

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, September 18, 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) - Absent
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 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. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Steve Taylor – Mr. Steve Taylor reported numbers for the Day Report Program as well as Assign-A-Highway. He related his office is in a new location in the Timberlake Building, which has two offices and two dedicated classrooms.

Mr. Williams related that Goodwill is developing a re-entry grant to help offenders with having a job lined up before being released. Mr. McKlarney reported on the Community Service Program. He related the program has reported 731 hours since inception and requested that members review the presented operating procedures for the program. Mr. McKlarney stated he would like to take advantage of the labor pool from both programs as much as possible. Mr. McKlarney also presented the final report on the summer youth work program to members, which showed 34 youth participants with an 85 percent retention rate.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GAS LINE

Mr. McKlarney provided information to members regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Gas Line. He indicated the company intends to hold a community meeting once the routing for the line is established. Mr. McKlarney will be participating in a conference call on October 19, 2014, and plans to ask general questions and will gather as much information as possible.

CELANESE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. McKlarney related invitation information to members regarding the 75th Anniversary Celebration for Celanese. He stated speakers would begin at 11:30 AM on September 20, 2014.

PERSONNEL REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related a request from Sheriff Morgan Millirons regarding personnel. He stated the sheriff requested to advertise for a dispatcher position as he has one that has resigned.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the advertisement and hiring of a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SAFETY/SPEED STUDY

Mr. Williams stated a speed study was needed in the Trigg area on Route 622 and Chemical Lime had asked for a speed study on Route 635. Members discussed the requests. Members were in agreement that a safety study was needed on Route 635 as well with the amount of truck traffic on the road and particularly the intersection at Darnell Mountain Road.

Mr. Williams moved to send a request to VDOT for a speed study on Route 622, Bear Springs Road, and for a safety study on Route 635. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Ms. Hobbs related she had been contacted by Mr. Wheeler. He had requested improvements on Penvir Bridge and Penvir Road. Mr. McKlarney related that Mr. Clarke is checking into other bridge replacements in the state but there is a shortfall of approximately \$75,000 at this point.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

Mr. Williams provided an update on the Workforce Investment programs in the area. He related the program is in the process of change, with one of the changes being expanding the age for the youth program to 24 and the ratio of in-school youth to out-of-school youth being 25:75. This is a significant reduction in the amount of in-school youth that will be served by the program. Mr. Williams also related the skills gap study would be posted online at the end of the month. There is a possibility the Workforce Board might request funds to assist with keeping the data current if a grant is unable to be located.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$677,729.64 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,160,084 for the school board for October, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$315,000 for Social Services and \$100,000 for CSA for October, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Members discussed the rising costs of social service programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Conveyance of Old DSS Property

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney related the conveyance of the old Social Services to the Town of Pembroke, if approved would include the building as well as the property, which is 0.816 acres. Members discussed the conveyance and provisions that should be written into the deed including a timeframe for improvements. Ms. Hobbs asked for any comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Proposed Conveyance of Eggleston Fire Department Property

Ms. Hobbs opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney related the conveyance of the Eggleston Fire Department to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department, if approved would include the building as well as the property, which is 0.643 acres. Members discussed the conveyance and provisions that should be written into the deed, which included a reversion clause if the property is no longer used by the fire department. Mr. Chidester related the deed would not be transferred until such time as the loan is ready to be closed. Ms. Hobbs asked for any comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Williams moved to convey the Eggleston Fire Department building and property to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department with the stipulation the building and property will revert back to the county if it is no longer used by the fire department. Second by Mr. Baker.

Discussion: Mr. McCoy stated he would like some type of guarantee that the issues with the old school building will be remedied if the property is conveyed. Members discussed various options to ensure the asbestos is abated and old school building is demolished in a timely manner.

Mr. Williams withdrew the motion, and Mr. Baker withdrew his second.

Mr. Williams moved to convey the Eggleston Fire Department building and property to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department and require a condition of the deed to move the cost of the asbestos abatement to escrow and with the stipulation the building and

property will revert back to the county if it is no longer used by the fire department. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. McCoy moved to convey the old social services building and property to the Town of Pembroke with a stipulation the property will revert back to the county if improvements are not made within five years and with the stipulation the building and property will revert back to the county if it is no longer used by the Town of Pembroke. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

INTERNET AND PHONE COSTS

Mr. Williams inquired about the cost of internet and phone services. Mr. McKlarney related all buildings had been consolidated on to one internet bill, with Verizon being used as a backup for the Treasurer's Office. He also related staff is making progress on finding a new phone system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A(1) personnel, A(7) legal counsel, and A(30) contracts. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: 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.

No further business was introduced. Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 3:00 PM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk