

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the May 6, 2015 minutes and the May 21, 2015 minutes. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Morgan Millirons – Sheriff Millirons updated the Board on a complaint regarding Clover Hollow and the shooting range and explained that the individual was given our phone number so they could discuss any zoning issues with Mr. Ross. Sheriff Millirons gave the Board an update for the month of April stating there were 489 civil papers served, 55 uniform traffic, 71 misdemeanors, and 9 felonies. The inmates worked 805 hours and there was 1 dare graduation at Macy and 3 crime prevention classes. In the month of May, 527 civil papers were served, 11 felonies, 58 misdemeanors, 7 DUI's, and 30 uniform traffic violations. The inmates worked 1,270 hours.

An invitation was extended for the Drug Take Back Program to be held on June 6, 2015 at the Pearisburg Community Center. In addition to dropping off any unused medications, you can also bring any used batteries which will be recycled. Sherriff stated 767 pounds of medications has been turned back into the Sheriff year. He stated this used to be disposed of by the DEA and now we are doing this ourselves by a burning method. Sheriff stated a stolen boat had been recovered near Spruce Run which belonged to Virginia Tech.

Sheriff Millirons informed the Board of rumors regarding misappropriation of funds by the Sheriff's Office. He explained a public accusation had been made by a Board member regarding himself and he wished for the Board to explain the accusation. According to the Sheriff, the document states there has been many failed attempts to have the Sheriff comply with violations at the shelter. Sheriff asked the Board of Supervisors when they took back the shelter and animal control if all violations at the shelter had been taken care of according to the state inspection and Mr. McKlarney stated yes. Sheriff Millirons gave Mr. McKlarney a copy of an old document and asked if he recalled receiving it and Mr. McKlarney stated that he did. He asked Mr. McKlarney if he recalled him stating the County could take the animal shelter back and he stated yes. Sheriff Millirons read the document which stated during the Sheriff's tenure there were \$750,000.00 paid for hours which were never worked and he wanted to confirm if this is the Board's beliefs or just the belief of a single Board member. Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Baker all stated to their knowledge this was not a statement made by them. Ms. Hobbs explained she had missed a couple of meetings but does not recall this being discussed during the meetings in which she attended.

Mr. Dunn asked Sheriff Millirons if he would like him to explain how the figure was arrived and he stated yes. Mr. Dunn stated it was never approved by the Board for Sheriff Millirons to use a position on the road and if you take the salary and benefits of this position it equals over \$400,000.00. Mr. Dunn stated if you factor the hours she was paid but did not work as documented on the report from the Department of Agriculture, she received approximately \$80,000.00. Mr. Dunn stated Mr. Hunt was also compensated for her unworked hours which were signed off by the Sheriff. Mr. Dunn explained if you add these figures up this is about what it costs. Sheriff explained the figures given today are not near the figures listed on the page that Mr. Dunn created. Sheriff Millirons stated in February 2008, there was a closed session meeting which Mr. Dunn nor Mr. Williams were at. Sheriff explained during this meeting there was a conversation in which he asked for permission to use an animal control position on the road as a Deputy Sheriff. He stated that Mr. Baker remembered the conversation and that Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Gentry, Mr. McKlarney, and Mr. Spencer were all present at the meeting. Mr. Dunn explained this subject was discussed during last year's budget session and no one on the Board recalled this conversation and there was no evidence to prove the discussion.

Mr. Dunn stated during a Board meeting last year Mr. McCoy asked the Sheriff how many full time animal control officers he had, and the Sheriff stated two. Sheriff stated one of them was being used as a Deputy and Mr. Dunn said this statement was never made when the question was asked. Sheriff stated the question was addressed differently and he was asked how many animal control positions did he have and he answered two. Sheriff stated he does not do things without clearance to do them and that during the closed session Dispatchers were also given a raise. Sheriff stated they all know he would not utilize any positions without the Board's approval. Both Mr. Dunn and Sheriff Millirons stated they were not going to argue this any longer.

