

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Barbara Hobbs	Chairman (Central District)
Scott Dunn	Vice Chair (Western District)
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Susan Kidd	Board Secretary

## CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order. Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Hobbs invited anyone interested in speaking to the board to sign up and give the form to the secretary.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke said VDOT is still fighting weather but hope that is about over. They should be able to get to some of the requests soon. Pothole patching is an ongoing thing. Mr. Clarke said they were cleaning up brush on State Line and Market Road. They have taken a look at the bridge on Chaney Road and it is scheduled for repairs to the concrete deck next year – it is rating in 'fair' condition.

Mr. Clarke said they had received preliminary numbers from the state indicating an increase in secondary road allocations. Most of the money is in the final 3 years of the plan with no increase in the upcoming fiscal year. For FY2015 and on into FY21 there is a substantial increase. That will be added to the plan now. The money will be spent in the last three years of the plan. Ms. Hobbs asked if they needed to add projects to the plan now. Mr. Clarke said they did even though the money would not be there for a couple more years. Several years ago when the plans were cut, three roads were cut (in addition to roads cut earlier). Those were Goodwin's Ferry, Darnell Mountain and Celestial Heights. Ms. Hobbs asked if there was a priority list that was created when those were dropped off the plan. Mr. McCoy said he recalled there was. Ms. Kidd thought she had a copy of that and would supply it to board members. He asked how much of an increase was being proposed. Mr. Clarke said it was around \$600,000 annually for the last three years of the plan. Ms. Hobbs asked if he had estimates for the work on any of those roads. Mr. Clarke did not. They will start on Hill Top but will need something else in line to start on in the next couple years. He said they have a couple months to consider this and put roads back on the plan, but he did want to share this good news. Ms. Hobbs said it was good news if the state does not put the maintenance of roads back on counties in the interim before this money is received.

Mr. Dunn asked if the weight limit on Chaney Road would increase any. Mr. Clarke said it probably would not change.

Mr. Williams said the stop sign is missing at the Lucas/Rocky Sink intersection. Black Hall and Dry Branch both need worked and stone. He asked if there was any information about the rock problem in Pembroke. Mr. Clarke said if any of that is on the right of way they probably would not be able to do it. They have been looking for some place to put netting to stop rock fall and that might be a good place. Mr. Williams said the last time they spoke, he did not think it was on the right of way. They have permission from the property owner to bring it down. Mr. Clarke said they could not write a permit if it was on the right of way. Mr. Williams said he would

appreciate VDOT letting them know. They might write a permit anyway just in case there is damage to the road. Mr. McKjarney received permission from the property owner. It is higher up -- probably 50-70 feet straight up. Mr. McKjarney said a lot of rock has fallen there in the past couple weeks. Mr. Williams said they would try to take care of it if VDOT will work with them.

Mr. McCoy noted that all gravel roads in the county need worked. He realized they were waiting on better weather, but that should be here. He noted that coming into Giles County on top of Gap Mountain, there is a water problem. It has made it into the driving lane just after the Giles County line. The water is just standing there and causing problems. There are also a lot of potholes in that stretch of road.

Mr. Baker said potholes on Route 100 need attention – particularly the two-lane section prior to Route 42. Eaton's Chapel Road needs to be worked and graveled. He thanked Mr. Clarke for looking at the problems at Mr. Dean Reed's house on Spring Street. Mr. McCoy asked if they were able to do something there. Mr. Baker said they should be able to.

Ms. Hobbs asked if Mr. Cary had looked at Mill Dam Road yet. Mr. Clarke replied that he had not. He felt that he would though. Ms. Hobbs asked if the letter he wrote was firm. If so, there probably wasn't a reason for him to come. Mr. Clarke said the letter might be firm but he was going to have to look at it anyway. Ms. Hobbs asked them to please try to start work on Hill Top as soon as possible. Mr. McKjarney commented that he appreciated the guardrail work on Route 460 – it looks good.

**Ellen Woodyard:** Ms. Woodyard said she had asked Mr. Clarke about equipment along the right of way on Route 100 outside of Narrows. VDOT was going to check on that, and she asked if anything had been done. Mr. Clarke said a lot of that is on the railroad right of way. If it is not causing a maintenance issue, then VDOT usually does not push it. Ms. Woodyard said they need to push it. It creates an ugly entry way into Narrows and is also a safety hazard because the equipment is just off the pavement. Mr. Clarke said they have no enforcement capability. Mr. Chidester said the county had enforcement capability but the question is whether they send notice to the railroad or to VDOT. Mr. Clarke said it was not their equipment. Mr. Chidester said what they have been trying to determine is who to send the notice to – either the railroad or VDOT. Ms. Woodyard said the equipment probably belonged to the house across the road from it. Mr. Chidester said notices of violation were sent to property owners because the county doesn't know who something belongs to – they just know who owns the property. The ordinance they can enforce is against the property owner. It is on one of those entities right of ways. Mr. Clarke said VDOT ends up with a lot of things sitting on their right of way but they don't enforce it because they don't have time. Mr. Williams said every now and then they enforce it – several times on Route 460 they have because he had to move things a few years ago. Ms. Hobbs asked Mr. Clarke to look at his records and see how much right of way they have in that area.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST**

Dr. Arbogast announced that enrollment at the end of March was 2,460 – an increase of 19 from last year. It appears the ADM through March will be around 2,455. He shared an April events calendar with supervisors.

Dr. Arbogast announced that the Virginia School Board Association put out a publication, Showcase for Success, to recognize a program or activities in any of the 52 school districts. One in Giles County – at Narrows Elementary – was recognized. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students assembled a classroom emergency kit, and the article on that has gone throughout the state. VoTech nursing students competed and several placed very high in the awards category. Dr. Arbogast also highlighted several other competitions in which Giles County students were awarded and recognized.

April is Autism Awareness Month and there was a ceremony on the courthouse lawn to kick that off. He thanked the county for this assistance and support in making that happen.

