

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 3, 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. McCoy noted a change needed to the section regarding the sewer line on Old Stage Road indicating it should state there would only be one hook up.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018, with the change as stated by Mr. McCoy. 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 clean up from recent hurricane damage as well as clean up from a rain storm in Rich Creek, which caused significant flooding. Mr. Clark reported work on Possum Hollow Road, State Line Road and Big Stoney Creek Road, adding grading work had also been done on some gravel roads. He related some pipe work had been done on Brickyard Road, shoulder work on Mountain Lake Road and a speed study to be scheduled on Old Route 100. In addition, Mr. Clarke reported he had met with the Town of Narrows about a cross walk line, and notified members of maintenance and painting to be done on the truss bridge on Flat Hollow Road. He indicated the bridge would be closed for approximately one week during maintenance.

Mr. Baker inquired about the installation of the lights at the end of Big Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Clarke reported the lights had been completed that day. Mr. Baker requested brush cutting on Crickett Lane and requested the guardrails going toward Giles High School be replaced. Mr. Clarke stated if the guardrail is not on the list he could use maintenance funds to get it replaced.

Mr. Lawson inquired about the status of an issue on State Line Road and inquired about the status of the improvements on Woodland Street in Rich Creek adding members were previously told it was in the environmental stage. Mr. Clarke related he thought some work had been done on State Line Road but would check on it again, and he had gone to the Woodland site with the town manager and will check on the environmental with Mr. Ford.

Mr. Williams reported an issue with the stone put in on Cascade Drive, indicating the resident at that location was not pleased with it. He also reported a drain pipe is caving in on Cliffview Street near the railroad. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of Skyview Lane. Mr. Bryan Reed reported he is still waiting for an answer about the phone line relocation. He indicated it would save approximately \$25,000 if it could stay where it is currently. Mr. Williams related there were a couple of spots that could use shoulder work on Goodwins Ferry Road and indicated Mr. Chris Price had mentioned retaining walls. Mr. Clarke stated there were a couple of places where shoulder work could be done and would check into it further.

Mr. Morris stated he was glad to see the crews working on paving Route 100 and the low water bridge. Mr. McKlarney thanked Mr. Clarke and his crew for the work done during the flooding in Rich Creek.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated members on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,362 students which is an increase of 20 from from the previous month and a decrease of 41 from the same time last year. He presented a calendar of events for October, noting STEM, robotics and high school activities. Dr. Arbogast invited members to attend the annual STEMposium to be held in April. He reported the Department of Education issued a news release, which showed all the schools in Giles had met accreditation standards.

Mr. Baker inquired about the new gates to be installed at Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast explained the gates were a security measure. Mr. Baker expressed concern that the walkers would not be able to get to the track. Dr. Arbogast stated the walkers could park in the parking lot and walk with no restriction to access to the track, and the gates would be open when school is not in session. Members discussed the difference between the gates at Narrows and Giles. Mr. Williams related parking space is limited in the lots when school is in session. Mr. Baker inquired about the maximum capacity in the press box at Narrows. Dr. Arbogast indicated the matter was resolved and the maximum amount is ten people.

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES

Lieutenant Chad Tickle presented information regarding vehicle replacement cost for the Sheriff's Office containing both purchase and lease options. He indicated the interest on a vehicle lease for five years would be \$32,000, which would be enough to purchase and equip an additional vehicle. Lieutenant Tickle advised the most cost effective option would be to purchase in lieu of leasing and related the department would need three vehicles per year in order to replace an aging fleet. He reported any cost savings in the department budget would be put toward the purchases as well and advised the department would need approximately \$75,000 to purchase the two additional vehicles each year. Lieutenant Tickle informed members maintenance cost in 2015 was \$47,000 and \$52,000 in 2016; however, the cost for maintenance has gone down due to the purchase of some newer vehicles. He indicated there is one vehicle that has been tagged as surplus and another will be surplus when the new vehicle is equipped and put on the road.

Mr. McCoy related it would be better to buy the vehicles than lease them. Mr. Williams inquired if the department could make use of the former hazmat vehicles. Lieutenant Tickle indicated he would check them out to see if they could be of use, adding the truck might be a good option for the inmate work crew. Mr. McKlarney presented a model of the projected cost for the next nine years. Mr. Williams inquired about the department revenues. Lieutenant Tickle reported revenues for FY 2016-2017 was approximately \$8,000 with a significant improvement in FY 2017-2018 with revenues up to \$35,000. Mr. McKlarney related it would save money to purchase rather than lease and indicated a new inmate workforce van would need to be bought in the near future as well. He recommended members sit down with the Sheriff to discuss numbers. Members concurred.

