

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

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| 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. 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 issues on Hamblin Road had been corrected, and work had been done on potholes and brush cutting. Mr. Clarke presented a proposed resolution to abandon a section of Route 638. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Mr. McCoy moved to pass the resolution to abandon 0.125 miles of Secondary Route 638 as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Clarke related there are some upcoming bridge repairs to be conducted on Zales Mill Road and Clover Hollow Road, which will require closing the bridges from approximately 19 days to one month. Members discussed issues the closings could cause for residents and options for the best timing for the closings. Mr. Clark related the projects are expected to begin in Spring of 2015 or into 2016. Members also discussed the possibility of widening instead of deck replacement.

Mr. Clarke provided a presentation from the VDOT Bridge Office. The presentation provided options on bridges at Glen Alton, Lange Lane and Apache Road. The options were to remove the existing structures from the state system and grant to the sole users or to replace the existing structures an estimated cost of \$259,250. Members discussed options and asked that Mr. Clarke talk to the property owners before proceeding.

Mr. Dunn requested an update on Penvir Bridge. Mr. Clarke related he had found one truss bridge in Albemarle County and believes several had been constructed in the Lynchburg area. He will continue to gather information. Mr. Dunn also requested an update on Skyview Lane. Mr. Clarke stated there are some things to be worked out before the project can be started, which include some utilities that need to be moved.

Mr. Williams requested a safety and speed study on Route 635 (Big Stony Creek Road) and a speed study on Route 622 (Bear Springs Road). He also related that the shoulders are crumbling on Route 730. Mr. Baker requested a Watch for Children sign on Magnolia Lane in Ripplemead. Ms. Hobbs related she had received a request to consider adding Greystone Lane in Ripplemead into the state system.

Mr. Bill Hogg – Mr. Hogg related continued issues with Sinking Creek Road. He asked for potholes to be filled and that more speed limit signs be installed. He expressed concerns with the heavy trucks on the road pounding the pavement. Mr. Hogg also related there had been three accidents in front of his home and stated he had requested a speed study in June. Mr. Williams replied the process takes time.

Mr. McKlarney related he had received a request from Mr. David Trump. He asked to be allowed to utilize the inmate crew a few times a week to assist with things such as filling in pot holes. Members were in agreement.

Mr. Clarke related VDOT will be volunteering approximately 80 man hours to a project within the county and will provide more detail at a later date.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Ms. Cora Gnegy presented Mr. Tanner Ganoë who read the 4-H proclamation and requested approval from the Board. A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. McCoy moved to proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2014, as National 4-H Week in Giles County. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST

Dr. Arbogast reported enrollment for the beginning of the school year at 2,428, which is an increase of 3 from the end of June and a decrease of 30 from the same time last year. He provided an activity calendar for the month of October. Dr. Arbogast related that both Narrows and Giles High School had received a Safe Sports School Award, which shows the schools take critical steps to keep school athletics safe. He also related the school system had received a grant from the Virginia Department of Education for school security equipment in the amount of \$79,222 with a 25 percent match required.

Dr. Arbogast informed members all schools had received full accreditation with the exception of Giles High School, which received accreditation with a warning in math. The school is in the process of developing an improvement plan. Dr. Arbogast related the school is in the running for a VPI Plus grant. The grant would assist in improving upon early childhood education.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Adam Harman presented members with information regarding the Giles Wellness Center and Castle Rock Recreation. He related Castle Rock had more play this season than before and work is in progress to increase awareness of the Wellness Center. Mr. Harman stated some of the local businesses will reimburse employees for utilizing the center and some are able to have membership paid by insurance.

Mr. John Ross presented information for the Zoning Department. He related numbers for permits stating that only one special exception been received this year. He also related interest has been shown for submission of a special exception for a cell tower for the October Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Ross discussed IWorq software, which will have permits in a searchable format and related he has been certified as a flood plain manager. He also discussed work being done by the Planning Commission for some housekeeping on the zoning ordinance. Mr. Ross and members discussed issues with the agricultural policy and definitions in particular to hog lots.