Teacher of the Year reception is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the school board office. Each of the schools will recognize a teacher and the county selection will be announced. Teachers this year are: Lynette Lowe, Narrows Elementary/Middle; Gary Hinson, Narrows High; Crystal Boggess, Giles High; Heather Muncey, Eastern Elementary/Middle; Kim Little, Macy McClaughtery.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Steve Taylor, Day Report:** Mr. Taylor reported there were 15 new referrals between January and March. There were 31 active participants in March with 9 successful completions to date. Two clients have returned to jail for probation violations. Mr. Taylor reported that approximately 205 hours of community service have been performed by Day Report clients – primarily at the Christian Mission. Ms. Hobbs asked about the successful completions. Mr. Taylor explained those clients had finished out all of the things the judge assigned them through the Day Report program and were free to go.

Mr. Taylor said the future planning for the program includes working with probation and others to have a Job Fair for their clients – possibly in early summer. It is still in the planning stages. They want employers to meet these folks so maybe they can overcome barriers to hiring them because of felony convictions. Ms. Hobbs asked if they had been able to place any people in jobs other than volunteer positions. Mr. Taylor said he has not placed any, but several clients obtained jobs and a lot are already working when they are assigned to the program. If he hears about anyone hiring, he does pass that information along to the folks. He has also contacted Work Force on more than one occasion to see if they have anything. Ms. Hobbs said if they have a job and are sentenced to this program and their job is still there, they can continue to work. Mr. Taylor said they could. Mr. McCoy asked if the community service was court-ordered or something assigned by the program. Mr. Taylor said it is part of the program. Mr. Baker noted the savings are larger than last year. Mr. Taylor said that is directly related to the increase in the number of referrals into the program.

**Adam Harman, Recreation:** Mr. Harman reported that Castle Rock is currently showing \$1,276.14 profit – expenses are down a bit for January through March. They have tried to close the clubhouse and keep staff off as much as possible when not needed. They are working to get the course back in shape for play as there are tournaments there next weekend. Ms. Hobbs asked if fertilizer prices are increasing. Mr. Harman said they were. Mr. Andrews uses less than in the past and it doesn't seem to be hurting the course. Last summer was great and they hope that continues this year with plenty of moisture for the grass.

The Wellness Center is pretty busy but revenue loss was \$1,338.13. February was hard with all the weather issues and that may have contributed to things. March showed an increase in visits and usage – most from 3-9 PM. He has had to double up on staff in the evenings to handle childcare. GOWC coordinated with the Sheriff's office to offer RAD classes in January and February with another coming up soon. They will try to do that on a quarterly basis. Virginia Extension is offering a class on Healthy Eating/Healthy Living there also.

Mr. Harman said people behind on their dues at Castle Rock were mailed an invoice and their names are posted at the front desk so if they come in to play they have to bring their dues up to date first. He will get board members an updated report. Mr. Harman said the only problem with it was that some folks who still show up as members are not coming. Mr. McCoy said he realized people pay their dues quarterly but it looks like people are dropping out in winter and picking it back up in April. Mr. Harman said statements just went out so next quarter should reflect payments. They have to pick up the quarter they were behind (winter) before they are current to play. Mr. McCoy said people don't play in the winter, but the operations of the facility have to continue and the money needs to come in. They should have to pay a penalty or late fee or something to encourage them to pay on time. Mr. Harman said he thought there was a late charge applied and will check on that. Mr. Williams said a couple people asked him about charging a higher rate but have a 6-month membership. Mr. McCoy said the only issue with that is Castle Rock is still the cheapest course anywhere around and they also still have bills to pay in the winter and need to have that continued revenue. Mr. Williams said maybe they could pay a little more for six months. Mr. McCoy said he did not know of anywhere that does that. Mr. Williams said he was just trying to see what they could do; they cannot keep pouring that much money into it every year. Mr. McKJorney said if the

trend continues, it will be \$100,000 this year – which is \$50,000 less than last year. He did not think they would get it much lower than that. Ms. Hobbs said even if they decided to sell it, there are no buyers around until the economy improves, and if they get rid of the land, there is no more. A developer can do whatever they want once they own it. Mr. Williams said he realized that but education and other things need money. To subsidize a golf course at \$100,000 is a problem. They are long overdue to do something on this. Mr. McCoy said he did not disagree with that.

**Roger Houck, Public Service Authority:** Mr. Houck reported that the PSA has issued a request for proposals for a generator that can be used at the water pump stations. This information should be available for their April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to assist with making a decision. The PSA attorney and T&L's attorney are working together and felt they should have something on the river withdrawal contract by the end of the week.

At the request of the Towns of Narrows, Pearisburg and Pembroke, the PSA held a meeting with them on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss water sources other than the river. Greg Haley (Pearisburg's attorney) and Ken Anderson (Anderson and Associates) gave a presentation on additional wells for the area. PSA said they would consider funding a portion of that study. Ms. Hobbs said if they are using wells now and during dry periods that well goes dry, then other wells would go dry also. Are they planning to dig a new well every time water levels go down? It was hard to understand where they are coming from. The only people making money here are the engineers and lawyers. Mr. Williams said that was true. Mr. McCoy said PSA is still working with T&L on a contract for river withdrawal – that has not changed. They had a bit of information at this meeting that PSA has not seen before. He said he still found it hard to believe Schnabel would tell them that the well will not go dry before the river will. If they do agree to this, it would be with geotechs and may be the short-lived. It may also be a way to get the towns to sign off on the contract and move forward. However, they have not stopped or slowed down on the river withdrawal work. They have not agreed to postpone any of that. Ms. Hobbs said if the river goes dry, then the county would likely not be here anyway. Mr. McCoy said in that meeting, he was told that the river would go dry before the well did – they guaranteed that. Ms. Hobbs said she did not think they could guarantee that – the county well has been dangerously low. Mr. Houck said one of the first things they said at this meeting was that the wells in Giles County have a history of being unreliable. Ms. Hobbs said it just infuriated her that they want to continue to spend money on something so asinine.

