

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 5, 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) - ABSENT
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. Williams called the meeting to order and Mr. Baker offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2017 meeting. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke updated members on various road work within the county including patching, overlay, shoulder work and asphalt. Mr. Clarke related the truck wreck in the bluffs on Route 460 had occurred in the area where the retainer wall had been put in previously. He stated VDOT staff would be taking a look at the area to ensure there was no damage. Mr. Clarke informed members the low bidder for Goodwins Ferry Road – Route 625 was C.R. Henderson. He expects the project to start in May and be completed by August or September.

VDOT SIX-YEAR PLAN

Mr. Clarke provided three samples for the 2017-18 Six-Year Plan including addition variations with Powell’s Mountain, Hiram Jones, Prospect Dale, Green Hollow, and Arch Eaton roads. Members discussed potential issues with right of way and easement requirements for the various routes as well as different options in the plan. Mr. Morris was in favor of adding Prospect Dale Road to the plan. Mr. Eaton elected to add adding Powell’s Mountain Road to the plan. Mr. Williams selected Hiram Jones Road to be

added to the plan. Mr. Clarke recited the proposed list of priorities on the plan for members. Mr. Clarke asked the Board to consider approving the Secondary System Construction Budget as presented. He indicated there had been no questions or comments expressed during the public hearing.

Mr. Morris motioned to approve the proposed VDOT Secondary Six-Year Road Plan for fiscal year 2017-18. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Eaton requested work on the concrete sections on Route 460 in Glen Lyn. He also requested an update on the status of the parking issues on Glory Lane. Mr. Reed reported the issue had been addressed in November 2016. Mr. Baker asked for updates on the caution lights at Route 735. Mr. Clarke related he had seen a notice to proceed on that project and would like to get power to the park and ride when the lights are installed. Mr. Baker reported trees falling over into the road on Route 735 and asked for the rough patches to be repaired.

Mr. Williams reported there had been some trash being thrown out at the old dump site up Big Stoney Creek and requested a no dumping sign be installed. Mr. Morris requested information on the Carr Road Bridge. Mr. Clarke will get a timeline on the bridge for members. Mr. Williams requested an update on the Eggleston boat ramp. Mr. Reed indicated he is waiting for information back from VDOT for the right of way, land use permit or lease, whichever is required. Mr. Williams asked for an update on the status of the flashing light at Cascade Drive. Mr. Clarke informed members the project had gotten a notice to proceed and is under contract.

Mr. Williams reported continued drainage issues on River Road. Mr. Clarke related VDOT is working with the town in the revitalization project that should correct the issue. Mr. Williams requested an update on the brush cutting agreement. Mr. Clarke reported there were some changes that had to be made to the agreement and is in the process of getting signatures.

Sheriff Millirons related the traffic light at Walmart has only a 3.4 second transition from yellow to red and requested a longer transition. Mr. Clarke related he had reported the light to be fixed but will check on the status. Sheriff Millirons asked if animal carcass pickup could be done more frequently. Mr. Clarke related it could be done more than once a week but would cut into time staff was working on other things. Mr. McKlarney reported trees in the creek on Big Stoney close to the bridges noting citizens are concerned the trees could come down and hit the bridges.

Mr. Reed updated members on the progress of various road projects within the county. He related he had met with AEP regarding power pole relocation at Penvir Bridge. He stated the cost to move the power was going to be \$8,490 as existing poles could not be used as anticipated in the previous quote. Mr. Reed also related he had been in contact with VDOT and the US Fish and Wildlife regarding the bat studies at Penvir Bridge. He stated the start date would vary depending on the studies required and could range from July 26, 2017 to November 15, 2017.

Mr. Reed informed members he had received the hydraulics report on Skyview Lane with the cost for the culvert at \$50,000 plus an additional \$14,000 in nutrient credits. Mr. McKlarney stated there might be some construction funds available to be used to cover the cost of the culvert. Mr. Reed related there is only \$217,000 in rural addition funds, which is inadequate to fund both Skyview Lane and Old Stage Road. He related Mr. Brandon Steele with WRA had worked up some estimates on the projects free of charge. Mr. Reed requested guidance from the Board on what they would like to accomplish with the funds available. Mr. Steele related the information provided in the estimates. Mr. Reed related pending legislation is showing more species to be added to the endangered list which will require more studies and added cost to the projects. Members discussed options and various stages of completion on the projects.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to move forward with Old Stage Road. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

Mr. Reed reported the work for Springdale Road had been advertised with bids due by May 3, 2017. Mr. Williams related requests for speed studies on Route 730, Bear Springs and on Fletcher's Mountain Road.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,382 students; this is no change from the previous month and an increase of four from this time last year. A calendar of events for April was given to the members. Dr. Arbogast thanked the Sheriff's Office for keeping his office updated on the incident in the Newport area earlier in the week. He stated that there had been a lock out at Eastern and Macy Elementary/Middle Schools during the incident, which included some buses being held for students living east of Mountain Lake Road. Dr. Arbogast related the Giles Technology Center had students competing at the state HOSA event with student placing in the categories of nutrition, community awareness, CPR and medical terminology. He reported there had been kindergarten registrations at Macy and Narrows Elementary schools with large numbers preregistering. Dr. Arbogast stated the schools had received a technology grant that would be used to purchase a new CNC for the machine technology program and SOL testing would conclude in May.

