

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 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.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

***Mr. Williams motioned to elect Mr. Morris as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Williams
Abstain: Mr. Morris***

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

***Mr. Williams motioned to elect Mr. McCoy as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams
Abstain: Mr. McCoy***

ESTABLISH DATES/TIMES FOR MEETINGS

***Mr. Williams motioned for meeting dates and times to remain as previously established. The regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 PM, and the recess meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

ESTABLISH POLICY FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to establish the same policy as held in the past which moves a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 21, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Mike Carretta updated members on various road work within the county. He reported shoulder work on various roads such as Route 643 and brush cutting on Hope Lane, Route 667, Route 670 and Old Wolf Creek Road. He related pipe had been cleaned out on Kow Kamp and Lyda Lane. Mr. Carretta stated there had also been some patching done on Route 460, Route 100 and Meadows Road, as well as machine work done on all the roads.

Mr. Baker requested ditches and pipes cleaned out on Curve Road toward the river, relating debris is washing down on private property. Mr. Baker also requested brush cutting on Clendennin Road and stated the caution lights on Route 460 at Big Stoney Creek Road are still not completed. He also requested the guardrail near Giles High School be replaced.

Mr. McCoy requested an answer on level of services regarding snow removal. He indicated the roads had not been pretreated prior to the recent snow and was unsure if the issue was local in nature.

Mr. Lawson indicated he had been contacted about how dangerous Route 219 has become. He requested VDOT look into what might mitigate some of the danger with lights, signage or some other appropriate method.

Mr. Williams related a list of requests from the Board is provided to VDOT monthly and stated he would like to have those items completed. He also reported the bank near

GHS has eroded as well as on Route 460 near Patrick Enterprise in Pembroke due to drainage issues. He requested those be fixed.

COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Bryan Reed reported authorization had been received to advertise for Penvir Bridge. He indicated the bid openings would be scheduled for February 7, 2018. Mr. Lawson inquired about Skyview Lane. Mr. Reed related things were moving forward with the 60 percent design with plans to submit later in January.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,397 students which is a decrease of 11 from last month and a decrease of 3 from the same time last year. A STEM program newsletter was provided to the Board outlining STEM activities. Dr. Arbogast reported SOL testing was to begin the following week and related the semester end is on January 22nd.

Mr. Williams inquired if the Town of Pearisburg had approved the fencing at the land lab. Mr. McKlarney related the town had approved the fencing at its last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bob Tabor – Mr. Tabor related there was a medal of honor winner in Giles County that had been honored at the court house. He requested members consider naming the bridge going out of the Town of Pearisburg in honor of Confederate soldier Sargent Tapley P. Mayes. Mr. Tabor stated Judge Gibbs had given permission for the Metal of Honor to be placed in the Giles County Courthouse and no negative feedback had been received regarding the medal being place there.

Members indicated the matter would be considered at a later time.

Delegate Elect, Chris Hurst – Delegate Elect Chris Hurst addressed members and related he would be traveling to Richmond to be sworn in later in the week. He indicated he would like a list of priority projects members would like him to help on. Mr. Hurst stated he had been in contact with Mr. McKlarney and Dr. Arbogast to talk about the needs of the county and schools. He indicated revenue forecasts had looked better for the state overall, and he is cautiously optimistic and would like to help to ease the burden on localities and provide a quality education for the children. In addition, Mr. Hurst relayed he is working with other delegates putting together a project that will allow localities to impose a cigarette tax by some means.

Mr. Baker expressed displeasure with the loss of over \$2 million in school funding the last 5 years and related the loss of revenues from AEP shutting down has hit the county hard. He stated he had brought forth a suggestion several years ago to earmark two to three cents of the gas tax for the school systems.

Mr. Hurst indicated if the lottery and literary funds were dedicated to what they were supposed to be dedicated, there would be less school funding issues as well. He related S&P had given the commonwealth a AAA rating but with a negative outlook, which means the state will have to not only dedicate about \$500 million to a rainy-day fund and do an SOQ re-benchmarking, but also have enough on reserves to balance the budget. Mr. Hurst stated he would be consistent and wants to make sure localities have more control of revenues and the commonwealth contributes its fair share.

Mr. Hurst stated he is not opposed to naming the bridge for Tapley Mayes; however, if the county goes that route, it will be picked up by the press. He related if the majority of people in the county want to move forward, he would be willing to support it but wanted to let members know there would be negative backlash. Mr. Hurst stated it is up to the locality and related the county is trying to ramp up tourism for increased revenues, so it is something members would need to consider.

Mr. Williams made a motion to move forward with naming the bridge in honor of Sargent Tapley P. Mayes. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Members discussed naming the bridge and opted to look into it further before making a decision.