Mr. Williams said as a courtesy to other members the PSA agreed if the towns would pay for part of the study, then they would help with it. The PSA is still pursuing river withdrawal though. Mr. Houck said PSA has offered to pay 25% of the cost up to \$25,000 with the three towns paying the remainder. Mr. McCoy said he did not think they would agree to that. It is a dead issue if they do not agree to participate in something they asked for. Mr. Williams said most of the Pembroke town council seemed to be convinced that the PSA is doing the right thing and they were not planning to pay for part of another study. Mr. McCoy said it was left for the towns to come back to the PSA. If they are not going to pay their portion, then it is a dead issue. Mr. Houck said the river is guaranteed to supply 2-3 million gallons a day. Ms. Hobbs said they have already proven that it is cleaner than the well.

Mr. Houck continued his report by saying they are continuing to send out solid waste bills to customers that might have been missed. They have confirmed addresses to make sure they are good on the back billing. Those have been verified and will be sent bills in the next billing cycle. Board members may hear from some folks on that as some will be sent bills for a year's worth of back charges for solid waste. Mr. McCoy said this wasn't any one person's fault. It is an on-going thing to keep up with – especially on the rental properties. Mr. Houck said there is some new information on owners with multiple properties – about 75% of those would be rental property. This is not like water or electricity. There is no way to gauge it or turn it off. Ms. Hobbs commented that if they could get the towns and county all moving in the same direction, just look what they could accomplish. If they keep the engineers and lawyers out, they could probably do a lot more. Mr. Williams said Mr. Anderson said at the PSA meeting that "it is all river water." Mr. McCoy said it does not work exactly the way he said though – Schnabel should tell them that. It does not filter through the dirt to the aquifer – that was a very over-simplified statement. Mr. Williams commented that the maps Mr. Anderson used were maps Schnabel did for the PSA in the 1990s.

**Public Works, Kevin Belcher:** Mr. Belcher presented a written document (attached) detailing activities of the public works department. He noted they have been working to pursue those people within 300 feet of the line who were not paying a non-user fee. There was a significant number added to that group.

Mr. Belcher said the connection fee is increasing from \$750 to \$1500. The payment by a non-user goes to offset that fee if they decide to connect in the future. Some people have actually accumulated \$750 over time. He asked the board to give those people an opportunity to connect now before the fee doubles. He said this would probably not be a large number of households – 10 or 20. Ms. Hobbs said she felt it would be the right thing to do to give them an opportunity to connect for that amount before the fee increases.

Mr. Belcher reported that the Rt. 673 preliminary engineering report was due in May. They will know at that time if it is a single-lane bridge or two-lane. If it is single-lane, they can repair it with the available funds. Ms. Hobbs asked if that meant they did not have enough to replace it if it was a two-lane. Mr. Belcher said that was part of the point of the PER. They should have more answers by mid-May.

Mr. Belcher shared a graph with board members that went back to January, 2011, on overpayment of reserve capacity. He shared how he arrived at those figures and stated they were just about at the point of the reserve capacity payment.

The public works crew has finished Walnut Road and the Health Department has approved it. Residents are being notified about connecting. Mr. McCoy asked how many houses were on that project. Mr. Belcher stated there were 11 and about half are LMI. That project was entirely funded by SERCAP. He attended a meeting with SERCAP at their conference in Virginia Beach. There are a lot of good things done by them and LMI work is only a small part of that. They also have projects that work on houses and do sewer projects.

Mr. McCoy asked if they now have the ability to read meters through the system and check tank levels and things. Mr. Belcher said they did. He said the message that comes out of the meter to the radio and from the radio to other devices has to be deciphered. Mr. Belcher has tried to capture that stream and decipher it to uncover what is called “rouge meters”, but he was not able to do that. The people with Synapsis do this for a living and have said we would have to purchase their collection software. There are some ideas out there to do this type of work though.

Mr. Williams explained about the \$200,000 payment Mr. Belcher mentioned. At the time that was set up, the county was not even in the water business. It was set up that way because that is what it took to keep PSA operating until they began bringing in revenue. Mr. Belcher asked if it was set up so that even if the county did not use a gallon of water, they guaranteed a payment of \$200,000. Mr. Williams said it was set up to help industrial development if they needed that much water. Mr. McKJorney said Rural Development required it to be set up as a revenue source.

Mr. Belcher said on Walnut Road, the county is not able to charge LMI customers any deposit or connection fee. There are some anomalies that exist to what is contained in the Water Service Policy. He asked the board if they would discuss a figure that they would not allow a bill to get above – example \$100 – that if someone has not paid an up-front deposit, then they would get a cut off if their bill reached that amount. Mr. McCoy asked if that was only if the account was delinquent. Mr. Belcher said yes and something in there about whether they own or are renters. Mr. Williams asked if the proposed was \$50 connection fee for homeowners and \$200 for rental. Mr. Belcher said it was. He said in the past, it has not been clear if a person asks to have a meter set on a new line in case they build on a lot in the future. The intent was always that the person would pay a minimum water bill, but that has not always been the case. Mr. McCoy said if the county sets a meter, the person owning that property should pay a minimum water bill. That is \$1,100 that is sitting in the ground. Mr. Belcher also said if someone requests water service and even pays the connection fee, but they as soon as the water service is initiated they call and ask for it to be turned off. They are not within 300 feet of the line and so cannot be

charged non-user. There have been several people who have done this. The idea that everyone pays a minimum bill is good. Mr. McCoy said they need to pull the meters when people requested water cut-off.

Mr. Belcher said the last time meters were read and cut-offs done, there were 3 turned back on by the next day. The time before that there were 11. Word is getting out to stay out of the meter boxes. Mr. McCoy said hopefully in the future it will cost them something if they turn it back on.

