

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, September 3, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTORAL STAFF

Mr. Zach Thompson, Giles County Electoral Board Chair, presented resolutions of recognition to the following electoral staff: Mr. W. Thomas Miller, Ms. Margaret G. Caldwell, Mr. Jimmie L. Vest, Ms. Dolly V. Vest, and Ms. Jacqueline L. King. These people have served in an electoral capacity from a range of 24 to 42 years. Copies of the resolutions are attached at the end of these minutes.

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke updated members on work progress in the county. He related brush requests were taken care of on routes 635 and 605. He also related work completed on various roads in the county such as Bane Road, Patterson Fork Road, Mill Road and Route 700 near Mountain Lake. Mr. Clark stated Hilltop Road has been accepted in the state system and will prepare a resolution for the next meeting regarding the abandonment at the end of the road. Ms. Hobbs expressed concern regarding the ditches on Hilltop.

Mr. Baker requested work be done on Hamblin Lane and Route 759 off of Clendenin and asked that brush be cut back in Ripplemead. He expressed concern with the continued lane closures on Ripplemead Bridge and the possible dangers associated with them. Mr. Baker acknowledged the work that had been done on Spring Street. Mr. McCoy requested work be done to the dirt roads prior to winter.

Mr. Williams reported a large hole in the road approximately two to three miles above the lime plant on Big Stony Road and requested mowing on secondary roads. He inquired about the final cost of the Hilltop Road project. Mr. Clarke responded the cost of the contract had been approximately \$550,000. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of Sky View. Mr. McKlarney related all easements had been signed and sent on to VDOT and related VDOT should be holding a project meeting in the near future. Members discussed rural additions and agreed the road viewers should gather information to have ranked for future reference.

Mr. Dunn requested State Line Road be paved all the way through stating the section that was not paved has dirt showing through. Mr. Dunn inquired about the paving he had requested on Route 61. Mr. Clarke responded he had stretched as far as he was allowed on that project. Mr. Dunn expressed concern regarding Penvir Bridge. He related that VDOT is in opposition to a fractured critical design but no citizens have requested a larger bridge. He expressed displeasure with VDOT holding up the project. Ms. Hobbs mirrored that displeasure relating VDOT needs to fix the bridges that are there if they do not want to pay to replace them. Mr. McKlarney requested that Mr. Clarke check on acceptance of the property at the Clendenin intersection as well as Wheatland and Cascade Drive.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST

Dr. Arbogast reported enrollment for the beginning of the school year is at 2,417, which is a decrease of 8 from June 2014. He related accreditation ratings will be released later in the month but anticipates Eastern Elementary, Macy McClaugherty Elementary, Narrows Elementary/Middle School, and Narrow High School will be fully accredited, with Giles High School being accredited with a warning in math. Improvement plans will be developed for Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast related staffing details including numbers hired and moved. He also reported on a highly successful summer food program, which had served 5,749 child lunches and 2,998 adult lunches at NEMS as well as 972 child breakfasts and 368 adult breakfasts at Macy. Dr. Arbogast thanked Mr. McCoy for speaking to the teachers during their work session. Mr. Williams inquired about enrollment numbers for each high school. Dr. Arbogast responded enrollment for Giles was at 690 and 643 for Narrows.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map Along Cascade Drive from R-1 to RRA-1

Mr. Ross presented information regarding the recommended amendment. The recommended amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map is to rezone a portion of property located along Cascade Drive beginning approximately 1800' from the Town of Pembroke corporate limits and extending to approximately 6500' from the Town of Pembroke corporate limits from the R-1 Residential Limited) Zoning District to the RRA-1 (Rural Residential/Agricultural) Zoning District. The following tax parcels are included in the rezoning: 28-26C1, 28-26F, 29-15, 29-16, 29-15C, 29-15A, 29-15A1, 29-17A, 29-17, 29-19, 29-19A, 29-21, 29-21C, 29-22, 29-23, 29-24, 29-24C, 29-11C. Mr. Ross related he had spoken with all of the citizens in opposition of the amendment in attendance at the public hearing and all were now in favor of the amendment.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved

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

HOME MATTERS PRESENTATION

Ms. Tina King and Ms. Elisabeth Willis presented information to members regarding aging and community design. The presentation included information on expectations, workshops, recommendations, development of an action plan, and next steps. Ms. Willis related a guidebook is available online. Mr. Williams related there is a need for people to help the aged people every day.

