

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 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 motioned to approve the April 4, 2018, minutes 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***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Eric Gentry** – Mr. Gentry indicated he had been looking at the rezoning and comp plan as well as the changes in the land use map. He stated he owns 120 acres of agriculture land behind Sandy's Service Station and wanted to ensure land use did not come through and change things in the future and make sure he would retain his land use taxable rights. Mr. Chidester indicated the land would be grandfathered in on use changes and would not affect the use of the property. Mr. Ross indicated as long as the historical use did not change the use would not change, noting the property could not go back to agricultural after being changed out of agricultural use by the owner for 12 consecutive months.

**Ms. Sonya Meekins** – Ms. Meekins related she is the President of the GEA and wanted to address some recent issues. She explained teachers were upset over comments made at a meeting indicating teachers were letting children fall through the cracks and related funding numbers from the past several years claiming the county had been underfunding the schools. Ms. Meekins voiced concerns over the loss of teachers to other localities due to low pay and high cost of insurance. She cited a number of requests including fully funding the schools, an apology, revenue increases of at least 12 percent, and self-reflection from members.

Mr. Williams advised the statement made was never intended toward teachers but was a concern expressed regarding the CSA program. He related he had always been and will continue to be a supporter of teachers and talked of how detrimental the state cuts had been to the school system. He also related funds had been put into the budget by the county to be used for teacher increases. Ms. Meekins indicated it was not uncommon for localities to fund schools more than the state. Members expressed concern over tax rates, and Mr. Baker related some people residing within town limits are already paying more than people in Roanoke. Mr. Williams outlined the referral process for the CSA program and what the program could do to help the children and their families. Ms. Meekins advised she could make referrals directly. Mr. Williams asked that referrals need to be made at an earlier age before the issues with the children become unmanageable. He apologized for any offense taken by the teachers due to his comments at a previous meeting but assured the teachers the comments were not intended for them.

Mr. Lawson inquired if there were overlapping programs with the same services. Ms. Meekins stated that could happen. Mr. Williams implored the teachers to look over the CSA referral process and send referrals at an earlier age before the issues get sent to DSS. Ms. Meekins stated she is consistent on the request for an increase of 12 percent, with the schools at the point of people not going into education due to low wages.

**Ms. Kristen Corboy** - Ms. Corboy related the importance of retaining quality teachers and expressed concern about the cost of the family plan insurance to staff with the employee cost at \$1,200 per month on one option. She related she knew of mothers who could not afford to insure their children and wives who could not afford to insure their husbands. Ms. Corboy expressed appreciation for all the work done for the resources they have and inquired about state coverage. Mr. McKlarney related the state subsidized their employee insurance heavily. Mr. Lawson related he works at Virginia Tech and his family plan is \$182 per month, which is subsidized by the university. Mr. McKlarney explained most employees did not see the insurance numbers that were received for this year from the current company with an increase of 20 percent. Mr. Chidester advised there had been a bill to allow localities to go on the state insurance in General Assembly but it did not get out of the House Committee.

Mr. Morris advised it was time for public hearings and public comments would be reopened following.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 8-6**

Mr. Chidester presented proposed amendments to Giles County Ordinance 8-6, Motor Vehicle License Fee. The amendments were related to no longer displaying the county decal on county resident vehicles. Mr. Chidester explained the state had changed the display location of inspection stickers from the center to the left side of the windshield and the Treasurer's Office is selling very few of the county decals. He indicated

Pearisburg is the only town in the county still requiring decals and related residents would still be paying for decals annually. Mr. Chidester explained the change would eliminate purchasing a decal and partial year fees. Mr. Morris asked for any comments. Hearing none, he closed that portion of the public hearings.

### **PROPOSED REZONING OF TAX PARCELS**

Mr. Law, Chairman, called the Planning Commission to order. The following Planning Commission members were in attendance: Mr. Law, Mr. Taylor, Mr. R. Browning, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Berckman, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Pitzer.

Mr. Ross stated the purpose of the public hearing is for a proposed rezoning of tax parcels 42-12B2B, 42-12B2C, and a portion of tax parcel 42-12B2 from I-1 General Industrial zoning district to the B-2 General Business zoning district. He explained these parcels and a portion of another parcel is located in the Cascades Industrial Park and border Virginia Avenue. Mr. Ross stated he had made contact with the existing parcel owners and have received no written comments in favor or opposing.

With no further comments, Mr. Morris closed that portion of the public hearings and sent it back to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE GILES COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP**

Mr. Ross stated the purpose of the public hearing is to change tax parcel 42-12B2, 42-12B2C, and a portion of 42-12B from Agriculture to Commercial District on the Giles County Future Land Use Map. He indicated he had received no comment on the proposed change. With no further questions or comments, Mr. Morris closed the public hearings and sent it back to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Mr. Law adjourned the Planning Commission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Cont'd)**

Mr. Lawson corrected his previous statement regarding the cost of his insurance, indicating the cost to him is \$182.00 per pay period not per month, with the university paying approximately \$1,400 per month on the premium.

**Ms. Sarah Perdue** – Ms. Perdue expressed concern regarding the new health insurance options. She related there are children and spouses of employees going without coverage due to the cost, which had become more of a burden than a benefit. Ms. Perdue indicated there are employees taking two or three jobs to make ends meet with the added cost and spoke of her personal financial burden as well as that of her mother. She expressed concern for employees taking the insurance and the amount that would have to be paid out of pocket before insurance picked up any claims. Ms. Perdue stated she understood the funds could not come out of thin air but indicated employees could no longer make it on the wages they bring home. She requested more control on spending and asked that those in charge do more to get along and come together to fix the problems.

**Ms. Katie Wright** – Ms. Wright shared she was part of the insurance committee and felt like the committee had made good gains on the insurance issues. She expressed concern that the schools are losing employees and inquired how the school system should keep and attract highly qualified teachers. Ms. Wright also inquired how the schools can continue to teach the core classes if there were no teachers to instruct in those subjects.

Mr. Morris stated he would like to tell them there is an answer and not to think members did not think they need the money. He related the county only has a certain amount of funds to work with and thanked them for coming to voice their concerns.

### **WAGSTAFF PRESENTATION**

Mr. McKlarney related Wagstaff would not be at the meeting due to flight issues. He indicated they would come the following week to meet with him, Mr. Chidester, and any members who would like to attend.

### **NEWPORT REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Newport Ruritan for a road closure on Route 42 during their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the road closure as requested. 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***

### **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from New River Valley Community Services for a proclamation. Mr. McKlarney read the proposed proclamation for Mental Health Month and Children's Mental Health Day. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to proclaim May 2018 as mental health month and May 10, 2018, as children's mental health day. 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***

### **ORDINANCE 8-6 AMENDMENT**

***Mr. Williams made a motion to approve amendments to Giles County Ordinance 8-6 as presented. 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 \$1,408,83.32. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** *Mr. Williams inquired about several items including a payment to Microsoft, mower purchase, and a payment to Motorola. Ms. Tickle related the payments were for required backup software license, three mowers purchased with one at Castle Rock and two at the schools, and the agreement with Motorola was not quite finished.*

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

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

## SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

**Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,283,819.50 for May 2018 School Board Appropriations 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**

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

**Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$150,000 for Social Services for May 2018. 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**

## APPOINTMENTS

**Mr. Williams motioned to appoint Mr. Eric Gentry to the Community Policy and Management Team. 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**

**UTILIZATION REVIEW**

Mr. McCoy indicated he would like to see a review of CSA and Utilization Review in order to measure and have a way to quantify success of the work being done. Mr. McKlarney stated it would be hard to quantify success and difficult to prove it saved money. Mr. McCoy indicated he would like to see if it stopped a process that was not performed in a timely manner or not performed at all.

Mr. Chidester announced the county would be moving into the 27<sup>th</sup> District Court Unit and the office will be staffed with a probation officer and secretary.

Mr. Williams requested a letter be written to Mr. James Wheeler thanking him for his service on the Community Policy and Management Team.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 3:00 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**

Jeffrey Morris  
Central District Supervisor

Larry "Jay" Williams  
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson  
Western District Supervisor

# County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker  
At-Large Supervisor

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## Board of Supervisors

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### PROCLAMATION

### MENTAL HEALTH MONTH & CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is strong research that diet, exercise, sleep, and stress management can help all Americans protect their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our local community and across the nation; and

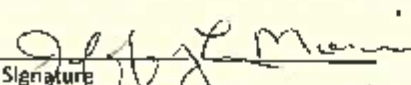
**WHEREAS**, mental illness is no different from other chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, or diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of our children, adolescents and teenagers must be considered a priority for our community and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**THEREFORE**, the Giles County Board of Supervisors, does hereby proclaim May 2018 as Mental Health Month in Giles County, Virginia and also recognize Thursday, May 10 as Children's Mental Health Day. As the Board, we also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Giles County, Virginia to recommit our community by increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the need to recognize and support young people who may be struggling with mental health disorders, and the importance of appropriate and accessible services for all citizens living with mental illness.

  
Signature  
Jeffrey L. Morris, Chair

  
Attest  
Chris McClarney, Board Clerk

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