

At the work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 1:00 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
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order.

2014 AUDIT REVIEW – GORDON JONES

Mr. Jones presented the Board with copies of the audit report. He explained that everything looked good and there was little room for improvements. Mr. Jones stated there will be no additional changes in Government standards for the upcoming year; however, there would be a change in accounting which will be referred to as GASB 68. He explained this change will require all retirements to be calculated as a liability and will become a net pension obligation. Mr. Jones stated there had been a few minor incidents with VRS, but Ms. Tickle had corrected these issues.

Mr. Jones explained the total revenues are increasing at 2.82% and the total operating expenditures are increasing at 3.17%. Mr. Jones explained the water summary and stated there is a balance showing that may need written off. Ms. Hobbs stated the Board will review this item in more depth.

Mr. Jones stated the ending funds for operating expenditures was 16% and the ending cash balance was 12%. He explained the general fund revenues and expenditures contained in the colored charts. The summary of the water fund was discussed and Mr. Jones explained some of this may need moved to the general fund. Mr. Jones explained the remainder of the summaries and stated what areas he has offered recommendations. There was a discussion regarding fraud and how to make the employees more aware and Mr. Gordon suggested this be added to the personnel policy. Ms. McCoy asked questions regarding the Conflict of Interest documents and Mr. Gordon explained these in detail.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

Mr. McKlarney explained the Board still needed to approve the resolution by the New River Valley Planning District to change their name to the New River Valley Regional Commission.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the resolution by the New River Valley Planning District to change their name to the New River Valley Regional Commission 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

A copy of this resolution is at the end of these minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (30) Contracts 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

Mr. McCoy moved to return to open session and he certified that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that motion. 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

RECESS

Ms. Hobbs called a short recess before beginning the regular meeting.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

March 4, 2015

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

Barbara Hobbs
Central District Supervisor

Scott Dunn
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



Board of Superbisors

315 North Main Street
Pearisburg, Virginia 24134

Paul "Chappy" Baker
At-Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy
At-Large Supervisor

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR CHANGING THE NAME OF THE NEW RIVER VALLEY
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Planning District Commission was established by the local governments within the region on September 15, 1969 and chartered the Commission with the aforementioned name, and

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted an assessment of the agency in 2012 which identified eight implementation priorities, one of which included changing the name to the New River Valley Regional Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Commission Board of Directors conducted a vote that secured unanimous support at their meeting on October 23, 2014 to pursue changing the name to the New River Valley Regional Commission, and

WHEREAS, changing the name of the Commission necessitates an amendment to the Commission's Charter which must secure a majority of affirmative support from its members (8 out of 14) to be implemented, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is seeking unanimous support from its members to change the name, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is pursuing the name change to better reflect the overall mission and actions of the agency as a regional body serving the New River Valley, while recognizing the Commission routinely provides services beyond planning to its members, and the name Planning District Commission is often mistaken for local government Planning Commissions, and

WHEREAS, the purpose and function of the Commission will remain unchanged, while the new name offers better alignment with the intended purpose/function of regional collaboration, convening, visioning and service delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Giles fully supports the New River Valley Planning District Commission changing the name of the agency to the New River Valley Regional Commission.

Adopted March 4, 2015

Barbara Hobbs, Chair

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At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 4, 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
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. Baker motioned to approve the February 19, 2015 minutes 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

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. McKlarney explained the public hearing is a requirement from The Community Block Grant. He stated this gives the citizens an opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns regarding the Eggleston Phase 1 Water Line Project. He explained this project should be fully covered by grant funding and will stop at the bridge going towards Route 30. There were no further questions and Ms. Hobbs closed the public hearing.

AGENCY PRESENTATION-SWVA CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Ms. Becky Nave thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and introduced herself as the Southwest Marketing Director for the SWVA Cultural Heritage Foundation. Ms. Nave included in her presentation an overview of their website located at www.myswva.org. She explained each link on the website and explained the items which the foundation has been promoting such as The Crooked Road and Round the Mountain.

Ms. Nave introduced Mr. Jack Morgan, The Economic Analysis for the foundation and he updated the Board regarding the economic impacts. He explained the economic trends in Southwest Virginia and stated since 2004 tourism has increased by 45% with

travel expenditures increasing by 37%. Mr. Morgan demonstrated the quality of life and how the area had been impacted by people moving to the area to work and start a business. He updated the Board on outdoor recreation and discussed the SWVA Outdoor Expo to be held in September.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast stated enrollment as of February 27, 2015 is at 2,443 which is a decrease of 1 since January. He presented the Board with a calendar of activities for March. Dr. Arbogast read the results of the Skills USA District winners and also read the names of the five students which participated in the Regional Spelling Bee. He stated Mr. Caleb Clemons was the Regional winner and will advance to the National Competition. Dr. Arbogast stated Ms. Hailey Hansen was the County Spelling Bee Champion. Ms. Hobbs stated she would like these students to receive congratulation cards by the Board.

Mr. Dunn asked Dr. Arbogast if the School Board offers any financial assistance to students who participate in events and stated there had been a student who could not participate because of funding. Dr. Arbogast explained there are certain activities they can help with and Mr. Dunn stated he hoped this would be included in the budget.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Morgan Millirons – Sheriff Millirons thanked the Board for their support and also thanked Mr. John Mills and crew for responding so quickly to a massive leak in the Sheriff's Office. He gave a 2014 review and explained 6,638 civil papers had been served with 686 felony warrants, 889 misdemeanors, and 541 uniform traffic. He explained the inmates have worked a total of 17,963 hours and have performed numerous tasks and projects. Sheriff Millirons explained if the inmates were paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, the cost would have been \$269,445.00.

Sheriff Millirons described the Female Defense Program which is taught to students at Giles High School and Narrows High School and explained he is asking local businesses to help with this program by donating towards new equipment. Ms. Hobbs stated she would like to see a class offered regarding scam awareness and Sheriff Millirons stated this is offered each month at the Senior Center and they also try and put scam alerts in the newspaper. He explained ECO and TDO transporting has become an issue.

Sheriff Millirons explained in January 2015, 513 civil papers were served, 2 DUI arrests, 68 misdemeanor warrants, 24 felonies, and 42 traffic summons. He stated 3 safety programs had been conducted and the workforce had completed 2,156 man hours. In February 2015, there were 546 civil papers served, 35 misdemeanor warrants, 2 felonies, and 20 traffic summons.

Sheriff Millirons asked the Board to address VDOT regarding larger signs for White Rocks Road. He explained there have been numerous incidents on this road. He announced the Wounded Warrior Fishing Day will be held in June. The water bill line item on the expenditures was addressed and Ms. Tickle explained this is for the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse.

VDOT REPORT

Ms. Hobbs stated there would be no VDOT report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hobbs asked for any public comments and there were none.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends approval for a Special Exception to construct a 145' cell tower to be located on tax parcel no. 67-27 owned by Mr. Robert Francis. He stated US Cellular is the applicant. Mr. Ross stated the stipulations are the tower not be lit, the tower and any subsequent antennas be painted by a color chosen by Giles County, and the required NEPA Phase 1 study be completed prior to construction. Ms. Hobbs stated she would like the Planning Commission to select the color.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations with the stipulations as outlined above. 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

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends approval for a Special Exception to construct a 150' cell tower to be located on tax parcel no. 51-6 owned by Mr. Thomas Conley. He stated US Cellular is the applicant. Mr. Ross explained the stipulations as follows: the tower cannot be lit, the tower and any antennas are to be painted by a color chosen by Giles County, the required NEPA Phase 1 study must be completed prior to construction, and the tower be designed to collapse within the property upon which it is located as a condition to approval of the request to modify the required setback from 165' to 91'.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations with the stipulations as outlined above. 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

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission voted to schedule a public hearing for March 19, 2015 regarding a request from AEP to consider a special exception per pursuant to section 4.1 (A) of the Giles County Floodplain Ordinance to allow for the

closing of an existing ash pond involving the excavation or filling of more than 5,000 cubic yards of material.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the public hearing request as outlined above 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

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission voted to schedule a public hearing for March 19, 2015 to consider an amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to change the wording "Special Exception" to "Conditional Use" wherever it appears in the document.

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the public hearing request as outlined above 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

REQUESTED LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VIRGINIA TOURSIM CORPORATION PETITION

During a previous discussion the Board made a decision not to take action at this time.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the appropriations in the amount of \$956,782.37 and Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams asked for an explanation regarding travel expenses of \$295.00. Mr. McKlarney explained that we provide the Registrar a reimbursement for travel. Mr. Williams stated this is why the County purchased additional vehicles. Mr. Williams asked why we paid part time workers for Castle Rock in February and Mr. McCoy stated there were several nice days in February. Mr. Williams expressed the need to cut cost at Castle Rock.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dunn appointed Mr. Roger Lucas to the Board of Zoning Appeals 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

Mr. McKlarney stated he will check with Mr. Brian Squibb regarding Giles Races to see if he wishes to serve another term.

Mr. Baker appointed Mr. John Mills to Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Board and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

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ADJOURN

Ms. Hobbs stated there was no further business and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 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