

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair(At-Large Supervisor)-Absent
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. Morris, called the meeting to order and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018, as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported clean up after a couple of weather events, brush cutting on Wilburn Valley Road, drainage work on White Rock Road, slide clean up on Eggleston River Road, and patching on Route 100, Route 460 in Glen Lyn and Route 730. Mr. Clarke reported there is a schedule for approximately 16 miles of plant mix overlay and will have a presentation ready for the next meeting. He also reported a slurry mix is slated for Lurich Road. Mr. Clarke indicated the environmental was completed for drains on Doc Carr Road, and approval had been received to do shoulder work and ditching on Route 460 in the Wabash area. He informed members guardrail was scheduled on Route 100 near town and near Staffordsville. He related the warning lights at the end of Big Stoney Creek had not yet been completed and the contractor has gone over the completion date. Mr. Baker expressed the need for VDOT to keep control over contractors. Mr. Clarke related the contract was set up where the contractor could choose which lights were installed first. Mr. Baker stated the lights at the end of Big Stoney should have been installed first due to a school being on that road. Mr. Clarke related he would pass the information along.

Mr. Baker requested the ditch be cleaned out on Curve Road and brush cutting on Clendennin Road. Mr. Lawson informed Mr. Clarke of sharp rocks being put down on

the roads leading to holes in residents' tires. Mr. Clarke will check on the stone being used.

Mr. Williams reported pot holes and washed out road on Dry Branch. Mr. Morris reported an issue up Wilburn Valley where a school bus is having issues and inquired about the low water bridge at Bane. He related the property owner near the bridge would like to start on construction of his new house. Mr. Clarke will check on the progress.

Mr. McKlarney reported a sign down at the intersection of Bales Road and Green Valley Road. Mr. Clarke related he had passed along the issues with the sign at Farley Memorial Wayside.

Mr. Reed reported he still did not have approval from VDOT to award the Penvir Bridge contract. He related he was told it was in process and does not have a timeline when he will get approval. He will be trying to find out what the holdup is, and Mr. Clarke will check into it as well. Mr. Reed related the results were sent to VDOT on February 21, 2018, so they have had it in hand for two weeks. He related the contractor had indicated it usually takes around two weeks turn around.

Mr. Reed reported the estimated cost had come in for Skyview at \$188,000 for 811 feet of road. He related it is considered new construction and storm water credits have to be purchased if more than one acre is disturbed. Mr. Reed is having a portion of it looked at by engineers to see if there are any options and will possibly shift a portion of the project over by about 10 feet if the property owner agrees. Mr. Williams inquired if the property owner would go along with that. Mr. Reed he will meet with her and will have a better indication in the near future. Mr. Williams stated the project was \$100,000 four years ago. Mr. McKlarney explained there are more regulations now than there were four years ago.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,384 students, this is a decrease of 4 from the previous month and an increase of 2 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for March was given to the members. Dr. Arbogast recognized the teacher of the year from each school and indicated one secondary and one elementary would be chosen from a recorded teaching lesson, of which one will move on to the state. Dr. Arbogast also recognized students who placed in the district Skills USA competition within various categories and indicated 17 students would be moving on to the state competition in April. He reported a new STEM grant was obtained by Nanosonic, which will continue the STEM classes for two more years. Dr. Arbogast related the archery teams from each high school are going to a competition in Richmond in the near future, and the Junior classes had attended Career Day at New River Community College. Dr. Arbogast shared the Giles High School English MACC Team had come in first place in regionals and will advance in the competition.

NEW BUSINESS

UNITED WAY IGNITE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Ms. Shauna Gillespie presented an overview of United Way programs and stated her office serves 13 counties and 2 cities with 79,000 people benefiting from the various programs. She gave information on programs such as Family Wize, Owls Pals, and Uniting for Play, which is one of the programs coordinating with the Giles Focus Group. Ms. Gillespie spoke of income constrained employed who live from paycheck to paycheck and related the following percentages: Narrows-36%, Pearisburg-28%, Pembroke-45%, and Rich Creek-48%. Ms. Gillespie explained the Ignite Program and related teachers in sixth to twelfth grades were taken on tours of various businesses to enable them to bring that knowledge back to the classroom. She indicated the seventh graders would be provided the opportunity to attend a Career Expo for Youth, providing a hands-on learning environment, soft skills, money management and apprenticeship opportunities. Ms. Gillespie showed members a video of the Career Expo and asked for their continued support.

