

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2025

1. Called to Order – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am or soon thereafter.

2. Opening Prayer – The opening prayer was offered by Supervisor Cox.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Supervisor Turman offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Quorum – Linda Millsaps called the roll. A quorum was found.

PRESENT: Joe D. Turman, Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, Vice Chairman Kalinda Bechtold, Levi Cox; and Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, Board Members; Linda Millsaps, County Administration, Kim Chiddo, Deputy County Administrator/CFO, and 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 carried to approve the agenda as amended:

Supervisor Turman requested to add A.1 under closed session and the County Administrator requested to add Sparrow under A.3.

6. Approval of Disbursements –

On a motion by Supervisor Bechtold, seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to approve the disbursements as presented.

7. Approval of Minutes –

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from 12/10/2024 and 01/02/2025 with the correction of Supervisor Boothe's last name, missing an "e".

8. Presentations:

a. Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent

Dr. Cromer was unable to attend.

b. David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Clarke gave an update on the following:

Maintenance on the following:

- VDOT responding to all the storm activity
- Route 8 near Elephant Curve a new Brine tank was placed
- Repair of Thunderstruck

Supervisor Cox requested that Mr. Clarke investigate the installation of a stop or yield sign at Pine Forest and County Line Road. Supervisor Cox also noted that the culvert problem on Lick Ridge and Lovell Road needs maintenance.

Supervisor Boothe discussed the pothole issue at Routes 705 and 730.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch shared about the potholes on Sunny Ridge and Dobbins Farm Road needing maintenance or improvements under the 6-year road plan.

Supervisor Turman shared that signs are down at 221 and Mira Fork Road. Supervisor Turman also noted that unpaved roads need maintenance when the weather is appropriate.

c. Constitutional Officers

No Constitutional officers were present at this time

9. Special Presentation:

a. Proclamation – Heart of Floyd Month – Honoring Bill St. Pierre

Supervisor Kuchenbuch read the following proclamation by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors:

Each supervisor noted their thanks and gratitude for all the efforts of Mr. St. Pierre in helping those through issues caused by Hurricane Helene. It was also noted to give thanks to all the residents of Floyd County who also assisted and continue to assist in these efforts.



**Proclamation
By the Floyd County Board of Supervisors**

WHEREAS, Bill St. Pierre of St. Pierre Woodworking and Sawmill has embodied the true spirit of Floyd County, Virginia through his tremendous volunteer efforts, and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the residents of western North Carolina who were displaced by Hurricane Helene, and

WHEREAS, these funds are being used to purchase campers and other temporary shelters, rebuild homes, and clean up debris left by the storm, as well as provide hope in the wake of devastation.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express their sincere gratitude not only to Bill St. Pierre but to all residents who have come together to show the compassion and support that our community is known for.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of February in the year 2025 as:

“The Heart of Floyd County Month – Honoring Bill St. Pierre”

Given under our hand this 14th day of January 2025.

Joe D. Turman

Jerry Boothe

Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch

Kalinda Bechtold

Levi Cox



Supervisor Turman presents Mr. St. Pierre with a slate plaque noting the honor.

Mr. St. Pierre thanked the board and gave the board a history of how the entire event came to fruition through the current time. Mr. St. Pierre noted all the support of the community of Floyd County is amazing and that Floyd is a special place. Also, shared the plan to keep going.

10. Public Comment

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

Steven Wade – Court House District

Mr. Wade discussed his frustration with the restrictions of the sub-division ordinance. He continued to explain his issue of living next to a neighbor, who lives in New York, and who owns 27 acres and wants to sell 9 of it. Mr. Wade shared that he proceeded with the process, speaking with Karla and Lydeana. He continued stating he needed one signature however the Health Department denied it due to one word, the word approximate. Mr. Wade closed with the Health Department and needs to lose control of this.

Supervisor Turman closed Public Comment time.

11. Old Business:

- a. Deeds and Agreements transfer and use of EMS Buildings in Check, Floyd, and Indian Valley**
 - i. Deed and Agreement for EMS Buildings in Check and Floyd**
 - ii. Deed and Agreement for EMS Buildings in Indian Valley**

Dr. Millsaps gave an overview of events that got us to this current point. Noted the Rescue squad will continue in a fashion that will work towards providing scholarships for individuals. Also, shared that the Buildings will be used for Public Safety and Emergency services.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the Deed and Agreement documents for Check and Floyd with appropriate staff signatures.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the Deed and Agreement documents for Indian Valley with appropriate staff signatures.

