

At the budget work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 1, 2019, at 1:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent:

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morris called the work session to order.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Members discussed anticipated water rates and the water rate study, and Mr. Williams advised the numbers need to be worked out to know what the revenues will be. Mr. McKlarney outlined the summary sheet, and members discussed the requested school allocation. Mr. McKlarney advised it would cost the county \$312,000 for the school salary increases. Mr. Williams inquired if the county could have people eligible for Medicare sign up for that instead of employer insurance. Mr. Chidester stated he would look into it but thought it was not allowable. Mr. McKlarney reported there would be an increase in the machinery and tool tax due to Celanese. Members discussed the need for a tax rate increase as well as how the reassessment and tax for the pipeline companies would affect tax revenues. Mr. McKlarney indicated the budget had been cut as previously instructed, and things are pretty lean in the county budget. Members discussed a significant decrease in student enrollment numbers, a request for more teachers and aids, funding for the ag lab, and an addition to the school budget for a substitute school resource officer. Mr. McKlarney indicated there would be some savings seen as a result of picking up the literary loan and inquired about a date for the budget and tax rate public hearing. Members concurred to hold the public hearing on May 23, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Morris called a recess until the start of the scheduled meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 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)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
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. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019, 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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Ms. Angie Higginbotham updated members on the Treasurer's Office and outlined a summary of revenues. She reported on various tax collection efforts noting 881 active DMV stops and 344 who came in to pay taxes due to the stops. Ms. Higginbotham related information about a listing published on properties eligible for tax sales and added that 19 of those listed had paid or made payment arrangements. Mr. Williams expressed appreciation for the aggressive approach to collections and reporting.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance such as ditching on Route 622 and 776, working the gravel roads, drainage on Powell Mountain Road, patching on Big Stony Creek Road and Clover Hollow Road, and paving completed on Route 100. He reported work being done with the Town of Rich Creek to fix a drainage issue due to a low curb causing water to come into a residence. Mr. Clarke related there had been an issue with the remaining funding from Goodwins Ferry Road being moved, but he anticipates getting \$78,000 of the remaining funds back to work on safety issues there. Mr. Clarke reported traffic engineering would be looking at the speed limits on Route 460. Mr. Williams stated the speed needs to be lowered to 55 mph except on the bypass and proposed a resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

May 1, 2019

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve a resolution to lower the speed limit to 55 miles per hour on Route 460 from the Ripplemead Bridge to Newport. 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. Clarke reported staff had looked at Route 730. He anticipates signage posting a speed limit will be installed for approximately three miles of the route. Mr. Clarke stated the public hearing for the six-year plan had been held at the previous meeting and a resolution would be needed to finalize that process.

The Six-Year Plan Priority List for 2019-20 through 2024-25 is as follows:

- 0 County wide items for engineering, traffic services, right of way
- 1 Rural Additions
- 2 Reconstruct and surface treat Route 673 Penvir Road
- 3 Reconstruct and surface treat Route 659 Prospectdale Road
- 4 Reconstruct and surface treat Route 621 Hiram Jones Road
- 5 Reconstruct and surface treat Route 647 Powell Mountain Road

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the Six-Year Plan Resolution for 2019-2020 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

Mr. Baker requested tree cutting along Virginia Heights toward Riverbend and lines painted along Commissary Hill due to fog issues. He also requested lines on the turn lanes be repainted on Boxwood Lane. Mr. McCoy noted drainage issues on Spruce Run where water had eroded away the pavement and inquired if the lane closure on Spruce Run near the land slide was temporary or the solution to the issue. Mr. Clarke indicated there would need to be a project done there similar to the one done on Clendennin Road in order to fix the slide.

Mr. Williams inquired about lights at the park and ride. Mr. Clarke reported the project and funding had been approved and VDOT is working with AEP on billing and installation. Mr. Williams reported a shoulder eroded from water on Norcross Road noting a large hole at the location. Mr. McKlarney reported a request from a resident regarding a safety issue in a passing zone on Bluegrass Trail due to school bus stops.

