

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, 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.

Gary Eaton	Chair (Western District) – Electronic Attendance
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Paul “Chappy” Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors was physically assembled in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. Mr. Eaton participated in the meeting electronically at his request due to a medical condition. His voice was able to be heard by all persons in attendance at the location of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. McCoy called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. McCoy welcomed Boy Scout Troop 460 to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the January 4, 2017, minutes 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

OLD BUSINESS

OLD STAGE ROAD SEWER AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney presented the sewer connection agreement for the Old Stage Road area with recommended revisions.

Mr. Morris motioned to approve Old Stage Road sewer connection agreement as presented, 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

PROCLAMATION – HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AWARENESS MONTH – FEBRUARY

Mr. McKlarney read the proclamation regarding Healthy Relationship Awareness Month. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the resolution for Healthy Relationships Awareness for the month of February 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

WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM BY-LAWS

Mr. Williams related that the by-laws for the consortium board were being revised due to changes in regulations. He requested a public hearing on the item.

Mr. Baker motioned to hold a public hearing during the recess meeting in February, 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

YORK COUNTY SUPPORT

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members regarding a request from York County. York County had requested other jurisdictions' support in efforts to gain the ability for Virginia counties to have equal meal taxation authority. Mr. McKlarney related they are attempting to gain additional support from other jurisdictions through VACo.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the support of York County in the legislative engagement of meals tax authority, 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

EGGLESTON PHASE II

Mr. McKlarney informed members of a Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP) grant of \$25,870 for the Eggleston Phase II waterline project. He presented a proposed engineering agreement with Thompson & Litton. Mr. Rick Chitwood, from Thompson & Litton, related the memorandum of understanding would secure the firm and allow him to locate alternatives for getting the waterline across the bridge. He stated the work would be completed within 90 days.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Thompson & Litton as presented, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,690,980.69 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. Baker motioned to approve \$2,242,036 for February 2017 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$275,000 for Social Services for February 2017. 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McKlarney reminded members new appointments would be needed for the New River Valley Community Services Board in April or May due to current appointees reaching their term limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McCoy related the intergovernmental meeting would be held in Rich Creek on January 30, 2017 beginning at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (7) Legal, 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

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:

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JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Steve Taylor, Chairman of the Planning Commission opened the public hearing with the Board of Supervisors and called the Planning Commission to order. The following Planning Commission members were in attendance: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Berckman, Mr. R. Browning, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Law, Mr. Baker, Mr. B. Browning, and Mr. Pitzer.

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT-RANKIN

Mr. Ross stated a request was received for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Recreational Development (Section 603.03-3). The development is specifically to allow for the rental of up to five floating cabins/houseboats on the New River, rental of canoes, kayaks and boats, a mobile DMV tagged bath house trailer, a mobile DMV tagged convenience store trailer which will have a carryout ABC license, and accessory signage.

The actual business use is proposed to be located on Tax Parcel 58-132C (owned by William and Diana Renee Rankin) with Tax Parcel 58-132A (Owned by Kelly Moore) being used as access to and from the applicant's business to the houseboats. Tax parcel 58-132C is located at 268 Cliffview Street in Pembroke, VA and 58-132A is located across Cliffview Street from Tax Parcel 58-132C, both are within the RRA-1 Zoning District.

Mr. Ross indicated several written comments were received regarding the project. He stated letters in favor of the project were received from Patrick Muldoon, Debbie Carbaugh, David and Rebecca Ratcliff, John and Melissa Zienius, Shawn Hash, Greg and Tammy Osborne, and Dianne Griggs. Mr. Ross indicated letters in opposition were received by Ann Goette, Alan Leet, Scott and Lynn Hill, Andrew Kassoff, Richard Claus, and Kelly Moore. Mr. Eric Gentry,

Agent for Ms. Rankin, stated he would like to reserve his presentation until public comments were given, and this would allow him to address any questions.

PUBLIC HEARING – Cont'd

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kelly Moore – Mr. Moore stated he wishes to object as landowner of parcel 58-132A. He indicated Ms. Rankin does not have legal authorization to use his property due to not having a valid lease. Mr. Moore presented the Board of Supervisors with a copy of the lease.

Mr. Shawn Hash – Mr. Hash stated he is in the tourism business, and he would like to add he feels the cabins would increase some much-needed lodging for tourist. He feels this is a new idea which is a unique opportunity, and supports the concept and hopes it succeeds.

Ms. Cindy Cook – Ms. Cook stated she feels it is a great idea, and explained it would give people such as herself an opportunity to stay on the river and experience what it has to offer.

Mr. Andrew Kassoff – Mr. Kassoff stated he owns Lot 3 on Riverbend Road. He thanked the staff for allowing him to review the application. He related concerns which he feels are not outlined well in the application. These concerns consist of sewage capacity, proper access to the river, proper means of anchoring the boats, registration, removal of boats during emergency situations, and management of operation during all hours to insure proper conduct. Mr. Kassoff related the river should be a resource for everyone and granting the request could lead to a potential trend of commercial uses on the river. He also related it could be an unsafe situation if a large amount of college students begins using the facility.

Mr. Eric Gentry, with Thompson & Litton, gave a presentation regarding the project. He stated the vision of the project is to provide a location where local residents, campers, and river users can come to refresh themselves at the convenience store and provide a new option for people that want to come to the county and enjoy an on-river camping experience.

Mr. Gentry gave examples of other projects that were met with negative voices from people which ended up being great successful projects. He also highlighted several individuals and businesses which are in support of the project. He explained the convenience store/bait shop would be properly DMV titled and tagged with a removable ramp. He indicated they will converse with a soil scientist once approval has been granted and explained they did not want to spend unnecessary money if permission is not granted.

Dimensions and specifics of the houseboats were explained by Mr. Gentry. He stated there would be up to five boats available for rental on a daily basis. Each cabin would be 8 by 14 feet with a 4 to 5-foot front deck and a 2-foot wrap around deck. The motors will be less than 10 HP to grant only the ability to travel back to land in a quick fashion and are not to be used as a mode of transportation. He indicated all boats and trailers would be tagged and titled by DGIF and the DMV and will meet all DGIF safety regulations concerning lighting, lifesaving equipment

and worthiness. Mr. Gentry showed pictures of the inside and outside of the cabins and explained each will contain a five-gallon marine type portable toilet and hand washing water container. All waste will be dumped at a land-based septic tank located at the Eggleston Campground. Mr. Gentry also gave mobility information and indicated in emergency situations the boats would be removed and stored at the Eggleston Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Gentry explained the next step after approval would be to hire the soil scientist and work with the local health department to ensure all applicable codes are met concerning water usage

PUBLIC HEARING – Cont'd

and waste dumping. He stated Mr. Worrell of VMRC and VDOT would also be contacted. Mr. Gentry concluded by stating he has grown up on the New River and would not support a project that put our area in a bad light.

Mr. Williams asked how people would be transported back and forth to the cabin boats, and Mr. Gentry stated by a smaller boat driven by employees only. Mr. Williams asked if an employee would always be onsite to assist if problems or emergencies arose, and Ms. Rankin stated they would. Mr. Williams asked where the boats would be placed, and Mr. Gentry explained placement would be decided at a later time.

Mr. Bill Hogg asked if there were only certain periods when the boats could be on the water and if there were maximum capacities of people allowed. Mr. Gentry stated they would not allow huge amounts of people on the boats, and this would be regulated by the owners. Mr. Moore asked if taxes would remain the same on the property, and Mr. Gentry stated he was not sure of this.

With no further questions, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing and indicated the Planning Commission would review all comments during their next meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Mr. Taylor adjourned the Planning Commission.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Mr. Gentry updated members regarding School Board activities. He related the Board had held a work session and would be traveling to Richmond to meet with legislators to seek additional school funding. He related the Board is discussing allowing students to bring their own hand-held devices. Members discussed the pros and cons of the use of hand-held devices by students. Mr. Gentry informed members the Board is working on a five-year plan that will include raises with taxes.

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PENVIR BRIDGE

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Option 1 for Penvir Bridge utilizing Six-Year Plan money 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

WHITE ROCKS ROAD

Mr. Bryan Reed informed members he had spoken with Mr. Ankur Patel from VDOT Forest Highway Program. Mr. Reed related there is \$8,600 of Federal funds to be used on Route 613, White Rocks Road with a match of 20 percent from the county. He also related the funds will be

rescinded unless a project is submitted to VDOT within 30 days. Members discussed various options and asked Mr. Reed to enquire if the funds could be used on maintenance of the road.

WORKFORCE MEETING

Mr. Williams informed members of a Workforce meeting to be held at the Giles County Technology Center on March 15, 2017. He related the Consortium would meet and tour the Tech Center as well as the mines at LHoist. Mr. McCoy suggesting holding a joint meeting with the Consortium.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mr. Baker motioned to adjourn 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 Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, violence in relationships often begins during adolescence, creating long-term negative behavioral and health consequences which can lead to dangerous and unhealthy patterns in future relationships; and

Whereas, many young people may be afraid, embarrassed, or may not recognize the severity of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; and

Whereas, parents and other adults can be uncomfortable with or unaware of the occurrence of abuse; and

Whereas, technology such as cell phones, e-mail, and social networking websites play a major role in an adolescent's life, but these same tools are sometimes used for control, stalking, and victimization; and

Whereas, the Giles County Youth Adult Partnership is one of hundreds of organizations across America hosting events to promote awareness of violence of any type and to empower the community to take actions to prevent it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the month of February 2017 is Healthy Relationship Awareness Month in the County of Giles, Virginia; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all men and women, young and old, of Giles County are encouraged to prevent violence of any type by educating themselves and others about the facts and by modeling respectful behavior in ALL their relationships.

This 19th day of January, 2017


Chair (Mayor)

Attest: 