PEMBROKE STREET CLOSURE

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Town of Pembroke for street closure during the annual Christmas Parade to be held on December 1, 2018.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the request 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 \$1,217,428.36, 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

DMV STOPS

Mr. Williams inquired if it was ever decided where the funds are to be used for the DMV Stops. Mr. McKlarney related the funds had been used by the Treasurer's Office in the past. Mr. McCoy indicated the funds should not continue to be used as the Treasurer's Office sees fit. Members agreed to look at how best to allocate the funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal Counsel 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

NRVCS CONTRACT

Mr. McCoy indicated he would like to look at the cost of services comparable to the services offered by NRVCS. Mr. Chidester related CPMT uses other providers when it can but vendors are limited in the area.

FOCUS STUDY

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a letter of support for Virginia Tech to apply for grant funding to do a study on FOCUS intervention in Giles County. 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

THOMAS HILL ROAD WATER PROJECT

Members discussed the proposed Thomas Hill Road water project noting possible issues with easements. Mr. McKlarney requested direction for staff to look into the project further, noting the total cost would be approximately \$18,000 with \$6,000 in labor. Members discussed options and agreed staff should find out about the right of ways and easements to make sure there will be no issues.

RECESS

Mr. Morris called a recess until the meeting with the School Board members at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Morris reconvened the meeting.

JOINT MEEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD

GILES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Marion Ballard	Chair (Western District)
Stephen Steele	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Mark Wilburn	Central District
Melissa Guynn	At-Large
Phillip Pennington	At-Large
Dr. Terry Arbogast, II	Superintendent

Chairman Ballard called the School Board to order.

Mr. Ballard stated he had heard some comments about a negative relationship between the boards but indicated there was a need to continue the efforts and felt things were pretty positive. Mr. McCoy related most were positive adding some individuals who were not involved in the insurance committee were disappointed in the outcomes of the insurance changes and presented some incorrect numbers but might not have understood. He stated he had only heard positive comments from those involved in the committees. Mr. Steele related there was a lot of information being presented from the fact side to the compensation committee and indicated the committee members are being challenged to go back and be the representatives of the committee. Mr. Wilburn related he was appreciative of supervisors attending the town hall meetings.

Mr. Ballard read the responsibilities of the school board from the Virginia School Board Manual citing the school board can be held liable and charged criminally, and they have a legal responsibility to students and staff. He presented a list of the budget meetings to be held at the schools and listed items needed at the schools such as school buses, resurfaced track, and new lifts at the high schools. Mr. Steele stated he would like to know more about anticipated revenues to build a plan for school needs. He related school board members meet with each school to get a list of needs then condense it down to make the budget and present a request, adding the numbers presented during the last budget meeting were a true representation of needs. Mr. McKlarney related there is a natural growth in revenues of approximately \$200,000 per year spent across all departments, and related the county has been spending out of reserves. Mr. Wilburn stated a facility study is needed to determine the anticipated repairs for the next several years, and indicated a middle school is needed so 13-year-old students are not attending school with 18-year-old students.

Mr. Steele indicated the schools need more custodians, adding they are doing a good job but they need more of them and reiterated the need for a facility study. Mr. Williams inquired if the schools have asked for more custodians. Mr. Steele stated they had asked. Mr. McKlarney stated the school board is paying \$250,000 less now than when services were consolidated. Members discussed consolidated services and financial savings. Mr. Williams expressed concern that school system employees came to the supervisors meeting and accused them of not doing their jobs, and inquired if the

schools are doing everything they can to help save money. He related information regarding the amount of funding provided by the county and referenced a lower student count.

Mr. Ballard stated the school board would like to have finance back. Members discussed concerns, options and funding as well as animosity between the two boards and it infiltrating into staff. Members concurred there should be zero tolerance for any staff causing discord between the two factions. School board members agreed to discuss the finance topic more at the next work session.

Ms. Guynn expressed the need to get the lifts fixed in the schools due to ADA guidelines and stated something needs to be done for the teachers. Mr. McKlarney inquired if the lifts could be fixed with special ed funding. Dr. Arbogast stated he will look into it. Mr. McKlarney suggested a regular meeting of two school board and two supervisor members to discuss issues and concerns. Members concurred with the meeting.

Mr. Williams related he had been contacted by some parents concerned about the kids catching buses so early. Ms. Guynn advised they should contact the person in charge of the bus schedule.

With no more business to discuss, the school board adjourned on the motion of Mr. Wilburn and second by Ms. Guynn with unanimous voting.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 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

October 3, 2018