

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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 18, 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

Mr. Bobby Lilly, Commonwealth's Attorney gave the Board an update on the Drug Court for Giles County. He stated that he anticipates the program to begin this month and thanked the Board for their assistance with this project. Mr. Lilly discussed planning stages on a training program for officers and any additional staff which have to make home visits. This programming will provide basic health training to anyone who is interested. Mr. Lilly will advise additional information after the planning stages are complete. He advised that an internet safety course will be held this week at the Rich Creek Community Center. Mr. Lilly stated that he may expand this course to other areas in the county if there is strong interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

2016 ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY

Mr. Baker motioned for a recess in order for the Board to take a photo accepting the 2016 Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy by the Virginia's Community Colleges for the ACCE Program. 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

Mr. Baker motioned to return from recess, 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke stated they are still trying to recover from the weather and pothole repairs are still in progress. The removal of rocks in the ditch on Eggleston Road will be removed this week and Route 626 near Dry Branch Road is in progress. Brush cutting on Eggleston Road is currently in progress. Mr. Clarke indicated a preliminary approval has been given on the inmate brush cutting project.

Mr. Clarke explained they wish to postpone the public hearing regarding the six year plan until the recess meeting in April. They also plan to add several road related subjects which require public hearings on this day to include, but are not limited to, possible road and bridge abandonments. Mr. Eaton recapped a drainage issue on Pinehurst Avenue in Rich Creek. Mr. Williams asked for an update on the Skyview Lane project. Mr. Reed explained that he had received a call from a resident and it appears this project may be moving forward. Mr. Reed gave an update on Springdale Road and explained the agreement should arrive by the end of the week.

Mr. Williams stated potholes need repaired on Route 42 and Route 635. He asked for an update regarding the old Pembroke Bridge and Mr. Clarke stated they are reviewing this. Mr. Baker reported the asphalt needs repaired or replaced on Clendennin Road as well as a large pothole on Market Road. Mr. Baker addressed pothole issues along Route 460 and Route 100 and indicated the speed limit sign and the Watch for Children sign has been knocked down at Virginia Heights.

Mr. Morris asked for a meeting between VDOT, the land owner, and himself regarding Doc Carr Road on Route 697; he feels more could be accomplished if they met together at the same time. Mr. McCoy reported a damaged drain pipe on Little Meadows Road. He also asked Mr. Clarke to check a pole along Route 460 near Hoges Chapel where water comes out onto the road and causes hazardous conditions. Mr. Reed asked for an update on the speed study for Mr. Ellis and Mr. Clarke stated this should be completed by the end of April.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,382 students which is a decrease of 6 from the end of January. A calendar of events for March was given to the Board. Dr. Arbogast recognized several students from the Vocational School which participated in the District Skills USA contest and indicated several students will advance to the state level. Spelling Bee Winners for the schools were congratulated and 4 students were recognized for the National History Bee. These students will participate in the Charlotte Regional Finals.

NEW BUSINESS

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION INTERNSHIP PRESENTATION – JEANNIE LAYTON-DUDDING

Ms. Jeannie Layton-Dudding from the Extension Office updated the Board on recent activities. She highlighted program areas and outlined details of her involvement with the Ag Land Lab. Ms. Dudding gave a report on the Multiflora Rose program and the Farmers Market. Ms. Sara Pratt the 4-H Agent introduced herself and gave an update on the 4-H clubs.

Ms. Layton-Dudding outlined the intern program which she has been involved with for the past 3 years and explained she would like the Board to consider additional funding to support this program. She indicated the program is partially funded by Extension from Virginia Tech and the remainder is from county funds. She hopes the county will continue supporting this program. Mr. Zayne Williams, the Giles County VCE Intern for 2015 was introduced. He thanked the Board for their support and explained how valuable the opportunity had been. Mr. Z. Williams highlighted his involvement with several activities during his time as an intern. Mr. Z. Williams included pictures of all the programs he participated in and also gave a presentation on the Giles Agriculture Day Camp which he organized. Through this opportunity Mr. Z. Williams now understands he has a heart for and interest in working with children.

SKYLINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – CHRIS BARBOUR

Mr. Chris Barbour introduced himself and thanked the Board for their support. He outlined and highlighted the completed projects performed in Giles County. Mr. Barbour introduced Mr. Alan Leet, the newly elected director in Giles, and explained who they are and what they do to assist the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski. Mr. Barbour discussed how they protect soil and water resources and highlighted many district activities they have been involved with. He discussed water and livestock issues within Giles County. Mr. Barbour indicated \$346,758.41 has been paid to producers in Giles County along with 40 farm visits, the review of thirteen E & S plans and thirteen farm plans with an estimated cost of \$499,747.42. Mr. Barbour explained they currently receive \$8,400 from the county and are seeking an increase of \$4,600 in addition to the \$8,400. Mr. McCoy stated the Board will take the request under review during budget season. Mr. Williams suggested looking into labor assistance through the summer youth program.

EGGLESTON PHASE I CDBG RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney stated Giles County wishes to apply for up to \$300,000 of Virginia Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Eggleston Area Public Water Extension Phase I project. He explained this is similar to the resolution filed last year.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the resolution outlined above, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

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

CATAWBA HOSPITAL RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney outlined the resolution. As a means of cutting expenditures the Governor's proposed budget includes a plan for the closure of the Catawba Hospital in Fiscal Year 2018. The resolution states that careful consideration of the needs of the Roanoke and New River Valleys for accessible mental health and adult care services has not been taken into account. He explained the hospital does serve the needs of several citizens in Giles County.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the resolution as outlined above, 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

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

GILES COUNTY RIVER CLEAN-UP

Mr. McKlarney explained Pulaski County, Montgomery County, and the City of Radford have expressed an interest in performing a joint river clean-up project similar to Giles County. They wish for Giles County to expand our efforts this year and work with them along the Bisset Park area. Mr. McKlarney stated he discussed this with the Renew the New members and they approve and he is seeking approval from the Board.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the request for River Clean-Up to be expanded along the Bisset Park area for the 2016 event. 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

REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF PEARISBURG

Mr. McKlarney advised the Board of a request from the Town of Pearisburg seeking assistance on the removal of the 7-Day Market. Mr. Belcher plans to gather additional information regarding this project. Mr. Morris stated the removal of the market will improve the appearance of Pearisburg and to his knowledge, they are seeking assistance on equipment and labor.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends the 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, and there were no public comments during the public hearing.

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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$630,407.71 and Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams would like the Verizon phone bill reviewed in the amount of \$4,200.00. Mr. McKlarney indicated Mr. Snider is collecting this information.

The motion was approve 5-0 as follows:

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

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACO APPOINTMENT

Mr. McKlarney explained VACo currently has a vacancy on the Board of Directors for Region II. He stated if there is not a candidate on our Board, Mr. Bill Thomasson, a member of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors wishes to fill the position.

Mr. Williams motioned to forward a letter of support for Mr. Bill Thomasson a member of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy on the VACo Board of Directors for Region II. 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

LHOIST

Mr. Williams asked if there was a plan in place for 2 doublewides which have been donated by Lhoist North America. Mr. McKlarney indicated Mr. Mills is searching for a suitable storage area. He stated he will get with Mr. Mills and will advise as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, and 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

OPEN SESSION

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

*Mr. Baker motioned to approve working with the New River Regional Commission to update the Comprehensive Plan with a not to exceed amount of \$10,000. 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*

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

*Mr. Williams motioned to approve a letter of recommendation regarding Goodwill Industries. 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*

ADJOURN

Mr. Baker motioned to adjourn the 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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 6:30 PM. There will be a joint public hearing with the Giles County Planning Commission beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

 Chair
ATTEST:

 Clerk

Larry Jay Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Gary Eaton
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



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Paul "Chappy" Baker
At-Large Supervisor

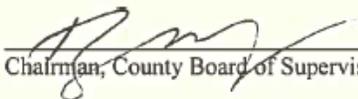
Richard McCoy
At-Large Supervisor

Resolution

Be it resolved that, pursuant to two public hearings, *Giles County* wishes to apply for up to \$300,000.00 of Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds for the *Eggleston Area Public Water Extension Phase I* project.

Whereas \$118,500.00 from *Giles County* as in-kind costs will also be expended on this project, it is projected that 48 people will result from the implementation of this project, of which 52% will be low-and moderate-income persons.

Be it further resolved that the *Assistant County Administrator* is hereby authorized to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of this Virginia Community Development Block Grant proposal.



Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Clerk, County Board of Supervisors

Adopted this 2nd day of march, 2015.

Jeffery Morris
Central District Supervisor

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

Gary Eaton
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker
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Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

A **RESOLUTION** urging no action be taken by the General Assembly to diminish mental health services for the most seriously and persistently mentally ill citizens of New River Valley and Roanoke region of Virginia.

WHEREAS, Governor, Terry McAuliffe's fiscal year 2017 budget requests \$1,000,000 for planning for the closing of Catawba Hospital in fiscal year 2018;

WHEREAS, Catawba Hospital serves the needs of much of Western Virginia for geriatric and adult patients with serious and persistent mental illness by providing fifty (50) adult beds and sixty (60) geriatric beds;

WHEREAS, according to a report by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (Study of Piedmont Geriatric and Catawba Hospitals, November 15, 2015 – pg. 21) geriatric admissions to State hospitals increased sixty-one percent (61%) in fiscal year 2015, thereby showing a need to keep these beds;

WHEREAS, Catawba Hospital provides beds mandated by Senate Bill 260 requiring State hospitals to provide beds for individuals on Temporary Detention Orders (TDO) when private beds are not available;

WHEREAS, Catawba Hospital saw an increase in admission of forty-one percent (41%) in fiscal year 2015 (Study of Piedmont Geriatric and Catawba Hospitals, November 15, 2015 – pg. 22) indicating a substantial need for these TDO beds in our region;

WHEREAS, Catawba Hospital currently serves the needs of the local and regional public safety agencies and jails effectively and efficiently by providing accessible emergency services for inmate and community members in crisis;

WHEREAS, the proposed substitute of Western State Hospital for Catawba services would cause substantial local government cost increases for transportation of prisoners and patients to Staunton for local and regional public safety agencies;

WHEREAS, the impact of closing Catawba Hospital would create an undue burden on patients in crisis and their families south of the Roanoke Valley;

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WHEREAS, previously proposed State bond issue, funding was requested to be provided to increase beds at Western State Hospital by only fifty-six (56) adult and geriatric beds, not nearly providing enough beds for Western Virginia based on the aforementioned increased need and the loss of one hundred ten (110) beds at Catawba Hospital;

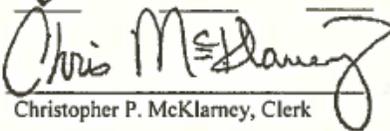
WHEREAS, Catawba Hospital is a vital part of the region's continuum of care by providing in-patient services for adult and geriatric individuals with the most severe and persistent forms of mental illness;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Giles County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The General Assembly is urged to take no action that would move toward diminishing mental health services for the most seriously and persistently mentally ill citizens of the New River Valley and Roanoke regions of Virginia.
2. The Clerk is directed to transmit this resolution to Governor McAuliffe and all members of the Virginia Senate Finance Committee and Virginia House of Delegates Appropriations Committee in addition to all local State Delegates and Senators.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on March 2, 2016.

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

Attest: 
 Christopher P. McKlarny, Clerk