

Minutes
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
January 28, 2025

1. Called to Order – Chairman Turman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Deputy County Administrator Chiddo 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, Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch, and Levi Cox (absent), 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:

The amendments were as follows:

- Add 8 b. ii. - Don Thomas – Wingate Appraisal Services
- Add 11 b. - § 2.2-3711 A. 3. (Project Sparrow)
- Add 14. f. - EMS Station Update and Clean up
- Add 14 j. - Freeze of Federal Funds

6. Approval of Disbursements –

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

7. Approval of Minutes –

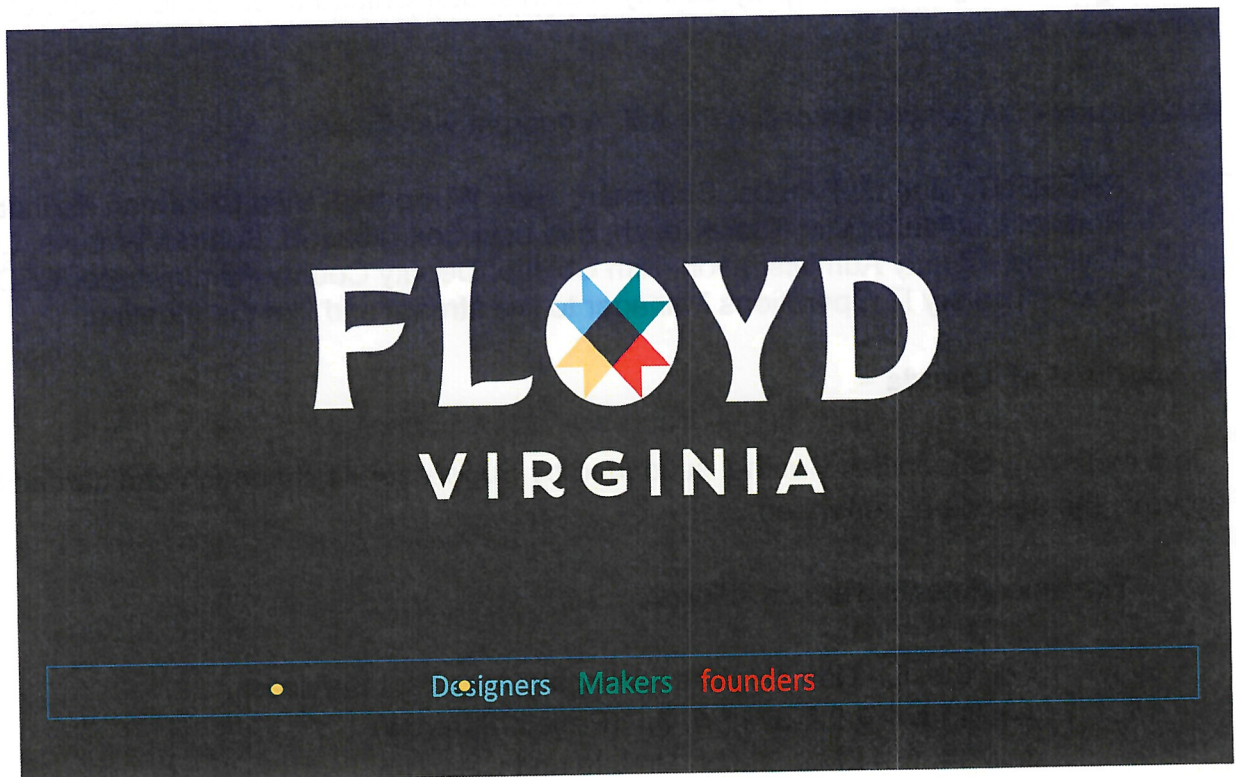
On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Bechtold and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from 01/14/2025.

8. Presentations:

- a. Lydeana Martin, Community & Economic Development Director –

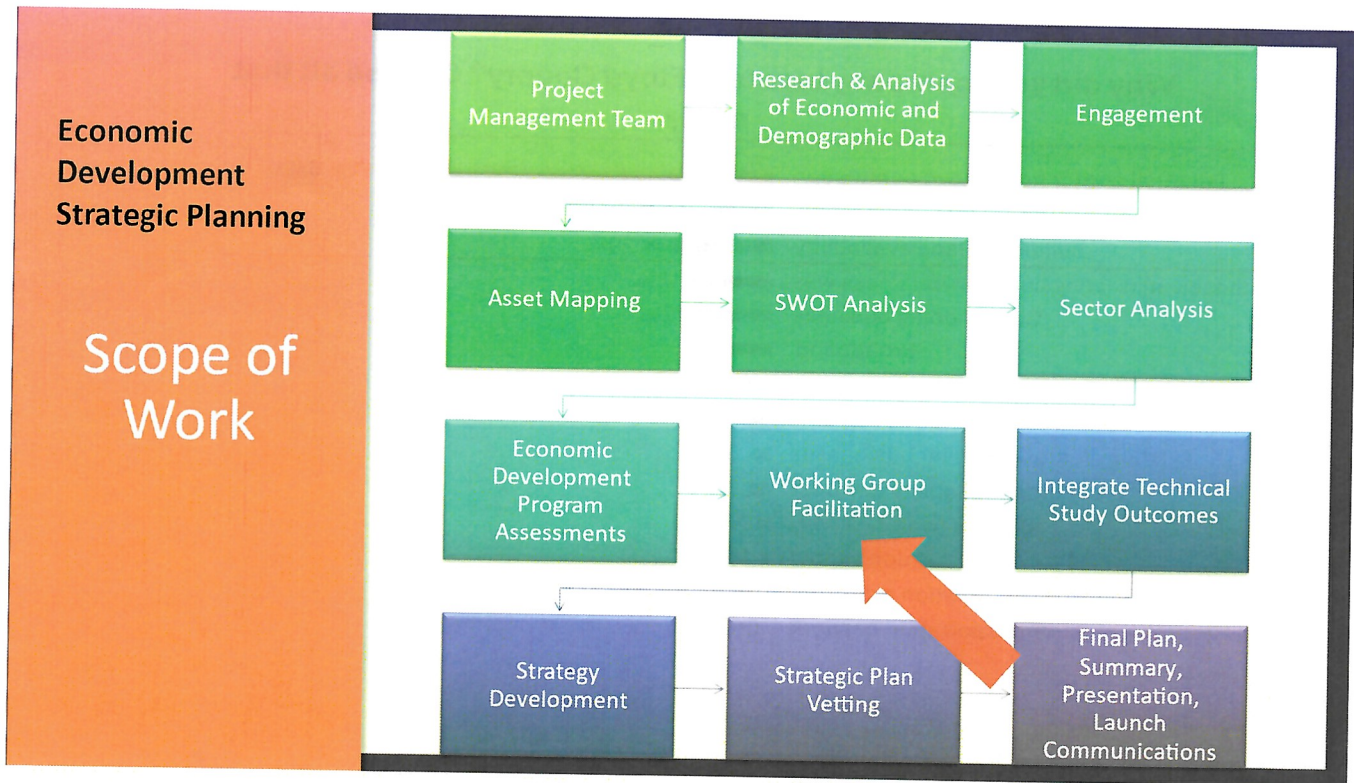
Economic Development and Comprehensive Plan initial survey Results and insights