Mr. Morris inquired about the low water bridge at Doc Carr Road. Mr. Clarke related the pipe was purchased and believes the project will be moving forward as soon as the contractor is freed up from another location. Mr. Clarke reported VDOT had set up a booth at the Giles High School Stemosium event. He indicated they had a heavy equipment simulator that the students enjoyed.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,338 students; this is an increase of 1 from the end of last month and a decrease of 41 from the same time last year. A calendar of events through the end of May was provided to the members. Dr. Arbogast relayed information regarding the visit from Dr. DeNobel and noted he had received a lot of positive comments about the message. He reported prom for both Giles and Narrows would be held during the weekend and some Tech Center students had participated in the Skills USA competition with one going to the national competition for Internet working. Dr. Arbogast related the Giles High School Chorale had participated in a music competition and won first place in their division. He reported the teacher of the year for high school is Ms. Suzanne Woodward and for elementary is Ms. Kristi Gordon. He reported three students would be attending the Theater Arts Governor's School at UVA Wise. Dr. Arbogast expressed appreciation for the Board funding school raises for the upcoming school year as well as the purchase of five new school buses. He indicated the last day of school would be on June 6th and provided information regarding summer camps.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve an amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to remove Section 603.02-13 Livestock Sales from the RRA-1 zoning district. He related he had received no complaints.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the removal of Section 603.02-13 Livestock Sales from the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended. 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. Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve rezoning of tax parcels 24 48A, 24 48D, 24 47F, and 24 47F1 from their current zoning designation of RRA-1 (Rural Residential and Agriculture) to the proposed new zoning designation of A-1 (Agriculture and Limited). He noted the tax parcels are located near the intersection of Lurich Road and Stockpen Road in Narrows, Virginia and are owned by Narrows Livestock Market, Inc. Mr. Ross advised he had received not complaints regarding the rezoning.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the rezoning as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

NEW BUSINESS

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION PRESENTATION

Ms. Corbin Vierling related she had been a member of the New River Community Action Board for ten years and noted the agency is currently housed inside the Christian Mission. She stated the Mission is a clean and organized site, which also houses a food pantry where people can be referred to for services. Ms. Terry Smusz presented the agency's annual report and asked for any questions. She noted the agency had received a Site of the Year achievement award from VA Cares and advised the first blended preschool classroom at Macy McClaugherty was progressing well. Ms. Smusz reported the Narrows classroom was being relocated to Rich Creek and shared information regarding various churches providing shelter to the homeless during the winter.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$760,674.64, and 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

HOSPITAL PARKING

Mr. Baker reported he had received calls from some elderly who visit the hospital. They had indicated they were having difficulty with the walking distance from the parking to the actual patient rooms. Mr. Baker inquired if other accommodations could be made such as coming through the rear of the hospital. Mr. McKlarney advised he had spoken with the hospital board regarding the issue and will follow up on it.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 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

May 1, 2019

**RESOLUTION
GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REQUEST POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH
ON ROUTE 460 (RIPPLEMEAD BRIDGE TO NEWPORT)**

WHEREAS the Giles County Board of Supervisors requests a change of speed limit on Route 460 to 55 MPH from the Ripplemead Bridge to the Route 42 intersection in Newport, excluding the area within the Town of Pembroke,

WHEREAS the Virginia Department of Transportation will provide and place such signs upon resolution by the Board of Supervisors,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles County Board of Supervisors requests that Route 460 be posted for a maximum 55 MPH speed limit within the area of the Ripplemead Bridge to the intersection of Route 42 in Newport, excluding the area within the Town of Pembroke.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on May 1, 2019.

	Voting For	Voting Against	Abstain	Absent
Morris	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Williams	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Baker	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
McCoy	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lawson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Attest: 
Chris McKlaney, Clerk