**John Ross:** Mr. Ross reported they have been working on an ordinance revision of parking spaces. Most of the plans coming into the office specify 9' parking spaces and the ordinance requires 10' – this requires the applicant to request a variance. This will come up in a public hearing next month. They are also finalizing the digital zoning maps. Mr. Reed, Ms. McCoy and Mr. Ross attended a Planning Commissioner Training Class in Richmond last month. It was very informative. The office has received six complaints and all have been investigated. Mr. Ross continued to work with Mr. Goorskey in the Building Department. Mr. Goorskey is doing an excellent job and Mr. Hazelwood has also been very helpful in coming in to help out. Several rezoning issues have come before the board recently. The Midway rezoning is in progress. There is a variance coming up April 8<sup>th</sup> for the new Family Dollar in the Route 219 area. There are two others that remain to be scheduled. Mr. Ross commented that zoning numbers are down for the year. It has been a long winter weather-wise and people have not gotten started on things yet. There is also more remodeling than new construction right now.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Bill McWhorter:** Mr. McWhorter noted that he lives across from Mr. Martin and also owns property that adjoins Mr. Martin. He commented that one of the fundamental values of our society is fairness. Americans accept about anything if they feel they are treated fairly. In 2004, the McWhorter's accepted a compromise that was fair. Mr. Martin was allowed to continue his plumbing business and had permission to display for sale, three antique automobiles. Since that time, there has been a consistent pattern of non-compliance with the special exception. Attempts at enforcement have been unsuccessful. The county has not lived up to its end of the deal to insure compliance. Now, 9 years later, they are debating the same issue except this time it is not for 3 cars – but 12 cars. Mr. Martin is asking for a 75% increase in the number of cars on that lot. Mr. McWhorter asked if that was fair. He asked if that created a de facto used car lot. Is it fair to ask those who have lived directly across the street for 37 years to bear the entire burden of decreased property values, increased traffic, and diminished neighborhood. Mr. McWhorter said the answer to that is clearly it is not fair. He said if this modification was approved, it would only create an additional problem. Everyone – the county, Mr. Martin, and the McWhorters – will be diminished. They will continue to be petty, frustrated, resentful and suspicious of each other. That is not a good place for any of them to be and will not contribute to the common good which is the goal that all should strive for.

**Virginia McWhorter:** Ms. McWhorter said she also owns the property across the street and some adjoining Mr. Martin's property that is being considered for a revision to his special exception. She brought that up because the maps submitted in the board's packet shows the Rader property. It is no longer the Rader property and has not been since October, 2012. So, there are two pieces of property that they are concerned about. She thanked board members for their patience on this issue concerning Donnie Martin's request for a modification to his special exception. Mr. McWhorter said if she made any error, please someone stop her and set her straight. She only wants fairness and did not want to misstate something. Mr. Martin is still in violation as this meeting is held. The McWhorter's sent Mr. Mills a letter on March 28<sup>th</sup> that addressed at least 2 more violations.

Ms. McWhorter displayed a "Newport Fair Book of 2012". The board can also go back to the Newport Fair Book of 8 years ago when this all started, and the advertisement for Delicious Rides is in there. Mr. Martin had been approved for DMar Corporation (plumbing) and his phone number is on there. Delicious Rides is there with the same phone number. That was a separate exception that was submitted to the board and was denied on July 7, 2005. It does not seem fair, nor right, nor legal for that ad to be presented publically, as well as on the side of a huge car-hauler trailer, when the vote in the special exception was to deny it. Likewise, it was a hobby to be done regarding the cars. Ms. McWhorter called their attention to a memo to Mr. Ross on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>,

there are 9 plus automobiles and parts advertised in this brochure giving the same business phone number. Nine plus parts. That is in a violation of the state automobile dealership – unless Mr. Martin is a dealer. Ms. McWhorter said she had no idea about that. She did find in the minutes where he said he had applied and said he would have a 30 day extension on becoming a dealer. She had no idea where that went and never found it in another set of minutes or any further discussion. But, they are advertised with his business office phone number here. This is in violation given to her by the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board – two more violations.

Ms. McWhorter said she knew at this stage, the board had to give reasons for denying this request – if they choose to do so under Code 802-04-5. A – a larger car lot is not in the character of the existing neighborhood – any more today than it was 8 years ago. They do have a Newport Park, the Recreation Center and the Village Green – very nice areas to have car shows and rallies. B-of that same code – a larger car lot would adversely affect the existing and projected traffic volumes. Mr. Martin has admitted people stop and pull in to look at the vehicles. She did not blame them as she liked them too. C-a larger car lot on a Virginia By-Way within a historical district is not a current or future need for Giles County. D-a larger car lot with commercial vehicles does depreciate their property values – they all agreed on that 8-9 years ago and nothing has changed. Ms. McWhorter noted a larger car lot is not in keeping with the county's comprehensive plan – at least not the one she has read.

Ms. McWhorter said these five items listed in the county's codes are there for the board's consideration to protect the public interest. If they are not adequate for each of the supervisors to deny the request, then maybe 9 years of non-compliance and non-enforcement should be enough to deny it. She begged the board members to treat them fairly. Ms. McWhorter asked if there were any questions or comments on the comments she had made. There were none.

**Ellen Woodyard:** Ms. Woodyard said she would like to make a short comment about the special exception AEP is asking for. She asked that if the site had been there for 56+ years without a liner, then before the board votes they require AEP to do a heavy metals testing and compare it to the safe drinking water standards. Also, she asked they be required to use an independent lab since they own the labs that do all of their water testing.

**Terry Horton:** Mr. Horton said he was present to talk about the property on Old Stage Road that is considered for a special exception for storage units. That area is already zoned B-2 – for business—and they would like to put storage units on it. There were a few questions. The Planning Commission met with Mr. Horton and Mr. Snidow. The Planning Commission approved this and Mr. Horton said he was present to answer any questions the board may have. There were concerns about security. Mr. Horton said his background is in electronics and he has in mind to put a lot of surveillance and will know when anyone is on the property. There will be video cameras and he will be able to watch those on his cell phone. There will be additional lighting. There is a light at the top of the hill and they will put another midway of the structures. The property entrance is off Route 460. They have met with VDOT and will be required to pave the entry way in and back 35 feet off Route 460 on Old Stage Road. They will be paving that and people will be turning off that. Ms. Hobbs asked if there was another exit from that property to Old Stage Road. Mr. Horton said there was another egress to Old Stage Road but they do not intend to have traffic on that.