Lydeana presented the following PowerPoint presentation.



Major planning work

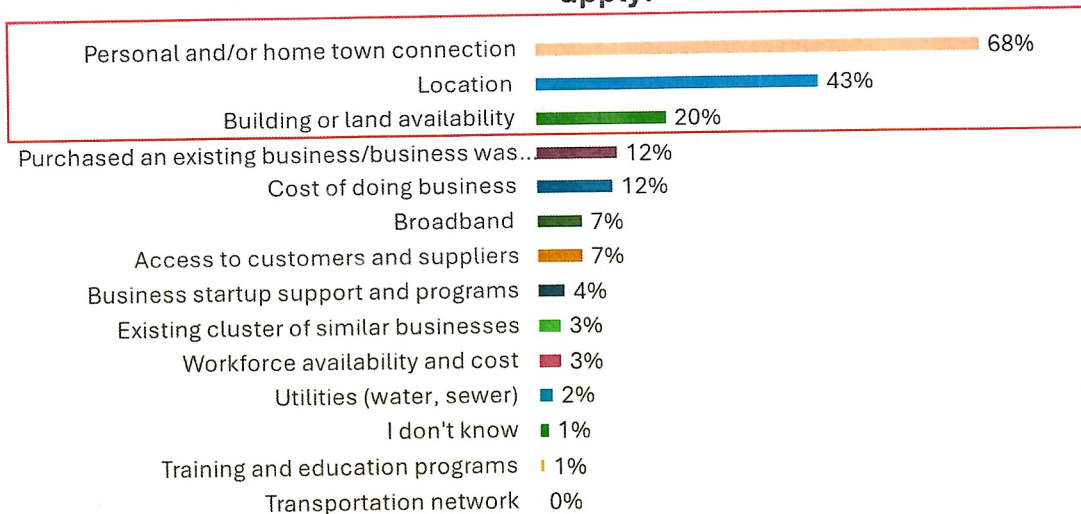
- **County Comprehensive Planning**: Spring '24 to Summer '26
- **Economic Development Strategic Planning for Economic Resilience**: Spring '24 to June '25



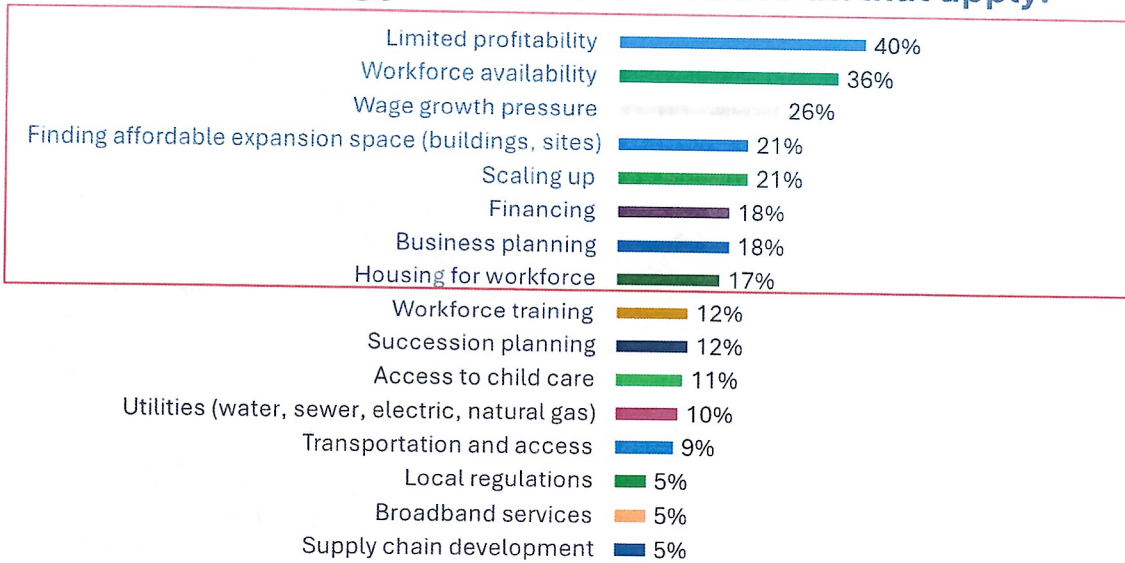
Business Survey Respondent Profile

- 159 Respondents
- Business owner
- Long-time business
- Small business, <10 employees
- Stable employment
- Sectors: Accommodation, Food Service, Recreation, Ag, Health Care, Retail, Manufacturing, Construction

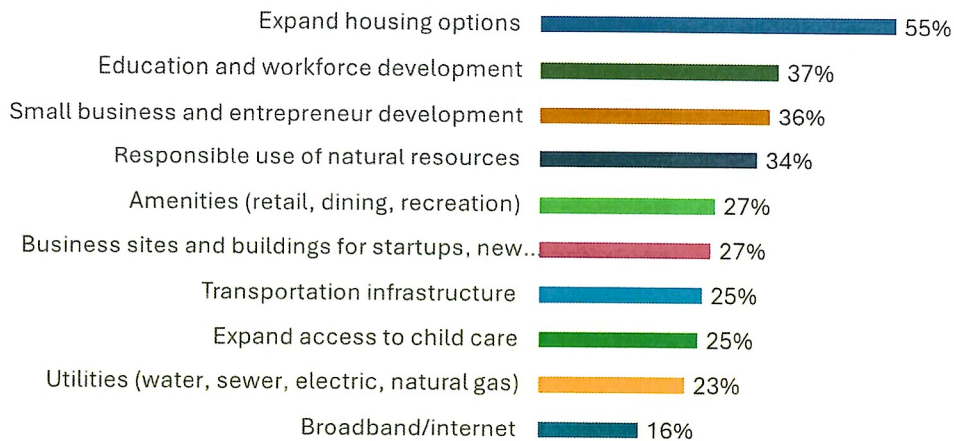
Why did your company locate in Floyd County? Choose all that apply.



What are your main challenges to sustaining and growing your business? Choose all that apply.

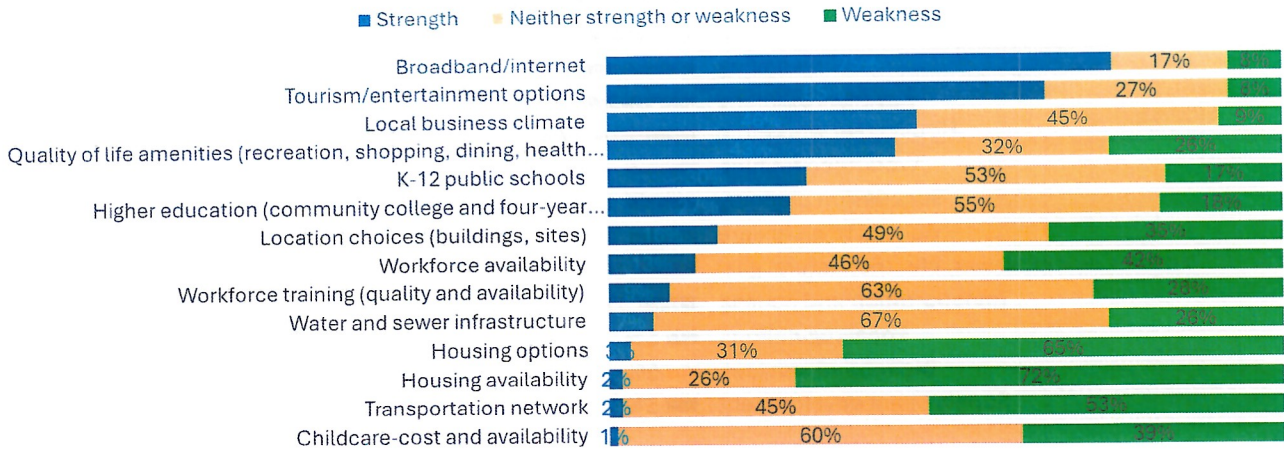


What is the most important investment Floyd County could make to ensure long-term, sustainable economic growth? CHOOSE THREE.

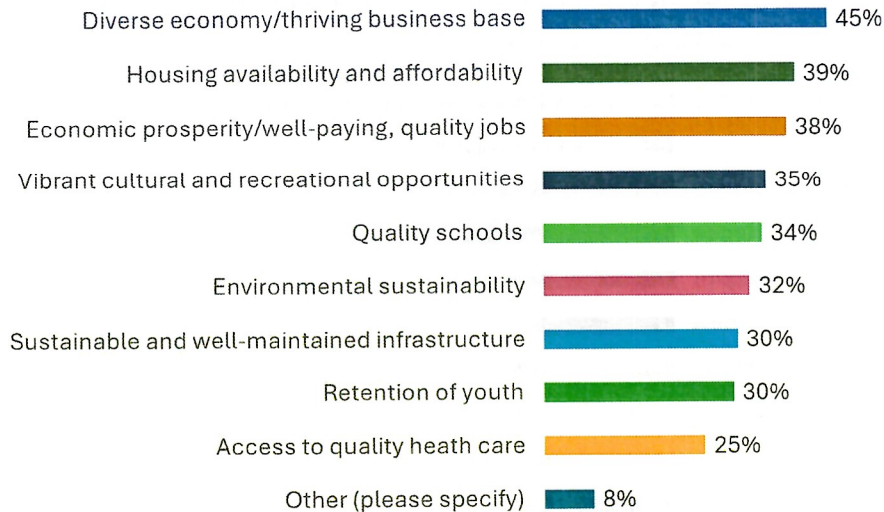


SWOT Validation

From a business perspective, rate the following as strengths, weaknesses, or neither for Floyd County.



What does success look like for Floyd County? (Choose Three)



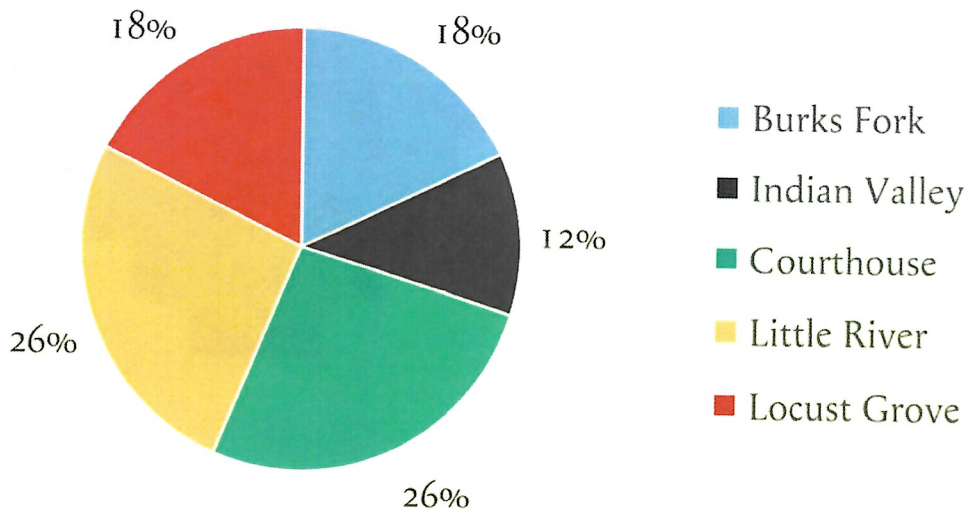


Floyd County Comprehensive Planning
COMMUNITY SURVEY

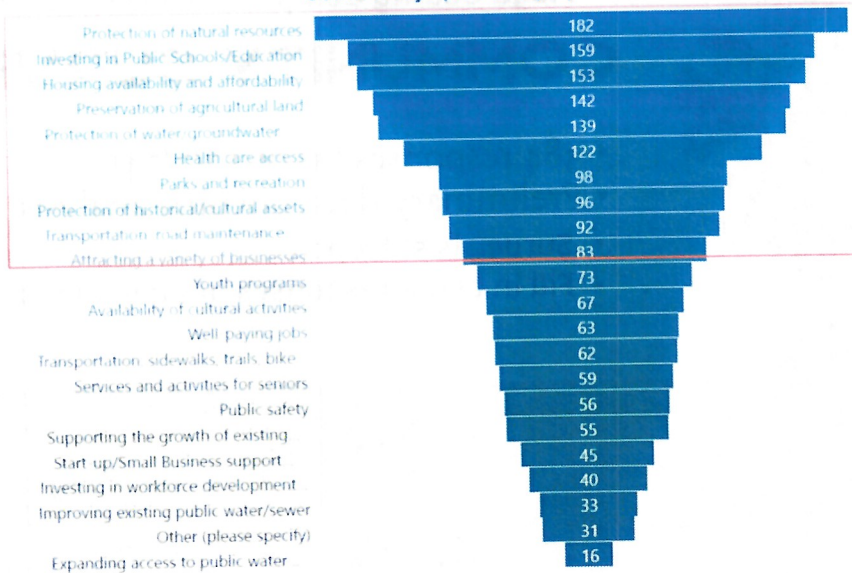
- 384 responses (as of 12/2/24)
- Preliminary data, ongoing analysis
- Survey is still open
- Fill in blank responses not yet analyzed

DATA FROM RESPONSES AS OF 12/2/24

IN WHICH VOTING DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE?

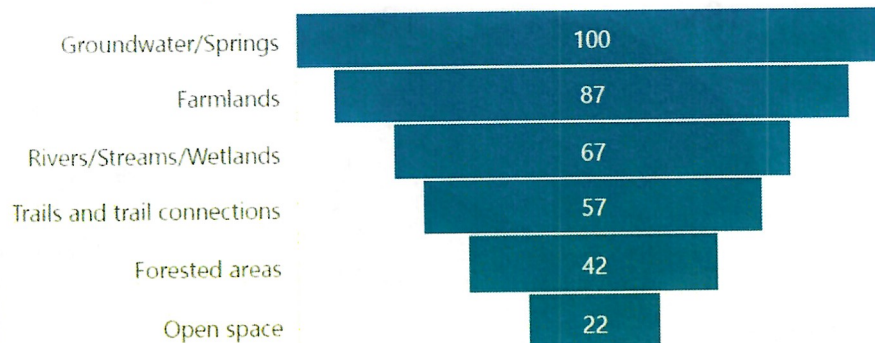


What Priorities should Floyd Co focus on to make it a Thriving Community? (select top 5)

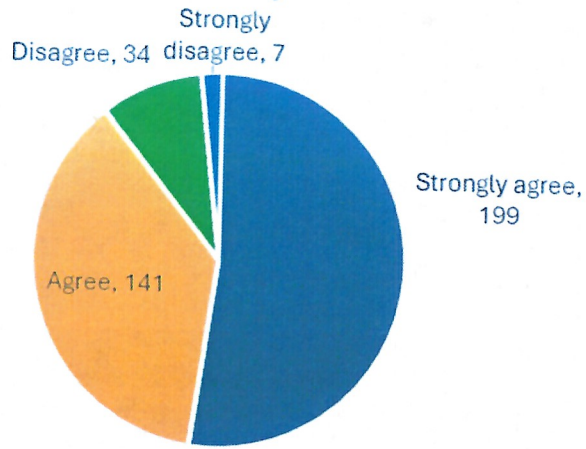


Regarding **Natural Resources**, those chosen as needing the most attention (in order) are:

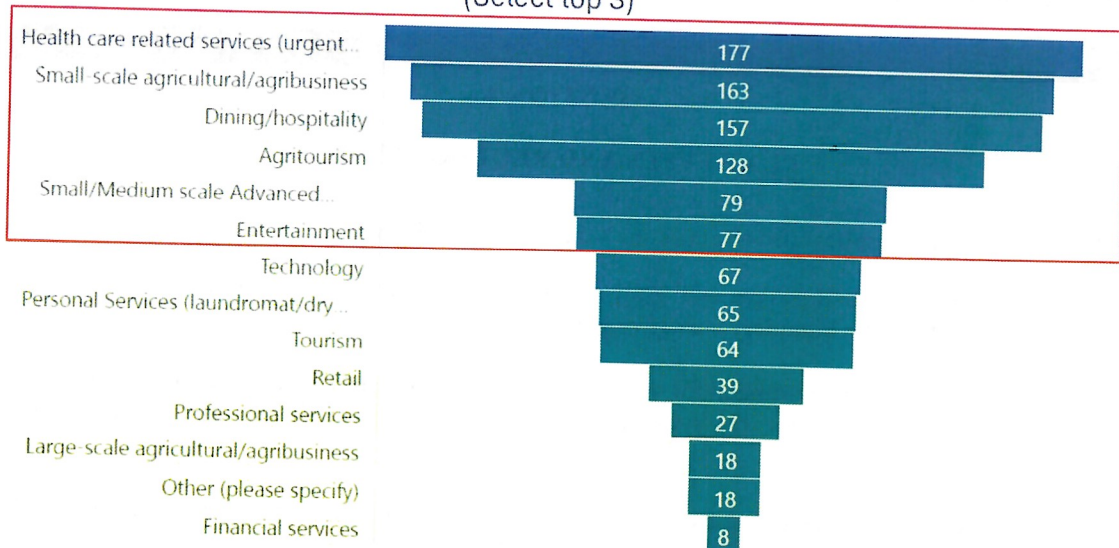
What Natural Resources Need the Most Attention in order to improve or maintain Quality of Life in Floyd Co?