GILES EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ms. Ann Geotte introduced Mr. David Moore and Ms. Karen Yolten and expressed the importance of early education for our children. Mr. Moore related Early Head Start had applied for a grant that could increase the number of children served in the New River Valley as well as Giles County. If approved, the grant could help to provide an additional 24 slots across 3 classrooms. The grant would require a 20% non-federal cost share. Ms. Yolten related Head Start was able to enroll 18 additional children for the school year. She reported GEEP had been able to coordinate an art activity in the back of the cafeteria during the summer food program where many volunteers came to assist. Ms. Geotte invited members to attend the 2014 Childfest on September 12, 2014. Ms. Hobbs inquired about the guidelines to be eligible for the Head Start Program. Mr. Moore related that it was 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Doug Worrell informed members about political signs being put up around the county. He related that the Tea Party does not campaign for any Republican or Democrat and is not responsible for putting up the signs.

RIVER CLEAN UP

Mr. McKlarney related the river clean up would be held on September 6, 2014, and he has confirmed 250 volunteers. The section will be from Celanese Bridge to Glen Lyn, with 92 canoes and several boats including those donated by various sources.

WISH YOU WELL

Mr. McKlarney reported that the first community screening for Wish You Well will be on October 17, 2014, at the Lyric Theater.

PEMBROKE BULK FUEL

Mr. McKlarney presented an agreement to add the Town of Pembroke for the bulk fuel purchase with the school board. The town would save approximately six cents per gallon on fuel. Mr. McKlarney recommended moving forward with the agreement.

Mr. Baker moved to approve the bulk fuel agreement as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. Dunn.

EMS STUDY

Mr. McKlarney reported the fire and EMS study will be conducted in December. The committee will come and visit with applicable departments.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. McKlarney related the cost to fix the roof on the Sheriff's Office would be approximately \$15,000. He stated he had made a visit to a 911 facility the previous week, and he plans to go out for bids for the public safety building in April or May of 2015. He anticipates the project will be completed in 12 months following the onset of construction.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. John Mills – Mr. Mills presented a report to members regarding the building department. He related the many projects completed during the past several months and expressed appreciation of his staff. Mr. Mills related the old Eggleston School building currently has a condemned notice on it and expressed the importance of getting something done about it. He also related he had done everything he could to work with the current owners. Mr. Mills related he had received a proposal from an engineering firm and the owners are willing to pay for the demolition but some administrative work needs to be done before funding can be in place. Mr. Williams related that the fire department would not be able to obtain a loan without collateral and suggested the Board transfer ownership of the current fire department building a property to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department. Members discussed various options.

Mr. Williams moved to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed transfer of property to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department. Second by Mr. Baker.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the transfer and ways to ensure the problem is remedied.

Mr. Williams withdrew his motion; Mr. Baker withdrew his second.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate \$544,444.22 for payment of warrants dated September 3, 2014. 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, 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.

FIRE PROGRAM FUND

Mr. Williams moved to approve the distribution of the Fire Program Fund as presented. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.

PROPERTY DISPOSITION PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Williams moved hold a public hearing for the disposition of property of the old Social Services building and lot to the Town of Pembroke and the Eggleston Fire Department building and lot to the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department with a reversion clause in both if the property is no longer used by the town or fire department along with a time limit on both properties to be developed and/or demolished as mandated. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker. Abstaining: Mr. Dunn.