Ms. Hobbs asked if this road was built and maintained by someone else. Mr. Horton said the road was built of Mr. Snidow's family and it is on his property. He maintained it until about 8 years ago primarily by himself. He had a tractor and did some grade work. Ms. Hobbs asked who is responsible for the road now. Mr. Lavinder indicated he did the work now. Mr. Horton said Mr. Lavinder has done some work to it but he is not the only person on the property. There are three other houses there that use the same right of way. Ms. Hobbs asked who paid for the maintenance. Mr. Horton said Mr. Snidow paid the taxes. Ms. Hobbs asked if the home owners on the road have some sort of agreement on maintenance. Mr. Horton said usually they just get together and it is just a friendly arrangement. The Grimmets had a tractor and took care of it for several years. Brian and Amanda Snidow have a four-wheeler and work on it. Mr. Williams noted there was another farm – Sanders – and they have all purchased stone that Mr. Williams hauled and put down. Ms. Hobbs said if the second exit on the property were used for egress, would the people putting in storage units be willing to pay for their portion of upkeep on the

road. Mr. Horton said they absolutely would. They will have grading equipment in there and Mr. Snidow lives at the end of the road. Mr. Horton said they want to be good neighbors and have a vested interest in maintaining the property.

Mr. McCoy asked what kind of cut on the property line on the bank side would be done behind the Stevers. Mr. Horton said the drawing they provided was pretty much to scale with a 10 foot minimum in back – so at least 10 foot off the property line. The buildings would be 60 feet. Mr. Williams noted it would probably be a 10 foot bank. Mr. Dunn asked if there would be a retaining wall or anything to hold that back. Mr. Horton said they really didn't know until they started cutting because it may be an outcropping of limestone that they would have to drill. From what they have seen, most of it is red clay. If there is enough of a cliff that it requires a retaining wall, they would put one in. Right now, they just need the board's blessing to get started and they will know more as they go. Ms. Hobbs asked how many other agencies they had to get approval through. Mr. Horton said primarily VDOT. Once the board approves it, he has a stack of permits for about four different applications and forms to complete the process.

Mr. Williams asked if they were not planning to use the existing road from the barn to access the storage units. Mr. Horton said they were not. There is a right of way but it was just drawn in so it would be maintained and would not lose it. The small building there will be torn down as well. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Ross if the grade that was cut – 10 foot grade – do they have to leave an area at the top that is flat to the line. Mr. Ross said they can grade to the line. There is no set back except for the structure.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENATION**

### **Special Exception for AEP Under Floodplain Ordinance**

Mr. Ross reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the request from AEP as submitted.

***Mr. Williams moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the special exception for AEP as submitted. Second by Mr. McCoy.***

**Discussion:** Mr. Williams asked if the question raised by Ms. Woodyard was addressed – about testing. Mr. Orenchuk with AEP noted that they do have seven existing wells and they have been previously monitored per DEQ. That is a matter of public record. After the closure, they will have six new wells installed and those will be monitored semi-annually per DEQ requirements. Mr. Williams said Ms. Woodyard made comments that AEP owns the labs that do the testing. Mr. Orenchuk said they do use their own but they also have third party labs; recently they used TRC. Those are all reported back to DEQ and all are public information. Mr. Douthat, AEP attorney, said since the public hearing they have received approval from DOR as well as DEQ.

***The motion was approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

Ms. Hobbs noted she still felt the county was better off with the plant open. Mr. Douthat said he wished they could. He said they do plan to use it some in the summer during high heat periods this year.

### **Special Exception Modification – Donnie and Deborah Martin**

Mr. Ross said the Planning Commission recommended this request for approval with a stipulation that the number of cars be limited to 12 for display with strict compliance. The vote of the Planning Commission was 4-2.

***Mr. McCoy moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to modify Mr. Martin's special exception permit to allow 12 antique vehicles for display. Under Article 800 the proposed use is compatible with surrounding use, the intent of the ordinance and the comprehensive plan and public interest. The Section 802-04-5 that was alluded to earlier – compatibility with the existing neighborhood, compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent property – there are other businesses in the village of***

**Newport. Also, traffic volume increasing by 9 cars will not be an issue. Current and future needs of the proposed use – people here had the need. This addresses all of the 802-04-5 issues. Second by Mr. Baker.**

**Discussion:** Ms. Hobbs said she had trouble with this. A special exception is just that and the only way it should be granted to any extent is if all parties agree to it. It does change the zoning in that area. She said what does special exception mean – it is there because no ordinance or law ever written can incorporate everything so you put in the special exception rule to cover that and allow for special circumstances. She did not think a hobby was a special circumstance. It has become a business and is not a hobby anymore. With that in mind – she did not think it was compatible with the neighborhood. Newport is a sleep little town for the most part, and based on what happened in some other areas she felt it would affect the property values.

Mr. McCoy is there is an active business less than a mile from this property with vehicles in and out all the time. Route 42 is the primary road for travel into Craig County from Giles. Mr. Baker said before Mr. Martin was at this location, Mr. Hunt had a business there – a machine operation. It was in the same spot and he had people in and out all the time at all hours even early in the morning at 3 AM. There was a comment from an unidentified person that Mr. Hunt's business was sparkling clean and immaculate.

