

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 3:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Barbara Hobbs	Chair (Central District)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Scott Dunn	Western District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order. Mr. McKlarney had the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke stated they are currently working on regular maintenance items. He stated a majority of the paving is complete with the exception of Maybrook which requires a lot of milling. The drain issues are still being addressed. Mr. Clarke explained on Route 42 at Whitegate they will soon begin overlaying. He stated this is a time consuming process and you must wait a week or longer after sealing before you can surface treat. He hopes residents are patient during this time and he plans to place a notice in the Virginian Leader prior to the starting date of this project.

Mr. Clarke indicated that work is in process on Route 219 for drain issues as well as the one on North Street in Rich Creek. He stated they are getting a lot of unpaved roads and brush cutting work completed and are working on the Penvir Bridge. Mr. Dunn thanked VDOT for their work on Route 219 as well as Route 61. He asked for continued work on the Penvir Bridge as well as guardrail replacements on Lurich Road.

Mr. Williams thanked VDOT for their work at Clover Hollow and asked for help with brush work. He also explained at Broad Hollow a hard storm had caused pipes to plug and shoulder damage. Mr. McCoy explained that Route 460 between Pembroke and Doe Creek Road near Patrick Enterprises needs patched where the road is coming apart. He stated the ditch is washed out on Kow Camp Road. Mr. Baker thanked VDOT for the great work on Route 219. He explained brush work is needed along Route 643 and there is a bad dip area near Route 665 and Wilburn Valley Road. Mr. Baker asked if the road near the Moose Lodge could be checked where you cross over onto Route 100. He indicated that brush work is needed at Virginia Heights and pot holes need repaired at Ripplemead where you come to Route 460.

Ms. Hobbs explained that speed is an issue at Ingram Village on Oakland Drive and asked for a Children at Play sign to be placed in this area. Mr. McKlarney will send a resolution to VDOT regarding this matter. Mr. Clarke informed the Board of an upcoming project they are working on with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regarding a boat ramp at Ripplemead. Mr. Clarke explained a small section of the road would need to be closed and used as parking. He stated this will be further discussed at a later time.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast stated it had been a busy summer with 29 new teachers hired and 13 assistants. He stated the summer lunch programs were a huge success. As of August 4, 2015, Narrows had 2,659 children and 1,259 adults which had participated. Macy had 2,225 children and 565 adults. Dr. Arbogast encouraged the Board to visit Narrows High School and see firsthand the art projects which the children participated in during the summer lunch program.

Dr. Arbogast explained that August 11, 2015, DOE would have a news release regarding state wide school pass rates and on September 15, 2015, they will release the 2015/2016 accreditation ratings as well as the federal accountability reports. Based on all preliminary information, Dr. Arbogast anticipates 4 fully accredited schools and 1 school accredited with a warning in English.

Dr. Arbogast indicated he visited each school and he appreciated the work and efforts from John Mills and his Maintenance and Custodial Staff. He stated the modular classrooms for the new preschool programs are installed and the concrete work is in process. Mr. Dunn stated he had received a phone call regarding the STEM project and how it would be implemented. Dr. Arbogast explained Ms. Christina Martin will be working on this program with Ms. Tibbs. Mr. Dunn asked why Narrows Elementary and Narrows High School will not be included this year and Dr. Arbogast stated the grant was written to include Macy Elementary, Eastern Elementary, and Giles High School for the first year and move to Narrows the second year.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION REQUEST – PRESERVE GILES COUNTY

Mr. Rick Shingles, Mr. Kurt Bower, and Ms. Donna Pitt addressed the Board of Supervisors about the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Mr. Bower's introduced himself and explained he has a 40 year career and experience in designing and heavy construction large projects across the state. He stated he is the Pipeline's Campaign Manager for the Sierra Club and a retired engineer. Mr. Bower's explained the resolution and stated Nelson County and Montgomery County each passed the resolution during the last several weeks. He presented the Board with a slideshow outlining erosion and sediment damages caused by the Stonewall Gathering Pipeline in West Virginia. Mr. Bower's also outlined inspection reports from Stonewall. Mr. Bower's explained that we must petition

the Governor as well as the DEQ to get the design plans in hand and would like the Board of Supervisor to approve the resolution. Ms. Hobbs stated the Board and counsel will review the request further.

Mr. Shingles stated the second resolution is to protect water resources from the construction process. Mr. Shingles read the resolution to the Board and explained this is a preliminary resolution. He explained this resolution would state that the Board of Supervisors wants some assurances in advance that damages to the County's water sources would not happen. Ms. Hobbs stated the Board will review this with counsel.