Supervisor Kuchenbuch thanked All the Volunteer Rescue for all their service throughout the years. Supervisor Boothe also noted his thanks to all and shared that it has not been easy for any

Supervisor Cox shared his thanks to all those within the rescue but wanted to state a special thank you to Ann and Pat, especially to him, and shared his history personally and professionally referencing is time in dispatch.

Supervisor Bechtold also noted her thanks and acknowledged the history and all that has been done.

Dr. Millsaps thanked the Volunteer Rescue for their contribution to the County. Also explained and gave an overview of the deeds and agreement regarding the buildings and community room. Also noted the funds that remain with the Volunteer Rescue will be used for scholarships.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the Deed and Agreement for EMS Buildings in Check and Floyd with the appropriate staff signatures.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the Deed ad Agreement for EMS Building in Indian Valley with appropriate staff signatures.

Dr. Millsaps shared and presented a frame and two starfish and explained the legend of it.

Ann Boyd shared her thanks, especially to Chief Thomas and working with him and having the training and opportunity to run calls with EMS. She thanked Emily, for all her contribution to the volunteers. Ann also noted that this has been a long time coming and thanked Dustin Thomas, Dr. Millsaps, and Kim Chiddo for everyone who has been involved.

Supervisor Turman requested a break to allow appropriate parties to sign deed documents with a notary.

b. Tax Date Change Ordinance and Public Hearing

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, it was unanimously carried out to approve advertising and set a public hearing date to 02/25/2025.

c. Land Division Ordinance- Referral to Floyd County Planning Commission and Set Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Date

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve staff to advertise and set a public hearing date for the Floyd County Land Division Ordinance (Subdivision Ordinance),

12. Closed Session -

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded by Supervisor Boothe and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session under § 2.2-3711 A.5, § 2.2-3711 A.7 and § 2.2-3711 A.8.

- 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. Personnel

- b. § 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. Radio System and Sparrow
- c. § 2.2-3711 A. 19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety. Dispatch
- d. § 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. Project Sparrow
- e. § 2.2-3711 A. 8 Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public 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. Land Division Ordinance

On a motion by Supervisor Cox, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried, the approval to come out of closed session.

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried, the Board certified that the Board of Supervisors only discussed those matters that were entered into closed session for.

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

13. New Business

- a. Trash Truck Purchase:

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch seconded by Supervisor Cox and unanimously carried to move forward with the financing through Atlantic Union with scenario one, with a five-year lease, for the Trash Truck and appropriate staff signatures.

b. Citizens Telephone BEAD Letter of Support

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the BEAD letter of support and appropriate staff signatures.

14. Board Time

Supervisor Bechtold would like to thank the staff for all the work on the big County items that are coming to completion.

15. County Administrators Report

- a. Board Retreat – Next Steps
- b. Federal Storm Assistance Update
- c. OAA Project Update
- d. Assessment Update
- e. Audit Update
- f. EMS Staffing

The following PowerPoint was presented and discussed at various times during the meeting:



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4. Quorum
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8. Presentations

- a. 8:40 a.m. - Dr. Cromer, Floyd County Superintendent (regrets)
- b. 8:55 a.m. – David Clarke, Virginia Department of Transportation
- c. 9:15 a.m. – Constitutional Officers

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9. Special Presentations

Proclamation – Heart of Floyd Month – Honoring Bill St. Pierre



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10. Public Comments

Limit Comments to 4 minutes
One way Communication
Alert Staff to Any ADA Needs

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16. Correspondence



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Adjournment

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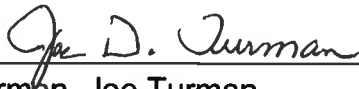
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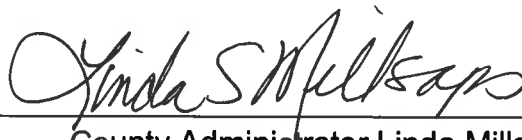
16. Correspondence

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 01/28/2025 at 6:00 p.m. (or soon thereafter).



Chairman, Joe Turman



County Administrator Linda Millsaps