Mr. Williams said he agreed with Ms. Hobbs comments. He has a question about the current existing special exception and asked if it was still in force. Mr. Ross said it was and this was only a modification to it. Mr. Williams said the McWhorter's made a good case. There was no doubt Mr. Martin was not in compliance and the county failed to enforce it. Ms. Hobbs said there are not enough personnel to police it. Mr. Williams said for whatever reason Mr. Martin has shown a pattern. If he would honor his commitment and do things as he said, then Mr. Williams said he might consider it at a later date. At this time he has not and Mr. Williams cannot support increasing this. Ms. Hobbs asked if the existing, original exception is still in full force. Mr. Ross said the only item modified was #1 in that exception. Ms. Hobbs said if he was advertising to see automobiles and the original exception was for a hobby. Mr. Ross said he was given permission to have three antique vehicles on the premises. Ms. Hobbs said that was three for show; it was not for sale. Mr. Williams said it was three for sale that are owned by Mr. Martin or his family only. Mr. Ross said this request only modifies the number to twelve for display only. Mr. Martin confirmed it was for display only. Mr. McCoy said the Planning Commission initially had it as three vehicles for sale that were not licensed and were not required to be licensed. Mr. Williams said it states the vehicles have to meet current Virginia inspection sticker requirements. Mr. Chidester noted that current Virginia inspection sticker requirements for antique vehicles are different. Mr. Williams said according to the exception it just has to meet the requirements. Mr. McCoy stated all the vehicles meet that and are tagged. As far as selling them, that is a DMV or state issue. The county does not get involved in that enforcement. Mr. Chidester said a special exception does not permit him to sell vehicles there. If he is selling vehicles there, it is an automobile sales lot. However, the DMV does not require a dealer permit unless you sell at least five vehicles per year.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 3-2. Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker; Voting NO: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams.**

#### **SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST – STORAGE UNITS – ROUTE 460 AND OLD STAGE ROAD**

Mr. Ross stated that the Planning Commission unanimously (with one abstention) recommended approval of this request.

**Mr. Williams moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for a commercial or service establishment for mini self-storage units on property owned by Randel Snidow. Second by Mr. McCoy.**

**Discussion:** Mr. Dunn asked if this plan still called for use of Old Stage Road. Mr. Ross noted it was just for the entrance to the property. Mr. McCoy asked how far onto that road are they using. Mr. Horton said they were going in about 20 feet off Route 460 and they are required to pave 35 feet. Then they would turn onto the property. So it is really an improvement to Old Stage Road. Mr. Dunn asked if there was other access back onto

Old Stage. Mr. Horton said there is other access but it will not be used. Mr. Dunn said Mr. Horton may not plan to use it but his customers will. Mr. Horton said the odd things about storage units is everybody seems to want one, but once they put stuff in them, they never come back. Once or twice a year they may show up. Mr. Dunn said the only problem he had was – he has lived for years on a road where everybody is supposed to take care of it, but there is nothing legally saying who shares costs or anything. He did not have as much a problem if they would come off Route 460 and not use Old Stage Road. Also, he would like to see a plan in place as far as a retaining wall on that property. Worst case is if it is just clay dirt and will not hold. They need to think of the adjoining property owner if there is a slide and it would infringe on his property. That needs to be addressed whether with a 1:1 or 2:1 cut. They need something there to control erosion and keep the bank from sliding out and damaging the adjoining property owner. He felt that needed to be required.

Mr. Horton said the Planning Commission did not have a problem with it. Mr. Baker said the motion can address that issue in a special exception. Mr. Chidester said whatever reasonable conditions they want can be imposed for a special exception. The property is business zoned and they can put a hotel, department store, convenience store or service station there by right without doing anything other than applying for building permits. Those businesses may require more than the board requires for a storage building but what is being discussed is more of a construction issue than a land use issue. It is a valid point but still not a land use issue. Mr. Ross noted that erosion and sediment is required to stabilize past the point of leaving a red clay bank. Mr. McCoy asked if there would be an E&S plan for this site. Mr. Ross said if they disturb more than 10,000 square feet there would be. Mr. Dunn asked who approved that. Mr. Ross said that was Mr. Reed in the county office and also Chris Barber with the state.

***Motion was approved with a vote of 4-1. Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Baker; Voting NO: Ms. Hobbs.***

Ms. Hobbs said she just had problems with special exceptions. She felt they were undoing the whole zoning ordinance.

## **PROCLAMATION – WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™**

Mr. McKlarney introduced Karen Yolton who thanked the board for doing this. She introduced Shelia Morrison from New Beginnings and Kay Johnson from Kids and Company. Mr. McKlarney read the proclamation into the minutes (copy attached).

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2013, as Week of the Young Child™. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for what this group of volunteers is doing. Ms. Yolton said they are looking at shortfalls in early childhood development. They try to get an idea where the problems are and how to address those. Ms. Hobbs said she hoped the shortfalls are less than they appear on the surface.

## **WATER POLICY CHANGES**

Mr. McKlarney stated that the board previously held a public hearing on proposed changes to the water policy. Suggested changes from the advertised wording was to make the connection fee \$1,200 instead of \$1,500 and also to add language that at any time rental property billing exceeds their deposit, the property owner will be notified. Mr. Williams asked if they agreed on the \$1,200. Mr. McKlarney said it was not agreed to, he was just stated what the comments were.

Mr. McCoy said the second suggestion was good but there should be some point they reach that means they have to bring the account current. For LMI customers they cannot even charge a deposit. Mr. McKlarney said those could be a real problem so they need to establish a number where it would trigger action -- \$250 was the

number suggested. Ms. Hobbs asked if that could be added without re-advertising. Mr. Chidester said they were not changing policy; they were just saying when they would notify the property owner. He did not think it would require re-advertising as it is more in the nature of policy administration.

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the water policy changes as advertised and adding that landlords would be notified if tenants were not paying and in danger of cutoff. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

***Mr. Baker moved to make the water policy changes effective July 1, 2013. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## **SOFTWARE TO REPLACE BRIGHTS**

Mr. McKJarney reported that staff has reviewed numerous software programs to replace the Bright's System. Employees have been involved in this as well. The one that was selected is actually the lower price. There was discussion on procurement procedure with Mr. Chidester. Mr. McKJarney said they would bring the proposal back to the board soon for discussion.

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$916,719.43 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## **BROADWELL DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Mr. McKJarney noted that the dedication ceremony for Deputy Broadwell is scheduled for 10 AM on April 10<sup>th</sup> on the courthouse lawn. In the event of bad weather, it will be held in the General District Courtroom.

## **BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS**

Ms. Tickle presented a list of supplements to the 2012-13 budget that needed board approval. This is just readjusting the budget with money that is already spent.

