

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Barbara Hobbs	Chair (Central District) - Absent
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**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

### **VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE**

Mr. Clarke provided updates to members. Mr. Clarke related that most of the past month has been spent fighting weather, patching potholes and cutting brush as well as working on some drainage problems. He also related that the location is being narrowed down for the guardrail request on Route 635, and a plan has been drawn up for the drainage problem on Spring Street. Mr. Clarke invited members to meet with him at the location to do a walkthrough of the plan. Mr. McCoy stated he did not feel a walkthrough was necessary as long as the problem would be corrected. Mr. Baker was in agreement. There was some discussion regarding a low spot in the ditch where water tends to pool. Mr. McKlarney stated the pipe would be tied into the low spot, so the water pooling should be taken care of. Mr. Clarke reported that the Six-Year Plan should be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board this month. He requested the Board hold a public hearing in conjunction with VDOT for discussion of the Six-Year plan. He did not anticipate that any major changes could be made due to the limited funding. Members were in agreement to hold a public hearing during the recess meeting on March 20, 2014.

Mr. Baker reported he had received several phone calls on Route 641 stating that some driveways had been damaged during the last snow removal by the plows. He asked that those be repaired. Mr. Baker also requested an update on the Hilltop project. Mr. Clarke responded the project was anticipated to begin in April. Mr. McCoy reported that the pothole in the Hoges Chapel area that had been fixed previously has sunk approximately four inches and requested that more work be done on it. Mr. Dunn reported that had received calls on

Penvir Road and other locations in the Western District. It had been reported that during the last big snow storm, the plow had not come through on Penvir Road until two days after the snow had ended. It was also reported that after the last smaller snow storm Penvir Road had not been scrapped at all. Mr. Dunn asked for the policy for VDOT trucks plowing on secondary roads. Mr. Clarke replied that the district superintendent had decided that he would rather have VDOT trucks on certain roads and leave the others for contracted trucks. Mr. Dunn requested that VDOT ensure that secondary roads are cleared in the future. Mr. Dunn also reported that the entrance onto Penvir Road from Route 61 has drainage problems causing large potholes and rough road conditions where it goes from the pavement onto the dirt road and asked that it be corrected if possible. Mr. Dunn resubmitted a request that the guardrail be replaced on Route 61 on the left hand side of the road when coming out of the Narrows town limits. He reported that section of guardrail was very old, rusted and might not hold a car back. Mr. Williams asked that gravel be placed on Sexton Lane in Newport and reported potholes on Norcross, Gravley, and Dry Branch. He also requested a guardrail on Sinking Creek. Mr. Dunn reported that he and staff had met with landowners on Skyview about two weeks prior to this meeting. Mr. McKlarney reported that all landowners had been sent the easement documents, but they have not all been returned to the office. He related that the meetings seemed to indicate approval from all landowners involved. Mr. Williams asked for an update on the status of the deceleration lane on Route 460 for Route 635. Mr. Clarke reported there is not enough funding for the project at this time, but it has been added to the Six-Year Plan. The next step for the project would be design. Mr. Williams asked what the deadline is to let VDOT know a decision on revenue sharing. Mr. Clarke related it was sometime in March, but he would have to let him know an exact date. Mr. Baker stated he had asked a couple of months back about getting brush cut on Virginia Heights, and the brush would scrape the sides of vehicles when they pass on the road. Mr. Clarke replied he would let the sheriff know it needs to be done. Mr. Dunn asked when the bridge project would be completed on Route 61 in Narrows. Mr. Clarke stated he thought the date for completion on the contract is June of 2014.

#### **MOUNTAINS OF MISERY BIKE RACE**

Mr. McKlarney reported that an application had been received from VDOT for a request for road use for the Mountains of Misery bike race on May 25, 2014. Mr. Clarke reported no issues with the request.

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the use of roads for the Mountains of Misery bike race. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

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

Dr. Arbogast reported enrollment at the end of February, which was a decrease of 7 since the end of January and a decrease of 21 since the same time last year. He also shared a calendar of activities for March. Dr. Arbogast related that the county spelling bee was held last week with a representative from each school participating. The winner from Eastern Elementary School will be representing the county at the regional spelling bee in Roanoke. One teacher from each school was selected as the Teacher of the Year and will represent the schools at the next level. Giles High School had students attain seats at the district band and

chorus. Dr. Arbogast also reported that two students from Narrows Elementary Middle School advanced to the National History Bee and will be competing in Atlanta in June. He also reported that students at Eastern Elementary School participated in "Who De Who Day", which was performed in an attempt to chase winter away. The event was covered in the *Roanoke Times* in *The Burgs* section of the paper. Dr. Arbogast invited members to the Narrows vs. Giles faculty basketball game. He also reported that Giles County has been selected by the USDA as a Summer Food Service Program Champion. The USDA will be attending the next School Board meeting to make a presentation.