With no further business introduced, Ms. Hobbs adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014, in the General District Courtroom.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

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Whereas, the process by which we elect our leaders at the local, state and federal levels, the most fundamental of all the elements of our government, must operate in a manner and environment which commands the trust and confidence of the public; and

Whereas, the conduct of elections in the United States has historically been a function of local government operating under state law; and

Whereas, the success of the democratic process requires fair and open elections which accurately reflect the intent of the electorate; and

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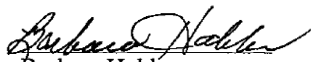
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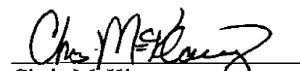
Whereas, *W. Thomas Miller* has served the citizens of Giles County for 30 consecutive years and has taken pride in his service as an Officer of Election and shown a commitment to excellence.

Whereas, *W. Thomas Miller* assisted in the administration of elections since 1984, worked with paper ballots, lever machines, touch screen machines and electronic pollbooks during his tenure, and dealt with the continuous changes in election law.

Now therefore be it resolved that the **Giles County Board of Supervisors** commends *W. Thomas Miller* for his dedication, devotion, and impartial conduct in serving the **White Gate and Pearisburg Precincts**, and extends the gratitude of the citizens of Giles County for his service.

Approved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of September, 2014.


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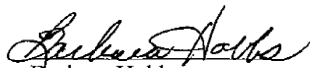
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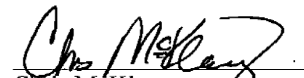
Whereas, *Margaret G. Caldwell* has served the citizens of Giles County for 24 consecutive years and has taken pride in her service as an Officer of Election and Chief Officer and shown a commitment to excellence.

Whereas, *Margaret G. Caldwell* assisted in the administration of elections since 1990, worked with paper ballots, lever machines, touch screen machines and electronic pollbooks during her tenure, and dealt with the continuous changes in election law.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors commends *Margaret G. Caldwell* for her dedication, devotion, and impartial conduct in leading the **Narrows Precinct**, and extends the gratitude of the citizens of Giles County for her service.

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Whereas, our role demands that these principals must be placed above personal or partisan gain; and


Whereas, *Jimmie L. Vest* has served the citizens of Giles County for at least 36 consecutive years and has taken pride in his service as an Officer of Election, Assistant Chief and Chief Officer and shown a commitment to excellence.

Whereas, *Jimmie L. Vest* assisted in the administration of elections since 1978, worked with paper ballots, lever machines, touch screen machines and electronic pollbooks during his tenure, and dealt with the continuous changes in election law.

Now therefore be it resolved that the **Giles County Board of Supervisors** commends *Jimmie L. Vest* for his dedication, devotion, and impartial conduct in leading the **White Gate Precinct**, and extends the gratitude of the citizens of Giles County for his service.

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Whereas, *Dolly V. Vest* has served the citizens of Giles County for 28 consecutive years and has taken pride in her service as an Officer of Election and Assistant Chief Officer and shown a commitment to excellence.

Whereas, *Dolly V. Vest* assisted in the administration of elections since 1986, worked with paper ballots, lever machines, touch screen machines and electronic pollbooks during her tenure, and dealt with the continuous changes in election law.

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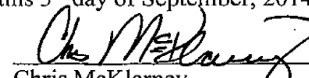
Whereas, *Jacqueline L. King* has served the citizens of Giles County consecutively from 1972 until the present and has taken pride in her service as an Officer of Election, Assistant Chief, and Chief Officer in the **Burton Mill and Narrows Precincts** and as a devoted member of the Giles County Electoral Board from 1999 to the present and shown a commitment to excellence.

Whereas, *Jacqueline L. King* assisted in the administration of 75+ elections and several recounts since 1972, worked with paper ballots and lever machines, assisted in the procurement and deployment of touch screen voting machines and electronic pollbooks, participated in the certification of 33 elections and dealt with the continuous changes in election law.

Now therefore be it resolved that the **Giles County Board of Supervisors** commends *Jacqueline L. King* for her dedication, devotion, and impartial conduct and extends the gratitude of the citizens of Giles County for her exceptional service.

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