

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 5, 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
Catherine Ballard	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 August 16, 2018, as presented. 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported maintenance of gravel roads, pipe on Sandy Bend, ditches cleaned on Lyda Lane, pipes cleaned out and patching on Route 460, patching on Routes 730 and 219, and ditches cleaned on Bear Springs Road. He indicated crews had done some trash pickup on Route 460 business as requested by the VDOT central office. Mr. Clarke reported stabilization work done on Clendennin Road using horizontal shafts with concrete poured and provided pictures.

Mr. Baker expressed disdain regarding the caution lights on Route 460 at Thomas Drive being installed prior to the lights at the end of Big Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Clarke explained the project was all under a contract and the contractor could not be directed as to which part to complete first; however, he had talked to them about getting the lights up and operational. Mr. Baker stated there had been several wrecks at the intersection in the past few months, so the lights should have been put up there first. He related the guardrails going toward Giles High School are rusty and look awful and asked they be replaced.

Mr. Lawson requested a speed study be done on Old Route 100 between near the intersection of Fletchers Mountain Road. He also requested brush cutting on Old Wolf

Creek Road and inquired about the status of the brush cutting from the list the schools sent to VDOT. Mr. Clarke stated some cutting had been done on Piney Mountain Road but no other brush cutting is mentioned in the report provided to him. Mr. Lawson requested a point of contact for the Town of Narrows regarding the crosswalk at the park. Mr. Clarke stated the town could contact him directly. Mr. Lawson inquired about the status of the bridge naming. Mr. Clarke related he had received the resolution, and it had been sent in to proceed through the proper channels.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to conduct a speed study on Old Route 100 near the intersection of Fletchers Mountain Road. 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. Williams inquired about the status of Penvir Bridge. Mr. McKlarney anticipates completion by mid-November, adding the super structure is in place. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of Skyview Lane. Mr. McKlarney reported staff is waiting on information from VDOT who is working on contractor timing. He indicated Verizon is agreeable to leaving the phone lines in place and VDOT is looking to see if it will meet requirements.

Mr. Williams inquired about the crossover at 84 Lumber. Mr. Clarke stated he had looked at it and a crossover might work. They discussed various issues that could pose problems. Mr. Williams inquired about the street lights at the park and ride. Mr. Clarke related he is looking to see if it can be done. Mr. Williams asked about speed studies on Bear Springs Road and Fletchers Mount Road. Mr. Clarke related the signs had been put up on Bear Springs and signs were replaced on Fletchers Mountain. Mr. Williams inquired about the lease agreement for the Eggleston boat ramp. Mr. Clarke indicated there are some thing needed from the designer then the lease process can move forward.

Mr. Williams inquired about the drainage issue on Woodland Street. Mr. Clarke related he will look into it. Mr. Williams requested the center line be painted on Guinea Mountain. He inquired about the status of ditches on Curve Road, ditches on Route 42 and Farley Memorial Wayside signs. Mr. Clarke related all of those projects have been completed. Mr. Williams reported water draining from Route 460 into the Patrick Enterprises building. He also related potholes need fixing on Route 711, ditch work on Walnut Grove Road, and shoulder work on Doe Creek Road. Mr. Williams inquired about the shoulders and guardrail on Goodwins Ferry Road and requested to use the remaining funds from the project for improvements.

