

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Building located at 315 N. Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members were present unless noted absent.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Vacant Due to Passing of Mr. Eaton	Western District
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	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 June 29, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the July 20, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke updated members on various road work within the county including patching, mowing and pipe replacement. He related construction had begun on Goodwins Ferry Road with a projected end date of September. Mr. Clarke also related work had begun on repair of Route 460 in Glen Lyn as well as some brush cutting. He stated he would look at using some safety money to work on the crossover at Rich Creek if it meets with the Board's approval.

Mr. Baker inquired about the warning lights on Route 460. Mr. Clarke responded the lights are all on the same contract and will get a copy of the schedule. Mr. Baker reported Route 635 off of Route 731 has two large potholes and Route 100 Northbound had a large boulder in the ditch that could cause safety issues.

Mr. Morris inquired about the status of Bane bridge. Mr. Clarke stated staff has been talking to the property owner and the environmental had been approved. He stated he hoped to get to work on it this year.

Mr. McCoy requested brush cutting on Mountain Lake and reported there is bamboo on Spruce Run that lays in the road when it snows. Mr. McCoy also requested gravel roads to be worked on before winter.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on school activities and related there would be enrollment numbers and a calendar of events after the beginning of the new school year. Dr. Arbogast related the school division had been recognized by the VSBA as Food for Thought winner in the below 10,000 student category for Meals to Fight Hunger. He invited members to attend Parents Night Out at Giles High School and to stop by on the last day of the Summer Food Program for the sundae bar. Dr. Arbogast related it was anticipated all five schools would be SOL accredited when the final scores are received. He thanked members and staff for the assistance with constructing the parking area at Macy McClougherty and awnings at the preschools.

Mr. McCoy inquired about attendance for the preschool screenings. Dr. Arbogast related 121 children had come through for preschool screenings.

COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Reed updated members on recent developments within the county. He inquired about the request from the previous meeting for work on the crossover on Route 460 at 84 Lumber. Mr. McCoy related Mr. Eaton had sent word to request work on that crossover. Members were in agreement that the crossover needed improvements. Mr. Reed reported the machine/tractor sign requested on Route 100 had been reinstalled. Mr. McCoy inquired if the brush had been cut as requested there as well.

Mr. Reed related he had received no comment from U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and was waiting on authorization from VDOT to advertise. In addition, he related a reimbursement request had been submitted in the amount of \$72,234, and he hopes to receive 100 percent of the requested amount.

Mr. Reed reported construction on Springdale Road is expected to begin the following week. He also reported revenue sharing applications for fiscal year 2019-2020 were due in November and asked members to be thinking about what they would like submitted.

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of Glen Alton. Mr. McKlarney related VDOT has a meeting with the Forest Service the following week.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross related 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 for a Commercial or Service Establishment (Section 602.03-24) specifically to allow for an event space to host weddings, corporate conferences and retreats, community events (reunions, graduation and birthday parties, fundraisers, etc.), church retreats and functions, lodging (the venue includes two efficiency rooms for rent), etc. The property associated with this request is owned by Big Walker Creek Land Holdings LLC, is identified as tax parcel 56-7-8 and is located at 281 Bales Road,

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134. The property is located in the A-1 (agricultural/limited) zoning district. Britt W. Stoudemire is acting as agent. Mr. Ross stated the condition placed on this recommendation was that all other applicable regulations be met or adhered to including VDOT and Health Department approval.

***Mr. Williams motioned to approve the conditional use permit as recommended with conditions set forth by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

Mr. Ross related the Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 706.03-5(c) of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a changeable copy LED sign. The sign will be mounted to an existing freestanding sign and this project will result in a net reduction of sign area on the lot. The property associated with this request is identified as tax parcel 13-20B, is owned by the Bradley, Susan Kay Mutter Trustee of Trust agreement (I.C. Mutter Estate), is located at 868 Federal Street, Rich Creek, Virginia, (Rich Creek Dairy Queen), and is located in the B-3 Zoning District. Rick Witt is acting as agent. Mr. Ross stated the condition placed on this recommendation is that all other applicable regulations be met or adhered to including VDOT regulations pertaining to signage.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the conditional use permit as recommended with conditions set forth by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

Mr. Ross related the Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a proposed text amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to Section 302.70 (Garage, Private) of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance. This amendment would change the wording from the current: "Garage, Private- Accessory building designed or used for the storage of not more than three (3) automobiles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory. On a lot occupied by a multiple-unit dwelling, the private garage may be designed and used for the storage of one and one half (1 ½) times as many automobiles as there are dwelling units.", to the proposed: "Garage, Private-Accessory building of not more than 1,600 square feet in size and not exceeding the permitted height in district requirements for accessory structures contained in table 1 of this ordinance, used for the storage of automobiles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory. Private garages may be permitted to exceed 1,600 square feet in size by conditional use permit pursuant to section 802.04 or this ordinance." Mr. Ross stated the county would be limiting the footprint of 1,600 square feet instead of counting cars.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the proposed text amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to Section 302.70 as recommended by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

Mr. Ross related 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 for a Recreational Development (Section 602.03-5) specifically to allow for construction and rental of up to 12 cabins/tiny houses; farm stay activities including beekeeping, gardening, caring for chickens and goats, etc.; and sale of merchandise including clothing, homemade crafts and goods, herbs grown on site, preserves, beeswax products, and other local artisan goods. The properties associated with this request are Tax Parcel 69-3-F (20 AC and owned by Jim and Robin Ellis) and Tax Parcel 69-3-A (64.214 AC and owned by J and D Mandell LLC). Both tax parcels are located off of Springdale Road in Pearisburg, Virginia near 1773 Springdale Road, and are in the A-1 Zoning District. Mr. Ross stated the conditions place on this recommendation are as follows:

1. Max occupancy of 30 guests on property at any time.
2. No wood burning fires at rental units or at any location by guests.
3. Maximum of 12 rental units to be built in a phased approach based upon finances.
4. All trash to be collected from rental units daily and placed in a locked, secure from vermin, building awaiting weekly curbside collection.
5. All units must be for short term rental (less than 30 days) with the exception of humanitarian events for the purpose of lending aid.
6. Site plan to be submitted and approved by Zoning Administrator prior to construction of each unit to ensure compliance with Zoning Ordinance.
7. Survey of property to be recorded for parcel B prior to commencement of use.
8. All other applicable regulations to be met or adhered to (including Zoning, Health Department, VDOT, etc.)
9. All activities to be as outlined in business plan and supplements submitted by the applicant.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the conditional use permit as recommended with conditions set forth by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

NEW BUSINESS

PEMBROKE STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Town of Pembroke for closing a portion of Snidow Street during the Heritage Festival to be held on September 30, 2017.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the street closure as requested, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

DRAFT TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Cora Gnegy presented the draft tourism strategic plan. She stated the plan was compiled during a number of planning sessions and outlined goals within the plan.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the tourism strategic plan as presented, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams inquired about the plans for a hotel. Ms. Gnegy related the goal for getting a hotel is two years but the target is to find capacity for lodging and if that lodging should be stand alone or unique lodging properties. Mr. Williams stated the hotel would get used by many just passing through the county.

The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$50,531.03. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$711,179.01. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel, and (7) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, 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 4-0 as follows:

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

PEMBROKE WATER

Mr. Williams related he had received information that the Town of Pembroke would like to hook up to the new line. Mr. McCoy related he did not have an issue, since we had the hookups there already. Members discussed the agreement that had been presented to the town previously as well as work that would need to be done in order to get the hookups in place. Members were in favor of a new agreement being drafted.

NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES REQUEST

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve New River Valley Community Services as the legal name of the agency as requested. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

EGGLESTON BOAT RAMP

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the progress with VDOT on the Eggleston boat ramp noting the Governor wants localities to have access to areas under bridges. Mr. McKlarney related Mr. Paul Brown is going to send him information.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017, 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