

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, June 19, 2014, 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 – Absent
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 May 22, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously 4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. Dunn.

460 WATER MATERIALS BID

Mr. McKlarney informed members of bids received for the Route 460 Water Extension Project. Three bids were received with Consolidated Pipe coming in with the lowest at \$155,719.53. Mr. McKlarney related that the public works crew has been doing an outstanding job and has been well under budget on the project.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve acceptance of the lowest bid placed by Consolidated pipe for \$155,719.53 Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hobbs recognized Mr. Bill Hogg. Mr. Hogg expressed concerns regarding the speed limit on Eggleston Road. He related that there had been many near misses on the road with residents attempting to pull out of their driveways. He related he had reported some potholes on the road as well and was told that VDOT workers were unable to find them. He requested any assistance members could provide. Mr. Williams stated a speed study could be requested by the Board.

Mr. Williams moved to send a request to VDOT for a speed study on Eggleston Road. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,114,156 for the school board for July, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$225,000 for Social Services and \$250,000 for CSA for July, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$750,807.99 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

CALLED MEETING

Members agreed to call a special meeting to be held on June 26, 2014, beginning at 5:00 PM in the General District Courtroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A(1) Personnel, and A(30) contracts. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

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 by roll call vote – Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance Fiscal Year 2014-15

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney presented information regarding the proposed budget and tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year with a proposed two cent increase in the tax rate. The information included a timeline history, revenues, proposed expenditures as well as the reasons behind a need for an increase in the tax rate including an increase in the cost to the county for VRS, an increase in utility costs and a pay increase of three percent for county employees. Mr. McKlarney also presented information regarding the way the

county is saving money. Some cost saving measures include sharing positions, energy conservation, utilization of inmate labor, day report program, and refinancing debt at a lower rate as well as a host of others. This public hearing was held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia. Ms. Virginia McWhorter expressed a desire to allow for additional funding for the Zoning Department. Mr. McKlarney related there were no proposed changes for the Planning and Zoning Department at this time.

Mr. Baker stated there had been no increase in taxes in the past five to six years and felt the county had been very fortunate to have the current County Administrator. Mr. McKlarney related that Ms. Rhonda Tickle does a fantastic job with the budget and finances. Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Proposed Solar Energy Equipment Tax Exemption

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney discussed a proposed ordinance to exempt solar energy equipment from taxation. The ordinance is allowable under Section 58.1-3661 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. McKlarney stated an approved exemption would be for five years but the Board would have the option of reconsidering the ordinance every year. Mr. McCoy stated he would like the ordinance to clarify that it is for residential use only. Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Joint Public Hearings with Planning Commission

Planning Commission members present included the following: M. Jeff Morris, Mr. Paul Baker, Mr. Tom Pitzer Mr. Leon Law, Mr. Steve Taylor, Mr. Roger Browning, Mr. Bill Browning, Mr. Fred Hackney, and Mr. Jim Berkman.

Mr. Jim Cornwell – Mr. Cornwell stated that any ordinance, in his opinion, needs to be reasonable and fair and has to be clear in order to be enforceable. He expressed concern that the proposed amendment does not meet the guidelines for being clear or reasonable. Mr. Cornwell presented pictures of various types of storage buildings that he stated would fall under the proposed definition. He stated the county should want to control where the buildings go and what they look like. Mr. Cornwell suggested having a two-part definition with one for residential and one for commercial storage. He also suggested cleaning up the ordinance in regard to storage and all definitions.

Mr. Bill McWhorter – Mr. McWhorter expressed concern regarding the proposed definition of “Public or Private Storage Building”. He asked that the members carefully weigh the consequences of the actions on the entire county adding that members would be well served to give equal weight to fairness and the greater good.

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter also expressed concerns regarding the proposed definition of “Public or Private Storage Building”. She noted that the wording “private” had been used in the Planning Commission minutes numerous times; however, the definition was written as public or private. Ms. McWhorter related that definitions must be clarified in order to be effective and expressed concern that the type and size of the structure were not specified.

She stated that automobiles are included but the type of automobile and the requirements to be placed on them are not listed. Ms. McWhorter also stated that the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator had done an admirable job on the big picture. She asked that the character of the neighborhoods, property values and historical areas for the public good and not for the good of a single individual.

Ms. Pam Humphrey - Ms. Humphrey stated that a storage building might be a blessing to conceal things but can be a detriment to tourism. She expressed concern that specifications were lacking in the definition and what could go on inside. She stated she would prefer that a storage building not be allowed in her area.

Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Proposed Amendment to Section 302.163 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Hobbs opened the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment would change language in Section 302.163: Site Plan: A drawing or map that depicts information required by the Zoning Administrator which may include the dimensions and property line monuments of the lot to be built on, the location and size of existing and proposed structures, easements, (public and private), water courses, fences, street names and street right of way lines, driveways, and such other information which would, in the Zoning Administrator's judgment, directly indicate compliance with this code. Mr. Ross stated that the current definition leaves no room to differentiate requiring the same detail on all uses. He related that the new definition allows for some modifications.

