

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 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) - Absent
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 November 15, 2018, as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported brush cutting on Crickett Lane, work done on Spruce Run, Dodson Farm Road, and stone laid on various roads. Mr. Clarke related a pothole fixed on Eggleston Road, patching on Route 460 in Glen Lyn as well as shoulder work on Route 460. He indicated the erosion issue on Route 460 near Patrick Enterprises would require some extensive work and crews are gearing up for the coming snow storm.

Mr. Clarke requested a notice of intent to abandon a bridge on a section of road that has already been discontinued on Route 802, Lang Lane. He related there had been a public hearing on the discontinuance, however, discontinuance keeps the bridge in the county's VDOT inventory and liability. Mr. Clarke added the only use of the bridge is by the residence at the location. He stated there would not be a public hearing on the abandonment if no comments are received on the notice. Members discussed various aspects of the request. Mr. Clarke related the bridge, once abandoned, will become the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. McKlarney inquired what would occur if the property owner did not want the bridge. Mr. Clarke stated he was unsure but would check to find out. He added VDOT will maintain up to the owner's driveway, and the property would still have frontage on a state-maintained road.

Mr. Baker made a motion to issue a notice of intent to abandon on the bridge along Lang Lane, Route 802. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Baker requested a pot hole be filled on Route 460 near the Farm Bureau. Mr. Lawson inquired about the status of the bridge naming on Penvir Road. Mr. Clarke stated the naming had been approved, but there had been an issue with the sign. He indicated the sign would probably be ready in January.

Mr. Bryan Reed updated members on the Penvir Bridge project, relating the guardrail had not been shipped with the rest of the bridge. He explained when the guardrail was ordered, it was discovered the bridge guardrail was 12 gauge instead of 10 gauge as was specified in the plans. Mr. Reed indicated January 7th would be the earliest the new guardrail could be installed.

Mr. Williams inquired about funding and related there are potholes on Painter School Road at the edge of the pavement as well as a tree leaning over the road above the lime plant. Mr. Morris noted a pothole at the Ripplemead exit on Route 460 and reported the need for some striping and directional arrows on Boxwood Lane going toward the hospital. Mr. McKlarney reported some earth movement and potholes on Smith Valley Road.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated members on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,367 students which is a decrease of 6 from the previous month and a decrease of 41 from the same time last year. He presented a calendar of events for December as well as the STEM newsletter noting activities for the week of code. Dr. Arbogast reported the Tech Center had moved its habitat house to a home site in Pearisburg and will be working on finishing out the home. He related the budget had been released by the Governor, which will give them a better idea of how things are going to go. Dr. Arbogast indicated he had attended a regional legislative meeting in Abingdon where issues were presented and related the topics were funding from the state, teacher retention unfunded school programming, and school renovations. He anticipates a lot of conversation surrounding teacher salaries with Virginia ranking 34th in the nation, adding the statistics provided for the region were concerning and eye opening.

Mr. Baker related he had heard at a session at the recent VACo meeting it would be 2020 before localities would see any funding from the state for teachers. Dr. Arbogast reported there would be a lobbying and officer meeting beginning in January. He indicated work had resumed on the ocean wall and invited members to attend the unveiling on December 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

ANIMAL FRIENDLY FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney related notification regarding animal friendly funds had been received from the DMV for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$285.00 for a local spay/neuter program. He indicated the funds had been awarded to Giles Animal Rescue in the past.

Mr. Williams made a motion to distribute the animal friendly funds in the amount of \$285.00 to Giles Animal Rescue. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

REVENUE EQUALITY COALITION

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Alacade and Fay for support of the Revenue Equality Coalition, which is a lobbying group for the legislation allowing counties to tax cigarettes. Members discussed the effect the legislation would have on towns along with other aspects of the legislation. Mr. McKlarney stated he had no idea about the volume or revenue generation would be but would work on some numbers if members so chose. Mr. Baker indicated many counties in northern Virginia are against the legislation. No action was taken.

WATER RATE STUDY

Mr. McKlarney noted a water rate study provided to members for review and indicated a presentation would be made in January.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$896,647.37, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams inquired about the closing out of the landfill monitoring. Mr. Belcher stated the plan for monitoring the landfill would be completed in approximately three years. Mr. Williams inquired about the lease with Norfolk and Southern. Mr. McKlarney indicated the lease is for the land lab; members discussed how to best utilize the land.

The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SURPLUS VEHICLE

Mr. McKlarney related a request had been received from Newport Volunteer Fire Department for a surplus vehicle and reported one possible vehicle for surplus, noting a 2007 Crown Victoria with vehicle number 20072. He noted he had not received confirmation of surplus from the Sheriff on this vehicle at this time.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the transfer of surplus of vehicle number 20072, 2007 Crown Victoria to the Newport Volunteer Fire Department contingent upon concurrence from the Sheriff. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

NEWPORT WATER

Mr. Williams presented information regarding a need for a water line to be run in Newport on Summit Lane. He related an existing one-inch line had been used to run water to a resident there years ago, which has now developed a leak. Mr. Williams requested a tap at Summit Lane and line run to the meter.

Mr. Belcher stated he suspected the existing line was used to save money when it was installed and related it would be approximately a day of work. He inquired who would be responsible to run the line to the house. Mr. Williams explained the owner would have to find someone to run the line to the home. Members discussed various routes for the line to be run and right of way options. Mr. Belcher indicated it would be a cost of approximately \$1,000 including three-quarter inch line, equipment and labor. Members tabled the discussion until Mr. Belcher could find information regarding owner property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lawson motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal, and (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson 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 4-0 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note and to move forward with negotiations National Bank of Blacksburg regarding the note. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a letter of support regarding a grant sought by Virginia Commonwealth University relating to addressing the opioid crisis. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

DECEMBER RECESS MEETING

Mr. Williams made a motion to cancel the December 21, 2018, recess meeting. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$2,369,951.67 for January 2019 School Board Appropriations, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$140,000 for January 2019 Social Services Appropriations, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

NEWPORT WATER (Cont'd)

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the installation of water line to the corner of Ms. Farrier's property nearest the distribution line utilizing the existing water meter. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk