

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, May 2, 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 - Absent
Richard Chidester	County Attorney - Absent
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 April 19, 2018, 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. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported damage clean up from previous storms with staff coming back to regular schedules after several weeks of 12-hour days. Mr. Clarke related the scheduling is being done for patching and overlay work indicating some patching had been done on Route 460 business and Route 100. He related work on Sinking Creek would be started the following week, some work had been completed on Curve Road, and the project on Clendennin Road was approximately half way completed.

Mr. Baker reported the caution lights at the end of Route 635 are still not up. Mr. Clarke expressed frustration with the contractor and stated he would be giving them a call. Mr. Morris inquired about how many projects the contractor is currently working on in the state. Mr. Clarke stated he is unsure of the number. Mr. Baker reported some patch work needed on Route 460 near the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Lawson reported large potholes at the end of Penvir Road and requested that a few feet at the end of the road have pavement laid when it is put down for the bridge. Mr. Lawson also reiterated the concerns of the other members regarding the condition of Route 100, indicating it is very rough and the drop offs of the shoulders are bad.

Mr. Williams reported a portion of the road had slid off on Brickyard Road due to drainage problems. He inquired what it was going to take to get the requests completed that have been compiled on a list for VDOT. Mr. Clarke stated it is a matter of scheduling along with money and limited manpower. He indicated VDOT has to depend on current staff, and they are limited in the number of things they can get done. Mr. Williams stated the roads are suffering for it and inquired if six-year plan money could be used to fix some of the problems. Mr. Clarke related those funds could be used and would not take a special resolution.

Mr. Morris reported the sinking of the overpass coming out of Pearisburg is getting worse even though it had been paved. Mr. Williams related a section on Route 460 near Pembroke had dropped approximately six inches at the box culvert.

Mr. McKlarney related he had been to Patterson Ford bridge and debris would be removed.

Mr. Reed reported work had started on Penvir Bridge with abutments A and B demolished to the refurbish line, spans A and C removed, pier 3 demolished and removed, and the truss to be removed and dismantled by mid-May. He related one crane is there today and another will come in from the opposite side to assist in taking out the truss. Mr. Lawson related there are some residents interested in watching if possible.

Mr. Reed reported the entrance on Skyview Lane had been shifted ten feet down stream and indicated he had negotiated right of way with Ms. McCrady. He related a power pole would have to be relocated as well as water line and the project needs to be kept under one acre of disturbance. Mr. Reed indicated there is a section of fence that an owner is supposed to move, at that point, the Board could officially ask for funding. Mr. Lawson inquired about the timeline. Mr. Reed related the power pole and water would be within a month, but the fence would be up to the individual.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,379 students, this is a decrease of 6 from the previous month and an increase of 1 from the same time last year. Dr. Arbogast reported the ADM number for schools had come in at 2,389, which is the same as the 2017-18 number. Calendars of events for May and June were given to the members as well as a STEM newsletter. Dr. Arbogast reported the STEMposium had been held with over 26 exhibitors, 473 students and over 600 people in attendance. He related some students had conducted a robotics demonstration and indicated it was good to see how excited the students were to exhibit. Dr. Arbogast reported the Tech Center had received a grant in the amount of \$37,000 to purchase two virtual reality ARC welders. Mr. McKlarney stated the plant manager with Cogar Manufacturing had been to visit the Tech Center and had related it was the nicest he had ever visited. Mr. McKlarney related the manager had offered jobs to all the welding students, after relaying they were the best prepared students he had ever seen. Dr. Arbogast announced the Teacher of the Year had been awarded to Ms.

Christine Fletcher from Giles High School. He related May 7-11 is teacher appreciation week and explained how members could go online to write a digital thank you to the teachers. Dr. Arbogast closed by reporting students had gone to the FBLA state conference and placed third in partnership and business.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval on rezoning of tax parcels 42-12B2B, 42-12B2C and a portion of tax parcel 42-12B2 from the I-1 (General Industrial) zoning district to the B-2 (General Business) zoning district. He noted these parcels and portion of a parcel are located in the Cascades Industrial Park and border Virginia Avenue in Pembroke, Virginia off of US 460 East.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the rezoning of the tax parcels noted 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 of an amendment to the Giles County Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use Map designation of tax parcels 42-12B2B, 42-12B2C and a portion of tax parcel 42-12B2 from the Agricultural district to the Commercial district. He noted these parcels and portion of a parcel are located in the Cascades Industrial Park and border Virginia Avenue in Pembroke, Virginia off of US 460 East and would coincide with the previous rezoning.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the amendment to the Future Land Use Map 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

Mr. Bryan Reed presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the submitted subdivision plat creating new parcels A & B and remainder of Tax Map 78-2-8, which is owned by Noah and Fannie Swarey in the Walker Mountain Community Farm area, with the condition of Health Department approval for the septic drain field. Mr. Reed provided details of the plat to include acreage of the parcels.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the plat for Noah and Fannie Swarey 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. Bryan Reed presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve family subdivision plat of Tax Map 55-19 owned by Lucille Patterson creating

new Parcel A containing 5.00 acres for Jake Munsey in the Staffordsville area of the county with the condition of Health Department Approval for the septic drain field.

Mr. Williams inquired about the right of way. Mr. Reed reported there is 40 feet of platted, dedicated right of way.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the plat for Jake Munsey 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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McKlarney indicated the opioid litigation discussion would be held in executive session.

COUNTY FLAG CONSIDERATION

Mr. McKlarney related he had received a request from the Sheriff's Office regarding a county flag and had received requests from the Virginia Association of Counties in the past. He submitted ideas for development such as student and citizen involvement or get design ideas from staff doing that type of work. Members discussed various design options and concurred they would like to put the county logo on the flag that the Treasurer's Office is using.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS BY GILES COUNTY

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney related the public hearing was being held regarding the proposed issuance of general obligation school bonds or notes by Giles County to the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Virginia Resources Authority for the benefit of the Literacy fund according to Virginia Code. He indicated the estimated maximum aggregate amount of the bonds is \$15 million and a rate of 2 percent, with the only proposed use of the proceeds of the bonds to be used to refinance costs of the capital improvements to Eastern Elementary/Middle School and the Giles Tech Center school facilities from 2012 and 2015. Mr. McKlarney indicated the closing had been moved forward two months and would have official amounts at that time. Mr. Williams inquired about the use of the funds. Mr. McKlarney stated the funds could only be used to refinance the previous cost of the capital improvements at Eastern Elementary and the Tech Center. Mr. McKlarney reported the School Board had held a public hearing and approved the refinancing. Members discussed the length of the loan terms and options. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the loan refinancing through Virginia Resources Authority. 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

DAY REPORTING

Mr. McKlarney related he had received interest from Pulaski County in the Day Reporting program. He indicated he would be sitting down with Pulaski to take a look at a joint program.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,028,878.51, 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Leon Law to the New River Valley Regional Commission. 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. Morris motioned to reappoint Mr. Jonathan Kidd to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. 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 (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

HAZMAT VEHICLE USE

Mr. Williams informed members he had received requests to use the former hazmat vehicles, with the requests coming from the Sheriff's Office, public works and fire departments. Mr. McKlarney related the vehicles could only be used by county departments. He also related there are a few involved that would like to start hazmat up again. Members discussed options and possible uses.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the transfer of hazmat vehicles to the Sheriff's Office and Public Works. 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

GARAGE REPORT

Mr. McCoy inquired if the rates were set for garage functions, suggesting the rate should be closer to 70. He requested a report done on a spreadsheet such as the one done for public works. Mr. McKlarney indicated a monthly billing report could be done.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 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