Housing Affordability is a Concern in Floyd County



What Types of Businesses should the County support and/or attract? (Select top 3)



planning work: Follow Through

- County Comprehensive Planning:
 - Land Division Ordinance
- Economic Development Strategic Planning for Economic Resilience (all paid for with grant funds)
 - Technical Studies:
 - First-ever Groundwater Study; due 1/31/25
 - Best Practices Small, Shared Water and Wastewater Systems; due 3/31/25
 - Identifying possible additional well sites for PSA: due 3/31/25
 - Subscription to Placer AI, location intelligence service: starts 2/1/25
 - Preliminary Engineering/Assessment of an area for potential Workforce Housing

Also, pursuing of Grant funding for Generators (help with Resilience)

Karla Turman presented the following slide and discussed the change in wording with regard to the Land Division ordinance. The board discussed and appreciated the clarity and the editing before the public hearing.

SECTION 4

PLAT TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS

4-0 Intent and Applicability: Maximum Number of New Lots

This Section shall govern and apply to the division of land within the County, as well as the platting of a boundary survey or parcel of record.

In order to balance the need for community and economic resilience (such as housing), and the desire to preserve the rural nature of our County and protect our limited natural resources:

1. Any Division, no matter the combination of Division Types, served by private, individual water systems is limited to 10 new lots, including the residual lot;
2. Any Division, no matter the combination of Division Types, served by private centralized water system/s is limited to 10 new lots, including the residual lot;
3. Any Division, no matter the combination of Division Types, served by an existing public road is limited to 10 new lots, including the residual lot.

b. Pre-budget Presentations

i. Keela Dooley – Executive Director, Floyd Center for the Arts:

The following was handed to the Board of Supervisors and County staff. Mrs. Dooley discussed new programs, Floyd's tradition, volunteerism, and financial revenues and expenses.



Have you noticed? We hope so!

The Floyd Center for the Arts has been working to become **more relevant, more accessible, and more engaged** with our community. We're excited to celebrate the incredible strides we've made— all thanks to the supporters like you.

2024 Highlights: Your Support at Work

Launched Art 4 All: Expanding Arts Access

- Providing **free monthly art classes** for neurodiverse and physically impaired adults.
- In partnership with **New River Valley Community Services** expanding the program to include adults in Drug Recovery beginning in November 2024.

Facility Growth & New Studios

- Completed **fire renovations** and launched three new studios:
 - **Fiber Studio** (textile arts, quilting, weaving)
 - **Stained Glass Studio**
 - **Digital Art & Craft Lab** (Digital Fabrication Makerspace - Laser Cutter)

Supporting Local & National Artists

- **Started the FCA Fiber Interest Group**, providing a dedicated space for fiber artists to meet, collaborate, and share skills, strengthening our creative community.
- Showcased **35 local/national artists** through the **Floyd Plein Air Biennial**.
- Grew the **Floyd Artisan Trail** to **40 sites**, strengthening Floyd's reputation as an arts destination.

Diverse & Affordable Concerts

- Hosted **sold-out concerts** with genres ranging from **classical to folk**.
- Our **new free admission program for students** led to a **40% increase in attendance**, engaging a new generation of music lovers.

Expanding Community Engagement: Floyd Living Traditions Festival

- With **1,600 attendees**, the **largest festival in the Town of Floyd** and also **arguably the most attended by Floyd County residents**.
- Attendance among children grew by **50%**, reflecting a growing interest in heritage arts among younger generations.
- The number of local/regional artists/performers grew by **65%**, reaching a **total of 120 artists**.
- Community partnerships **doubled from 4 in 2023 to 8 in 2024**.

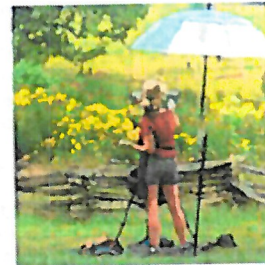




Looking Ahead to 2025: How Your Gift Makes a Difference

The momentum continues! With your support, we can turn our exciting plans into reality:

- **Expanding Art 4 All to include youth, adults in recovery, cultural arts and veterans.** Partnerships with **Circle of Friends, NRV Drug Recovery Program, Floyd County High School, and veteran groups** are already in progress.
- **Developing New Interest Groups and Open Studios** to foster community and support. Building on existing groups like the **Floyd Quilt Guild, Fine HeARTs, Figure Drawing, and the Old Dominion Blacksmithing Association.** Like our Fiber Group launched in 2025, we are developing **interest groups for Stained Glass, Pottery, Digital Arts, Metals, Blacksmithing,** and more offering regular opportunities for enthusiasts in each area to meet, share, and grow their skills together.
- **Launch of the Digital Art & Craft Lab,** offer introductory and advanced courses in **3D printing, laser cutting, and digital design.** While providing **small business support,** professional artist services, and specialized training.
 - We are partnering on the **Digital Opportunities Grant with Citizens and Floyd EDA** to expand the lab offerings.
 - We actively participated in the **Floyd County economic development strategic plan meetings** centered around the topic "Makerspaces."
- **Introducing Artful Adventures,** a **tourism-focused arts program** offering **multi-day immersive classes** with discounts and experiences at Floyd's galleries, restaurants, and lodging.
- **Providing Scholarships** to help children attend summer camps and give adults the opportunity to **explore their creativity.**
- **Celebrating 30 years** of fostering creativity and community; honoring our past and shaping our future!



