

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 2, 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 (ABSENT)
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Finance Department
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 updated the Board on the Eggleston Road project and the warning signs that had been installed. He stated as quickly as the signs come in they will be placed. VDOT has questions regarding the location for the speed study on White Pine Road and Ms. Hobbs stated she will advise. Ms. Hobbs explained that Green Valley Road is in need of repairs. Mr. Clarke stated the project on Route 460 is complete and VDOT would like to begin working on the six year plan.

Mr. Reed reviewed a resolution which permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road and any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than 400 vehicles per day. He explained the resolution would consider Route 625 Goodwin's Ferry Road from .70 miles from Montgomery County to .14 miles from Montgomery County, a distance of .70 miles as a Rural Rustic Road.

***Mr. Williams motioned to approve the resolution as outlined above and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

Mr. Clarke stated the culvert is currently being replaced on Clendenin Road. He stated this will require some traffic management and will take approximately sixty days. VDOT will notify the surrounding residents. The speed study on Route 100 still needs scheduled. Mr. Williams asked about Rural Additions and Mr. Clarke explained there is currently no change with this project. Mr. Clarke stated the secondary project on Route 635 will not begin until spring. Penvir Bridge is currently under contract negotiations

according to Mr. Reed. Mr. Williams stated there are several pot holes on Hiram Jones Road and the shoulders need repaired on Route 730, White Rocks Road still has drain issues. Mr. McCoy indicated the repairs made to Route 460 look good. He stated the gravel roads still need repaired prior to the arrival of bad weather. Mr. Baker stated the ramp on the east bound lane of Route 460 still needs repairs as well as the bridge underneath the ramp. Mr. Baker explained that on the west bound lane of Route 460 near the Farm Bureau and the Credit Union there is a large pot hole. Ms. Hobbs stated there is a large pot hole on Virginia Heights near the Friends and Family Restaurant. Mr. McCoy explained the turn area near 84 Lumber has traffic issues which need addressed.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast passed out a calendar of events for December. Enrollment as of November 30th is 2,404 which is an increase of 42 from this time last year. Dr. Arbogast announced that Eastern Elementary Middle School held a Career Day Event on November 13th and sixteen community members attended. He reported that Giles High School went to the Concord Business Challenge where 27 students participated and read the names of the award winners. Dr. Arbogast advised that the Governor's Office invited the School Board to speak on the summer lunch program on December 11th. Mr. Baker asked Dr. Arbogast to thank the School Board Members for working with them through the years and to let the newly elected School Board Members know that the Board of Supervisors is eager to work with them in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO EXEMPT PROPERTY TAXES – HELEN WALLACE FOR GILES HEALTH & FAMILY CENTER

Ms. Wallace explained Giles Health & Family is a non-profit organization and outlined the services the center offers. She explained that funds for the program have been very low and they have been operating on a cash basis for several months. Ms. Hobbs asked what the savings would be used for and Ms. Wallace explained the center is financially in debt at this time and the money would be used to recover. Ms. Hobbs asked for a financial statement outlining their current obligations. Ms. Wallace stated the center would be pleased if the Board would consider a one year waiver and Ms. Hobbs stated the Board will review the financial statement once they receive it and a response to the request will be issued at the December 17th meeting.

MANDELL SUBDIVISION PLAT – BRYAN REED

Mr. Reed outlined the plat and lots owned by Mr. Mandell and stated the property is located at Walkers Creek. He explained this is a 24.292 acre lot and would be subdivided into 5 lots. The designated green space area was discussed by the Board.

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the recommendations by the Planning Commission to proceed with the subdivision of 5 lots for Mr. Mandell located at Walkers Creek Valley with the condition of Health Department approval. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS – CHARLIE MULLINS

Mr. Mullins outlined the community service program. He stated there are twelve new individuals enrolled and eight individuals have completed the program since he last reported. Mr. Mullins explained there is 32 active people and 691 hours of service have been completed. He outlined the mapping project and stated he will be presenting the project details to the School Board Members as well as faith based organizations. Mr. Mullins highlighted the ACCE program and stated 151 hours have been completed for the Assign-a-Highway Project. He announced this program has expanded to include community service workers. Mr. Mullins stated he served as a county representative in the drug court meeting held on November 17th and he is preparing a community service package for the new court system.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – JEFF DINGER

Mr. Dinger gave an update to the Board regarding the ACCE program and explained there was an informational meeting held at Giles High School which seemed very successful. He highlighted the temporary aid for needy families and discussed how he has been working with the Department of Social Services to find placements for suitable individuals. Mr. Dinger updated the Board on the FOCUS program. He also gave an update on the jail programs.

DAY REPORT PROGRAM – STEVE TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor stated there have been nine new referrals processed and admitted during the past quarter with ten successful completions. There have been 44 total clients served through September with a 79.54% completion rate thus far and 11.36% failure rate. The net savings through September 2015 is \$127,582. Mr. Taylor feels the referrals have really decreased and he hopes this changes in the future.

TOURISM – CORA GNEGY

Ms. Gnegy highlighted recent events and conferences attended. She explained she attended a Mountain of Music Homecoming meeting in Abingdon and stated this event will take place in 2016. Ms. Gnegy updated the Board on the web analytics as well as the geographical information on customers. Ms. Gnegy explained how building this data will help understand the tourism audience as well as identify potential people which may

travel to Giles. She gave the Board an update regarding the website statistics and a need for a hotel in our area was discussed.

APPOINTMENTS

***Ms. Hobbs motioned to appoint Ms. Nancy Rader to the Social Services Board and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

***Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Jeff Morris to replace Ms. Hobbs on the Social Services Board effective January 1, 2016. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

***Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Ben Johnson to replace Mr. Jeff Morris on the Planning Commission. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

***Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Frank Cahoon to replace Mr. Ben Johnson on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve \$679,637.75 for County Appropriations and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker
Absent: Mr. Dunn***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney announced the Economic Interest Statements are due by December 15, 2015. He stated the Public Safety Project Plans will be given at the December 17th meeting.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hobbs stated there was no further business and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM, in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk