

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 3, 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
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
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 July 21, 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.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke gave an update on recent maintenance projects. He indicated the 2 bridges at Newport are complete; he stated that roads are currently being paved, and slurry has been placed on Route 42. Mr. Clarke left a map outlining projected project schedules with Mr. McKlarney.

VDOT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Donald Crawford – Mr. Crawford resides at 161 Avery Street, Narrows. He explained that part of the road is paved and the remainder is a private road. He requested that the entire road be brought into state maintenance. Mr. Baker questioned the number of residents affected, Mr. Crawford advised that there are 4 homes on the unpaved section. Mr. McCoy inquired about the length of the unpaved portion, Mr. Crawford advised that it was approximately 528 feet and explained the conditions during inclement weather.

Ms. Carolyn Sparks – Ms. Sparks also resides on Avery Street. She reiterated Mr. Crawford's concerns regarding inclement weather, explaining that there is a cul-de-sac could be used when plowing. Mr. Morris asked if there is an easement, Ms. Sparks explained that there is not. Mr. Morris explained that this is why VDOT cannot cross over to private roads. Mr. Clarke stated that there may not be an issue adding this to the list of requests because it connects to Route 61. VDOT will review the associated cost involved, and will report back to the Board.

VDOT PUBLIC COMMENTS, CONT'D

Mr. Robert Glarner – Mr. Glarner resides at 134 Mountain Field Road, Pearisburg and explained that Mountain Field Road is on the list for VDOT to perform repairs. He stated that this project appears to be in the distance and there currently is an immediate need for gravel. He stated that the gravel will cost approximately \$1,000 and will save residents from walking approximately a half mile from their residences to their vehicles during bad weather. Mr. McCoy stated that the Board clearly understands the need for the gravel; however, if they supply it for the residents on Mountain Field Road, they must be prepared to supply it for all privately owned roads. Mr. Williams explained that this is not a service the County can provide. Mr. Clarke stated that there is a general rule that 5% of your secondary construction funding can be applied towards rural addition projects. He stated that the County may be able to address the Legislation and explain that 5% is not adequate for the amount of projects the County has and feels that there is a possibility that the amount could be increased.

Stephanie Aman – Ms. Aman reminded the Board that she wants to open the Feed and Seed Store in Newport and explained that in order to do this, the speed limit would need to be decreased to 35 mph in the Spruce Run area. She stated that this would benefit 3 businesses in the area as well as the resident.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve a speed study for Spruce Run Road in its entirety. 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***

Mr. Mark Givens – Mr. Givens addressed the Board regarding the bridge near Sexton Lane and Maybrook Road. He requested that VDOT widen the bridge when it is repaired. Mr. Clarke explained that there are no plans to widen during repair. The Board requested Mr. Clarke to check further into the possibility of this with the Superintendent.

VDOT REPORT, CONT'D

Mr. Baker reiterated that brush work is needed on Clendenin Road and explained that there are 32 potholes along Route 635. Mr. Clarke advised that the acceleration lane on Route 635 should begin at any time. Mr. Eaton asked if the bridge in Glen Lyn and on State Line Road were in progress. Mr. Clarke stated that these projects have not begun. Mr. Eaton reiterated a need for a cross over near Rich Creek and explained that when repairs are needed along Route 460 between Narrows and Rich Creek it is difficult on businesses in Rich Creek as well as the citizens. Mr. Clarke stated that he will work with traffic engineering regarding this request. Mr. McKlarney asked if the Board needs to do anything else to get this project considered and Mr. Clarke advised that no additional information is required at this time.

Mr. Williams expressed a need for brush removal and asked if the tractor which was used last year was available; Mr. Clarke advised that he would check. Mr. Williams repeated Mr. Baker's issues with the numerous potholes and shoulder damage along Route 635. He asked Mr. Clarke to review necessary repairs for the bridge near the golf course on Castle Rock Drive and the drain issues on Collins Avenue, he feels another drain pipe is needed. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Clarke to check brush cutting issues along Mountain Lake Road.

VDOT REPORT, CONT'D

Mr. Reed thanked VDOT for their efforts along Route 460 between Narrows and Rich Creek during the rock slide. Mr. McKlarney asked Mr. Clarke for information on Morris Street; Mr. Clarke stated that it may be a road that has been abandoned by VDOT; however, he will investigate further. Mr. Reed discussed the Route 100 Enhancement Project and advised that he has spoken with Mr. Paul Brown. Mr. Brown has suggested that the construction plans which were generated in 2004 be used. He indicated that this would allow for two, 12 foot wide lanes; six, 8 foot wide paved shoulders, and five, 7 foot graded shoulders. Mr. Reed would like to submit a notice of intent by August 15, 2016, with the Board's approval.

***Mr. Williams motioned to proceed with a Notice of Intent for the Route 100 Enhancement Project. 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. Reed updated the Board on the Secondary Route Improvements and explained that Thompson and Litton submitted 60% plans to VDOT during the week of July 20, 2016. He gave the Board an update on the Rural Addition Projects and explained that Chris Price is researching the next step on the Skyview Lane project. He indicated that the Road Viewers will provide a final report regarding the Mountain Field Road, Old Stage Road, Alpine Road, Keffer Lane, and Witt Road projects by the end of the week. Mr. Reed informed the Board of the new Revenue Sharing cycles and indicated that these will be prepared on a two year rotation cycle.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast outlined the start dates for teachers and students and advised that 11 new professional staff and 11 new assistants have been hired. Dr. Arbogast highlighted an upcoming event "Parents Night Out" to be held on August 16, 2016; he requested the Board attend if possible and explained that this would be an opportunity for students and parents to visit the School Board Office. Dr. Arbogast thanked Mr. Mills and staff for the work performed on all schools during the summer. He discussed a new project for all ninth graders regarding chrome books.

EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES REPORT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jason Stinnett, Environmental Specialist with the Giles County Health Department presented the Board with a presentation on emerging infectious diseases. Mr. Stinnett focused primarily on the mosquito driven Zika Virus. Mr. Stinnett gave a power point presentation on the virus and highlighted specifically how the virus is transmitted. Mosquito breeding habitats were demonstrated as well as the current role of Virginia Health Departments. Mr. Stinnett discussed possible recommendations for localities such as the development of local ordinances, identifying and training personnel with mosquito surveillance and control techniques, and how to identify licensed pesticide applicators who can respond to such incidents. Lastly, Mr. Stinnett provided website links for additional information.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Ms. Sara Pratt, Associate Extension Agent of the 4H Youth Development updated the Board on the program. She introduced Mr. Austin Lafon and Ms. Danielle Stevens. Each gave a small presentation on how the program has assisted them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Brady – Mr. Brady, a representative from Preserve Giles County gave the Board an update regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline. Mr. Brady explained that the project is entering a new stage that will consist of an environmental draft statement. Mr. Brady outlined a report written by Dr. Ernst Kastning, a retired professor of geology. Dr. Kastning's report explains how a large pipeline with the proposed amount of pressure could be dangerous for Giles County. Mr. Brady requests the Board to allow himself, Mr. Rick Shingles, Mr. Ross, and Mr. McKlarney to hold a joint conference call with Water Power and Law Group. He feels that addressing questions and receiving recommendations from FERC experts will be a vital step going into the next phase.

Mr. Williams motioned to allow a joint conference call with Mr. Brady, Mr. Shingles, Mr. Ross, Mr. McKlarney, and Water Power and Law Group. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Morris feels that Mr. McKlarney or Mr. Ross should be the only participants to address questions to Water Power and Law Group. He explained that Mr. Brady and Mr. Shingles could be in attendance; however, only employees of Giles County should converse with Water Power and Law. The Board agreed.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

BI-ANNUAL STAFF REPORT

Building, Maintenance, Garage & Facilities: John Mills – Mr. Mills presented the Board with detailed reports from the Building Office and Maintenance Department. He stated that all the efforts are cumulating and he has a great team of workers. He outlined several completed projects and upcoming projects.

Special Projects: Jeff Dinger – Mr. Dinger stated that this is his fourth year working with the Summer Youth Program; noting that 49 students participated in 2016, one of the most successful years. He explained that there were 77 local businesses that participated. Mr. Dinger gave an update on the TANF, ACCE, and FOCUS Programs. He indicated that two mistakes were located on the jail bill resulting in a \$600 savings.

Animal Control/Shelter: Joe Butler – Mr. Butler introduced himself to the Board and explained that he began working as an Animal Control Officer on March 1, 2016. Mr. Butler stated that from March 1 thru July 26, 2016 he has responded to 514 calls; 406 dog tags were checked and 37 were found not to be in compliance. All 37 of tag issues were resolved in a timely manner. Mr. Butler stated that Animal Control has increased patrol near river access points and Officer Bill Ahern as the newly hired Animal Control Officer.

GIS, E & S, and VDOT: Bryan Reed – Mr. Reed stated that he has surveyed and addressed 17 new structures this year and has reviewed and approved 23 Subdivision plats. Mr. Reed has installed and/or delivered twenty-three 911 street signs to VDOT and currently has one E & S project pending approval. Mr. Reed discussed his involvement in the ACCE Race, as well as many VDOT projects.

BI-ANNUAL STAFF REPORT, CONT'D

Public Works/PSA: Kevin Belcher – Mr. Belcher gave an update on the sewer take-off project and presented the Board with several estimates of probable costs. Mr. McCoy stated that this is something the Board would need to discuss; Mr. Belcher plans to research further. Mr. Belcher presented the Board with a water loss spreadsheet and explained that the report is generated 3 times per week by the PSA employees. Mr. Belcher outlined the relocation of a water line near the hospital and reviewed a proposal that was received from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company in the amount of \$11,973.60. Mr. Belcher made a recommendation to accept the proposal and move forward.

***Mr. Williams motioned to accept the proposal of \$11,973.60 from Consolidated Pipe and Supply, 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***

NEW BUSINESS

NRVCS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT REVIEW

Mr. McKlarney outlined the fiscal year 2017 Performance Contract between New River Valley Community Services and the State Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Mr. Williams explained that he would like additional time to review the contract. The Board made a unanimous decision to table the matter until their next meeting to allow for further review.

REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE – PEMBROKE HERITAGE FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 22ND

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the request for road closure for the Pembroke Heritage Festival on October 22, 2016. 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

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross stated that the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to add a new section, 610.02-40 Convenience Store to the list of permitted uses in the B-2 (General Business) zoning district.

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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$883,155.08 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

There were no appointments bestowed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (30) Contracts, 2.2-3711 (A) (7) Legal, and Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel. 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

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 Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk