

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, November 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)
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 offered 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 section of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2014. 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 updated members on work progress in the county. He related some patching had been done on Eggleston road with more to do. He also related that the date on subdivisions being brought into the state system was on or after 1992. Ms. Hobbs asked if the road could be brought in if the home owners on Greystone brought the road up to standards, and Mr. Clarke confirmed and stated it was already a paved road.

Mr. Clarke stated that crews are working on fall maintenance and they are looking at the paving and sidewalks being brought up to standards in Narrows. He will look for funding to improve the sidewalks and pave. Mr. Clarke related that the community service project in the county currently being worked on by VDOT staff is at an unclaimed cemetery near Hardees and Dairy Queen. Crews are in the process of clean up on the cemetery.

Mr. Baker requested pot holes be filled on the Ripplemead ramp, and Mr. McCoy reported lanes are sinking again on Route 460 in the Maybrook area. Mr. Baker reported a deep ditch near the shoulder of the road on Route 100 in the Wabash area, and Mr. Williams requested improvement at the Ripplemead intersection to Route 460. Mr. Williams reported a large hole in the road on Big Stony Creek Road above the lime plant and requested cattle crossing signs on Dry Branch Road.

Mr. Clarke related any suggestions for the brush crew this winter be sent to the highway department. Mr. McKlarney updated members regarding rural additions, stating there were still a few things to be done before moving forward. Mr. McKlarney related that three separate projects were submitted to VDOT for revenue sharing funds but without enough funding the projects will not receive any funds from VDOT. An application for Springdale Road had been submitted for \$66,000. An application had also been submitted for Whitt Riverbend; however, the Town of Pearisburg was not able to apply for additional revenue sharing funds this year. As this is a cooperative project, it will be resubmitted for the following year. Mr. McKlarney related an application had also been submitted for Penvir Bridge for a total of \$33,000. The total funding raised for the project, if approved, would be \$503,120. Mr. Clarke related he would be working on convincing the bridge office in Salem to allow a truss bridge for replacement and will look into the options. Mr. McCoy stated he did not know why Giles County was different from other jurisdictions that have been allowed to construct truss bridges. Members discussed options to get a truss bridge approved.

Mr. Williams moved to approve applications for revenue sharing for Springdale Road in the amount of \$66,000 and for Penvir Bridge in the amount of \$33,000. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Williams requested an update on TEA21 for Newport. Mr. Clarke stated an application is being compiled. He related the right of way is wide enough but does not establish ownership. Ms. Hobbs requested lighting at the park and ride in the Ripplemead area. Members discussed the use of the park and ride for yard sales. Mr. McKlarney stated it would be up to VDOT to enforce those policies.

Mr. Dunn stated he needed Mr. Clarke's help on the Penvir Bridge issue and related that there is standing water where the work was done on Spring Street that needs to drain. He related the home owner is willing to grant an easement for the work to be completed. Mr. Dunn stated he had received a request for paving on Penvir Road and asked that the paving be done on State Line Road as the dirt is showing through the pavement. Mr. Dunn related there had been three additional fatalities on Route 460 between Glen Lyn and Narrows and requested additional signs and a reduction in the speed limit in that area. Mr. McKlarney related that another driver had made it all the way to Narrows traveling the wrong direction earlier in the week. Mr. Dunn stated visibility and speed are major factors in the problem. Mr. Dunn also requested the replacement of cattle crossing signs on State Line Road. Ms. Hobbs requested replacement of the Crickett Lane street sign in Pearisburg.

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the Cascade Drive intersection. Mr. Clarke related the project only had design funds allocated for it. He stated the project will have to go through a process to have funding allocated for construction and will have to compete with other projects submitted.

Mr. McCoy requested grading on Orchard Hill Road, and Ms. Hobbs requested clean up underneath the low level bridge on Patteson Ford.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST

Dr. Arbogast reported enrollment through October at 2,437, which is an increase of 9 from September and a decrease of 14 from the same time last year. He provided an activity calendar for the month of November. Dr. Arbogast thanked members for their support of the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program. The team is working on funding, and college staff will meet with guidance the following week. Mr. McKlarney related \$25,000 had been raised with \$50,000 more needed to meet the goal.