***Mr. Baker moved to approve budget supplements as presented in the amount of \$427,616.31. Second by Mr. McCoy.***

**Discussion:** Mr. Williams asked if DMV gets reimbursements. Ms. Tickle said the DMV stops generate funds to the Treasurer's office. The Board approved the Treasurer's office getting this money but she was asked for it to be included in the supplement sheet. Mr. Dunn clarified that the 911 supplement was funding from FEMA and insurance for storm damage.

***Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## **AUDITOR CONTRACTS**

Mr. McKJarney asked for approval of the audit contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates in the amount of \$46,400 and also with Mary Earhart for \$130 per hour with anticipated total between \$14,000-18,000. About \$3,000- \$5,000 is coming from PSA. Mr. McKJarney said both of these were audit requirements. Ms. Hobbs suggested they ask the auditor why they are paying more every year and they require our people to do more. Also, why are we paying auditors to do what the Auditor of Public Accounts in Richmond is getting paid to do and why did the auditors not have an exit interview with anyone in the county last year before they sent out the letter. Ms. Tickle commented that they have to find something. Ms. Hobbs said that may be but if they had an exist

interview they would see that most of those things were corrected before they left town. Then they send a letter that becomes public information making it look like the county is trying to hide something. Ms. Tickle said the recommendations are done directly to the board and are not included in the audit report. Mr. McCoy said an exit interview can supply another thing – all their recommendations are not always sound and do not always have to be followed. There can often be other ways that can achieve the same thing.

Mr. Williams said he wondered if they could do some consolidating – PSA is paying more every year. Ms. Tickle said PSA's audit is now about \$10,000 and they are paying Ms. Earhart around \$5,000. Mr. Williams said he thought it was more than that. Ms. Tickle said it was \$20,000 last time because it was billed later and showed two years billing in one fiscal year.

Ms. Hobbs said unfortunately half of what the county pays for auditors is used to lobby in Richmond to get more money next year. She asked what all of this with Ms. Earhart was about. Mr. McKJarney said there were a couple of issues; the first is because Ms. Tickle keeps the books for the school and county and they require an independent person to come in and audit that. Audit requirements now also require worksheets to be prepared by someone other than the auditors prior to the auditors arriving. Ms. Earhart prepares those worksheets. Ms. Tickle said the auditors used to do all of these things, but in 2005-06 they came out with SAS12 and said the auditors can no longer do all of the adjusting entries, checking and moving things. Ms. Hobbs said that makes her wonder what an auditor is for then. Ms. Tickle said if the auditors do them then there is no objectivity to know if things are being hidden. When that rule came out, it put all of that work on someone else. The county could elect to pay an independent person or hire a CPA in-house. Mr. McKJarney noted that the worksheets have to be prepared by a CPA. Ms. Tickle also said Giles County has one of the most complicated sets of books around because there are so many projects with the IDA, water funds, etc. Mr. Williams noted they have two other people in finance now to help out. Mr. McKJarney said they cannot do this though. Ms. Tickle said she tried to do them the first year – to do the schedules and journal entries, but missing one of those items can cost the county in an audit finding. It could affect the federal and state funding. Mr. McKJarney said they have also looked at doing it with other counties - hiring a shared CPA with them, but this was the cheapest option. Mr. Williams said that may be the cheapest but they don't even get the audit report until the next year is half over. Ms. Tickle said they bid out audit services one other time and had auditors that she understood it was terrible. If you bring in new auditors, it will probably cost a lot more. Mr. McCoy asked if that included IDA and school board in the total amount. Ms. Tickle said it did.

***Mr. Williams moved that the county go out for bid on audit services.***

Ms. Hobbs asked if it was too late in the year to do that, and bidding it out may increase the cost even more. Mr. McCoy agreed; there are not too many groups lined up to do it. Mr. Baker asked what Ms. Tickle thought. She said she did not really want to change auditors. They have found larger problems – like at the high school – and are familiar with the set up here. Mr. Williams said they let a lot of things slide over the years. Ms. Tickle said it is a matter of the material level – those are set and they will have the same thing no matter who the auditor is. Ms. Tickle said she would go along with whatever the board wishes. Mr. McCoy said it means a lot if you have a decent working relationship with the auditors. He said he didn't have any issue keeping them another year. Maybe they can prepare an RFP and have it ready to go out next year.

***Mr. Williams withdrew his motion.***

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the contracts for audit services with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates and with Mary Earhart as discussed for FY 2013, and to prepare a Request for Proposal for audit services for FY2014 and send it out in time to evaluate before the next audit cycle begins. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunn.***

## **COUNTY GATEWAY SIGNS**

Mr. McKJarney reported that he had received examples of gateway signs that will be prepared until the ARC grant place at entry points into the county. He shared those with board members.

## BUDGET SESSION

Mr. McKJarney reminded board members that they received a copy of the propose budget at their last meeting. He wanted to go over that and detail where the increases were coming from. The main increase is in salary and benefits. The 2% increase the governor claims he is giving teachers will cost the county \$527,172 (including VRS). For the county employees, the amount is \$130,794 to match that, and a portion of that is 3% for anyone on the compensation board's list. The Comp Board voted to give a 3% increase to their covered employees. Ms. Tickle said it was funded to a point. Mr. Dunn said both the House and Senate passed an amendment proposed by the governor prohibiting localities from using that 3% pay raise to cover the 5% VRS costs. Ms. Tickle said the retirement is separate from the 3%. Mr. McKJarney said this is salary. The school board requires about \$170,000 just to give a 1% pay increase. When the board looks at this percent of increase, it does not count VRS increase. Ms. Hobbs noted that the 3% is the only raise for comp board employees – they do not get 3% plus the 2%. Mr. McCoy said they still get the 2.75% to cover VRS. Mr. McKJarney said other employees will be a 2% added to their salary, then plus 2.75% of that salary to cover the VRS increase. The total is about 6.75%. Only 1.2% of that is state funded. Mr. McKJarney noted that other benefits go along with that – Social Security. Any time the state gives a raise, the county pays the benefits on it.