Join Us in Making 2025 Transformative! Request for Continued Support

- As a **vital community visual arts center** in Floyd County, we serve as a **hub for creativity, education, and economic impact.**
- Continued support from the **county and community partners** ensures we can expand our reach and sustain our mission.
- We look forward to ongoing collaboration with the **Board of Supervisors** and appreciate your role in fostering the arts in Floyd County.

Floyd Center for the Arts

IMPACT REPORT



7000
VISITORS
PER YEAR



26
EXHIBITIONS
PER YEAR



200+
LOCAL ARTISTS
PER YEAR

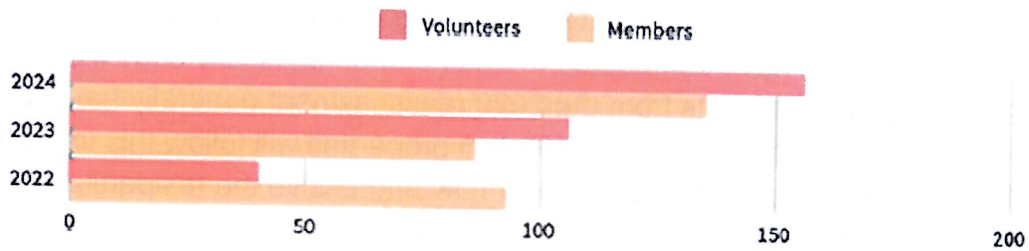


135+
CLASSES
PER YEAR



300%
INCREASE
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

VOLUNTEER & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



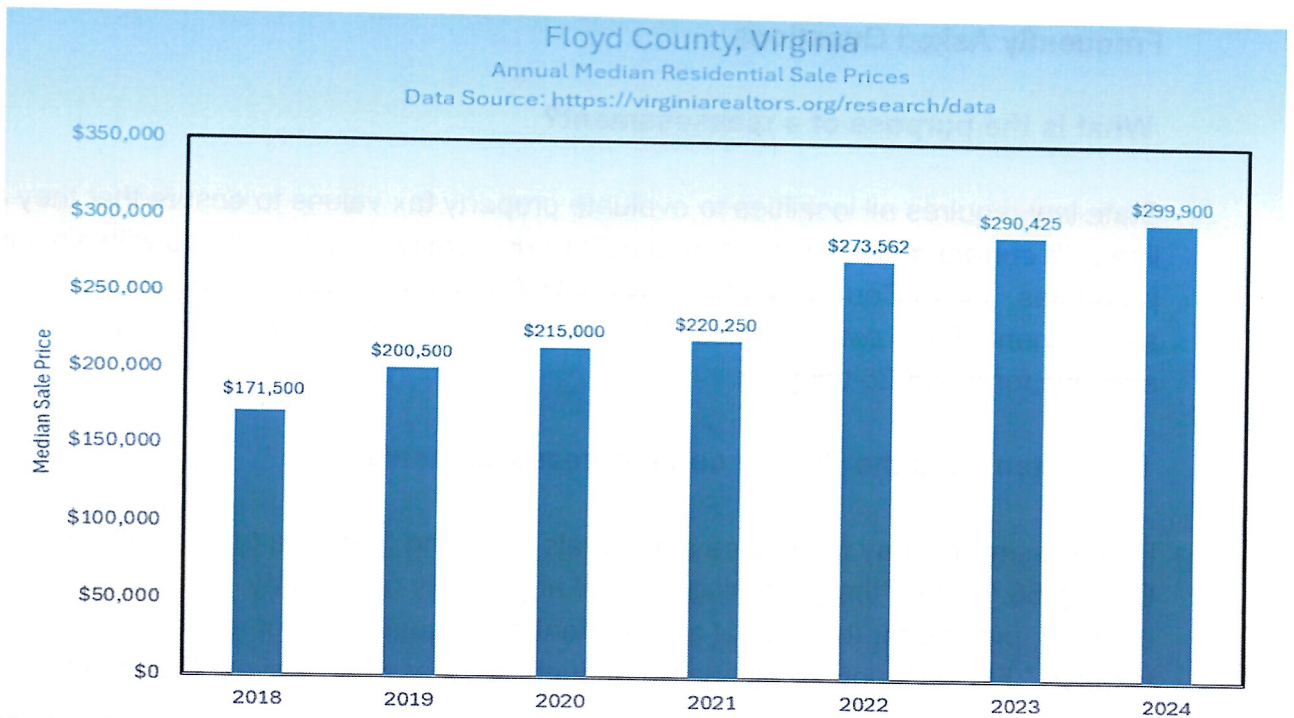
ii. Don Thomas – Wingate Appraisals services

Mr. Thomas discussed the assessment process in Floyd County and shared that the mailings went out to the community today 01/28/2025.

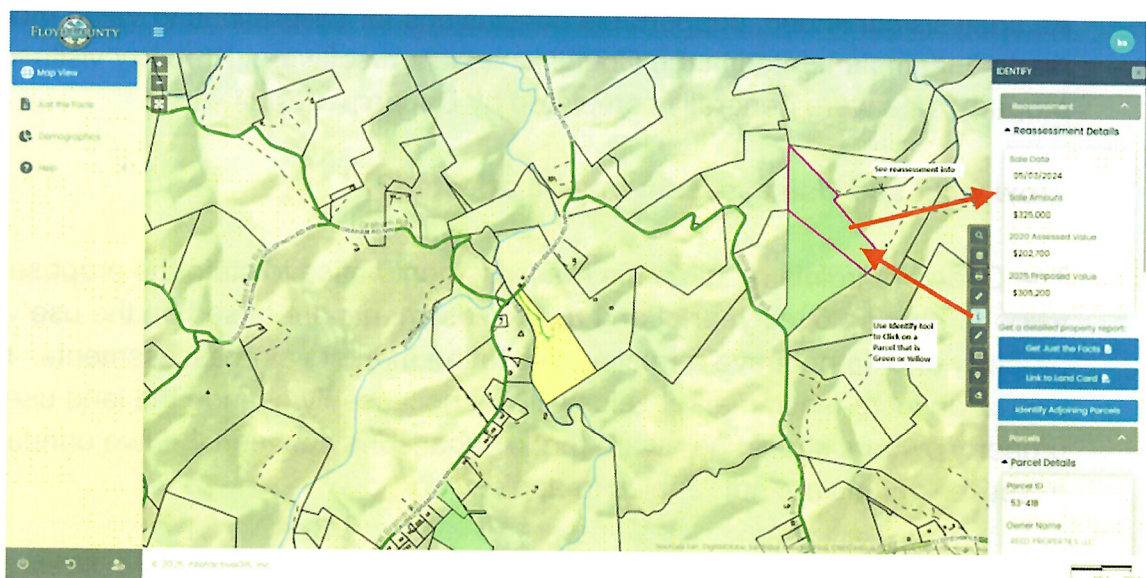
Also, Mr. Thomas discussed and reviewed the Floyd County Website which offers an overview of the Reassessment process.