Dr. Arbogast reported that Narrows High School had been named as a Wise Blue Star School. He invited members to attend a robotics presentation at Narrows Elementary Middle School by Mr. Randy Wimmer. Mr. Wimmer was a Giles resident and now owns a robotics company, which has won national championships. It is Mr. Wimmer's goal to bring robotics into the schools.

Dr. Arbogast related the Reality Store had been held for the Junior classes at the Pearisburg Community Center and related information regarding Take Your Legislator to Work Month. He informed members the seventh grade class from Narrows had attended a tour of the New River Valley Regional Jail. He stated the seventh grades from the other schools would be taking the tour soon and invited members to join them. Mr. Williams commended the School Board for approving the tours.

Dr. Arbogast stated there are nine head of cattle at the Agricultural Lab and the school is working through the process. Mr. Williams added the next step would be to plan with the agriculture teachers and students and hire a part-time farm manager. He stated the lab needs to build a cattle shed before winter if enough funds are available.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Morgan Millirons presented department information to members. He related numbers such as arrests, indictments, drug cases and inmate hours. He stated brush cutting was about to begin again and the inmate crew is being utilized to fix some potholes as well. Sheriff Millirons related information regarding programs such as RADD, home safety, Halloween safety, neighborhood watch and breast cancer awareness. He also related the Masonic Lodges are donating a fingerprinting machine to the department. The machine will be used to develop a fingerprinting program for county children, which will be given to the parents of those children participating. Sheriff Millirons also warned of phone and mail scams in the area. Mr. Williams thanked the sheriff for his support for the seventh grade jail visits.

EQT GAS LINE

Ms. Hobbs announced the November recess meeting would be held in the Giles High School auditorium. She related representatives from EQT would be making a presentation and the public will be invited to submit questions on a sign-up sheet for staff to direct to the representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Edwards – Ms. Edwards expressed concern that the proposed route of the line will graze some houses and will be in the historic district in Newport. She stated she felt the people are being thrown under the bus.

Mara Robbins – Ms. Robbins stated Floyd County has been dealing with the gas line since July. She expressed concern regarding the air pollution put off by the compressor stations, which will be closer together due to the mountainous terrain. Ms. Robbins suggested members study the citizens' rights informational manual put together by Preserve the New River Valley. She expressed concern that the company will be able to trespass on private land and that the company does not tell the truth.

Tom Hoffman – Mr. Hoffman stated he did not want the gas line here or anywhere else in the state. He expressed concern that the county gets revenue from tourism and people will not want to come here to see a gash in the mountain where a pipeline was installed. He asked that the Board take a stand against the pipeline.

Tod Whitehurst – Mr. Whitehurst expressed concern that a pipeline that large has never been put across a mountain before and that the gas company will not be coming to update members on a regular basis. He presented a photo of a pipeline explosion. The pipeline was 30 inches and investigation had not been completed. Mr. Whitehurst expressed concern with leakage of the pipeline and the possibility of an explosion happening next to a power line. He also expressed concern that the volunteer fire departments would be the first responders if an explosion occurred and the damage a leak into a cave system could cause as well as the potential for water contamination.

David Brady – Mr. Brady expressed concern regarding the adverse effects of the pipeline on the Newport Historic District. He related there would be 20 to 24 historic properties in the proposed corridor and it would affect the scenic byway on Route 42. Mr. Brady stated blasting or directional drilling would be required due to the terrain and requested a letter of support from the Board to apply for referral status. He related FERC avoids historical properties when possible but the line is proposed in Newport and also crosses another historical district in Montgomery County. Mr. Brady stated that there is a mitigation process and avoidance is the starting point. He expressed concern with the karst and water resources as well as the limited liability of the company. He stated Dr. Ernest Assting from Radford University is very well versed in such matters and suggested the Board retain him.

PRESERVE THE NEW RIVER VALLEY

Ms. Elizabeth McCommon from Preserve the New River Valley presented information to members regarding the group's concerns with the possibility of a gas line in the area. She related the two main concerns were public safety and economic development. Ms. McCommon provided information such as incident numbers, cost of losses, waste water, the life span of a gas line and the toxic residues left behind. She stated she was willing to share the background information with members as well. Ms. McCommon urged members to ask for clarification on the company's liability coverage.

Ms. Angela Stanton and Mr. Will Stanton presented information regarding the consequences, land restrictions, loss of value, and contamination of ground water the pipeline could cause if constructed in the area. They spoke of topics such as catastrophic events from explosions, home damage, and loss of life and related the volume going through the proposed pipeline would be 12 times greater than the 12 inch line that was run to Celanese. They urged members to stand with the residents and pass a resolution against the pipeline.

INMATE WORK PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Mr. McKlarney presented procedures for the inmate work program and recommended approval.

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the inmate work program procedures as presented. Second by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

ANIMAL FRIENDLY PLATES FUND

Mr. Baker moved to designate the DMV animal friendly plates fund in the amount of \$180 to Giles Animal Rescue. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Members discussed the need and process for appointment of the Board of Equalization.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate \$1,642,034.60 for payment of warrants dated November 5, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker.

Discussion – Mr. Williams questioned if all the organizations receiving funds from the county are in order with their audits. Ms. Rhonda Tickle related they are all good except a couple and one she could not do anything with. She stated she is working with them to get in order. There was discussion whether to allow the payments if the organizations did not have their finances in order. Members also discussed the process to train and correct issues. Mr. Williams stated the Board is obligated to make sure the funding received is being spent correctly. Mr. McCoy stated the organizations need time to get things corrected and let Ms. Tickle work with them. Ms. Hobbs suggested the organizations in question be asked to address the Board and explain the problems and what is being done to correct them.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Butch Mullins to the Fairview Homes Board. Second by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the Fairview Homes Board. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. McCoy moved to reappoint Ms. Gina Franklin to the Giles County Social Services Board contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. McCoy moved to reappoint Ms. Barbara Hobbs to the Giles County Social Services Board. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Ms. Hobbs.

Ms. Hobbs moved to appoint Mr. Butch Mullins to the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Board. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. Alton Thompson to the Board of Road Viewers. Second by Mr. Williams. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Robert Givens as an alternate to the New River Valley Airport Commission contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. Emory Eaton to the Board of Zoning Appeals contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. McCoy moved to reappoint Mr. Eddie Sarver to the Board of Zoning Appeals contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy. Abstaining: Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the Public Service Authority. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Dunn moved to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker as an alternate to the Public Service Authority. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy. Abstaining: Mr. Baker.

Mr. McCoy moved to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Consortium Board. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. Williams.

Mr. McCoy moved to reappoint Mr. Billy McCroskey as the Hazardous Material Team Leader/Coordinator contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. H.B. Johnson to the Board of Zoning Appeals contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Williams moved to reappoint Mr. Sonny Jeffers to the Board of Road Viewers contingent upon acceptance. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. McCoy moved to approve budget supplements dated November 5, 2014, in the amount of \$17,748.93 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 supplements is included at the end of these minutes.

EXTENSION OFFICE FY2015 BUDGET

Ms. Rhonda Tickle presented information to members regarding the FY2015 budget of the Extension Office. She related that the amount submitted to the Board during the budgeting process included the VISTA volunteer but was not specified. The Board had decided during the process not to fund that position for this fiscal year. Ms. Tickle reported the office is saving money through staff leaving, and it seems the office is moving those funds around to pay for other things. Ms. Hobbs expressed concern regarding the listing of an intern on the extension office budget, stating she was told by Ms. Burkett an intern would not do for their services. Ms. Tickle requested the will of the Board. Members discussed line items as approved in the county budget and related the form submitted does not identify line items and should not be approved. Members were in agreement the form should show the savings of funds and a request should be made for allocation to a different use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A(1) Personnel, A(7) Legal Consultation, 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. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Not present: Mr. Dunn.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Williams moved to approve a letter of support for the Newport Historical District to apply for consultant status. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney informed members of an invitation to the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of RedSun Farms in Dublin.

With no further business introduced, Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014, in the Giles High School Auditorium.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

TRANSFERS SUPPLEMENTS
NOVEMBER 5, 2014

NOV 5 2014 SUPPLEMENTS ITEM	AMOUNT	REVENUE CODE	EXPENSE CODE
LITTER PREVENTION GRANT	\$9,577.00	100-3-24040-0007	100-4-31200-3100
DMV STOPS	\$3,376.62	100-3-18050-0002	100-4-12410-3161
PSA ADM FEES	\$4,025.94	100-3-18050-0001	100-4-12412-3163
REIMBURSEMENT STATE	\$376.00	100-319020-0008	100-4-31200-5541
DRUG TASK FORCE	\$393.37	100-318990-0099	100-4-31200-6020
TOTALS	\$17,748.93		