

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 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
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

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

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of The Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

Mr. Baker moved to nominate Ms. Hobbs for Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2015. Second by Mr. McCoy. There were no further nominations. Ms. Hobbs was confirmed as Chair by a 4-0. Voting YES: Mr. Williams, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Dunn. Abstain: Ms. Hobbs

Mr. Baker moved to nominate Mr. Williams as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2015. Second by Mr. Dunn. There were no further nominations. Mr. Williams was confirmed as Vice Chair by 4-0 vote. Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Dunn. Abstain: Mr. Williams

Mr. Chidester explained beginning in February court will be held every day with Juvenile Court being held each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He stated that the judge is going to do her best to be finished by 3:00 pm each day and the board meetings could possibly be moved till 4:00 pm. Mr. Chidester explained there could be times when court would not end at 3:00 and this could pose a possible problem. Ms. Hobbs suggested that we leave the time at 3:00 pm and move the meetings to the Administration Office. Mr. McKlarney stated he feels this would work best and explained the conference room can accommodate up to 45 people at a time.

Mr. McCoy moved that beginning February 4, 2015 the regular Board of Supervisor meeting that is held the first Wednesday of each month will be moved to the Administrative offices located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg. The time shall

remain at 3:00 pm. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. McCoy moved that the recess meeting will remain the third Thursday of each month and continue to be held in the General District Courtroom at 6:30 pm. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. McCoy moved to establish the same policy as held in the past to move a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. Second Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker moved that the Board of Supervisors would adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2014. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There were no constitutional officers present.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke stated due to the holidays and vacations, December was a slow month. Mr. Clarke explained that shoulder work was performed along Route 460 and Route 100 as well as replacing some primary guardrails. Mr. Clarke stated they have not started working on the road near the animal shelter and Ms. Hobbs stated that the ditch is approximately six inches deep across the road. Mr. Clarke stated the drain will now run underneath the road and feels this work should be complete by the end of the month.

Mr. Clarke explained VDOT is working with Ms. Guynn and her mother concerning the issue of water draining onto her property at North & Federal Streets in Rich Creek. He feels that if this road were built today this is not where the location of the drain would be. They are reviewing different options as well as discussing the proper size of the pipe.

Mr. Clarke explained they are progressing with the turn lane on 460 going into Big Stony. He stated the survey is complete and the work should be fairly cheap with good standards. Ms. Hobbs asked when the work would be finished and Mr. Clarke stated approximately the first half of this year.

Mr. Clarke announced there will be a meeting in Salem at 1:00 pm tomorrow regarding The House Bill 2. He explained the meeting is in reference to new projects and new procedures and that any localities may attend.

Mr. McCoy stated he noticed cones placed in front of the John Deere store and he had also noticed guardrails are being replaced. He asked Mr. Clarke how far down the guardrails would be and Mr. Clarke was not sure. Mr. Williams explained he is pleased that the Big Stony turn lane is coming along. Mr. Dunn received a phone call regarding an area in Glen Lyn near State Line Grocery. He stated a car was coming the wrong direction and this happens quite often. Mr. Dunn explained currently there are no wrong way signs at this location nor on Houston Lane. He requests signs to be placed at each of these areas as well as arrows to be painted on the roads. Mr. Dunn also expressed that the signs located near Burger Boy at Rich Creek do not flash at all times and he and Mr. McKlarney both expressed that these should be activated at all times. Mr. Dunn also reminded Mr. Clarke about the drain issues for Ms. Falls on Spring Street.

Mr. Williams asked if we plan to continue having the inmate program workers to cut and remove brush. Mr. McKlarney stated yes and that requested areas should be directed to Mr. John Mills which oversees this project. Mr. McKlarney went on to state that VDOT picks the areas but are open to suggestions. Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Clarke if VDOT plans to continue using brine as a means of road treatment and snow removal. Mr. Clarke stated they feel this is a good solution and provides a good effective source of removal.

Mr. McKlarney asked Mr. Clarke if a group of volunteers is willing to maintain a section of brush would VDOT consider not spraying this area. Mr. Clarke stated this would not be a problem.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,447 children which is an increase of one child since last month and an overall increase of 5 from last year. Dr. Arbogast shared a calendar of activities and events with the Board and stated that during the week of January 13th SOL testing will be underway. Ms. Hobbs asked Dr. Arbogast if there would ever be any plans of removing SOL testing in Virginia and he stated that there is a committee which was created to review the tests and several have been reduced this year.

Mr. Williams asked if everyone had received a copy of the Land Lab report. He confirmed with Dr. Arbogast that the school board had approved it and stated the next step would be to hire a manager and form a committee to work with the manager. Mr. McKlarney stated the Extension Service has not formally committed to anything but he does feel this is promising. Ms. Hobbs asked Mr. McKlarney if we should refrain at this time and he stated he sees no

reason to proceed with a committee and even ask Ms. Dudding if she would participate on this committee. Ms. Hobbs stated that we have an Agricultural Committee which she feels we should utilize. Mr. Williams stated this would be a different advisory board made up of someone from each District as well as a School Board Member, and a Board of Supervisor Member and possibly a member of the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Dunn asked Dr. Arbogast if a decision has been made in regards to the changes to the school calendar and he stated there is a meeting scheduled tonight at 7:00 pm regarding this issue. Mr. Dunn asked what the main reason behind this change is and Dr. Arbogast stated it would provide more calendar days prior to Christmas break. Ms. Hobbs asked Dr. Arbogast if school consolidations have ever been discussed and Dr. Arbogast stated this has not been a discussion thus far. Mr. McCoy explained a majority of the time this decision was made due to schools not being maintained and kept up to par. He and Mr. Dunn each stated our Maintenance Department, The School Board, and The Board of Supervisors work very hard on the up keep of our facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Kelly - Mr. Kelly with the Rich Creek Police Department spoke regarding the lights not flashing near Burger Boy. The Board explained that this was discussed with VDOT earlier. Mr. Kelly expressed the need for this to happen and that it should not take the loss of someone's life to get VDOT's attention. He also explained that the speed limit between Rich Creek and Glen Lyn continues to play a large roll in accidents and he would like to see changes in this. Mr. Kelly also explained that vehicles on the West bound lane wanting to make a right turn face a blind spot which causes a lot of accidents. Mr. Dunn explained that Rich Creek had approached VDOT concerning this area and the speed limits. Mr. Dunn suggested for Mr. Kelly and others to perform a highway hazard report each time there is an incident. Mr. McCoy stated we can send Mr. Yost a letter asking for his assistance with this issue and that sometimes this helps.

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMIT PLACE BOARD – 2016 GILES COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM ALLOCATIONS

Mr. McKlarney stated we received a request from the Summit Board Directors regarding our 2016 Giles County HOME Allocations. Mr. McKlarney stated there is approximately \$121,000.00 available and that the County of Pulaski is willing to allow Giles to have their portion now as opposed to having it in 2016. He explained that Mr. Chidester has some questions regarding this and he wants to get some of these questions answered prior to the Board making any decisions. Mr. Chidester stated his concerns are that if the Federal Government should decide not to provide the money in 2016 we need to make sure that Pulaski isn't going to expect their 2015 money which is being used now.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION – HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AWARENESS MONTH IN FEBRUARY

McKlarney read the resolution regarding Healthy Relationship Awareness Month and explained that we have participated in this during years past.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the Proclamation. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

A copy of the proclamation is at the end of these minutes.

PLAT REVIEW – CREED TAYLOR

Mr. Reed explained The Board of Supervisors had placed in action for the subdivision ordinance to force land owners to dedicate a certain amount of right away. He went on to state that Mr. Taylor is dedicating only what is required by this Board to meet his requirements. He explained that Mr. Taylor has only dedicated a 40' wide strip for VDOT for purpose of operation to make as an improvement to Old Mill Dam Road as a public highway. Mr. Reed stated this includes only the area to be subdivided. Ms. Hobbs is concerned that we are adding two more families to an area that is too small. Mr. Reed understands but stated we can't force VDOT to go in and widen the road and explained all we can do is provide the correct dedicated right away. Mr. Reed reviewed the plats with the Board and read the Dedicated Statement which states the area contained within the 40 foot wide maintenance easement for Old Mill Dam Road as shown hereon is hereby dedicated to the Virginia Department of Transportation for purpose of operation, maintenance, and improvement of Old Mill Dam Road as a public highway. There was a discussion that the Board of Supervisors will review and make possible changes to the subdivision ordinance at a later date but this change will not affect the decision today because it is a legal subdivision ordinance.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the submitted Plat showing subdivision containing 2 parcels totaling 5 acres surveyed for Creed B. Taylor VI with the condition of Health Department Approval for the septic drain fields recommended by the Giles County Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

FY2015 AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the agreement with the Virginia Department of Health. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Discussion: Mr. Williams asked the board if they are doing a better job with collecting soil samples. Ms. Hobbs suggested that we notify the state and let them know we do not approve of the fees they are charging citizens to build a home. Mr. Williams stated the soil scientist is not giving as much time to Giles County as we are paying them for.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING UPCOMING GAS LINE MEETING

Mr. McKlarney made the Board aware of an upcoming meeting to be held on Monday, January 12th at King Johnson regarding the gas line.

Mr. Baker moved for the Board of Supervisors to have a called recess meeting Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:00 pm at King Johnson Community Center. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

NOMINATIONS FOR EQUALIZATION BOARD

Ms. Hobbs moved to nominate Rosco Jack Price to serve the Central District on the Equalization Board. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

Mr. Dunn moved to nominate Zach Thompson to serve the Western District on the Equalization Board. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING EGGLESTON SCHOOL PROJECT

Mr. Williams reported to the board that everything went well and the project at the Old Eggleston School is now complete. He thanked everyone for their help and support on this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, and A (30) Contracts. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and 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, and Mr. Baker

SOFTWARE PURCHASE

Mr. McCoy moved to authorize the purchase of software from RDA on a sole source basis for the sum of \$42,500.00 to further negotiate with RDA for tax collection and assessment software. Second by Mr. Dunn. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker

EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT

Mr. Baker moved to terminate contract with Edmunds and Associates and directed County Attorney to confirm that final offer was for Edmunds to retain \$25,000 and support financial/payroll software through June 30, 2015 and if not accepted authorized litigation to recover entire amount due on account of breach of contract. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). 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, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia. A public hearing with the Giles County Board of Supervisors and The Giles County Planning Commission will follow at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

Barbara Hobbs
Central District Supervisor

Scott Dunn
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



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Board of Supervisors

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PROCLAMATION

Giles County Board of Supervisors

Healthy Relationship Awareness Month

February, 2015

Whereas, violence in relationships often begins during adolescence, creating long-term negative behavioral and health consequences which can lead to dangerous and unhealthy patterns in future relationships; and

Whereas, many young people may be afraid, embarrassed, or may not recognize the severity of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; and

Whereas, parents and other adults can be uncomfortable with or unaware of the occurrence of abuse; and

Whereas, technology such as cell phones, e-mail, and social networking websites play a major role in an adolescent's life, but these same tools are sometimes used for control, stalking, and victimization; and

Whereas, a Presidential Proclamation has been issued that designates February 2015 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and

Whereas, the Giles County Youth Adult Partnership is one of hundreds of organizations across America hosting events to promote awareness of violence of any type and to empower the community to take actions to prevent it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the month of February 2015 is Healthy Relationship Awareness Month in the County of Giles, Virginia; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all men and women, young and old, of Giles County are encouraged to prevent violence of any type by educating themselves and others about the facts and by modeling respectful behavior in ALL their relationships.

Approved at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on January 7, 2015.

Voting Record:

	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Baker	✓	_____	_____	_____
Williams	✓	_____	_____	_____
Hobbs	✓	_____	_____	_____
McCoy	✓	_____	_____	_____
Dunn	✓	_____	_____	_____

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