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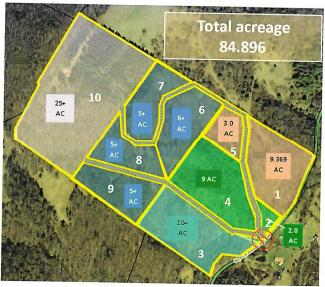
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a. Presentations: Karla Turman, Planner -

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Why Change the Name to Land Division Ordinance?



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Land Division Ordinance describes more closely why the Code of Virginia requires this ordinance — simply for the orderly division of land



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Pre-perking will no longer be required (i.e. no health department approval required) for plat approval

A survey of the residual parcel will no longer be required in most cases

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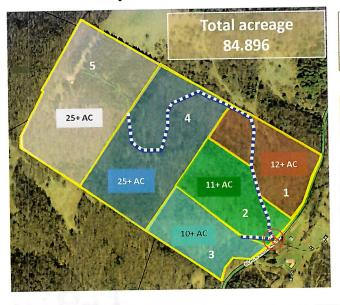
A Private Division Road cannot serve more 10 than new lots, including the residual lot, per intersection with a Public Road

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A new public road created after the adoption of this ordinance cannot serve more 10 new lots, including the residual lot



Examples of a Current Subdivision on a Right - of-Way



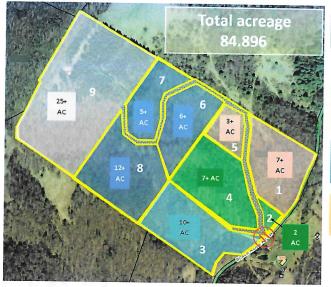
50 ft right-of-way
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Questions?



b. Public Comments: The following are summarized comments

Tanja Vidovic – Little River District

- Encourages the county to have a tree ordinance put in place
- Developers need to pay for future infrastructure
- Real Estate agents need to recuse themselves from the decision.

John Hylton – Burks Fork District

- Noted if 1 acre if he divides the property, taxes go up.
- Reminded me how Riner exploded, and look how horrible the roads are with increased traffic
- This needs to go on the ballot for election in November.

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Noted his frustration with the assessment

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- The biggest concern was the water.
- Thanked Karla for all her hard work over the years.

Shirley Ann Burgess - Little River District

- Moved here because of the water
- Many droughts and wells dry up
- The concern is how we address the subdivisions on our local aquifers

Eli Schwartz - Gralla - Locust Grove District

- Water is the 1st concern with this
- Wells dry up
- Droughts
- Request to wait til the water study before taking a vote

Quinn Yard- Gralla – Locust Grove District

- 12 years old and born and raised in Check
- Loves how un-populated it is
- Most beautiful place on earth
- Loves how clean and good the water is
- As more people move the wells will dry up and she does not want that to happen.

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(9) why hasn't the public been involved in the planning of major changes to our land development?

(10) yes, we need more housing, but for the people already here - not for a big influx of outsiders creating higher toyes

David Grimsley - Little River District

- Noted newly appointed on the Planning Commission
- Concerned that we are one of two counties without an aquifer
- Interested in the sustainability of Floyd
- Requests to wait for the water study to come out before taking a vote.

Jeff Walker – Little River District

- Cut ties with perking lots for dividing
- Current ordinance is an atrocity and needs to be re-written
- Conflicts with State law

Sarah McCarthy – Burks Fork District

- Residence for 25 years; moved to these hills for the simplicity of the lifestyle, the quiet, and the farming community
- Worried about the subdivision idea
- Do not need more Roanoke's or Blacksburg's
- Want to preserve the land

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Unlike some states, Virginia is highly restrictive of what can be put on the ballot for referendum. Only topics specifically authorized by statute can be put on the ballot. Here is a direct quote from Va Code section 24.2-684: No referendum shall be placed on the ballot unless specifically authorized by statute or by charter. Floyd County has no charter, so we need to find a statute that would allow that, and I'm not aware of any statute that would allow that.

Unfortunately, this falls to the Board to decide.

A conversation ensued amongst the board members regarding processes, history, care, and due diligence to make the best decision for the County and its Citizens.

Chairman Turman closed the public hearing

9. Public Hearing Tax Date Change Ordinance 7:00 p.m or soon thereafter

- a. Steve Durbin, Attorney Mr. Durbin offered the following overview:
 - Ordinance to change the date of the first installment of the annual real estate taxes
 - Move the date from June 5th of each year to June 26th of each year
 - Noted that this ordinance has nothing to do with the tax assessment and the board has no authority to determine the value of someone's land; that is not a function of the board, and that's not for discussion tonight.
 - Pursuant to Virginia code section 58.1-3970.1
 - The date change would give citizens three more weeks in which to pay that first installment. December 5th due date for each will remain unchanged.

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No one in the Public signed up for comments

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b. Declaring the State of Emergency Ended

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the resolution ending declaration of local emergency due to severe winter storms.

c. Multiple Sclerosis Proclamation

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve March of 2025, is Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month in the County of Floyd, Virginia.

13. Board Time

Supervisor Turman stated that he has had a number of people over the last 6 months ask about Shredding like the Farm Bureau does every so often, but they don't feel like they got enough to take it to the Farm Bureau. Supervisor Turman asked to do some research if we could get a small shredder on the trucks, then people could bring their papers when they bring their trash and then they can run it through there. Noted this would be another asset to help the Community out.

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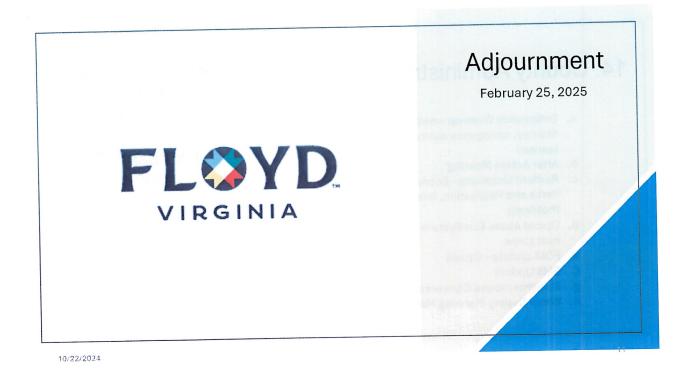
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The Deputy County Administrator/CFO read the contents of the correspondence folder.

17. Adjournment – On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn until the next meeting on 03/11/2025 at 8:30 a.m. (or soon thereafter).

Chairman Joe Turman

County Administrator Linda Millsaps