

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Barbara Hobbs	Chair (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
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

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

Ms. Hobbs announced that citizens may sign up with the secretary to speak during the public comment or public hearing sections of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2013. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

FEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross reported that fees for building and zoning are being sent back to the Planning Commission before being brought back to the Board. Mr. McKlarney referred to the information provided by Mr. Bryan Reed regarding subdivision and E&S fees. The fee recommendations were calculated by the approximate staff time it would take for completion of permit requirements. Ms. Hobbs suggested that all public hearings for fee increases be held at the same time. The other members were in agreement.

RURAL ADDITIONS

Mr. McKlarney related that he had reviewed information on Whitt Road at the request of Ms. Hobbs. He felt the road would qualify for a rural addition. Ms. Hobbs stated that Whitt Road was on the rural addition list prior to Sky View relating that the only reason it was removed was due to lack of funding. Mr. Williams stated that he thought it had been removed due to the inability to obtain a right of way. Ms. Hobbs did not agree and felt that no estimates were obtained since there was not enough money at the time.

Mr. McKlarney also related that he had received a request for rural addition on a short section of Crestwood Drive. He is to gather information to see if it will qualify. Mr. McKlarney reported that he has several requests for the Board of Road Viewers to take a look at. He also reported that VDOT will administer the project at Sky View under a maintenance contract.

The plan is to start in the spring of 2014. County staff will be working on getting the right of way acquisition completed.

Mr. Williams moved to include Whitt Road on the rural addition list. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

ROUTE 100

Mr. Baker reported that there had been two vehicles reported traveling in the wrong direction on Route 100 toward Pearisburg within the past week. These instances took place in the curves between the intersection at Wilburn Valley Road and the Oney Subdivision. He expressed his concern and felt that VDOT needs to paint some lines and add signage at the intersection of Route 100 and Wilburn Valley Road. Members were in agreement.

Ms. Hobbs suggested that a speed study be requested from VDOT on the 2-lane section of Route 100 between Staffordsville and the county line. She feels the 55 mile per hour speed limit on that section of road is not safe. Members were in agreement. Mr. McKlarney stated that a response from VDOT on the letter submitted containing accident data for that section of Route 100 could be received soon.

Mr. Williams moved to request a speed study on the 2-lane section of Route 100. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. McKlarney reported that the brush cutting crew had started. The crew is currently working in the Wolf Creek area where the complaints had come from the bus drivers. The crew seems to be doing an outstanding job.

Mr. McKlarney reported on the outcome of the river clean-up effort that took place on September 14, 2013. The last clean-up effort on that section of river had taken place four years ago. He stated that staff and volunteers had done an outstanding job. There was 7 tons of debris disposed of including approximately 200 tires. There were two minor injuries during the event.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Mr. Williams moved to appropriate \$2,114,156 for the school board for October, 2013. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION

Mr. Williams moved to appropriate \$200,000 for Social Services and \$125,000 for CSA for the month of October, 2013. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,375,238.01 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

ALPINE VILLAGE WATER REQUEST

Mr. Belcher reported a resident living in the Alpine Village area had requested to be hooked up to county water. The resident is willing to pay for his own line installation. The line would run approximately 1,750 to 2,000 feet off of the line from Route 460. Mr. Belcher reported that he had located the previously completed plans for that area and had found it had been submitted to the Health Department, but it did not appear the plans had ever been approved. Mr. McCoy stated there was another resident that would be interested in hooking up to county water. Ms. Hobbs suggested that other residents in the area be surveyed to see if they would be interested in hooking onto county water as well. Mr. Williams stated that the resident had drilled a well and got bad water from it and was willing to pay for the line being laid. However, Mr. Williams asked the members to consider what the county could do to help the resident. Mr. Dunn asked what the cost would be to run the line. Mr. Belcher responded that six inch PVC pipe would cost approximately \$5.00 per foot. Mr. Belcher related that the total amount of pipe to serve the entire Alpine Village area would be approximately 3,916 feet. There are approximately 10 households in the village at this time. Ms. Hobbs felt that it was important to plan for future growth and make sure the line was big enough to serve more than the number of current households. Members agreed to gather more information and make a determination after the information has been presented.

Mr. Belcher also related that at the current rate for sewer overage is \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons. The flat rate over a two month period is \$45.50 per 3,000 gallons. Mr. Belcher stated that, in that area, the county is currently paying the Town of Pembroke \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons to treat it. He suggested the possibility of looking at increasing the current rate for sewer overage. Ms. Hobbs stated that she did not like raising fees but felt it was not fair for other tax payers to pay for services they were not receiving. Members were in agreement to add the item to the public hearing list.

