

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting. 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. Reed updated members on the progress of various road projects within the county. He related an email had been sent to Mr. David Clarke with VDOT regarding the concerns of Mr. Bill Hogg. Mr. Reed related he had researched past requests on Eggleston Road as well and had found VDOT would install warning signs after the previous speed study. The response received from VDOT was there had been a significant decrease in the number of accidents on the route after placement of the signs and another speed study was not recommended. The data concerning the number of crashes was discussed as well as specific sections of the route.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to request a speed study on Route 730, Eggleston Road on the sections from Route 460 to Sinking Creek Road and from Route 100 to Trigg. 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***

Mr. Reed reported the total cost for the Route 635 deceleration lane was \$160,105. He also related the parking at the old Eggleston school had been completed with a permit fee waived by VDOT.

Mr. Reed related the estimated construction cost for the two-lane section of Route 100 is \$114,000,000 from 2028 funds. With the cost being that high, he anticipates the project will never be built. Mr. Reed stated there was a possibility of gaining HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funds at the district level and introduced Mr. Brandon Steele with WRA. Mr. Reed proposed WRA be allowed to conduct engineering services and compile two

applications for HSIP funds with the deadline for submission in November 2017. He related the applications would be for the most dangerous sections of curves where most of the accidents occur. The cost of the services would be \$10,000. Mr. McKlarney related the charge would not cover the cost WRA would incur to get the applications submitted and advised the cost was more than reasonable. The applications submitted would be for a request of \$3,000,000 each, which is the maximum request. Mr. Steele related there was no guarantee the funds will be awarded but the chance is better due to less applications within the district. There was also discussion of funds from Smart Scale HB2. Mr. Steele advised the applications could also be resubmitted the following year or used for HB2 submissions.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a contract with Whitman Requardt & Associates in the amount of \$10,000 for engineering services related to application submissions for Route 100 improvements. 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

Mr. Reed reported the final plans had been submitted to VDOT for Penvir Bridge in February and a response is pending from DHR. He related the environmental plans would then have to be submitted to DEQ. Mr. Reed stated the project is fully funded and anticipates, after the bidding process is complete, the construction will begin in late May.

Mr. Reed reported he has not received the hydraulics report on Skyview lane and does not anticipate receiving the report for quite a while. Mr. Williams inquired about the progress of Old Stage Road. Mr. Reed responded he was hoping to see where Skyview Lane was going to go and preliminary engineering reports show there are not enough funds to complete both projects. Mr. Williams stated it was previously discussed the project that got to the point in the process first would be the one completed. Mr. Reed related Old Stage was a little further in the process than Skyview and would be about half the cost, with the total available \$217,000. Members discussed options on Skyview Lane and Old Stage Road. Members were in agreement to move forward with the process on Old Stage Road and readdress it at the point where the process could proceed with VDOT.

Mr. Reed updated members on the progress of Springdale Road with final plans being submitted to VDOT. He related that easements were close to being completed, with the bidding process to begin after approval, and anticipated completion of construction in July 2017. Mr. Reed also report that construction on Goodwins Ferry should begin in May 2017.

Mr. Baker requested the brush cutting on Clendennin. Mr. McCoy related the discussion for brush cutting had begun several months ago, and VDOT wanted to wait until the leaves were off the tress. Mr. Reed stated the cutoff date for anything over three inches is April15 due to the brown eared bats. Mr. Baker also inquired about the caution lights that were to be installed at Route 635.

Mr. Morris requested some work be done on Route 100 near the Kirk Farm in the Wabash Creek area. He related the work VDOT did in that area had come out into the lanes and could be causing vehicles to pull into the rock cliff.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,382 students, this is a decrease of 5 from the end of December and no change from last year. A calendar of events for March was given to the members. He reported on spelling bee winners

from each school and the overall winner for the county. Dr. Arbogast presented information for teacher of the year for individual schools and related the committee would be meeting to determine the overall winner. He also related information on the Skills USA event recently held at the Giles Technology Center where 330 students participated in 76 competitions. He relayed the student names and awards earned for Giles County participants.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Bill Ahern presented information to members regarding animal control. He related statistics of calls and stated that one call listed could mean five to six visits. Mr. Ahern informed members the officers had moved to seven day a week coverage, and he anticipated the new animal control truck would be in service by late March. Mr. Ahern will attend Shelter Operations Management training in March as well. He reported the department has started to do some education and outreach in the schools and the community as well as having a column in the Virginian Leader to address hot button topics as they arise. Mr. Ahern stated one thing that has helped was to send pictures out of animals while on a call to determine if the owner can be found. Mr. Ahern also reported the county is 100 percent in compliance with the disposal of euthanized animals. The measures were put in place approximately six months prior. He related to members he would like to distribute policy letters to assist when others receive inquiries from citizens to help dispel misinformation.

Mr. Williams asked what was being done about the cat situation stating he knew of several farmers that would take cats if they were neutered. Mr. Ahern related traps were made available either by pick up at the shelter or by being dropped off by animal control. He also related information regarding the legalities. Mr. Ahern stated the shelter could be filled with cats every morning, but the animals must be kept for a specified amount of time and the financial investment would need to be considered. Members discussed issues of spay and neuter of the cats prior to finding homes as well as some of the issues with trap, neuter and release. Mr. McCoy related that we have a great rescue in the county but we haven't utilized it to the extent of surrounding areas stating we may need to get more volunteers involved. Mr. Ahern stated there are two groups in the county that are currently doing free or discounted spay or neuter programs. He also stated that Giles is the only surrounding county that does anything to assist with the cat issues, with most relying on rescues, volunteers and the SPCA.

Mr. Williams asked the members consider approaching the town of Pearisburg about moving the shelter into town limits. Mr. McCoy stated a plan would be needed prior to approaching the town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

CPMT BY-LAWS

Ms. Jenny McCoy presented a request for by-law changes for the CPMT stating the change would allow for a larger pool of parent representatives.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request as presented. 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

Ms. McCoy requested an appointment for a Sheriff's Office representative on the CPMT.

Mr. Williams made a motion to add a Giles County Sheriff's Office representative to the Giles County Community Policy Management Team. 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

Planning Commission Recommendation

Mr. John Ross presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to members as follows: The Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow a log storage yard under section 611.03-8. The specific use would be to allow for the storage of logs to be sold for lumber, there will be equipment used to load and unload logs stored at the location, and also a mobile office building in the future. The property is located on Federal Street in the Midway Community just North of 955 Federal Street and is also adjacent to 979 Federal Street. Tax parcels associated with this request are: 13A-4-19, 13A-4-19, 13A-4-21, 13A-4-23, 13A-4-24A, 13A-4-25, 13A-4-26, 13A-4-149, 13A-4-150, 13A-4-150A, AND 13A-4-150B as shown on the site plan submitted with the application. The property is owned by J.B. and Barbara Buckland and is located within the B-3 zoning district. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was the issuance of the requested conditional use permit with the condition that all other applicable permits are obtained for the project.

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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$825,994.66, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

Discussion: *Mr. Williams inquired about the Verizon charge for the elevator. Ms. Tickle related there is a phone inside the elevator, but it was most likely combined charges under the same coding within the report. Mr. Williams also asked about a car repair. Ms. Tickle related the insurance had been filed and paid as well as litigation in process.*

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Morris made a motion to appoint Mr. Jason Buckland and Ms. Jenny McCoy to the New River Valley Community Services Board with the appointment to begin July 1, 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

HOGES CHAPEL SEWER

Mr. Williams related that the cost of the Hoges Chapel sewer was now at \$20,000. He stated he had three willing to hook on at \$5,000 each and one that would like to have the cost added into his bill. Members discussed cost, options and the possibility of new hook ups in the same area in the future. Mr. McCoy stated the agreements would have to be modified to reflect these changes. Members agreed to wait for the new agreements and come back to a decision.

WORK SESSION

Ms. Jenny McCoy introduced Mr. Matt Smith and Ms. Lindsey Devon both working with the Children's Services Act Program. Mr. Smith presented information to members regarding CSA, purposes, concepts, eligibility and planning as well as other information. Mr. Smith also touched on CPMT, FAPT, desk reviews, and semi-annual reviews. Mr. Smith stated the had been a change in residential care that would affect funding, as fewer than half will qualify for Medicaid after July 1, 2017. Members discussed options to attempt to recoup costs but agreed it should not stand in the way of treatment.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members regarding the upcoming fiscal year. He related the impact of various increases and decreases in revenues. Mr. McKlarney also related the request of the school board for the coming year. Mr. McKlarney related to members the budget on its present course is not sustainable. Members discussed various options regarding cost savings. Members asked Mr. McKlarney to bring back revisions to the next meeting.

HOGES CHAPEL SEWER

Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$20,000 in sewer and financing agreements for Hoges Chapel sewer line with \$5,000 to be paid across two years. 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, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Vice-Chair
ATTEST:

Clerk

March 1, 2017