Ms. Donna Pitt read the third resolution which outlined the routes planned by the EQT Midstream Partners and Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC. Ms. Pitt explained the purpose of this resolution is for the Board of Supervisors to oppose the Alternative Route 200. Ms. Hobbs stated the Board will review all three resolutions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Hoffman – Mr. Hoffman introduced himself and explained he lives right outside of Pearisburg. Mr. Hoffman talked about indoor plumbing and how everyone needs to be concerned with possible contaminated water should the pipeline project go through. Mr. Maury Johnson is a resident in Monroe County but grew up in Giles County. Mr. Johnson explained his daughter is in the Navy and she believes the best sweet tea in the world is at McDonald's in Pearisburg. Mr. Johnson firmly believes the water in Giles County is the reason behind this. He stated Giles County has some of the greatest water sources around and they must be protected. Mr. Johnson stressed if the water becomes contaminated it will never be the same.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – JEANNIE LAYTON-DUDDING

Ms. Dudding thanked the Board for their continued support and gave an update on the 4H Program, Animal Science and Nutrition, Health, and Wellness. She announced that a new 4-H Representative had been selected and her name is Ms. Sarah Pratt. Ms. Pratt just participated in 4-H camp and has several camps scheduled. Ms. Dudding stated Sarah Burkett is doing a great job and highlighted upcoming events for nutrition, health, and wellness. Ms. Dudding indicated the Rescue Squad has been very supportive and great to work with on several items. She stated there are 53 applicants in the Multi-Flora Rose program and she gave an update on the program.

Upcoming programs were highlighted such as Rain Barrel by Master Gardeners, Virginia Quality Assurance Sales Meeting, Kentland Field Day, Giles ELC Quarterly Meeting, and Giles Farm Bureau Federation Annual Producers Meeting. Ms. Dudding stated she has been assisting Ben Woods with projects at the Ag. Land Lab and gave a Master Gardner update. She introduced Ms. Rachel Owens which has been working as a summer intern. Ms. Owens stated she will be a senior this year at Virginia Tech and explained how working with the Extension Office has benefited her and has assisted her in choosing a career for herself.

FY 2016 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT: NRVCS AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. McKlarney presented the Board with a resolution between New River Valley Community Services and the State Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services. Mr. McKlarney stated Mr. Chidester has reviewed the resolution and did not see any issues.

***Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Performance Contract and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker.***

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE: RICH CREEK AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Mr. McKlarney explained the Town of Rich Creek has asked for street closure for September 12th & 13th for their annual Autumn Festival.

***Mr. Dunn made a motion to accept the request from the Town of Rich Creek and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

GLEN LYN WATER SYSTEM AGREEMENTS – KEVIN BELCHER

Mr. Belcher presented the Board with a joint agreement between the County of Giles and the Town of Glen Lyn. Mr. Belcher outlined the agreement which states the County will operate and maintain the Glen Lyn water system.

***Mr. McCoy motioned to accept the agreement between the County of Giles and the Town of Glen Lyn regarding the operation and maintenance of the Glen Lyn Water System. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NRV REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – JOHN ROSS

Mr. Ross presented and explained a letter of intent for the County of Giles to participate in the NRV Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Ross explained this would make us eligible for both Hazard Mitigation and FEMA grants.

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the letter of intent as outlined above and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – JOHN ROSS

Proposed modification of existing special exception Tax Parcel 74-18A Nature Way Country Store

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends a proposed modification of existing special exception to tax parcel 74-18A, Nature Way Country Store. He stated Mr. Daniel Chupp is available for any questions. He explained 11,000 square feet would be added for retail use with the remainder to be used as storage. Sixty parking spaces would be provided and he does meet all setback requirements.

Mr. Dunn motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations regarding the Nature Way Store, Tax Parcel 74-18A and Mr. McCoy seconded. The motion was approved 4-1 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Voting No: Ms. Hobbs

Amendment to repeal section 603.02-20 from the list of permitted uses in the RRA-1 Zoning District

Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission recommends this amendment which repeals section 603.02-20 “General Store” from the list of permitted uses in the RRA-1 Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations as outlined above and Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Amendment to Article 1100, Section 1104 of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission recommends to remove a copy of the Zoning Ordinance from the Circuit Court’s Office, and for the original Zoning Ordinance to be kept at the County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, VA.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendations to keep the original copy of the Zoning Ordinance at the County Administration Office and to remove the copy located at the Circuit Court Office. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ACCE Program Update – Mr. John Shelor

Mr. Shelor introduced himself and stated he currently attends Emory & Henry College. He thanked the Board and the County Administration for the opportunity he had to serve as an intern. Mr. Shelor indicated he had enjoyed his time here and learned a lot by working with the County Administration as well as the citizens in the County. He

expressed that Mr. Mullins had been a great mentor to him. Mr. Shelor presented the Board with an update on the ACCE Program and stated the students seem to be very appreciative for the opportunity to attend New River Community College. Mr. Shelor explained the program currently has 38 active students and everything seems to be running smoothly. When all students complete their community service hours, there will be 3,040 hours of community service completed.

GIS/E&S/VDOT Projects – Mr. Bryan Reed

Mr. Reed thanked the Board for their continued support and gave an update on the areas which he manages. He explained there had been 4 new structures surveyed and addressed and 1 subdivision plat signed. Mr. Reed stated 2 (911) Street Signs had been placed. He stated there has been 6 E&S site inspections and 2 Land Disturbing Permits issued.