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION PRESENTATION

Ms. Corbin Vierling related she had been a member of the New River Community Action Board since 2010 and cited the agency serves over 12,000 in the New River Valley. She gave an overview of the services provided within the county, including Head Start, CHIP, and the Baby Store. Ms. Vierling explained the agency had moved its staff person into the Giles County Christian Mission. She also gave information on programs such as Responsible Rides, Swift Start and emergency assistance programs. Ms. Vierling related the agency had served 1,319 Giles County residents and has a graded classroom at Macy. She indicated there are various volunteers who come help with the preschool students such as the Breakfast Club and VT Honors. Ms. Smusz presented the agency's annual report and asked for any questions.

Mr. Morris inquired if all services were now provided out of the mission location. Ms. Smusz related the mission had a staff opening and the agency had a staff member working in a building alone, so it was working out well.

TAX PARCEL ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Chidester explained there were two tax parcels mentioned in the resolution. He explained the parcel for Rose Smith, TAX Map NM3, was a duplication and there is no basis to believe the parcel exists. Mr. Chidester related the parcel for Bobby L. Compton, Jr, TAX Map 40F 1 16A, was purchased by Mr. Compton at a tax sale in 2005 and was found to be nonexistent after an attempt to survey the property and a review by counsel. He recommended to approve the resolution to get the tax records cleaned up. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution certifying tax parcels for abatement as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

RED CROSS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mr. McKlarney informed members he had received a request from Red Cross to proclaim March Red Cross Month to recognize and thank our heroes, those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to proclaim March 2018 as Red Cross month. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

CIT BROADBAND SURVEY

Mr. McKlarney informed members a meeting regarding the broadband survey had been held earlier that day with CIT. He anticipates a survey will go out with the garbage billing in April and hopes to get them back within 45 days.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,424,350.51, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the New River Community Criminal Justice Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. McKlarney related a letter had been received regarding an appointment to the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council following the passing of Mr. Steve Davis. Mr. Baker inquired if Mr. Larry Reynolds would be a good candidate. Members concurred and Mr. McKlarney will check on his willingness to serve in that capacity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lawson motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, and A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson 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. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

EGGLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Williams made a motion to pay Eggleston Fire Department \$5,000 of their annual allocation. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

CASTLE ROCK TIMBER

Mr. Williams made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to issue an RFP for timber cutting at Castle Rock to begin in the fall. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 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

March 7, 2018

**RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CERTIFYING TAX PARCELS FOR ABATEMENT**

Be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors, meeting on March 7, 2018, with a quorum present, hereby adopts the report of the County Attorney regarding two tax parcels that should be removed from the tax records of Giles County, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3971.

Tax Map NM-3, Rose Smith, assessed value \$2,500.

Tax Map 40F 1 16A, Bobby L. Compton, Jr. assessed value \$2,000

Be it further resolves that the Board of Supervisors certifies to the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue of Giles County that the taxes on said parcels should be abated and the parcels removed from the tax rolls.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on March 7, 2018.

	voting for	voting against	abstain	absent
McCoy	_____	_____	_____	X
Morris	X	_____	_____	_____
Baker	X	_____	_____	_____
Williams	X	_____	_____	_____
Lawson	X	_____	_____	_____

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKlamney, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
County Attorney

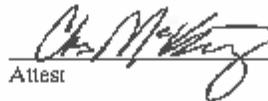
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our heroes - those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and
- WHEREAS,** we would like to remember those who help all of us here in the County of Giles by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes - our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need; and
- WHEREAS,** in the County of Giles, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs lifesaving skills or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatic safety, and first aid; and
- WHEREAS,** across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and
- WHEREAS,** our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as American Red Cross Month, and the Board encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Giles, Virginia to be affixed on this 7th day of March, 2018.


Chair


Attest