Mr. McKJarney said other increases were in the Regional Jail line – increase by about \$281,000 based on current usage. Reassessment next year is about \$250,000. It is a one-time expenditure every six years. The inmate program to bring on another deputy plus other costs associated is about \$60,000. The Juvenile Detention Home increased to \$64,000. Mr. McCoy noted when the director came to the board meeting he stated they were not asking for more money. Mr. McKJarney said they now have more Giles people there. He noted the TANF work project and several other smaller things account for about \$18,000. Ms. Hobbs noted there is nothing in there for computer break downs, maintenance issues, repairs. Mr. McKJarney said there was not. Mr. McCoy commented they had not had contingency funds for several years. Ms. Hobbs asked how much reserve was left. Mr. McKJarney said they could not be sure until June – probably about \$3.5 -4 million. He noted that the debt service has changed and will move about \$400,000 into next year. That is just the way it was structured. That gets them one year.

Mr. McKJarney reported that the school board bid out insurance and it came in considerably less under Optima Health. They were originally looking at a \$300,000 increase but now can level fund it – with the exception of the pay out with the previous insurance carrier. He said they can leave that money in the school board budget or the board can agree to pay it. He recommended an agreement with them and the board members agreed. The school board has made a decision to stay in the insurance business and they are going with this new company. He felt strongly that the school board would be staying in the insurance business.

Mr. McKJarney said last year the county absorbed \$750,000 in VRS increases. This year, in just the salary increases, it is another \$700,000. There is nowhere to get those numbers under the current tax rate of 54¢. They can use cash again this year and along with the debt service change, savings on insurance – at some point the reserves will not do it. Mr. McCoy said they are going to have to raise taxes. Ms. Hobbs said she hated to do that this year if they can get by because she is afraid if there is more money available, they will think that is just more money to spend. Mr. McCoy said it seems they can get through this budget with the money that was saved, but they cannot continue to pull \$800,000 out of reserves every year and not put anything back. Ms. Hobbs asked if they were talking about 8¢ year after next. Mr. McKJarney said that was correct and that was with no salary increase the following year, no changes to health insurance. They do strongly believe people left out of the 'pool', who do not qualify for the federal subsidy, will see health insurance increases of 40-50%. This could have huge effect on employees; some are already looking for ways to get under the cap. Mr. Dunn said it seems they are going to have to raise taxes.

Mr. McKJarney said he was just making them aware of the situation. Ms. Hobbs said she didn't want to see the board get into a hole. Mr. McCoy said if they need to raise taxes this year, he could support it. Mr. Baker said he could as well. Ms. Hobbs cautioned if they raise them, they cannot spend what you raise. Otherwise, it just uses more of the reserves. Mr. Dunn said it made more sense to implement a larger increase over 4-5 years instead of all at once. Ms. Hobbs said they can do that in theory, but they can only work within the confines of one budget year. Mr. McKJarney said there is only so much room where anything can be cut. Mr. McCoy agreed things are already pretty lean.

There was a discussion of reassessment and anticipated decrease in property values. Also, AEP is planning to shut their plant in 2015. Ms. Hobbs asked if they were anticipating a 10% reduction in property values. Mr. McKJarney said they estimate some will go up – particularly on the eastern end of the county – but most of it will go down. The disparity in the eastern and western districts will most likely become greater. Mr. McCoy said it will be important to get people on the Equalization Board who are actually interested in equalizing it instead of dropping everyone's assessment. Mr. Dunn asked how much the county stands to lose if AEP closes the plant. Mr. McKJarney said if they leave the equipment in the plant, the assessment is still sizable from a tax standpoint. However, he doesn't feel they intend to do that but they have really not indicated what will happen after closure. There is legislation in place that says they do not have to pay machinery/tools tax on idle equipment. As far as Celanese, there will be no tax increase there for three years. After that time, it will increase about \$1 million per year. Three years down the road, the loss of revenue from AEP will be more than offset by increased revenue from Celanese. Mr. McKJarney said these situations are the reason for reserves; it allows them to equalize things without increasing taxes. However, they are getting to the point of having to do a little now or they will have to a lot later on.

Ms. Hobbs asked what the total for the overall budget was. Ms. Tickle said the total budget is \$45,290,604. They currently show \$45.3 million in expenditures and about \$44.3 million in revenues. This is about a \$900,000 deficit. Taking the school insurance decrease into consideration would decrease it about \$290,000, but that means accepting the liability. The county was in this same situation when they left Local Choice and were told it would cost about \$75,000; they ended up paying nothing. Riverview Nursing experienced the same thing.

Mr. Williams noted that some departments have savings shown. Ms. Tickle said some departments experienced change in personnel and the new employees are at a lower rate than retiring employees were. Mr. McCoy asked if the Social Services and CSA numbers were based on the FY2013 numbers. Ms. Tickle said they were. She does have actual figures from them now, but it was not such a big change.

Mr. McKJarney discussed current tax rates and revenues collected from them. Machinery and Tools Tax generates \$3.1 million. Mr. McKJarney said he would have a comparison of tax rates with surrounding counties for the board at the next meeting. He asked if the board members would like to have outside agencies come in and talk to them. Ms. Hobbs was not in favor. Mr. Williams said it might be good to hear them. He said the biggest department that needs to be slowed down is Social Services. Ms. Hobbs said the way to fix that is go to the state and get the mandates changed. She asked how far Social Services was outside their budget. Ms. Tickle said they were fairly close to last year's. She has the budget ready to re-work but just needs direction on where to go with the things they brought up tonight.

**Mr. McCoy moved to hold the next meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM to hear an audit review and discuss budget. The recess meeting would begin at 6:30 PM on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCoy.**

Ms. Hobbs said board members need to think about raising taxes a little bit this year or dipping into reserves before that next meeting. Mr. Williams asked if the county would take care of mowing at the park in Newport and mowing at the covered bridge. Mr. McKJarney said they already mow the covered bridge area and a portion of the recreation money for the Rec Center is used to get that done there. Ms. Tickle did not think they were doing that any longer.

No further business was introduced. Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 3 PM at the County Administration Building and 6:30 PM in the General District Courtroom.

APPROVED:

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Chairperson

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Clerk