A report on the VDOT County Administered Projects was given and Mr. Reed indicated that Springdale Road still has a no plans requirement which must be in place. Mr. Reed explained this project will now take much longer than expected and will not be completed before spring of next year. He stated in order to complete the no plans package, we could allow VDOT to administer this, or we could hire a separate firm to complete this package. The Board explained there could be delays if we wait on VDOT and agreed we should hire a separate firm.

Mr. Williams motioned to allow a separate firm to complete the No Plans Package for the Springdale Road Project and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-1 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Voting No: Ms. Hobbs

Mr. Reed gave an update on Skyview Lane and stated Mr. Paul Brown, the engineer on this project is working with us on correcting the original documents from VDOT. Mr. Brown explained the original documents did not specifically state that the Grantee Acknowledges to the Common Wealth of Virginia. Mr. McKlarney stated we will have Mr. Chidester to contact VDOT directly and see if we can get this worked out.

Mr. Reed updated the Board on Penvir Bridge and stated we are very close on this project. He also stated all residents of Alpine, Keffer, Mountain Field, Old Stage, and Witt have received letters asking them to agree to donate Right of Ways and these are due back into the office by September 14th.

Building /Maintenance/Custodial/Garage – John Mills

Mr. Mills thanked the Board for their continued support. He gave an update regarding the transitioning of the custodians from the school to the county. Mr. Mills indicated we have saved money and completed numerous projects because of this transition. He stated training programs and safety classes have been extended.

Mr. Mills stated the football project at Narrows went well thanks to the help by Mr. Charlie Henderson. He stated the garage has made a transition on how they capture their work with the assistance from Ms. Tickle. He explained things are going well in the Building Department and the Ag Land Lab has had a few items to iron out but everything has been going well. He highlighted the work and efforts by everyone to make the Ag Land Lab a success.

Zoning- John Ross

Mr. Ross thanked the Board for their continued support and presented them with an update. He explained two cell towers have contributed to the intake of funds. Mr. Ross demonstrated how the increase of fees has assisted the County.

Mr. Ross updated the Board regarding carport issues and explained the Planning Commission does not feel we should make any changes to the current requirements. Mr. Ross indicated he has been working on energy management issues and has identified several lighting areas, one being the Wellness Center. Mr. Ross feels he can make savings improvements in both the gym area and the parking lot. He explained this will cost an estimated \$12,000.00 but will pay for itself in 30 months. Mr. Ross explained this will save the County \$5,000.00 per year.

Mr. Williams motioned to change the lighting at the Wellness Center for an estimated cost of \$12,000.00 for materials. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Ross several questions regarding the Health Department permits and fees and explained it seems to take a lot longer than it should. He stated we should address the length of time it takes to receive a perk test.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the appropriations in the amount of \$793,807.62 and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Dunn asked Ms. Tickle if there is a way of distinguishing which department funds are coming out of and she is going to look into this. Mr. Dunn asked about a pass port issue with the Clerk's Office and Ms. Tickle stated she believes this is now taken care of. Mr. Williams suggested we charge any employees for the cost of uniforms not returned and Ms. Tickle advised this was a PSA employee and she will check into it.

There was a discussion regarding inventory and the minimal amounts to be used. The Board felt that \$2,000.00 was a good starting point but no decisions were made. Ms. Tickle will work with Mr. Snider on possible inventory programs.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Dunn

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. McKlarney explained he received a request from Sheriff Millirons regarding the replacement of two deputies which retired. Ms. Hobbs asked if this was included in the budget and Ms. Tickle stated she believes the budget includes one person. Mr. McCoy explained we had a hiring freeze in effect and he feels this should apply across the board unless prior approval has been given. Mr. Williams stated he does not feel we have the money at this time. Ms. Tickle stated she will review what was included in the budget prior to the Board making a decision.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney stated the Health Department is requesting an amount of \$3,900.00 from the Board of Supervisors to assist in providing pay increases to staff. Mr. McKlarney explained after the budget, the Health Department had \$3,900.00 remaining and has asked the Board to match this.

***Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$3,900.00 to assist the Health Department and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

Ms. Tickle stated she will need a motion to supplement the \$3,900.00 funds.

***Mr. Williams motioned to allow a supplement in the amount of \$3,900.00 and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

ANIMAL SHELTER STATE INSPECTION

Mr. McKlarney gave the Board an update on the Animal Shelter Inspection which took place on July 28, 2015, and stated a few minor incidents were noted and are in the process of being corrected. Ms. Hobbs explained we have an issue with cats and she feels we should stop picking them up. Mr. Williams does not feel this is a good idea. Mr. McKlarney stated he will check other localities to see how they handle this matter and report back to the Board. The Board had a discussion regarding animal shelter employees and stated there have been several complaints regarding conflicts of information to citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney stated that Mr. Williams asked him to submit an application for the VACO Achievement Award. He explained we did receive this and VACO will be present at the September 2, 2015 to present the award.

Ms. Hobbs announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 19, 2015 for the Summit Place.

APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Leon Law to the Planning Commission and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

***Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Jeff Morris to the Planning Commission and Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

***Ms. Hobbs motioned to reappoint John Peek and Paul Baker to the Agency on Aging. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker***

ADJOURN

Ms. Hobbs stated there was no further business and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM, in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk