

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 21, 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
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. Morris motioned to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2016 meeting, 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***

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There were no constitutional officers present.

GILES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Ms. McMahon shared several positive activities held during the month. She highlighted the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program and invited the board to visit any of the preschools in the county. Ms. McMahon also highlighted the recent STEMposium activity held at Giles High School. She explained there were over 200 students which participated as well as their families. She stated this was a great opportunity for local businesses to be represented.

Mr. Steele spoke with the Board regarding the upcoming budget. He explained the School Board had originally discussed a draft amount of \$527,000. Mr. Steele explained after receiving an amount of \$70,000 from the National Forest, \$55,000 from the driver's education fund, and \$60,000 from ADM, they anticipate requesting a lesser amount. He stated they are trying to show improvements. Mr. Steele indicated the revised draft request will be estimated at \$299,000.

Mr. McCoy asked the School Board to entertain the idea of providing transportation for students to attend the STEM Camp. He feels this may increase the amount of participants from Giles County. Ms. McMahon stated the School Board will review the suggestion. Mr. Gentry discussed bus fleet and the need to replace several buses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yvette Pennington – General District Court System:

Ms. Pennington thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She indicated the current staff has been there since 1992. Ms. Pennington explained their work load has greatly increased during the recent years. She explained in the 1990's they had 2 days of court. Currently, they hold 5 days of court per week with the same amount of staff. Ms. Pennington stated the court system works very hard to save Giles County tax dollars. She feels her staff is extremely overworked and underpaid.

Ms. Pennington presented the Board with a general ledger report, a transmittal of district court collections, letters written to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and pay salaries and entry steps. She explained they have requested help from the state with no success. The state did allow them a part time employee which is paid \$9.00 per hour. The staffing model indicates a staff of 5.5 positions is needed, and they are currently at 4 positions. Ms. Pennington outlined surrounding court systems which are supplemented through their local government. She is requesting a supplement from the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$3,000 per employee to be used as a salary increase for the employees. Mr. Williams asked Ms. Pennington if the towns had received this request and she stated they have not. Mr. McKlarney asked if the pay scales are consistent throughout the state, and Ms. Pennington explained the pay grades are not equal throughout the state. Mr. McCoy thanked Ms. Pennington for the work she and her staff perform, and stated the Board will review this request during the budget process.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DODGE SETTLEMENT

Mr. McKlarney stated Dodge Chrysler has made an offer of \$5,000 to settle the matters regarding a patrol vehicles that has required a significant amount of repairs. Mr. McKlarney feels this is the best offer we will obtain.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the Dodge Chrysler settlement amount of \$5,000.00, 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

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT – NEWPORT RURITAN CLUB, JULY 4TH PARADE

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the letter of support from the Newport Ruritan Club for the July 4, 2016 parade, 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

REQUEST FOR ROAD USE – TRI-ADVENTURE RACE, JUNE 18TH

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the request for road use for the Tri-Adventure Race to be held on June 18, 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$704,884.13 for County 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

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$1,879,651.50 for May School Board Appropriations, 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$300,000 for Social Services Appropriations and \$210,000 CSA for May, 2016. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Voting No: Mr. Williams

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

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, May 4, 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

April 21, 2016