Floyd County Reassessment Overview

The results of the 2025 reassessment generally show a larger assessment increase in single-family homes than in past reassessments. The last general reassessment for Floyd County was effective for 2020 (five years ago) and, for several reasons, over the years since, the demand for rural properties has been robust. An undersupply of properties offered for sale coupled with the rising cost of construction inputs, such as labor and materials, have contributed to an uncharacteristically large increase in prices. Consequently, assessments from the 2020 reassessment generally have fallen short of current sale prices. This is not to say that all properties will follow this trend, but the graphic below may be helpful to visualize how aggressive the residential market has been over the last five years. The work for the last general reassessment was conducted in 2019 (effective for 2020), with sales from the 2018-2019 real estate market being used as the benchmarks for the assessments. As shown below, the median sales price from 2018 is \$171,500. Today that median is \$299,900, marking a significant 75% increase from the 2018 market and a 50% increase since the 2019 market. This surge does not reflect individual property appreciation, but rather the overall market trend.



Market Data Property owners may want to better understand Floyd County benchmark sales the Reassessment Office used in considering the new assessments. Selecting this link GIS will open the Geographic Information System's (GIS) interactive data layer showing parcel sales and their respective past and proposed assessments. Illustrated below are some of the over 220 relevant market sales. Reassessment details display when selecting the (green or yellow) shaded parcel then the identify tool. Yellow shading indicates a single parcel sale while multiple parcel sales are displayed in green wherein the total assessments amounts are shown.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of a reassessment?

State law requires all localities to evaluate property tax values to ensure that they are in line with current market value and to assure uniformity of assessments with similar properties. Floyd County has hired Wingate Appraisal Service to conduct a professional assessment of real estate values in the County. The resulting assessments will be effective for the 2025 tax year.

How often does the County conduct reassessments?

Reassessments may take place at intervals spanning from one to six years. Per Virginia Code § 58.1-3253 “the governing body of any county or city may, by ordinance duly adopted, provide for the annual assessment and equalization of real estate for local taxation.” Floyd County traditionally conducts reassessments every five years.

Floyd County Reassessment

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

How was the re-assessment conducted?

The process began in Spring of 2024 with a study of qualified real estate sales since the last assessment. Emphasis was given to the most recent 2024 sales but older sales of more unique properties or properties with little market activity would also be considered. As analysis continued, supportable conclusions for calibrations to value models were made and implemented in the County’s valuation software. Property visits to verify property data were generally completed by December 2024.

How will Land Use assessments be affected?

The Code of Virginia requires the reassessment notice to state the proposed market value for the 2025 tax year. Land use assessments are based on the use value of the property and do not have a relationship to the market value assessments. In other words, an increase in market value will not necessarily change the land use value and property owners should be aware that comparisons between the two unrelated sets of assessed values are not “apples to apples”.

Are all sales considered in determining the real estate market?

The general rule of thumb is that sales are considered if they are between a “willing buyer” and a “willing seller” in a competitive market. Most sales fall into that category. However, the assessor might exclude sales from consideration if they are much higher or lower than typical sales in the marketplace. Excluded sales might represent sales under duress (such as from a foreclosure), or they may represent acquisitions made at a premium because of factors unique to a buyer’s situation.

What types of factors are considered in assessing value?

In addition to the overall market, the assessors considered factors such as location, access to highways, proximity to shopping centers, and the condition and type of building. For certain types of properties, the assessor evaluated the replacement cost less depreciation, utilizing the typical contract cost for such work. In keeping with generally accepted practice for appraisal, the Assessor considers all approaches to estimating value and gave the most consideration to the approach that yielded the most credible result.

How can property owners access comparative listings and market data?

In addition to physical County-wide printouts of proposed values located at the hearing site in the County’s Administration building, assessment listings will be here on the County’s website where market and GIS data are also located.

What impact might this have on my taxes?

The purpose of the re-assessment is not to increase taxes, but to provide uniformity between assessed properties and an assessment of value in line with the real estate market at the current time.

The County Administration is currently in the process of considering the real estate tax rate necessary to support the FY 2025 Budget.

It is important to remember that the impact of the new assessment combined with the new tax rate will be different for each individual property.

Floyd County Reassessment

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

If you don't agree with your assessment. What should you do?

If evidence suggests that your assessment is out of line with market value and similar properties, you may complete the "online" assessment appeal form at the County's website <https://www.floydcova.gov/reassessment>. Or you may make an appointment to appeal to the Assessor. Please bring to the Assessor's attention any facts or data that support a change in the assessment, and the Assessor will reconsider the assessment on your property. Property owners should bear in mind that the last reassessment in the County was five years ago. Since then, the real estate market has changed significantly, consequently, there are properties that will see large changes in assessed value, based on current market conditions. There are several ways to appeal your assessment to the Assessor:

- 1) Fill out the online appeal form available at <https://www.floydcova.gov/reassessment>. The form must be received by February 19, 2025, to be considered.
- 2) Request an appointment with the Assessor. Please contact us at (540) 745-9384 to schedule.
- 3) Mail a copy of the appeal form and your supporting evidence via first-class mail. The form must be postmarked by February 19, 2025, to be considered.

The Assessor's hearing will be held in the 2nd floor of the County Administration Building at 202 E. Main Street. Appointments may be made during the following dates and times. Due to the thousands of notices mailed, we expect our phone lines to be busy and appreciate your patience. Messages will be returned in the order in which they were received.