Mr. Williams made a motion to use the remaining funds from the Goodwins Ferry Road project for safety improvements to Goodwins Ferry Road. 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 reported drainage issues on Camp Meeting Road. He inquired about the completion date for the shoulder work on Route 100. Mr. Clarke stated he would check on the date.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated members on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,342 students which is a decrease of 26 from June and a decrease of 58 from the same time last year. He indicated a calendar of events would be provided at the October meeting and thanked those who attended the love sculpture dedication. Dr. Arbogast related the First Lady had visited the county with trips to head start and the love sculpture. Dr. Arbogast related the summer food program had recently ended with a total of 7,765 child meals being served and 2,238 adult meals. He stated he anticipates all five schools will be fully accredited again this year.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of a proposed amendment to Table 1 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to modify the required separation distance from an accessory structure to a main building from the current 20 feet to the proposed 10 feet in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, RRA-1, A-1, C-1, M-1, I-1 and MH-1 (when not in a mobile home park) zones.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the amendment to Table 1 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning 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. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to add a proposed new use, 611.02-34-Carwash, to the list of permitted uses in the B-3 zoning district.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the addition of Section 611.02-34 – Carwash to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning 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. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of a proposed amendment to Section 3-2.8 (Public Water/Sewer Facility Lots) of the Giles County Subdivision Ordinance. This proposed amendment would make this section applicable to any parcel developed for the purpose of installing public utilities. Mr. Ross stated this was a housekeeping item.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the amendment to Section 3-2.8 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning 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. John Ross stated the Planning Commission had withdrawn the proposed rezoning discussed at the previous meeting and public hearing. He related the commission would be looking at the rezoning further. Mr. McCoy questioned if there were similar properties in the county zoned as R-4. Mr. Ross indicated the other properties that were zoned as R-4 were PUDs. Members discussed various rezoning and conditional use options for the area. Mr. McCoy advised to be careful what is moved into conditional use.

Mr. Ross also presented an existing non-conforming use permit provided for a private seasonal camp or retreat utilizing one camper, which had been on the land prior to 1992, for land on tax parcel 41B-4-1 on Royal Drive in Pembroke, Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER PRESENTATION

Ms. Amanda Cox with Appalachian Power presented information to members. She related she and her family had volunteered at the recent river clean up event and enjoyed their stay. She presented information relating to the company such as statistics for the county, rates, service areas and top companies served in the county. Ms. Cox provided information on a recent legislative session regarding the Grid Transformation and Security Act, which will end the base rate freeze, drive investments in the grid, allow for customer refunds and promote renewable energy efforts. She related the company is looking at providing broadband options with a pilot project but the intent is to be middle mile only, adding the company would like to be part of the solution. Ms. Cox also provided information on reliability improvements at the Kimballton station indicating the project should be completed in November. Ms. Cox stated the company supports various community projects such as the river clean up, in kind and financial support of the ACCE program, reading programs, and educational support through robotics and teacher vision grants. She provided information on a new mobile app for customers as well as information on the new bill format and coming customer service options.

Mr. Baker inquired if some of the outages have been caused by the trees not being cut out of the lines as they have been in the past, citing outlying areas such as White Gate. Ms. Cox stated she can make sure the foresters get out to look at the problem areas. Mr. Williams related he had seen lines being looked at and being cut out with helicopters and inquired why spraying was no longer done on the lines. Ms. Cox indicated she would look into the background on the spraying. Mr. McCoy related there had been three extended outages occur when the sun was shining. Ms. Cox indicated there had been some equipment failures and staff had done everything possible to fix the issue. She related the situation should be resolved after the Kimballton project completion.

NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER

Mr. McKlarney related a request had been received from Region E PDC in West Virginia. He presented the resolution and stated the it is in support of designating the New River Gorge National River as a national park. The resolution is attached at the end of these minutes. Mr. Lawson inquired if it would have any affect on private property. Mr. McKlarney explained the resolution states no property would be seized.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney announced the Muddy ACCE Race would be held on September 15, 2018, with 161 currently registered. He indicated there had been many staff and volunteers working on the course and the race had raised \$68,000 in sponsorships with a total of \$114,000 including in kind donations. Members discussed various aspects of the program and the good it does for the students and the community. Mr. McKlarney related there had been over 200 volunteers at river cleanup.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$2,153,709.89, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams inquired about a payment for the landfill. Mr. McKlarney related Mr. Belcher is going through a series of tests to get the landfill closed out. Mr. Williams inquired about a Suddenlink bill at the Sheriff's Office. Mr. McKlarney related it is redundant internet service to insure connectivity. Mr. Williams inquired about a crock pot purchase at the senior center. Ms. Ballard stated it was purchased with several additional items but would double check to make sure.

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 (1) Personnel and (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, and 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, and Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

WORKFORCE

Mr. Williams provided a copy of a workforce report and stated he is very proud of the Pathways grant with 150 nurses graduated making an average of \$22.00 per hour. He related the extension office would like to do a farm tour day in the county. Mr. Williams stated anyone touring would be charged for the cost of a meal and requested the use of the activity bus. Members concurred with the use of the activity bus.