WATER PLAN

Mr. Belcher stated that he was looking at going forward on the water system and requested to have the option to look at the numbers to see what the projections are for the next 20 years. The current system has some lines that are 20 years old and need to be replaced. Mr. Belcher related that a study done on the water system would cost approximately \$7,500. Mr. McCoy stated it would be foolish not to have a maintenance plan in place. Ms. Hobbs expressed concern that the study was not in the current budget. Mr. McKlarney stated there was funding available in the Public Works budget that could cover the cost.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve moving forward with an engineering firm for a capital maintenance reserve plan. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

NRV REGIONAL JAIL REPORT – TODD MARTIN

Mr. Todd Martin updated board members on a recent meeting at the New River Valley Regional Jail. For the month of August, Giles County had 146 inmates and 182 arrests with a total jail population of 1386. Mr. Martin related that the jail was hoping the Department of Corrections would begin pulling some prisoners with the opening of the River North Correctional facility in Grayson County. There are currently 19 state responsible inmates housed at the regional jail.

Mr. Martin reported that the jail had eight officers, one nurse and one cook that resigned in the past month and an additional six officers resigning in July. Mr. Martin also reported that the jail Board members passed a change in the leave policy at its last meeting. After the meeting was over, Mr. Martin was informed by some jail officers that the staff at the jail did not want the new policy to pass, which might lead to more officer resignations.

BOARD OF ROAD VIEWERS

Ms. Hobbs moved to appoint Mr. Craig Whittaker to the Board of Road Viewers for the Central District. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. Ross presented information regarding a special exception application submitted by Ms. Eva Garver for a private seasonal camp or retreat. Mr. and Ms. Garver had placed a camper on the property after the cabin on the property had been flooded and rendered unusable. An addition of a ramp and deck were built for ease of access. Mr. Ross reported that the couple had been cooperative in the process of obtaining a special exception.

Mr. Garver related that it was important for his wife to be able to come in out of the heat, and that they were unaware of the requirement to get a permit prior to placing the camper on the lot. Mr. Williams inquired about setbacks. Mr. Ross stated that the couple would have to apply for a variance if the special exception is approved.

Mr. Bobby Compton offered his support to approve the special exception. Mr. Compton is the owner of the adjacent property. He stated that Mr. and Ms. Garver had taken good care of the property and no loud parties had been going on. Mr. Compton also felt that the placement of the camper is the only place it could be set due to flooding issues. He stated that he felt it should be approved and would be an asset to the community.

Ms. Hobbs asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent the item back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GILES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 711.02

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. Ross presented information regarding a proposed amendment to Giles County Public Zoning Ordinance 711.02 – Area Requirements for Public Water/Sewer Facility Lots. Mr. Ross related that the proposed change would remove the rear

and side setbacks for public water and sewer facility lots. Ms. Hobbs asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent the item back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GILES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 302.12

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. Ross presented information regarding a proposed amendment to Giles County Public Zoning Ordinance 302.12 – Automobile Graveyard. Mr. Ross related that the proposed change would add verbiage that would exclude vehicles that are not required by law to display a current Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles registration and current Virginia Inspection. There was some discussion as to the meaning of the proposed amendment, and Mr. Ross clarified the proposed change. Ms. Hobbs suggested that better wording be used in order to eliminate any confusion. Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent the item back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appoint Mr. Bob Shelor to the Building Code Board of Appeals in the alternate vacancy. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711A(30) Contracts. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0 by roll call vote). Voting YES: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Hobbs.

Mr. McCoy moved to certify that in the closed session just concluded, the Board discussed nothing except the matters specifically identified in the motion to convene and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0 by roll call vote). Voting YES: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Hobbs.

WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Mr. Williams reported that he had attended a Workforce meeting during the week. The numbers through the end of the fiscal year had not yet been provided, and the funding continues to go down. More cuts are expected in January. The New River/Mount Rogers area currently has a total of \$2.9 million to serve the dislocated worker, adult and youth programs throughout the region. Mr. Williams reported that the programs had served 262 dislocated workers, 144 adults and 149 youth in the last fiscal year. The funds carried over from the previous year were as follows: dislocated worker - \$81,000, adult – \$163,000, youth - \$49,000.

Mr. Williams also reported that the Workforce Board will be applying for an ARC grant. If awarded, the funding from the grant will be used to place computers at various locations where they can be used by people searching or applying for jobs. Mr. Williams related that the Workforce Board is in the process of conducting a survey, which seems to be showing that the youth are lacking basic and soft skills.

In addition, Mr. Williams related a success story provided to the group regarding a single mother enrolled into the dislocated worker program. The woman was able to obtain a nursing degree with the help of the program and is now working as a nurse at Lewis Gale.

No further business was introduced. Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 3 PM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk