

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 6, 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
Harless "Benny" Johnson, Jr.	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 August 17, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:  
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris Absent: Mr. Williams***

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. Clarke updated members on various road work within the county including roads such as Dry Branch, River Road, Eggleston Road, Route 61, Spruce Run and Red Sulphur. He related the large rock had been removed from the ditch along Route 100 and some of the bamboo had been cut back along Spruce Run. Mr. Clarke indicated the property owners there seemed agreeable to cut some of the bamboo back. He stated the General Assembly had allowed for locations to write their own regulations on bamboo and indicted Pulaski County was looking into setting regulations on it there. Mr. Clarke informed members he had looked into the warning lights in various locations within the county and had found it was a single contract for all the locations, which should be completed in October.

Mr. Baker requested the brush cutting on Clendenin Road be completed and complimented the culvert work done on Big Stony Creek Road. Mr. McCoy inquired about the surfacing of Route 100 between Pearisburg and Narrows. Mr. Clarke related there will be slurry and cap seal put on the road within the next couple of weeks and apologized for the lack of communication with the Town of Narrows about the project. He indicated any cleanup work needed there would be taken care of as well.

## COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Reed provide an update to members on various projects. He related he had spoken with VDOT staff about the crossover on Route 460 near 84 Lumber and was given four options. The options were to install wrong way and do not enter signs, to join the parking lots from 84 Lumber and the adjacent service station with one shared entrance, to close both entrances and make a loop to come back to 84 Lumber, or to install delineators. VDOT staff advised the signage installation would be the best option.

Mr. Williams did not feel it would help the problem with trucks due to them not having enough turning radius. Mr. Morris indicated there were supposed to be signs installed there a couple of years ago and stated the connection between the two parking lots had been closed due to issues with the trucks coming in through the service station property. Members discussed options further.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the installation of wrong way and do not enter signs on Route 460 at the 84 Lumber crossover. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

Mr. Reed provided an update on the Penvir Bridge project. He indicated he is still waiting for authorization to advertise from the Salem District Office. He provided a timeline of recent developments. Mr. Reed related the most recent email received from the Bridge Division indicated the earliest authorization to advertise would be released would be on September 11, 2017.

Mr. Reed provided information on rural additions. He related VDOT was in the process of assigned a UPC number to the Skyview Lane project and the rural addition money would be committed to that project after the number is assigned. Mr. Reed requested the Board's preference on moving forward and stated the number would have to be assigned in order for the county to be reimbursed. Mr. Williams inquired about the amount to be committed to the project. Mr. Reed related the committed funds would be \$205,000 to \$225,000. Mr. Williams expressed concern about committing the funds. Members discussed possible drainage issues with the project. Mr. McCoy related drainage across Route 61 was to be handled by VDOT. Mr. Reed stated the county would have to purchase nutrient credits, because there is no onsite area for Stormwater retention. The estimated cost of the credits is \$10,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Williams inquired if engineering could be done and get a cost estimate before committing money. Mr. McKlarney related the engineering could be done but there would be no reimbursement. He stated the Board could back up on the commitment if it chose to do so at a later date.

***Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the commitment of rural addition funds to the Skyview Lane project. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

Mr. Reed reported the laying of all base stone had been completed on Sringdale Road and was ready for pavement. He indicated the project was approximately 70 percent complete. Mr. Reed also reported Goodwins Ferry Road was approximately 97 percent complete. Mr. Williams inquired if any additional work would be done to the shoulders on Goodwins Ferry. Mr. Reed reported he had done measurements and the pavement meets rural rustic standards at 16 feet wide. He indicated a lot of cutting would have been needed in order to place any guardrails in the sections in question and the width of the pavement would have to be reduced in order to install guardrails at this point. Mr. Williams stated he thought there had to be one foot of shoulder to meet rural rustic standards. Ms. Anne Chambers related she had seen them a lot closer than a foot. Mr. Williams related this was a new project and was supposed to be built to standards. Mr. McKlarney stated there was still work to be completed such as shoulder stone and seeding. He indicated guardrail had been considered in some areas but the cost would have been significant. Mr. Williams expressed displeasure with the results of the project with no guardrail at the drop off and asphalt already chipping away.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,400 students which is an increase of 26 from June and an increase of 17 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for September was given to the Board. Dr. Arbogast related the fifth year of the summer food program had recently ended with a total of 7,400 children being served, which was the second largest year of service so far in the program. He informed members the Pre-K classes had learned some about agriculture with participation from the Ag Lab.

Mr. McCoy informed Dr. Arbogast a recent news segment had contained incorrect information. He indicated the segment stated Giles County teachers had not received a pay increase in five years. Mr. McCoy that statement was 100 percent wrong and requested the issue be corrected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RIVER CLEAN UP**

Mr. McKlarney informed members of the recent river clean up event. He related the previous year had been held at Radford, and this year several surrounding jurisdictions held river clean up events the same day as Giles County. With all the events, there were over 500 people participating regionally. Mr. McCoy inquired about the participation in the other jurisdictions. Mr. McKlarney related volunteers were approximately as follows: Montgomery County: 55 to 60; Floyd County: 55 to 60; and Radford City: 45 to 50.

### **MUDDY ACCE RACE**

Mr. McKlarney provided information to members regarding the Muddy ACCE Race. He indicated there had been many volunteers helping with the construction of the course,

many of them from Celanese. Mr. McKlarney related there had been \$56,000 in sponsorships so far for the race and expressed his appreciation for the Board's support of the program.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Reed presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a plat showing lot line revision; one new parcel and remainder of Tax Parcel 43132A prepared for Betty J. Lang contingent upon Health Department approval. Mr. Reed indicated the new parcel would be 5.814 acres and the remainder at 4.407 acres with a lot line revision toward the bottom.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the plat with lot line revision for Betty J. Lang contingent upon Health Department approval as recommended by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

## **TWIN DEPOTS SCENIC TRAIL RESOLUTION**

Ms. Cora Gnegy presented a proposed resolution for the designation of Route 61 as the Twin Depots Scenic Trail. She related the resolution was also being adopted in Bland County, Tazewell County, the Town of Narrows and the Town of Tazewell. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support as presented, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

## **GILES COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT**

Ms. Jeannie Layton-Dudding presented information to members regarding the activities at the Giles County Extension Office. She provided information on services to the youth including the sixth-grade safety day and food safe training in the schools. Ms. Dudding also provided information on the 4-H camps held during the summer.

Ms. Dudding related they had recently held a cattle sale and all participant showed a premium with kinks being worked out as the program grew. She stated a Master Cattleman's course would be held at Virginia Tech and it had been well received. A judging school would also be held at Virginia Tech for those interested in judging at events such as fairs. Ms. Dudding reported farm manager meetings would be held from October to March.

Mr. Williams inquired about the grass project at the Ag Lab. Ms. Dudding related they are looking at spraying friendly fescue seed and would monitor the cattle to determine how well they do on that type of grass.

## PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,760,997.10. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.***

***Discussion:*** Mr. Williams inquired about an invoice for mower tires. Ms. Tickle explained the invoice was for both tires and wheels.

***The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

## CASTLE ROCK

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the boundary questions at Castle Rock. Mr. McKlarney indicated a plat had been received and Mr. Chidester had spoken with the attorney but had not heard back from him.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

***The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

## SURPLUS

Mr. Williams related he had received a request to purchase one of the sewer tanks. Mr. McKlarney indicated the tank was in use on Old Stage Road. Mr. Williams stated the tank ended up not being used there and asked that it be checked on. Members discussed the need to surplus some items.

***Mr. Williams made a motion to authorize Mr. McKlarney to gather a list of items and sell the surplus items as needed, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Morris inquired about the position posted for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. McKlarney explained the position was to replace Officer Gautier.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chair****ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

**WHEREAS**, the Tazewell Train Station and Narrows Train Station are twin depots built in the 1920's; and

**WHEREAS**, the route between the twin depots follows the Clinch River. Clear Fork of Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek in a southwest to northeast direction; and

**WHEREAS**, this route has sweeping curves, sharp turns, intersects with Interstate 77 at a mid-way point, and intersects with Virginia 623 for diversion to God's Thumbprint, Burke's Garden five miles from western terminus in Tazewell County; and

**WHEREAS**, this route is a leisurely one hour drive with light traffic, four hour bicycle ride, great food and service on both ends, the community of Rocky Gap with its Rocky Gap Greenway at mid-way point, not a cross-mountain ride, but a relaxing valley drive, fantastic scenery in the shadow of East River Mountain along the entire length to the north with Rich Mountain to the south from Tazewell to Rocky Gap and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south from Rocky Gap to Narrows which includes the entirety of Route 61; and

**WHEREAS**, this route traverses three (3) counties (Tazewell, Bland, and Giles); and

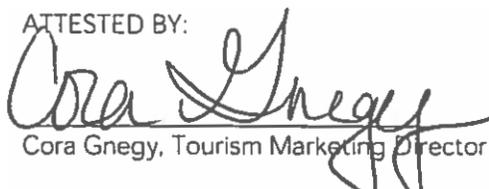
**WHEREAS**, this route passes through the communities near three (3) high schools (Tazewell, Bland, and Narrows); and

**WHEREAS**, this route is a cloverleaf interchange with US Route 19 and 460 near western terminus in Tazewell, diamond interchange with Interstate 77 in Rocky Gap, half-cloverleaf interchange at eastern terminus with US 460 in Narrows; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Giles County has united with the Town of Tazewell, Town of Narrows, Tazewell County, and Bland County to support naming this route "Twin Depots Scenic Trail".

Given under my hand this 6th day of September, 2017.

  
 Richard McCo

ATTESTED BY:  
  
 Cora Gnegy, Tourism Marketing Director

September 6, 2017