Mr. Williams asked if any solutions had been found for the Springdale area bus route. Dr. Arbogast related that Mr. Meade is attempting to reroute the bus in an effort to solve the issue of children being on the bus for approximately one hour and forty-five minutes both to and from school.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Ross presented information to members regarding a recommendation for approval of an ordinance as advertised to adopt a new fee schedule related to zoning (including the proposed administrative penalty, subdivision approval, and erosion and sediment control).

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for an ordinance to adopt a new fee schedule related to zoning. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

Mr. Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve an amendment as advertised to Section 302.162-2: Sign, Use Types, (f) General Advertising Sign of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for an amendment to Section 302.162-2: Sign, Use Types, (f) General Advertising Sign. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

Mr. Ross presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve an amendment as advertised to Section 302.51: Dwelling of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance, which is a change in the definition of dwelling.

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for an amendment to Section 302.51: Dwelling. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

### **EGGLESTON PHASE I ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Belcher related that interviews with two firms had been conducted and the same matrix was used by all four people involved in the interview process. The recommendation of the interview committee was Thompson & Litton.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the recommendation of Thompson & Litton for engineering services in the Eggleston Phase I Water Project. Second by Mr. Baker.***

Discussion: Mr. Williams asked for the reason behind choosing Thompson & Litton. Mr. Belcher replied that Thompson & Litton was the firm that conducted the original PDR, which included all the hydraulics for the Eggleston area as well. He related the firm is very knowledgeable and familiar with the area. Mr. Belcher stated, for those reasons, Thompson & Litton was chosen for engineering services. He stated members were welcome to look at the matrix sheets.

***Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

### **GILES EARLY EDUCATION PROJECT**

Ms. Ann Geotte presented information to members regarding the importance of early education in the county and thanked members for support of educational programs. She related some statistics associated with early education and gave some details of activities. Ms. Geotte also related that it costs approximately \$7,000 per year for a child in the county to receive early education services. She requested that the Board issue a proclamation for the Week of the Young Child for April 6-12, 2014, and support the placing of a banner on the courthouse fence.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the proclamation of the Week of the Young Child for April 6-12, 2014, as well as the placement of the banner on the Courthouse fence. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

A copy of the proclamation is included at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Williams commended the group and related that he has been amazed at the amount of growth he has seen in his grandchild, who is attending preschool classes this year. Ms. Geotte related that another classroom has been cleared, so there would be a total of two classrooms in Narrows for the upcoming year. Mr. McKlarney inquired about the effects of the new classroom on the waiting list. Ms. Geotte responded there were approximately 40 children on the waiting list last year, and another classroom would reduce that number to approximately 20 children. There was some discussion regarding the cost to open a third classroom. The approximate cost for another classroom would be \$200,000.

### **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate \$481,285.64 for payment of warrants dated March 5, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. J.B. Buckland to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

***Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. William McCroskey as the Hazardous Material Team Leader/Coordinator contingent upon his acceptance of the reappointment. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## ALPINE VILLAGE WATER

Mr. Williams inquired if Mr. Belcher had gotten a response from the health department regarding the reopening of the Alpine Village water project. Mr. Belcher stated he would need to call and talk to them. Mr. Williams also asked that he speak with them about adding a line in Eggleston. He stated that the citizen had been unable to hit water when drilling a well after building a house. Mr. Williams indicated the citizen is willing to pay for a portion of the line if it is allowed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A(7) Legal, and A(30) contracts. 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. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## MARCH RECESS MEETING SCHEDULE

***Mr. McCoy moved to move the March 20<sup>th</sup> recess meeting to 3:00 PM at the Giles County Administration Office for audit review and budget discussion with the regularly scheduled recess to begin at the General District Courtroom at 6:30 PM. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

No further business was introduced. Mr. Dunn adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014, starting with the budget discussion at the Giles County Administration Office.

APPROVED:

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Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk

Larry "Jay" Williams  
Eastern District Supervisor

Barbara Hobbs  
Central District Supervisor

Scott Dunn  
Western District Supervisor

# County of Giles



## Board of Supervisors

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### PROCLAMATION WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™

**WHEREAS**, Smart Beginnings of the New River Valley and the Giles Early Education Project, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child™, April 6-12, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Giles County; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Giles County deserve thanks and recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2014 as the Week of the Young Child™ in Giles County and encourages all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in our county.

Report of Vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Barbara Hobbs	_____	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
B. Scott Dunn	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Paul W. Baker	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jay Williams	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Richard McCoy	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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