

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 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 April 26, 2017, minutes 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***

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the May 3, 2017, minutes 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***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Ellis – Mr. Ellis related there is a place on North Fork Mountain Road that needs repairs. He stated the spot is about half way up and belongs to VDOT. Mr. McKlarney responded staff would do some research on the road and requested contact information.

Ms. Megan Weatherly – Ms. Weatherly related she was an ACCE program graduate and thanked members for creating the program. She related how she had initially planned to attend Roanoke College, but the ACCE program had saved her over \$50,000 per year in tuition. Ms. Weatherly stated she had served community service hours and worked the Muddy ACCE race. She graduated from New River Community College in December and is now attending Concord for a Pre-Professional Biology degree. Ms. Weather stated she plans to go on to become a doctor of veterinarian medicine.

NEW BUSINESS

ROUTE 100 HSIP UPDATE

Mr. Bryan Reed related he had attended a conference on Local Assistance Programs for VDOT that day and had found the requirements and regulations continue to get stricter on locally administered programs. He related the plan had been to phase out revenue sharing but the projected budget showed funds for the next six years. Mr. Reed stated VDOT is in the process of changing policies, with one of the changes being lateral fund transfers will only be allowed when approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. VDOT had stated in the meeting he attended they wanted projects for revenue sharing that are construction ready with the funds to be released and closed out within twelve months. Mr. Reed related information on a tool box available on the VDOT website, which includes a timeline feature.

Mr. Reed updated the members regarding the HSIP application for Route 100. He presented information on the project showing the proposed plan. The application indicated multiple sections on the route with improvements such as shaving off rock, widened shoulders, a safety rumble strip on the center line, and high visibility signage to include LED flashing lights. Mr. Reed related he had found the maximum was at \$5 million instead of \$3.5 million as previously related. Mr. McKlarney stated there were initially two applications, but the score was too low for submission. For this reason, the applications were combined. He related the decision could be heavily swayed by the Salem and local districts. Mr. Reed requested approval from the Board to move forward with the work to get to the submission of the application. Members were in agreement to move forward with the application process.

SPRINGDALE ROAD BID APPROVAL

Mr. Reed related he had checked into the use of blotted D on the Springdale Road project. He stated it can be used; however, the sub-base would need to be increased from six inches to eight inches. This would reduce the bid projection by \$50,000 but cost an additional \$25,000 for the extra stone. Mr. Williams stated the project should be rebid with both options. Members discussed options and timelines. Mr. Baker stated the project should be left as it was bid. Mr. Reed related there would be several things that would need to be done to rebid the project that would add cost and time to the project. Mr. McCoy closed the discussion to be continued after the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED REFUND OF EXCESS FUNDS FROM DELINQUENT TAX SALE

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. Chidester related the proposed ordinance arises from a tax sale held in 2014 of property that belonged to Mr. Monty Ritter with excess proceeds in the amount of \$10,656.69. Mr. Chidester related pursuant to the statute the funds are to be held by the clerk of the court for two years to see if anyone makes a claim. If no claims are made, the proceeds are dispersed to the jurisdiction. He stated the county had received \$7,638.20 due to this sale. Mr. Chidester conveyed that Mr. Ritter had contacted the clerk's office in January 2015 regarding the excess funds and was instructed to call back in two years. In December 2016, the judge transferred the proceeds. Mr. Chidester cited code and stated the Board could refund excess funds back to the previous

owner by ordinance. He related the amount of the bills, fees, taxes, etcetera to be taken out of the proceeds to cover the cost to the county and said the total refund to Mr. Ritter would come to \$2,645.33. He informed members of their options.

Mr. Brian Scheid requested members pass the ordinance to refund the excess proceeds. He expressed an issue with the staff cost being calculated by the Treasurer's Office and asked that amount be reduced by half. He requested a refund in the amount of \$3,645.33, due to the fact that Mr. Ritter had made an oral attempt to claim the funds and had his address on file where he could have been reached. He also related the code does not state the specific way to make a claim to the money.

Mr. Morris questioned how the costs were handled. Mr. Chidester related all costs had been taken out of the proceeds up front.

With no further comments, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the ordinance to refund excess funds from a delinquent tax sale for property previously owned by Mr. Monty Ritter in the amount \$3,645.33. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Members discussed the reduction of the amount charged for staff time. Mr. McCoy state he thought the amount was too high. Mr. Morris stated there had been some problems attempting to locate Mr. Ritter.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE – FY 2017-18

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney made a presentation on the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He related information on the budget process, revenues and expenditures, tax rate comparisons, state funding cuts, funding to area schools, the impacts of increases in costs, and budget highlights. He stated the tax rate was not proposed to change for the coming year.