Ms. Hobbs asked the Board if they had any questions and Mr. Williams asked the plans are for the inmate program. Sheriff stated 4 or 5 are being used at a time and if any more are used the control is lost. Ms. Hobbs asked if we could get another guard to assist in watching them and Sheriff stated he has been trying, but no one wants to do this because of the responsibility. Mr. Williams explained we really need the help again removing brush. Sheriff stated he will be glad to assist but there has to be control with the inmates. Sheriff asked Mr. Clarke if VDOT could spray behind what is cut so it does not grow back so quickly. Mr. Clarke stated he would.

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke stated they have continued with patch work on Clover Hollow, Sinking Creek, and Spruce Run. VDOT is still working on Route 730 and Clendenin. Mr. Clarke stated Clendenin will probably require a new seal in the future. He stated that all primary roads have been mowed and they are currently working on the secondary roads. He stated they are working on a drain issue on Route 219 and advised the deed was signed for the easement to correct the pipe issue on North Street at Rich Creek. Mr. Clarke stated the trim work was complete at the bridge and the Route 730 speed limit study will be discussed during a meeting next week. Mr. McKlarney asked if the spreadsheet on the last 5 years of expenditures could be delivered at this meeting and Mr. Clarke stated that it could be.

Mr. Clarke stated they are working on a complaint regarding Carr Farm Road. Mr. Clarke explained to Ms. Hobbs this is a state maintained road and they hope to possibly place another low water structure there to help with the water issues. Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Clarke for the work done on State Line Road and the brush cutting on Route 61. He stated the guard rail on Route 61 still needs completed. Mr. Clarke explained they are looking at this as well as doing a new seal. Mr. Dunn stated Ms. Kidd will need the paving schedule on Route 61 and Mr. Clarke explained they do not have one yet. Mr. Dunn asked about Sky View Lane and Mr. McKlarney stated he has not heard anything on this. Mr. Clarke stated the County will need to revise the deed. Mr. Dunn asked about Penvir Bridge and Mr. Clarke stated this has been approved and the money is already in place. He explained this will be a County Administered Project.

Mr. Williams stated the grass on Spruce Run and Greenbrier Ridge did not take good and needs re-seeded. There is also a pothole on Spruce Run which was missed. Brush cutting needs done as soon as possible on Cox Road, Route 635, Clover Hollow Road, and Springdale Road. On Route 460 the culvert has a large amount of debris in it. Mr. McCoy thanked VDOT for the pothole repairs and asked that they continue to concentrate on the remainder of them on Route 460. Mr. Baker stated that Route 460 east and westbound lanes from Glen Lyn to Newport need shoulder work. Mr. Williams asked if VDOT could allow money for inmate guards to be used and Mr. Clarke explained he has a new procedure to follow and Mr. McKlarney can write a letter requesting this to VDOT.

WATCH FOR CHILDREN SIGN – BRYAN REED

Mr. Reed stated he had a request from Mr. Daniel Johnson on Sunny Ridge Road regarding a watch for children sign. Mr. Clarke explained he will have Mr. Jones to send Mr. Reed the proper application but there would be no issues regarding this.

Request from Joseph McClung – Mr. McClung requested VDOT to examine the new bridge as you cross into Peterstown. He explained while riding his motorcycle in the rain, he noticed on the right hand side of the road there was a large amount of water flowing. He stated this could cause a black ice situation if it is not checked.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast stated enrollment as of May 29, 2015 is at 2,429 which is an increase of 2 since the end of April with an overall increase of 7 from last year. He presented the Board with a calendar of activities for June. Dr. Arbogast stated the summer food program will begin on June 15th and the last day of school will be June 12th. He thanked everyone involved which worked on the Narrows High School Football Field Project and stated the sod has been installed. He congratulated Ms. Teresa Lowe for being the Region 7 winner of the 2015 Creative Excellence Program Award and stated she will continue to Richmond next Thursday.

Ms. Hobbs asked Dr. Arbogast how we plan to recover from the SOL cheating incident regarding a teacher and he stated there are new policies in place which should help this. Mr. Baker asked when school will begin for the upcoming year and he stated August 24, 2015.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN BELCHER

Mr. Belcher gave the Board a report on current projects which included several pictures. He explained the Glen Lyn Water and Sewer Project is taking longer than expected. He stated we are currently working on the pump at the Castle Rock pool and a new one had been located in Florida. He explained the pump should be operational by Thursday.

Mr. Belcher stated Public Works is currently seeking an additional employee and that all current employees are stretched very thin. Mr. Williams discussed the possibility of changing our cut off procedures for water. He stated that Ms. Givens recommended moving the cutoff from three months to two months. Mr. Belcher said he will review the current policy.

CASTLE ROCK/WELLNESS CENTER – ADAM HARMAN

Mr. Harman included in the packets an aging summary and balance sheet. He stated we are doing well getting everyone caught up on their dues. He explained since April 15th, there has been 248 community service hours utilized and the course is in good

shape. There are some pool issues and water loses and he hopes to get this corrected quickly. Mr. Harman plans to utilize the bottom area of Castle Rock as a snack bar and possibly sell hotdogs, chips, and candy. Mr. Williams suggested Kwik Café as an alternate source and Mr. Harman stated he will check into this.

Mr. Harman stated he had participated in several wellness fairs one of which was at GE Fairchild. He stated Humana came in and set up a presentation. He also stated there is a 5K coming up in August which is good because the gym slows down in the summer. Ms. Hobbs asked how we are on equipment and Mr. Harman hopes to keep things running as long as possible to help on the budget. Due to having two rate increases in the past couple of years he hopes we can look at different options. Mr. Dunn asked how many members we currently have and Mr. Harman stated around 850.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Doug Worrell – Mr. Worrell addressed the Board regarding a rate increase for solid waste. Mr. McCoy explained the Board of Supervisors is not responsible for this increase and it was the Public Service Authority Board. Mr. McCoy suggested Mr. Worrell attend the public hearing which will be held sometime in June.

Mr. Joseph McClung – Mr. McClung addressed the Board regarding an article printed in the WV paper concerning the EPA and water issues. He explained the EPA wants domain over both sides of the road which would consider where people's homes are located. Mr. McClung does not feel he should pay County taxes if they have domain over his property. Mr. McClung described the damage which he feels the EPA has already done to Giles County and stated it needs to be stopped. He would like the Board to consider writing a letter to the Attorney General of West Virginia and state that he has some support from this area. He feels this put a stop to this and place embarrassment on the EPA. He also feels we could start trying to embarrass Richmond and regain our power.

NEW BUSINESS

GILES COUNTY DSS – SHERRI NIPPER-WILLIAMS

Ms. Nipper-Williams gave the Board an explanation regarding the Pass-Through and the Base Staff. She explained when she receives her budget from the State and Federal Government they give her a base line. They also give her a pass-through amount for base and staff and the difference in these is a higher local match for the counties. Ms. Nipper-Williams stated this is normally a 50/50 split but due to a high medicated expansion and medicated equipment this is now a 70.5 split. She stated she gives a budget proposal in advance prior to knowing what the State is going to allow. She stated once she receives her allotment she is allowed to re-assess at mid-year. She explained in the future she will update the Board on where her budget stands for mid-year. Ms. Nipper-Williams explained since she asked the State for the pass through amount she also must ask the County for the same amount to show the match.

Ms. Nipper-Williams stated she called her Regional Specialist which controls the surrounding 15 areas to see if she was inline. He confirmed she is inline; and out of 22 operations in the Western Division she is the 3rd least for staff and operations. He also confirmed out of 22 within the New River Valley, Giles County pays the least amount for staff and operations.

Ms. Nipper-Williams is pleased with the way things are going for Social Services and she does not want the Board to feel she is going overboard in any manner. She explained the services are getting done but there are several legal fees involved. Mr. Dunn asked Ms. Nipper-Williams for statistics regarding poverty and any additional information she could provide from 2005 to present. There was a discussion regarding the current programs and the new programs and how they benefit the children.

GILES COUNTY CONTRACT SERVICES – JOHN MILLS

Mr. Mills explained the outline of the bids and stated a few services have increased. He stated he does not feel any of the bids are unreasonable. Mr. Mills stated the vendors we are using have provided good service and he feels the figures are appropriate.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the 2015-2017 contract services and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

REQUEST FOR ROAD USE – EASTERN DIVIDE ULTRA MARATHON, 50K RUN

Mr. McKlarney explained on June 20, 2015 there would be a 50K Run and provided a map describing the route.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the 50K Run Route and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

FY 2015-2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. McKlarney stated on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM there will be a public hearing regarding the 2015-2016 budget. The Board decided to have a budget discussion at the end of this meeting.

PAVEMENT BIDS – BLUFF CITY BOAT LANDING

Mr. McKlarney explained we had received two bids. One was from CR Henderson in the amount of \$67,390.00 and the other from Linkous Paving in the amount of \$60,270.00.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the pavement bid amount of \$60,270.00 from Linkous Paving and Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

PRESIDIO PHONE SYSTEM AMENDMENTS

Mr. McKlarney stated there had been several price changes in the Presidio Phone System. After eliminating several items there is an actual decrease. Mr. McKlarney explained we were going to lease this in the beginning; however, leasing was not as favorable as a straight purchase. He stated the return on investment is less than 5 years.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the purchase of the Presidio Phone System in the amount of \$156,120.00 and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

DAY REPORT PROGRAM

Mr. McKlarney stated Steve Taylor would like to get the Board's approval to do a survey and see if families are interested in a program titled Families in Recovery. The Board felt this was a good idea and stated Mr. Taylor could proceed without a motion. The Board received a copy of an email in their packet from Mr. Shumaker and a discussion was held regarding the email.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the appropriations in the amount of \$583,366.85 and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McCoy gave an update on the PSA Meeting. Mr. McCoy stated Pearisburg did return with an offer to pay an additional amount of \$0.65 if other towns would agree to pay \$0.40. He explained the other stipulations outlined in this agreement. Mr. McCoy explained later in the PSA meeting, the idea of having each town pay a surcharge amount of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for one year was introduced. This idea was passed by the PSA Board to advertise and stated each town council would have to agree to this amount.

Mr. Williams feels that Pearisburg should pay what everyone else pays and that at the end of one year we will still be subsidizing Pearisburg's water. Ms. Hobbs stated at the end of the whole process we still do not have an alternate water source. There was another lengthy discussion regarding Pearisburg's water rate.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Williams asked Mr. McKlarney if the budget had the wage increases included and he stated yes. The Board had a discussion regarding an Emergency Service Coordinator and if it would be beneficial. The Board does feel there is a need for it; however, they do not feel the funding is available at this time. Ms. Hobbs stated there was a concern that inmates would be cleaning the county offices. Mr. McKlarney explained to his knowledge this has never been a discussion. He stated the custodian and maintenance departments would be taking care of these issues.

Mr. Dunn asked what the bottom line figure for Greenbrier would be for Castle Rock and Ms. Tickle explained she moved it back to the original budget amount of \$70,000.00. Mr. Williams asked about the budgeted amount for Resource Officers and Ms. Tickle explained there had been one in the Sheriff's budget which needed moved over to the County side. Mr. Dunn asked Ms. Tickle to explain the line item for leases and what was specifically covered.

Mr. Williams asked if the ACCE Program is in our budget or the school budget and Mr. McKlarney stated it is in the county budget. Mr. Dunn asked Mr. McKlarney if we had received at least 50% participation in the early retirement incentive program and Mr. McKlarney stated we had not. Mr. McKlarney explained to the Board that changes can still be made to the budget it just cannot be increased.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hobbs stated there was no further business and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM, in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia. A public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

June 3, 2015