OLD BUSINESS

GILES HEALTH AND FAMILY CENTER GRANT

Mr. McKlarney presented additional information requested by members for the Giles Health and Family Center. Members discussed options and tax amounts for the year.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the grant request from Giles Health and Family Center in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF KYLE HIGGINBOTHAM

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed resolution to recognize the accomplishment of Kyle Higginbotham to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution in recognition of Eagle Scout Kyle Higginbotham. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$1,052,784.45, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Morris made a motion to appoint Ms. Michelle Walkup to the Community Planning and Management Team as a parent representative. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

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 4-0 as follows:

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

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 4-0 as follows:

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

RURAL ADDITION ENGINEERING

Mr. Baker made a motion to move forward with engineering services for both Skyview Lane and Old Stage Road. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

HEALTH INSURANCE FY18

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve a sliding scale to determine the amount of the employer portion for employee health insurance as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FY18

Mr. Baker motioned to allow any VRS eligible employee for the County to take the retirement incentive outlined as follows: 50% for 50 days of work during the fiscal year or 30% with no required days of work. The letter of intent needs to be signed and returned by May 12, 2017, and eligibility will run from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018. There will be no guarantees for this incentive next year. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

LOG LANDING – CASTLE ROCK

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a log landing be made at Castle Rock for the purpose of timbering on county land with the trucks to run on the asphalt path through the course, which will be topped with stone. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

SCHOOL BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the School Board request for new funding in the amount of \$279,161.00. This amount will be exclusive of any carryover and potential savings from retirement incentives or any other currently unidentified revenue sources. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Mr. McKlarney reported the schools were down two buses and had requested to begin searching for used buses for replacements. Members were in agreement to allow the search for used buses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams announced a letter of thanks received from Judge Harrell regarding Mr. McKlarney's service and dedication to the drug court program. Mr. McKlarney related it was the best program he had seen for rehabilitation and an application for a regional grant was submitted, which will include Floyd County.

Mr. Baker announced the ribbon cutting on the new facility at the New River Resource Authority on May 18, 2017.

MEETING LOCATION/TIME CHANGE

Mr. Baker made a motion to move the April 20, 2017 recess meeting to the Giles County Circuit Courtroom beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 6:30 PM at the Giles County Circuit Courtroom located at 501 Wenonah Avenue, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

April 5, 2017

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles, held at the Administration Building on April 5, 2017, On a motion by Jeff Morris seconded by Paul Baker, and carried:

WHEREAS, Sections 33.2-331 and 33.2-364 of the 2014 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan,

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2017/18 through 2022/23) as well as the Construction Budget (2017/18) on March 16, 2017 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Giles County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2017/18 through 2022/23) and Construction Budget (2017/18) are hereby approved in the following priority order:

- Priority #0 Countywide surveying, right of way, guardrail – Various Countywide
- Priority #1 Reconstruct and surface treat – Route 625 – Goodwins Ferry
- Priority #2 Rural Additions
- Priority #3 Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 673 Penvir Road
- Priority #4 Reconstruct Bridge – Locally Administered – Route 673 – Penvir Bridge
- Priority #5 Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 659 Prospectdale Road
- Priority #6 Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 621 Hiram Jones Road
- Priority #7 Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 647 Powell Mt. Road



 GILES COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

At a regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on the 5th day of April, 2017, in the County Administration Building, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EAGLE
SCOUT KYLE HIGGINBOTHAM**

WHEREAS, to earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and

WHEREAS, although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific are required to advance through the ranks – Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle, and

WHEREAS, to advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, and

WHEREAS, at each of his rank advancements, a Boy Scout takes part in a Scoutmaster conference, and beginning with the Star rank, and continuing through Life and Eagle, a Scout must demonstrate participation in increasingly more responsible service projects.

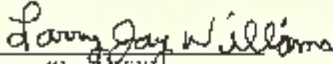
WHEREAS, Advancement, one of the eight methods by which the aims of Scouting are achieved, has four steps through each award level, and


WHEREAS, first the Scout learns; second the Scout is tested; third the Scout is reviewed and fourth the Scout is recognized, and the final step in advancement involves presentation of the badge, usually at a ceremony before the entire troop, and

WHEREAS, Kyle Higginbotham achieved the Eagle Scout rank, upon completion of his Eagle Project of repairing and organizing the soccer storage and equipment shed for the Giles County United Soccer Club completing Kyle's Eagle Court of Honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Giles County Board of Supervisors respectfully dedicates this document to honor Kyle Higginbotham and record its pride in his achievement of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts program.
2. That the Giles County Board of Supervisors extends its best wishes to Kyle Higginbotham for many years of continued success.


Larry "Jay" Williams
Acting Vice-Chairman


Chris McKlarny
County Administrator