained by us. It is maintained by Martinsville Residency. Traffic engineering needs to make everyone aware Rt. 58 through there had a truck restriction on it. Trucks over 65' were not allowed. It was from Patrick County and then a short section through Floyd. With all of the improvements that had been made to Rt. 58, they are looking at lifting that restriction. I wanted to pass that along. I think they have looked at it. You probably have .5 mile. They have improved it on both sides. It is a different Rt. 58. I wanted to make you aware that they are looking at lifting that restriction.

Agenda Item 9. – Old/New Business continued.

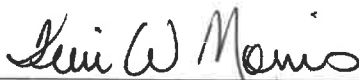
Ms. Morris said we have the interagency agreement with Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine. Lydeana [Martin] and I have been working for days to make sure we have all of the paperwork prepared. We have a pre-audit on May 17 with the Department of Housing and Community Development to look at all of our files. This is one of the things we need. There are no changes from when you looked at it last month.

On a motion of Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Yoder, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement between Floyd County and the Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement (Document File Number 920).

Supervisor Gerald – yes
Supervisor Kuchenbuch – yes
Supervisor Yoder – yes
Supervisor Turman – yes
Supervisor Clinger – yes

Agenda Item 10. – Adjournment.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, and carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Terri W. Morris, County Administrator



Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