Mr. McCoy inquired about the status of regionalizing day report. Mr. McKlarney stated the Regional Commission is still working on it but is having a hard time getting a meeting where all can attend. He related there are 13 in the program, which put it at about the breakeven point.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 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
Central District Supervisor

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker
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Resolution in Support of National Park Designation for New River Gorge National River

WHEREAS, the flowing waters of this ancient river provide solace to all those who seek her calming presence amongst the woods of West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, New River Gorge National River conserves over 70,000 acres of land along 53 miles of New River between the towns of Hinton and Fayetteville, and

WHEREAS, the park and surrounding area encompass a rugged, white water river, flowing northward through deep canyons, and

WHEREAS, the New River is among the oldest rivers on the continent and the park is rich in cultural and natural history that offer an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the New River Gorge National Rivers southern gateway lies in Summers County near the City of Hinton just north of the confluence of the New, Bluestone and Greenbrier River valleys, and

WHEREAS, Giles County and its regional partners within the aforesaid river valleys in West Virginia and Virginia are actively engaged in developing water and land based multi-use trails that as Mary Draper Ingles did follow the river into the New River Gorge, and

WHEREAS, the New River Gorge National River is a world-class destination for those seeking outdoor recreational activities in a four-season paradise, and

WHEREAS, outdoor enthusiast may engage in a plethora of actives including; picnicking, camping, fishing, hunting, trapping, climbing, bicycling, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, equestrian and other existing authorized traditional uses that also provide important recreational benefits that make New River Gorge unique among National Park Service units, and

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WHEREAS, New River Gorge National River lies at the core of a globally significant forest containing the most diverse flora of any river gorge in central and southern Appalachia and provides essential habitat for endangered mammals and rare birds and amphibians, and

WHEREAS, New River Gorge National River has diverse and extraordinary scenic resources and views accessible to visitors from the river, rocky overlooks, trails, and rural roads throughout the park providing visitors with exceptional opportunities for exploration, adventure, discovery, solitude, and community, and

WHEREAS, the Bluestone National Scenic River; Gauley River National Recreation Area, Booker T, Washington National Monument, John Henry Historical Park and The Summit Bechtel Reserve National Scouting center are within the New River Gorge Region, and

WHEREAS, the rebranding of the New River Gorge National River creating the New River Gorge National Park will provide new economic and employment opportunities within Summers County, the City of Hinton as well as the greater New River Gorge Region, and

WHEREAS, the New River Gorge National River has been providing benefits to the public and the citizens of West Virginia as a National Park unit for more than 40 years, and

WHEREAS, establishment of a National Park designation for New River Gorge National River in a manner that retains and further promotes these remarkable attributes and uses will not only create additional economic benefits to the New River Gorge Region and the State of West Virginia, it will also strengthen the National Park Service's efforts to manage and develop the resources of the newly designated New River Gorge National Park.

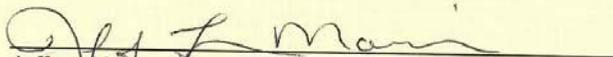
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors urges the West Virginia Congressional delegation to pursue with great effort and determination legislation that designates the New River Gorge National River as our nation's newest National Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said legislation

- retains and continues state management of commercial whitewater recreation in the National Park;
- retains the management plans in effect at the time of enactment and specifies that nothing in the Park designation shall require elimination or modification of current uses and authorizations;
- continues to specifically authorize hunting, fishing, trapping, fish stocking, and traditional uses in the National Park;
- prohibits the use of eminent domain for land acquisition except-for extraordinary circumstances;

- maintains climbing, hiking and cycling and other recreational uses as important recreational benefits of the Park unit;
- recognizes and authorizes the special regulations that allow development of trails, mountain biking and other approved recreational uses in the National Park;
- recognize the rights of in-holders as granted in public law 95-625;
- allows inhabitants, heirs and assigns to continue to inhabit their property and requires they be paid fair market value upon acquisition;
- retains all other special provisions that are in public law 95-625 enacted in 1978 to create New River Gorge National River to the extent that those provisions are still applicable and appropriate.

The foregoing Resolution in Support was adopted by the Giles County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held on September 5, 2018, in Giles County, Virginia.


Jeffrey Morris, Chairman
Giles County Board of Supervisors