

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 4, 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
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 August 22, 2019, 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 Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance. He noted patching on Routes 460 and 100, Big Stony Creek Road, Fletchers Mountain Road, and Clendennin Road, and indicated Clendennin Road was slated to be resurfaced. Mr. Clarke reported surface treatment scheduled for Hilltop Road, Johnson Street, Walnut Grove Road, Old Newport Road and Beckner Road as well as pipe work on Smith Hollow Road, shoulder work on Doe Creek Road and brush cutting on Eggleston Road, adding the second round of mowing is currently being done. He also reported the light poles were installed at the park and ride.

Grayson St. Clair – Mr. St. Clair requested no engine breaking signs on Wolf Creek Road near his residence. He reported 15 trucks a day going by his house jake breaking in one day when the tunnel was closed and traffic rerouted. Mr. St. Clair indicated there are multiple gravel trucks that travel the road every day that also jake break in the same location. He advised the trucks are traveling too fast if there is a need to jake break, and the vibrations are shaking his pictures off the walls and his house off the foundation. Mr. Williams stated he knows many of the drivers and asked if he could try talking to them to get them to stop. Mr. St. Clair advised he did not mind if Mr. Williams could get them to stop. Mr. McCoy indicated talking to them might go farther than

putting up signs. Mr. Lawson advised Mr. St. Clair to give him a call if it does not stop after Mr. Williams talks to them.

Kent Morris – Mr. Morris expressed concern over the closing of Route 730 for over two weeks for culvert installation. He indicated two were replaced, which had not been used as cattle crossings for more than 40 years. Mr. Morris stated too much money was spent on the culverts and the sites should have had the tops taken off and replaced with drain pipe. He indicated there did not seem to be much preparation by VDOT and there were other crossings no longer in use that should not be replaced. Mr. Morris advised Hiram Jones Road and Green Valley Road should be paved before another lengthy closing of Route 730. Mr. Williams related Hiram Jones Road had been on the Six-Year Plan list but some owners along the road were not willing to provide right of way. Mr. Morris stated some of the asphalt taken off of Route 100 during paving should have been put down on some of the dirt roads, and advised all trees should be cut from fence to fence on the right of way.

Widjet Shannon – Ms. Shannon expressed concern about the line painting on Spruce Run Road, relating the lines had been painted incorrectly and had to be redone. She reported she had called VDOT multiple times to request line painting all the way down the road, but VDOT only painted the first couple of miles. She was advised by the Richmond office that the work order was put in, but the painting was not done. Ms. Shannon indicated she had called again this year before school started back to request the line painting and requested the line painting be completed. She related the potholes in the road have circles painted around them but haven't been fixed. Ms. Shannon stated the slide fix at Goodwins Ferry looks good but inquired what it would take to get some guardrail installed on Goodwins Ferry.

Mr. Clarke related he would check to make sure no unneeded culverts were scheduled to be replaced on Route 730 and would look at the policy change for line painting on Spruce Run. He anticipates the policy has gotten more restrictive due to limited funding. Mr. Clarke stated on some projects the pavement millings belong to the contractors, and they have been used on roads before but complaints were received. He also stated the millings are not allowed to be used anywhere close to water.

Mr. Baker reported a large drop off on the side of Route 219 coming out of Peterstown and a pothole near the Farm Bureau. He related there are still potholes on Big Stony Creek Road and a big dip in the road on Wolf Creek Road. Mr. McCoy reported a drain pipe clogged with a rock on Spruce Run Road near the community center.

Mr. Lawson thanked VDOT for the work done on Fletchers Mountain Road and reported he had received a call that Burton Road had not been worked for over a year. Mr. Williams requested brush cutting at the intersection on Cliffview Street and inquired when Giles would get to use the brush cutter tractor. Mr. McCoy related the tractor had been used for two days at one location. Mr. Williams inquired about the inmate agreement. Mr. McKlarney stated the county doesn't get as many as they have in the past and the inmates have been mowing. Mr. Williams inquired about the boat ramp.

Mr. McKlarney reported the plans had been sent to VDOT and Mr. Paul Brown had sent back sketches proposing what would work at the site. He advised the redesign should be done soon. Mr. Williams inquired if the end of state maintenance had been marked at Glen Alton and requested line painting on Guinea Mountain, Rocky Hollow and Stateline Roads. Mr. Clarke stated he had not yet gone to Glen Alton. He inquired about the status of Skyview Lane. Mr. Bryan Reed reported the Board had voted to turn that project over to VDOT on March 6, 2019. He indicated the waterline was not being used and did not need to be moved, and he had advised Mr. Stanley Akers to wait and move his fence when the construction was ready to begin. Mr. McKlarney requested Mr. Clarke look to see how much of the work the county could do on the project. He also related VDOT is looking at installing reflective signs on Goodwins Ferry Road, and members related building up the shoulders was also being looked into. Mr. Lawson inquired if brush cutting had been done as the schools requested. Mr. Clarke stated the schools work directly with the area headquarters for most of that.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Mr. McKlarney related current enrollments for the schools are at 2,305, which is a decrease of 28 from June and a decrease of 37 from the same time last year. Mr. Williams inquired what had been done to determine the cause of the reduction in enrollments. Mr. McCoy remarked the population in the county is older with less children of school age. Mr. McKlarney reported there had been 69,837 total meals served from the summer food program, with 16,001 served for this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map to change the current zoning district of R-4 to RRA-1 on the following tax parcels: 41-4G, a portion of 41-4I, 41-4G1, and 41-4G2. These properties are located between Cricket Lane and Virginia Heights Road near what is known as the Virginia Heights area of Giles County, east of the Town of Pearisburg.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map from R-4 to RRA-1 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 a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map to change the current zoning district of R-1 to RRA-1 on the following tax parcels: 41-5, 41-5A, 41-4I1, 41-4I (a portion of), 41-7, 41-6, 41-9A, 41A-1-69, 41A-1-60, 41A-1-72, 41-9, 41-8, 41-10, 41A-1-218, 41-10A, 41A-1-245, 41-12, 41-12A, 41-11, 41-4B, 41-13B, 41-13A, 41-13, 41-14, 41-15, 41-15C, 41-15E, 41-15A, 41-15B, 41-15D, 41-16A, 41-82, 40-84, 41-1-1, 41-1-2,

41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-21, 41-1-5, and 41-1-6. These properties are located between Cricket Lane and Virginia Heights Road, and along Virginia Heights Road and Woodland Drive near what is known as the Virginia Heights area of Giles County, east of the Town of Pearisburg.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map from R-1 to RRA-1 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 the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 602.03-24 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Commercial or Service Establishment, specifically to allow outside storage, onsite sales, and associated signage as an overflow area for and existing business, Hillside Sheds, which builds and sells storage buildings on an adjacent parcel. The property associated with this request is identified as tax parcel 74-2-4C, is owned by Israel and Susannah Swarey, is located at 210 Pear Tree Lane, Pearisburg, Virginia in the Whitegate Area, and is located in the A-1 Zoning District. Vehicular access for this proposed use will be off of Old Church Road and use an existing commercial entrance. Mr. Ross noted Mr. Swarey has been in contact with VDOT and gotten approval to use the entrance.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the conditional use permit 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

DAVENPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. Kyle Laux with Davenport presented information to members regarding the vehicle lease financing and literary loans. He related the vehicle loan would be at 3.06 percent with JP Morgan, with seven bids received, and the amount would not exceed \$920,000. Mr. Laux related the county had received a \$6.8 million literary loan in December of 2018 for the Tech Center with \$1 million to be put back into the fund balance. He indicated another literary loan would be closed in two to three weeks in the amount of \$7.5 million for the elementary renovations and approximately \$1 million would be put back into the general fund. He reported a literary loan resolution was provided to allow for Mr. McKlarney and Mr. Chidester to execute the loan closing. Mr. Laux explained the new loans would bring the interest from 3.8 percent down to about 2 percent and provided information on debt service and the importance of restoring the reserves for the county. He indicated the \$2 million put back into reserves would bring the county from 3.8 percent to 8.0 percent reserves, with 15 percent bringing the best budgetary flexibility. Mr. Laux suggested that members put a policy in place to dictate a minimum for fund balance and work toward the 15 percent reserve and indicated the literary loans were structured to free up cash flow and help rebuild the fund balance. Mr. McCoy related he would support a fund balance policy once the state does. Mr. Laux indicated

the state had received a negative rating due to not following its own balance policy. Mr. McCoy stated he wished the county had more stability on the state funding side.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution for the financing of vehicles and authorizing the execution of the financing not to exceed \$920,000. 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

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF NARROWS STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Town of Narrows for street closure during the annual fall festival on September 14, 2019.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the street closure as requested. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$908,790.97, 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Williams made a motion to reappoint Jill Williams to the local New River Community Action Board. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Merle Headrick – Mr. Headrick related he had a house that was not being used during the installation of the waterline on State Line Road and, therefore, did not hook up to the water at that time. He indicated the fee to hook up has gone up several times during that timeframe and requested a reduced amount to hook up to the water. Mr. Headrick stated there is a water hookup on his father's lot, which is adjacent to his. Members discussed options. Mr. Williams advised the county has \$1,500 in a new hook up when you consider the materials and labor. Mr. Headrick he would not want to run through the same meter as his father due to the possibility of the property being sold sometime in the future. Mr. Williams advised it would be looked at to see what can be done. Mr. Headrick requested the pressure be checked at 189 State Line Road.

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 A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0 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 by roll call vote 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

WATERLINE EAST SIDE OF KLOTZ ROAD

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the installation of four-inch waterline at Old Bridge to the east side of Klotz Road at a cost of \$35,000 to the customers including the price of materials, for a two inch line, and half the labor, and the county covering the difference between the line sizes and the other half of the labor. 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

WATER HOOK UPS

Members discussed easements provided by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shrader and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tickle to install waterline across their properties. Mr. Williams indicated the agreement was the property owners donating the easement would be allowed a free water hook up on the property.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a water hookup at no cost on the properties where easements were donated by Eugene and Charlotte Shrader and Gary and Rhonda Tickle. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 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