

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 4, 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)
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 March 22, 2018, as presented. 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported ditching and stone put down on Curve Road, stone on Dry Branch and Hiram Jones Road, and signs put up on Routes 708 and 663. Mr. Clarke indicated he was checking on the stone being received from the quarry and the low water bridge at Doc Carr Road was still planned. He stated the replacement signs for Farley Memorial Wayside had been ordered, and there had been clean up work done from recent storms. Mr. Clarke informed members there would be no surface treatment in Giles County this year and work would be commencing soon on the Glen Lyn bridge on Route 460 to include a lane closure. He indicated he had received no comments on the recent public hearing on the Six-Year Plan and related he would be sending a proposed resolution for approval.

Mr. Baker reported a crack in the bluff face on Wolf Creek Road. Mr. Clarke related someone had gone to look at the crack and no movement was detected. He indicated the geologist would also be going up to look at the issue. Mr. Baker inquired when the caution lights would be installed at the end of Big Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Clarke indicated the concrete had been poured and anticipates they will be installed after the concrete cures. Mr. Baker requested the drain pipes on Curve Road need to be cleaned out all the way to the end of state maintenance and requested the patching

work on Route 100 in the Wabash area be fixed. He also requested guardrail be replaced near Giles High School.

Mr. Williams inquired about guardrail being put in on Route 42 in the Newport area and advised it should be installed in the area with the most wrecks. He reported the wheel tracks were about six inches deep on Route 635. Mr. Williams inquired about the crossover at Rich Creek. Mr. Clarke indicated he could use safety funds for that project if members agreed. Members concurred to use safety funds for the crossover at Rich Creek. Mr. Williams inquired about the concrete paving on Route 460 at Glen Lyn. Mr. Clarke related he had put in for a special type of paving for that section of Route 460. Mr. Williams reported pot holes on Route 460 in the Maybrook area and requested lights at the park and ride area off of Route 460.

Mr. Williams inquired about the Eggleston boat ramp. Mr. McKlarney reported the project is in the environmental phase, a request to purchase has been made to VDOT, and only 11 days were left to cut the trees.

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the bridge on Castle Rock Avenue. Mr. Clarke indicated there was nothing VDOT could do about that bridge. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the retaining wall. Mr. McKlarney related the wall was not on VDOT right of way.

Mr. Baker expressed concern with the amount of tractor-trailer trucks on Route 460 indicating the trucks are doing damage to the roads.

Mr. Reed reported he had received approval from VDOT and obtained a land use permit. He requested member approve the contract award to DLB in the amount of \$797,605.60, which will make his proceed date for construction April 9, 2018.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve awarding the contract to DLB in the amount of \$797,605.60. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams inquired about how the balance would be used. Mr. Reed stated the remainder would be spent on engineering.

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

Mr. Reed reported WRA had redesigned the entrance on Skyview Lane by shifting it over 10 feet to the east. He indicated he would start negotiations with landowners the following week.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,385 students, this is an increase of 1 from the previous month and an increase of 3 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for April was given to the members. Dr. Arbogast recognized students who placed in the HOSA competition as well as some students from the archery class who are to compete nationally. He reported students

from both high schools placed in the FBLA regional competition in various categories. Dr. Arbogast announced a \$5,000 grant obtained from No Kid Hungry to be used for the summer food program and invited members to attend the STEMposium to be held at Giles High School.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members regarding the employee health insurance that had recently been put out for bid. He indicated there had been a 20 percent increase in the premium cost from the current carrier, The Local Choice (TLC), which led to a Request for Proposal being advertised. He detailed the various bids and related the most favorable had come from Benefit Plan Administrators, Inc. (BPA) who came up with a reasonable solution and rate structure. Mr. McKlarney related the plan is basically a self-insurance plan and stressed the risk involved. He outlined the proposed plans to be offered to employees along with proposed rates and indicated the deductible could be reduced through participation in the wellness plan offered through BPA. Mr. McKlarney discussed expected and maximum estimated cost and outline the captive layer concept of the plan. He indicated the county would be responsible for \$125,000 for each claim after the deductible is met with reinsurance at \$3.2 million. Mr. McKlarney stated a committee meeting had been held earlier in the week, which involved representatives from various departments, where he heard only one negative comment. He explained rates and how they related to the funding pool. Mr. McKlarney stressed there is risk associated with the plan and stated the increase with TLC would be over \$500,000. He explained TLC does not provide claim or prescription information, which hinders receiving more accurate bid numbers, but would be able to tell exactly what the numbers are after a year on the BPA plan. Mr. McKlarney stated there would be higher incentives offered to those employees taking the high deductible plan, designed to make individuals more responsible for their healthcare. Mr. McKlarney outlined the wellness plan, rates and health insurance accounts. He related he would recommend the county paying for half the cost of a fitbit for employees on the high deductible plan as well as the administrative costs of the health savings accounts (HSA). Mr. McKlarney also recommended members approve employer contribution to the HSA account for employees enrolled in the high deductible plans.

Members discussed options and concurred the county has to do something to change the increasing cost trend of employee health insurance.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an agreement with Benefit Plan Administrators, Inc. and all the proposed changes in employee health insurance as presented with \$550 paid by the county per employee, additional contributions to the employee HSA account for each of the high deductible plans as presented, and a \$25 contribution toward a fitbit purchase. 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

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval for the issuance of a conditional use permit pursuant to Sections 802.04 and 603.03-2 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Private Seasonal Camp Retreat, specifically to allow the placement of a camper on a parcel of land for more than 30 days in a calendar year. The parcels of land are owned by Todd and Susan Diehl, are identified specifically as tax parcels 43-126A and 43-10-3, and are located on Nicks Knoll Lane near Pembroke, Virginia. The property is in the RRA-1 (Rural Residential /Agriculture) Zoning District. A condition placed on this recommended approval is all other applicable regulations must be followed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Diehl as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval for the issuance of a conditional use permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 602.03-6 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction and operation of a permanent sawmill and for associated lumber sales and log storage. The property associated with this request is owned by Tobias and Esther Miller, is located at 205 Pear Tree Lane, Pearisburg, Virginia in the Whitegate area of Giles County, and is identified as tax map number 74-2-6. The property is located within the A-1 Zoning District. The Planning Commission placed the following conditions on the recommended approval as follows:

- Operating Hours are limited to Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am-7:00 pm.
- The total horsepower of engines associated with the operation of the sawmill shall be limited to 100 horsepower.
- Mr. Miller or subsequent owner/operator is responsible for maintenance and repair of Pear Tree Lane for wear and damage caused by traffic associated with the sawmill operation.
- Any future expansions must meet minimum setback requirements.

Mr. Baker stated the Saturday hours should be cut to 7:00 am to noon. Members discussed the allowance to expand and concurred Mr. Miller should come back for additional permitting for expansion.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Miller as recommended by the Planning Commission with the hours changed to 7:00 am to noon on Saturday, and Mr. Miller will be required to apply for permitting in order to expand the saw mill. 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. Bryan Reed presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a Plat showing new Lots 91-95 and revised Lots 1R, 3R, and 4R of the Horseshoe Bend Subdivision, Phase I for New River Development, LLC. He stated the lots would vary in size from 1.09 to 1.42 acres.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the plat for New River Development, LLC as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

NRVCS – ACES PRESENTATION

Ms. Leslie Beasley and Ms. Linda Taylor from New River Valley Community Services presented information to members regarding the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) program. They highlighted findings of an ACE study, the effects of the experiences on the human nervous system and health as well as predisposition to alcohol and drug addiction. They spoke of social expectations, cause and effect, resilience, and toxic stress. In addition, they encouraged prevention for future generations.

Mr. Williams inquired if they would be willing to present at the CPMT meeting.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mr. McKlarney informed members he had received a request from the regional health department regarding a proclamation for National Public Health Week April 2 – April 9, 2018. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Williams made a motion to proclaim April 2 through April 9, 2018 as National Public Health Week. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$950,643.91, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (7) Legal Counsel, and A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 by roll call vote 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 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

TAP FUNDS

Mr. Williams informed members he was attempting to get funds from TAP to use in Giles County to put in indoor restroom facilities in residential housing where it was lacking. He requested anyone knowing of such a residence to let him know. Mr. McCoy advised he knew of a home that needs a roof. Mr. Williams stated he would check to see if the funds could be used for that type of project.

PEMBROKE WATER

Mr. Williams informed members he had purchased a piece of property in Pembroke outside of town limits with water pressure issues. He indicated he had spoken with the town, and they would not be able to increase the pressure. Mr. Williams asked if any members had an issue with him submitting an application to be hooked to county water. Mr. McKlarney related the county could not serve water customers inside the town service area unless the town cannot provide adequate service. He also indicated he had spoken with Mayor Stump but would speak with him again to make sure the town has no issue. Members discussed the request and all concurred there was no issue on the county side as long as the town was agreeable.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 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

Jeffrey Morris
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Larry "Jay" Williams
 Elected Board Supervisor

John Lawson
 Waters District Supervisor

County of Giles



Paul "Choppy" Baker
 At Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy
 At Large Supervisor

Board of Supervisors

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 2-8, 2018 is **National Public Health Week**, and the theme is **Changing Our Future Together**; and

WHEREAS, the New River Health District is committed to protecting all citizens in the New River Valley at all times, preventing disease, and promoting health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the New River Health District works to prevent deaths from chronic disease by encouraging citizens to make healthy lifestyle choices like maintaining a healthy weight, being active, not smoking and adhering to recommended screening tests; and

WHEREAS, protecting the public through vaccinations has been one of the greatest accomplishments in public health in order to prevent disease; and

WHEREAS, promoting a healthy environment through disease investigation, restaurant inspections, water testing, citizen preparedness for disasters and emergencies, identifying and controlling communicable diseases, preventing injuries, preventing drug use and abuse are a few instances of how public health works to ensure the public is protected; and

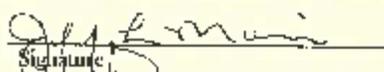
WHEREAS, having a strong public health system is vital in order to fulfill the goal of creating a community that will be seen as a critical part of helping the Commonwealth of Virginia become the Healthiest State in the Nation.

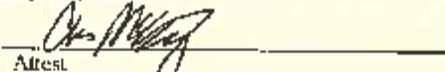
NOW THEREFORE, the Giles County Board of Supervisors, does hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2018 as

National Public Health Week

and encourage all citizens to lead a healthier life by making better choices in what they eat and how they live and what they do each and every day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Jeffrey L. Morris, Chair, have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of Giles County to be affixed hereto this April 4, 2018.


 Signature
 Jeffrey L. Morris, Chair


 Attest
 Chris McClamey, Board Clerk

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