

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 1, 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 October 19, 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. He related staff had been fighting weather related issues the past couple of weeks such as trees in the road, drainage problems and cleanup. Mr. Clarke reported there had been some brush cutting done on Clendennin Road, Mountain Lake Road, and Old Virginia Avenue. He stated there was some paving being done on Route 460 but did not have an update on the flashing lights at Big Stoney Creek Road.

Mr. Baker requested potholes be fixed on Route 100 in the Wabash area. Mr. Johnson reported rusted guardrails on Route 52 coming into Narrows. Mr. McCoy requested some shoulder work on Route 100 in the Wabash area.

COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Reed provided an update to members on various projects. He related the HSIP application for Route 100 was submitted on October 27, 2017, and expects it to be a couple of months before he receives any news. Mr. Reed stated he is still waiting on authorization to advertise for Penvir Bridge. He indicated he had acquired three of the four required forms and indicated it will be approved once an executed Appendix A is

received, which he submitted in October. Mr. Reed hopes to get approval to advertise in mid-November. Mr. Williams inquired about the approval date. Mr. Reed reiterated VDOT had told him mid-November but it could change as it had in the past.

Mr. Reed provided information on rural additions. He related he had met with WRA regarding Skyview Lane; and they will design the plans to 60 percent. Mr. Reed related the plans would be handed off to VDOT at the 60 percent stage, which will save some money and is the best plan for moving forward. Mr. Reed indicated the plan will be handed off to VDOT in January. Mr. McCoy inquired if VDOT would still be handling the drainage. Mr. Reed replied the drainage would be done by VDOT.

Mr. Reed related Springdale Road had its final inspection in October and has been approved by VDOT.

Mr. Williams related he had met with Mr. Chris Price regarding Goodwins Ferry. Mr. Price had indicated there was \$300,000 unspent on the project and would look into trying to go back and fix the shoulders or add guardrail.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,406 students which is an increase of 3 from last month and a decrease of 1 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for November was given to the Board as well as a STEM program newsletter. Dr. Arbogast reported the school system had recently updated all websites and now has Facebook and Twitter accounts to assist in getting information out to parents. He spoke of a rock project the elementary/middle schools will be working on where the students will paint rocks. The rocks will be relocated and put together to reveal the final project. Dr. Arbogast related GEEP and the Palisades are helping to fund the project. Dr. Arbogast expressed appreciation for the ACCE dinner and support of the ACCE program and invited members to attend any remaining school budget meetings.

Mr. Williams complemented Dr. Arbogast for the good educational programs.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross stated 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 and square footage greater than that allowed by section 706.12-02. The sign will be a replacement for an existing freestanding sign that is to be removed, and will have a total of 70 square feet of signage. Also proposed, are (3) 3'x10' temporary banners that will be used intermittently. The property associated with this request is identified as tax parcel 45-33A, is owned by A. Lance Lafon, is located at 190 Winding Way Drive, Newport, Virginia, (Lafon Auto), and is located in the RRA-1 Zoning District. Mr. Ross indicted Mr.

Lafon plans to put up the sign as finances allow. He related he had received no calls or correspondence regarding this permit application.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the permit for Lafon Auto as recommended by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Williams 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. Ross stated the Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend the issuance of a Conditional Use pursuant to section 802.04 and 302.70 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a private garage in excess of 1,600 square feet. This request is for a 2,400 square foot structure. The property associated with this request is owned by W. Byron Jessee, is located near 119 Boy Scout Road, formerly 125 Boy Scout Road, near Narrows, Virginia, and is identified as 37B-3-83. This tax parcel is to be consolidated with tax parcel 37B-3-35, and 37B-3-39 per section 708.01-3 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance prior to issuance of a building permit. The property is located within the RRA-1 Zoning District. Mr. Ross related he had received no calls or correspondence regarding this permit application.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the permit for Byron Jessee as recommended by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Johnson 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. Ross related a joint public hearing was scheduled for the November recess meeting regarding proposed amendments to the flood plain ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

PEPPERS FERRY SEPTIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed agreement with Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority. He requested allowance to negotiate with the authority for a lesser rate and better terms. Members concurred with the request.

MR. HARLESS "BENNY" JOHNSON

Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation of Mr. Johnson's service to step in to fill the vacant Western District seat. He reported the seat would be filled by the newly elected member following the special election.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,089,416.02 and \$305,283.63. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion Mr. Williams inquired about payment for cat kennels. Mr. McKlarney related the kennels were purchased through a grant. Mr. Williams inquired about the payment for summer youth. Mr. McKlarney indicated the employers have been billed for their half of the wages. Mr. Morris inquired about the cost for wooden stakes for the water project. Ms. Ballard related it was a description heading issue. Mr. McCoy inquired if the CSA detailed report would be ongoing. Ms. Tickle related it would but without names.

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

Mr. Williams inquired about the check dates on the CSA report. Ms. Tickle related that was the date the checks were cut. Mr. McCoy inquired about a charge for a transition coordination. Mr. Chidester related the service is to try to find a less restrictive placement resulting in a lower cost and is usually for someone with significant problems. Mr. McCoy inquired about charges for KPACT. Mr. Chidester indicated this is the most intensive in-home services that can be provided.

APPOINTMENTS

Members discussed various upcoming appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams announced the VACO conference at the end of the next week, and Mr. Baker reminded everyone about the upcoming election.

PUBLIC HEARING – SALE OF DONATED ACCE PROPERTY

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney related the public hearing was being held pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 to consider approval of the sale of property designated as Tax Map 12-58, described as Terry Lots 16 and 17 to Brian Scott for the sum of \$1,900.00, which was the highest bid for such property at an auction held on October 20, 2017. Mr. McKlarney recommended approval of the sale and indicated the proceeds would be used for the ACCE program.

Mr. McCoy asked for comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the sale of the Terry Lots to Mr. Brian Scott. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel, and (30) Contracts. 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

NRVSS

Mr. McCoy informed members of a surplus sale at New River Valley Senior Services. He related a van would be sold and the county might be able to buy it direct. Mr. McKlarney will check into the sale.

PIPELINE

Mr. Baker motioned to move forward with a motion for rehearing of the Mountain Valley Pipeline certificate of necessity with a \$2,500 maximum. 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

STORM DAMAGE

Mr. Williams related he had received a call from Ms. Sanders where water and mud had washed down on her from the Castle Rock area during the recent storm and requested assistance for Ms. Sanders. Mr. Baker and Mr. McCoy indicated they had received calls as well. Members discussed various options, as well as the amount of rain and the drainage areas at Castle Rock. Mr. McCoy related the county could not do work on private property. Members discussed the issues it would create. Members were in agreement. Members discussed the timber at Castle Rock. Mr. Williams indicated it would be better to select cut instead of clear cutting. Mr. McCoy related it would be best not to cut the timber at this time.

Mr. Williams made a motion to back away from the timber cutting at Castle Rock. 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

ADJOURN

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

Chair**ATTEST:**

Clerk