Mr. Williams withdrew his motion, and Mr. Baker withdrew his second.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – TROYER

Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 602.03-24 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Commercial or Service Establishment, specifically to allow outside storage, onsite sales, and associated signage at an existing Cottage Industry that builds storage buildings. The property associated with this request is identified as tax parcel 78-2-2, is owned by Daniel Troyer, Ben Troyer, and Ervin Mast is located at 1697 White Pine Road Pearisburg, Virginia (Whitegate Area) and is located in the A-1 Zoning District. Daniel Troyer is acting as agent for this request. Mr. Ross stated the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission were as follows: all other applicable permits must be obtained; there shall be a maximum of 25 buildings located on the property in the area shown on the application at any time; the buildings must be stored outside of the 100 year flood plain and must meet the minimum setbacks of an accessory building; and only one three by five foot sign shall be permitted on site and shall meet all other requirements for signage in the Giles County Zoning Ordinance.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission to include conditions, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – KINSINGER

Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 602.03-24 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Commercial or Service Establishment, specifically to allow outside storage and onsite sales at an existing Cottage Industry that builds storage buildings and lawn furniture. The property associated with this request is identified as tax parcel 78-2-4, is owned by Noah and Fannie Swarey, is located at 125 Rosebush Lane, Pearisburg, Virginia (Whitegate Area) and is located in the A-1 Zoning District. Abe Kinsinger is acting as agent for this request. Mr. Ross indicated the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission were as follows: all other applicable permits must be obtained.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission to include conditions, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – SECTION 611.02-19

Mr. Ross related the Planning Commission had recommended a text amendment to section 611.02-19 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to change the current wording of “Farm machinery service, sales, and repair” to the proposed new wording of “Equipment (construction, mining, farm, etc.) and vehicle sales, service, and repair, which was not to include auto graveyard or junkyard”. Mr. Ross explained the current use specified only farm equipment or machinery could be repaired under this use. He stated after a request from a current equipment repair business owner wanted to expand and could not, the Planning Commission had determined farm equipment and machinery were not principally different from other types of equipment (construction, mining, etc.). Mr. Ross explained this change would allow for the sales, service and repair of all types of equipment and had received no comments on the amendment.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to Section 611.02-19 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. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – SECTIONS 612.02-2 and 613.02-11

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission had recommended text amendments to sections 612.02-2 and 613.02-11 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to change the current wording of “Automobile assembling, painting, upholstering, repairing, re-building,

reconditioning, body and fender work, truck repairing or overhauling, tire retreading or recapping or battery manufacture”, to the proposed new wording of “Equipment (construction, mining, farm, etc.) and automobile assembly, painting, upholstering, repairing, re-building, reconditioning, body and fender work, truck repairing or overhauling, tire retreading or recapping or battery manufacture”. Mr. Ross indicated while considering the proposed amendment to section 611.02-19, the Planning Commission had also identified these two sections as allowing very intensive repair to vehicles and trucks but not allowing the same for equipment. He explained this proposed change would expand the listed uses of this section to equipment (construction, mining, farm, etc.). He indicated he had received no comments regarding the amendments.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the text amendments to Sections 612.02-2 and 613.02-11 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS MONTH – FEBRUARY 2018

Mr. McKlarney read the proclamation regarding Healthy Relationship Awareness Month. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the resolution for Healthy Relationships Awareness for the month of February and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney related an economic development announcement would be made on Friday at 10:00 AM at the GE Fairchild Building in Glen Lyn and encouraged members to attend.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Williams inquired about the Haz Mat Team and what should be done with the equipment. Members were in agreement to either use or sell the equipment if allowed. Mr. McKlarney will check into what can be done with the equipment and report back to members.

Mr. Williams motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the NRV Agency on Aging Board. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Williams motioned to appoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the NRV Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Ernest Miller to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Williams motioned to reappoint Mr. Sonny Jeffers to the Board of Road Viewers, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Williams motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the New River Highlands RC&D, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

NEWPORT PARK WATER

Mr. Williams related he had received a request for assistance from Mr. Doug Martin for the Newport Park. Mr. Williams indicated the park had a leak but has replaced some pipe and would like to adjust the water bill down due to the leak.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve a normal water rate adjustment for the Newport Park due to a water leak. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy 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. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

Mr. McCoy 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. Lawson, 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, January 18, 2018, 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

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, violence in relationships often begins during adolescence, creating long-term negative behavioral and health consequences which can lead to dangerous and unhealthy patterns in future relationships; and

Whereas, many young people may be afraid, embarrassed, or may not recognize the severity of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; and

Whereas, parents and other adults can be uncomfortable with or unaware of the occurrence of abuse; and

Whereas, technology such as cell phones, e-mail, and social networking websites play a major role in an adolescent's life, but these same tools are sometimes used for control, stalking, and victimization; and

Whereas, the Giles County Youth Adult Partnership is one of hundreds of organizations across America hosting events to promote awareness of violence of any type and to empower the community to take actions to prevent it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the month of February 2018 is Healthy Relationship Awareness Month in the County of Giles, Virginia; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all men and women, young and old, of Giles County are encouraged to prevent violence of any type by educating themselves and others about the facts and by modeling respectful behavior in ALL their relationships.

This 3rd day of January, 2018


Chair

Attest: 