Mr. Williams questioned the increase in the social services budget. Mr. McKlarney related he is talking with the department and hopes to have additional information before the next meeting. He also related the budget is approved as a whole not by individual departments. Mr. Williams expressed concern about social services being over budget. Ms. Tickle related the department is not really over budget and the number put in the audit is only the number the department starts with. She stated things come up during the year and the changes are approved by the state as well as the Board on a monthly basis. Ms. Tickle reported the local funding is very consistent back to 2009. Mr. Williams stated he would like to see the bottom line. Ms. Tickle related there are several vacancies at social services and all raises in that department are sent into the state for approval. Mr. McCoy requested information to see if other localities are getting prior approval from the state. Members discussed the turnover rate.

Mr. Williams stated that health and welfare is the only department that has doubled in the past ten years and we have a serious problem that needs to be addressed. He questioned what programs social services has in place to address the problems. Mr. Chidester provided some program information to members and stated that much of staff time is spent making visits to children. He related the department cannot provide more services with level funding.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing.

GLEN ALTON

Mr. McKlarney informed members he had made contact with the Forest Service regarding the gate situation at Glen Alton. The Forest Service had told him they wanted to get the recreation supervisor for the district involved and are trying to get in touch with VDOT to find out options. Mr. McKlarney related they are requesting two weeks to try to develop solutions and talked with them about the handicapped access. Mr. Williams expressed concern regarding the lack of handicapped access there as well as at the Cascades.

JUNE RECESS MEETING DATE CHANGE

***Mr. Baker motioned to move the June recess meeting to June 29, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM. 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***

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve budget supplements in the amount of \$150,000 for expenditures on the VITA Grant and approval to supplement for Power Law Group through June 30th as necessary. 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***

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$712,589.04. 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 June 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 \$250,000 for Social Services and \$150,000 for CSA for June 2017. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams inquired about the amount for CSA for the month of June. Ms. Tickle related the amount was for projected services and the funds are obligated in order to make sure the services are covered for the amount of time planned. She related this is procedure for CSA services.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

LAND USE PERMIT – NEWPORT PARADE

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the land use permit request from Newport for the July 4th parade. 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

Members discussed various upcoming openings for appointments. Mr. McCoy requested information regarding an appointment to the TAP Board. Mr. Williams related Mr. Buckland is no longer on the Workforce Board.

Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Ricky McCoy to the New River Valley Criminal Justice Training Academy Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Baker made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Chidester to the New River Community College Board. 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

Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Board. 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. Williams made a motion to appoint Dr. Lee Wheeler as the IDA representative, and Ms. Cora Gnegy as a county alternate, to the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance. 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

CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mr. Williams related a request had been received from the Christian Mission for assistance with its upcoming expansion. Mr. McCoy stated the county had assisted with labor when the mission expanded for the food bank; however, he was not opposed to helping. Mr. Morris related the most help would be needed when the remodel begins. Members discussed options including the possibility of getting assistance from the building trades class.

SPRINGDALE ROAD BID APPROVAL – Cont'd

Mr. Reed recited a letter from the engineer regarding unacknowledged receipt of Addendum 17 regarding the bid by C. R. Henderson. This letter indicated the bid would be calculated at \$376,925 with the addendum factored into the equation, with the option to use a change order or an over-run. The other bids came in at \$393,255 and \$409,000. Mr. Williams expressed his wish to bid it the cheaper way to stretch the money as far as possible, stating VDOT would come back and pave it. Members discussed scenarios and options as well as cost.

Mr. Williams made a motion to rebid the Springdale Road project with both plant mix and blotted D. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-2 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Williams; Voting No: Mr. Baker, and Mr. Morris

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RICH CREEK AGREEMENT

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the agreement with the Town of Rich Creek regarding the Summit Place property. 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

TEMPORARY USAGE OF SEPTIC TANK

Mr. Williams requested approval for temporary usage of a septic tank at the Stevers property on Old Stage Road. He stated the project to get the sewer line run would take quite a while and the owners would like to move in to the home. Mr. Williams related the health department had approved temporary usage for one year. Members discussed various options.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve temporary use of a septic tank by Mr. Stevers. 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***

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 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

May 18, 2017