

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members were present unless noted absent.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Jeff Morris	Central District
Gary Eaton	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. McCoy called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2016 meeting, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There were no constitutional officers present.

GILES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Arbogast thanked the Board for their continued support and introduced the School Board Members. He stated that they looked forward to working with the Board on the upcoming budget as well as future endeavors.

Ms. McMahon stated that there is a good relationship between both boards and they wish to strengthen this relationship by attending at least one meeting per month. She explained they will use this time to announce new ideas, provide a brief report, and answer any questions. Ms. McMahon stated they plan to add monthly non-voting work sessions in addition to their regular meeting and explained what they plan to accomplish during these sessions. She thanked the Board for supporting quality education in Giles County.

Mr. Gentry stated that he understands the huge tasks and responsibilities which the Board of Supervisors face daily. He recognizes that everyone in the county is asking for assistance for their needs and explained the School Board spent the last several hours listening to the needs of their people. Mr. Gentry indicated the school system is not able to create money; however, they plan to work on creative means to save money. He explained they look forward to coming back and discussing ideas with the Board of Supervisors in order to make the best decisions for our kids.

Mr. Steele stated the School Board members are going to work towards a long term financial plan that looks out 5 to 10 years. Mr. Baker stated everyone can and will work together, but the state is hurting everyone. Mr. Steele explained he agrees the state is not offering assistance; however, tax payers need to see that we are working on these issues. Mr. McCoy stated a 5 year plan will be a huge help and will allow people to see things moving in a positive direction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE AND EMS AUDIT TRAINING

Mr. McKlarney explained audit training was held on February 18, 2016. He stated there were 6 different agencies which participated.

EMERGENCY SERVICES RFP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney stated the Emergency Services RFP Committee met and everyone on the committee attended the meeting. He explained good ideas were offered and they hope to complete the process in 30 to 60 days; at that time the Board could decide how they wish to proceed with the RFP.

WATER AND POWER LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney explained Water and Power filed a request to become a consultant party for the National Historic Preservation Act.

VDOT BRUSH CUTTING PROPOSAL

Mr. Williams requested during the previous meeting that a proposal be filed with VDOT regarding brush cutting. Mr. McKlarney advised that the proposal was filed and they are awaiting a response from VDOT.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$606,986.63 for County Appropriations and Mr. Eaton seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams asked that the incubator phone bill as well as all other phone bills be reviewed.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$215,000 for Social Services Appropriations and \$160,000.00 CSA for March 2016. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,180,649.00 for March School Board Appropriations and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Morris motioned to appoint Ms. Judy Carter to the New River Community Action Local Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Mr. Morris motioned 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. Baker seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED CHANGES IN NARROWS VOTING PRECINCT

Mr. McKlarney explained the purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of an ordinance to change the Narrows voting precinct from the Narrows Volunteer Fire Department Building to the Narrows VFW Building located at 206 Hare Street pursuant to Section 24.2-306 of the Code of Virginia. He indicated the change has been requested due to emergency situations where the fire station must be able to remove their fire trucks quickly.

Mr. Williams asked if we could save money by combining voting precincts. Mr. Zach Thompson, of the local Electoral Board, indicated this has been reviewed and they do not feel combining is feasible. He stated this would increase travel time for citizens which could cause a decrease in voting. With no further comments, Mr. McCoy closed this portion of the public hearing. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Chidester if action could be taken this evening regarding the voting precinct, and Mr. Chidester explained it that it could.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the ordinance adoption regarding the change in voting precinct for Narrows and Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

[This ordinance is located at the end of these minutes.]

GILES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Mr. Ross explained the purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed text amendments to Sections 804, 805, 806, and 807 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to adopt the criteria for variances set forth in Virginia Code Section 15.2-2309 adopted effective July 1, 2015. Mr. Ross indicated this change is for housekeeping purposes. With no further questions or comments, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mr. Morris motioned to adjourn and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

Ordinance 9-16 (AMENDED)
 Adopted February 18, 2016
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**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF THE
 NARROWS VOTING PRECINCT
 PURSUANT TO VA CODE §24.2-306**

After public hearing on February 18, 2016, pursuant to notice published in the Virginian Leader on February 3, 2016, and February 10, 2016,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, pursuant to §24.2-306 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that the location of the Narrows Voting Precinct is hereby changed from the Narrows Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building to the Narrows VFW Building.

This ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2016.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on February 18, 2016.

	voting for	voting against	abstain	absent
Baker	✓	_____	_____	_____
Eaton	✓	_____	_____	_____
McCoy	✓	_____	_____	_____
Morris	✓	_____	_____	_____
Williams	✓	_____	_____	_____


 County Administrator