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter suggested using the wording “may require” and deleting the wording “at a minimum” in the definition as it would give more control measures.

Mr. Williams stated that good comments had been received and ordinance should be worked on more. Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Proposed Amendment to Sections 802.02-1, 802.04-1 and 805.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Hobbs opened the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission. The proposed amendments to Sections 802.02-1, 802.04-1, 805.04, to modify site plan requirements as follows: “The Zoning Administrator may require that the site plan include the following: lot dimensions; locations and dimensions of existing and proposed structures; uses of existing and proposed structures; dimensions of front, back and side yards; locations and dimensions of easements (private and public); water courses; fences; names, locations and dimensions of streets and street rights-of-way; existing and proposed driveways; parking areas with locations and dimensions of parking spaces; such other information regarding the property in question and any abutting property as would, in the Zoning Administrator's judgment, directly affect the application.” Mr. Ross stated that the reasoning behind the change is that it gives more allowance for modification. He related that, as it is currently defined, it almost requires a design professional as it is beyond the reach of some residents.

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter suggested using the wording “may be” and deleting the wording “at a minimum” in the definition as was stated for the previous definition.

Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Proposed Amendment to Section 711 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Hobbs opened the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment to Section 711 is to replace the term “Public Water and Sewer” with “Public Utilities” anywhere such term appears in the Section.

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter noted that the section was covered very well.

Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Proposed Amendment to Section 601.02-10 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Hobbs opened the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment is to repeal Section 601.02-10 “Private for profit, non-profit, or public organization camps.” Mr. Ross stated the section was a redundant use as it is listed as permitted use under this section and is a special exception under another section in the same district.

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter stated she had seen the duplicity and commended the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator for reviewing the ordinances. She also stated that she found two other instances of duplicity and would relate those to the Zoning Administrator.

Ms. Hobbs asked for any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

PROPOSED RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES

Mr. McKlarney presented proposed changes to the retiree health insurance plan. The proposed changes are intended to give those with thirty (30) years of service to have the opportunity to seek a personal policy if they so desire and waive coverage with the county. In the event of a waiver, the county will pay the retiree in monthly payments an amount equal to the then current county health insurance contribution for current employees.

Mr. Baker moved to adopt the policy as presented in regard to the insurance coverage for retirees with thirty years of service. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the 2013-2014 budget transfer of \$191,786 as presented. Second by Mr. Baker.

Discussion – Mr. Williams asked for clarification of the \$75,000 being transferred. Ms. Rhonda Tickle stated the funds had been moved over to the capital expenditure area of the budget when the county was contemplating switching the phone system to a voice over IP. The funds are being moved over into the telecommunications category in the building maintenance budget to allow for coverage of the approved project. Mr. McKlarney related it had taken longer than anticipated for the fiber installation to be completed.

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

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the 2013-2014 budget supplements of \$246,634 as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

A copy of the transfers and supplements are attached at the end of the minutes.

No further business was introduced. Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 5:00 PM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

GILES COUNTY 2013-2014
BUDGET TRANSFERS 06.19.14

FROM:		TO:	
100-4-42600-5899	-\$14,500.00	100-4-11010-6001	\$1,500.00
100-4-42600-3141	-\$14,000.00	100-4-11010-8214	\$3,499.93
100-4-42600-3142	-\$4,000.00	100-4-11010-5840	\$1,400.00
100-4-42600-3143	-\$1,000.00	100-4-11010-3120	\$10,108.53
100-4-42600-5870	-\$2,000.00	100-4-11010-2600	\$1,495.15
100-4-21500-5701	-\$10,000.00	100-4-11010-2300	\$2,515.00
100-4-21600-5230	-\$5,500.00	100-4-43100-3320	\$18,929.00
100-4-31200-5410	-\$4,800.00	100-4-21300-6001	\$86.94
100-4-33100-3840	-\$20,000.00	100-4-43100-5230	\$5,500.00
310-4-81500-5130	\$40,986.00	100-4-33200-3000	\$22,882.00
305-4-94000-8229	-\$75,000.00	100-4-33200-6002	\$5,200.00
		501-4-95600-9110	\$0.40
		100-4-43100-5230	\$95,000.00
		100-4-43100-3312	\$6,866.75
		100-4-43100-5245	\$13,504.96
		100-4-43100-3180	\$3,297.34
TOTALS	-\$191,786.00		\$0.00
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GILES COUNTY
 FY14 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS
 JUNE 19, 2014

EXPENDITURES	REVENUE LINE
4-100-43100-3315	3-100-41050-0100
\$18,194.06 REPAIRS	\$246,634.00
4-100-43100-5110	
\$44,672.29 ELECTRIC	
4-100-43100-8203	
\$21,290.00 COURTHOUSE MOLD	
4-100-43100-8205	
\$9,850.00 REPAIRS - ANIMAL SHELTER	
4-100-12210-3150	
\$17,791.97 COUNTY ATTORNEY	
4-100-81100-3150	
\$7,147.93 PLANNING LEGAL	
4-501-41500-8202	
\$127,687.75 PUBLIC WORKS EQUIP	
TOTAL	TOTAL
\$246,634.00	\$246,634.00