Mr. Roger Houck presented information to members regarding PSA solid waste. He related there have been no recent issues and the PSA is looking at picking up garbage in a section of Peterstown that is located within Giles County. Mr. Houck stated the PSA had voted to move forward with river withdrawal design and the SCADA project is 99 percent complete. He related the PSA had applied for a grant to purchase a generator for the water plant; a loan was offered and the PSA is looking for other avenues of funding.

Mr. Williams related that the Town of Narrows had filed suit against the PSA and does not want the county to be able to extend water lines. He also stated the Authority had authorized the attorney to send a letter to the town allowing them to remove themselves from the Authority. Members discussed the related issues. Mr. McCoy stated the PSA would not allow the citizens to be without water but a fee would be charged.

Mr. Houck presented information to members regarding the Animal Shelter and Animal Control. Last year the euthanasia was over 300; and to date, it is at 14. He credited this achievement to the staff at the shelter and Ms. Marilyn Hollie. Ms. Hobbs asked that he work on a plan to help those who cannot afford to get their animals spayed or neutered. Mr. Houck related he had asked for clarification for the animal control officer in regard to authority and weapons. He was informed the officer is not law enforcement but has power to enforce animal control laws. The officers can carry a weapon after being certified. Mr. Dunn asked that he look at the state contract for the new animal control truck.

Mr. McKlarney presented information on the IT Department. He related Mr. Jamie Snider is doing an outstanding job.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING DESIGN

Mr. McKlarney presented information regarding the design of the public safety building. Negotiations for the design phase of the building with Thompson & Litton had been completed, with \$256,250 for design cost. The total estimated cost for construction would be \$3.8 million for approximately 14,000 square feet. He related the new system would allow for remote dispatching in emergency situations. Members discussed the proposal and the cost to

maintain the existing facility. Mr. McKlarney related that the RFP would be going out soon for emergency services. Members discussed possible charges to the contracted agency.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the design contract with Thompson & Litton for the Public Safety Building at a cost of \$256,250. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. McKlarney related estimates had been received for roof construction on the Sheriff's office building. The cost of a metal truss roof would be approximately \$75,000.

EQT GAS LINE

Mr. McKlarney reported he recently had a conference call with EQT regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Gas Line. He related a community meeting would be held in November or December.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate \$684,068.79 for payment of warrants dated October 1, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Williams moved to recommend Mr. Dave Hunt to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board Consortium. 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. Paul Baker and Mr. John Peek to the NRV Agency on Aging. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy. Abstaining: Mr. Baker.

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Dr. Conley Painter to the Giles County Industrial Development Authority. 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. Chris McKlarney to the Commerce Park Participation Committee. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

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. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Williams moved to appoint Ms. Barbara Hobbs to the Summit Place Board. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Ms. Hobbs.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Mr. McCoy moved to approve a request for street closures for a 5K run on October 18, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

NACO MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Williams moved to approve payment of NACo membership dues for 2015. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

With no further business introduced, Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014, in the General District Courtroom.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

October 1, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Giles County, in regular meeting on the 1st day of October, 2014, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under §33.2-909, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the secondary system of state highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, this Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of Secondary Route 638 from 1.575 miles east of Route 100, to 1.70 miles east of Route 100, which is the end of current state maintenance, a distance of 0.125 miles, and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above described section of road and removes it from the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2 -909, Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Recorded Vote A Copy Teste:

Moved By:

Seconded By:





2014 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 4-H'ers pledge their Heads, Hearts, Hands, and Health to the improvement of their clubs, communities, countries, and world; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures,

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in Virginia and the largest in the nation with over six million young people,

WHEREAS, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow, and work together for over a hundred and ten years;

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 100 years;

WHEREAS, 4-H youth, volunteers, and Extension staff have joined to promote a week of national, collaborated volunteer community service;

WHEREAS, volunteer community service is an investment in the future we all must share;

WHEREAS, 4-H in Giles County impacts over 170 youth members and 50 teen and adult volunteers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Hobbs, Chairman of the Giles County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, as National 4-H Week in Giles County. I urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Giles County 4-H and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.

October 1, 2014
Date

Barbara Hobbs
Signed, Barbara Hobbs

