

At a called meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, June 26, 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) – Absent/present during partial executive session to end
Scott Dunn	Vice Chair (Western District) – Absent during part of executive session to end
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Paul “Chappy” Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

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

Mr. Dunn announced that citizens may sign up with the secretary to speak during the public comment section of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

2014-2015 BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney presented the proposed County budget of \$57,759,768 and tax rate ordinance.

Mr. Williams moved to approve 2014-2015 budget and tax rate ordinance as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved (3-1). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Voting NO: Mr. Dunn.

SOLAR EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

Mr. McKlarney presented the proposed solar equipment tax exemption ordinance.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the solar equipment tax exemption ordinance as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the amendment to Sections 802.02-1, 802.04-1 and 805.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Baker moved to approve the amendments to Sections 802.02-1, 802.04-1, and 805.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. McCoy.

Discussion – There was discussion regarding some verbiage in the proposed amendment. Mr. Ross stated it allows for small modifications and can only be modified by the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Chidester clarified the reason for allowing changes to be made by the Zoning Administrator and why it would be allowable. Mr. Jeff Morris, Planning Commission Member, state he believes someone should be allowed to make changes. Mr. Williams questioned why Mr. Law had voted against approval of the amendment. Mr. Ross stated Mr. Law did not give a reason but believed he was against relaxing the requirements on a site plan. There was some discussion regarding the difficulty it would cause for Mr. Ross. Mr. Dunn stated if the change would make the job more efficient, he would vote in favor of the amendment.

Approved (3-1). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Voting NO: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the amendment to Section 302.163 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the amendment to Section 302.163 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the amendment to Section 711 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the amendment to Section 711 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the amendment to Section 601.02-10 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the amendment to Section 601.02-10 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to the amendment to Section 302 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Ross stated the decision of the Commission was to repeal the approval in light of the public hearing held at the previous meeting. He also stated the Commission would be taking the time to study the amendment further.

MULTIFLORA ROSE PROGRAM

Ms. Jeannie Dudding with the Virginia Cooperative Extension presented information to members regarding the Multiflora Rose Program. She related the county had 50 applicants this year with 3,000 acres infested and sprayed. Ms. Dudding requested two people be recruited for the western end of the county for the committee. Mr. Dunn suggested Mr. Dean Short and Mr. J.B. Buckland. Ms. Dudding stated she would appreciate additional funding for the program.

Ms. Dudding related that the sprayers owned by the county are in need of some repairs but have found that some of the repairs are needed due to negligence of some borrowers. She stated that staff at the county garage had suggested having an agreement signed if people want to borrow the sprayers. Members agreed to have Mr. Chidester draft an agreement stating that the county would make the repairs and the cost would be paid by the borrower if the equipment was damaged while in the borrower's possession.

Ms. Dudding also updated members on the status of the well water testing program. She related she had not gotten a good response from households but would continue with the program next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Virginia McWhorter – Ms. McWhorter stated she had been very impressed with the budget presentation at the last meeting but was not impressed with zoning in the county. She feels zoning had not been made a priority and more money should be moved into the zoning budget for the necessary resources to do the job needed. In addition, Ms. McWhorter stated the language should be changed for site plans in the amended sections of the zoning ordinance and should not be in the hands of only the Zoning Administrator. She expressed concern that the information requested is common and should be readily available by applicants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A(1) Personnel. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, 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. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$50,156 for the school board for July, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$382,349.08 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Mr. Barry Price to the Giles County Agricultural Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Howard Kantor, Mr. Roger Mullins, Mr. Richard McCoy and Mr. Gary Eaton to the Giles County Public Service Authority. Second by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously (3-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. McCoy.

ADMINISTRATOR SALARY

Mr. McCoy moved to approve a ten percent pay increase for the County Administrator. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

FUNDING CARRYOVER

Mr. McCoy moved to give Ms. Rhonda Tickle the authority to carryover any county or school funds to the upcoming fiscal year. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Mr. Williams moved to cancel the regular meeting to be held on July 2, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Mr. Williams updated members on the progress of the agriculture program at the Giles Vocational Center. He related the program is moving forward and the school looking at the possibility of hiring a person to oversee the farm.

No further business was introduced. Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chair

Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

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