Note: Please have this notice available when calling.

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| Wednesday | February 5 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM | | Thursday | February 13 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Thursday | February 6 | 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM | | Friday | February 14 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Monday | February 10 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM | | Tuesday | February 18 | 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday | February 12 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM | | Wednesday | February 19 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |

Property owners appealing their assessment will be notified of the appeal results, by mail, prior to March 31, 2025.

9. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

10. Old Business:

a. Commonwealth Calendar 2025

A conversation ensued and the board agreed to table this at the February 11th, 2025, Board meeting.

12. Closed Session -

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe, Seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session under § 2.2-3711 A.1 and, § 2.2-3711 A.3.

- 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 interviews

- 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. Project Sparrow

On a motion by Supervisor Kuchenbuch, Seconded by Supervisor Bechtold 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 – absent
Supervisor Turman - yes

13. New Business

- a. Portable pump for the Public Safety SXS:

QTAC Video for Portable Pump

<https://youtu.be/TEi10GXut74?si=aVRZrleQZ5g1l-Hy>



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The board asked Dr. Millsaps, the County Administrator, to obtain more information regarding who would be using the equipment, where it would be stored, does it need dedicated UTV among other information. At this time the board asked that this request be tabled to the next meeting.

b. New River Community Support Fund Agreement & Procedures (OAA funding)

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.

c. Appointment of the Ninth District Economic Development Board Member, two-year term, beginning 01/2025-001/2027.

The board requested to table this action item until the February 11, 2025, board of supervisors meeting.

- d. Appointment for the Virginia Safety Action Program (VASAP), Board Member, one-year term, beginning 01/2025 – 01/2026

On a motion by Supervisor Boothe and seconded by Supervisor Kuchenbuch and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Kelly Weeks to the Virginia Safety Action Program (VASAP) board for a one-year term beginning 01/28/2025-01/28/2026.

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. Meeting with the Town Manager
- b. NRVCS Update
- c. FEMA Application Update
- d. Mobile Home Park Update
- e. Wat Line Issues (Courthouse and Park)
- f. EMS Station Update and Clean Up
- g. New Time Clock at Transfer Station
- h. Trash Truck and Financing
- i. Equipment Committee
- j. Freeze of Federal Funds

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



Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Agenda: Meeting Opening

Board Room, County Administration Building, 202 E. Main Street,
Floyd, VA

6:00 p.m. – (or soon thereafter)

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Quorum
5. Approval of Agenda **(Action Item)**
6. Approval of Disbursements **(Action Item)**
7. Approval of Minutes **(Action Item)**



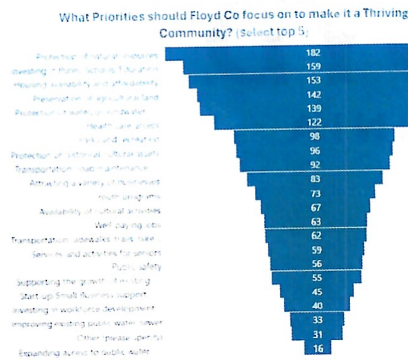
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8. Presentation

a. Economic Development and Comprehensive Plan initial survey results and insights – Lydeana Martin, Director of Economic Development, Community Development and Planning

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8. Presentation

b. Pre-budget Presentations
i. Keela Dooley - Executive Director, Floyd Center for the Arts



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8. Presentation

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9. Public Comments

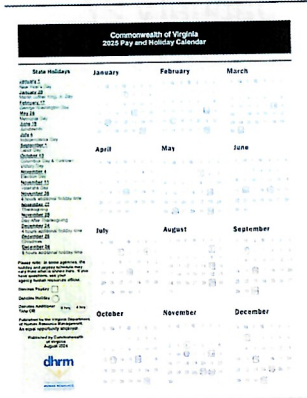
- Limit Comments to 4 minutes
- One way Communication
- Alert Staff to Any ADA Needs

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10. Old Business



The image shows a calendar for the Commonwealth of Virginia for the year 2025. It lists state holidays and their dates across the months of the year. The calendar is organized by month, with columns for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December. The holidays listed include Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The calendar also includes a section for 'Please note: In some agencies, the following holidays may be observed on a different date than shown in this calendar.' and a 'Please contact your supervisor for more information.' section.

- a. Commonwealth Calendar 2025 (Action Item)

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11. Closed Session

- 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. Personnel, Interviews
- b. 2.2-3711 A.3 – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. Project Sparrow

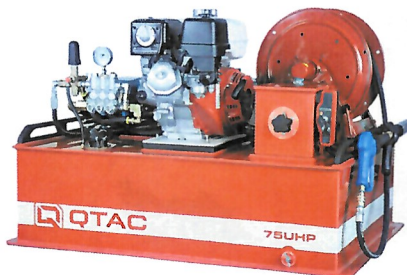
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12. New Business

- a. Portable pump for the Public Safety
SXS (Action Item)



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12. New Business

- b. New River Community Support
Fund Agreement & Procedures (OAA
funding)

To: NRV Recovery Ecosystem Leadership Team Locality Representatives

From: Jessica Wirgau, CEO, Community Foundation of the New River Valley

Date: January 17, 2025

Re: New River Community Support Fund Agreement & Procedures



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2024

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12. New Business

- c. Appointment of the Ninth District Economic Development Board Member, two-year term, beginning 01/2025-01/2027 ([Action Item](#))
- d. Appointment for the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP), Board Member, one-year term, beginning 01/2025-01/2027. ([Action Item](#))



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14. County Administrator's Report



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15. Correspondence



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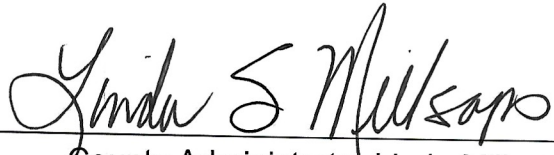
16. Correspondence

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 02/11/2025 at 8:30 a.m. (or soon thereafter).



Chairman, Joe Turman



County Administrator Linda Millsaps

