

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Jeff Morris	Central District
Gary Eaton	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor (Absent)
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Anna Welch	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. McCoy called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morris motioned to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There were no constitutional officers.

NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

Mr. Dan McKeague, District Manager for the National Forest Service, introduced himself. He gave an update on the Fork Mountain Vegetation Project. He introduced Mr. Dave Bostic as the new Fire Management Officer. Mr. McKeague stated the Rocky Mountain prescribed burn will be in effect during the next several weeks, and indicated Butt Mountain Road will be the top maintenance priority for the District. An update was given on recreation programs and Cascades.

Mr. Williams asked for the amount received from the sale of timber, Mr. McKeague stated he did not have an exact amount of the volume. Mr. Williams expressed a need for handicap facilities at the Cascades, and Mr. McKeague stated this was not currently in management's view.

There was a discussion by the Board regarding the parking lot capacity, and Mr. McKeague explained they are not interested in adding volume to participation due to safety issues. The Board indicated numerous people are unable to hike due to parking. Mr. Williams asked for an update regarding stone donated to Glen Alton and Mr. McKeague stated he will investigate and advise.

VDOT REPORT – CHRIS PRICE

Mr. Price stated the potholes along the Wolf Creek area, Route 42, Route 635, and Little Meadow Road have been addressed. The brush work along Route 635 is complete and the large rock located on Route 730 has been removed. Mr. Price indicated the drain issue near Dairy Queen in Rich Creek has been corrected as well as the water issue on Route 460. The asphalt issues on Clendennin Road have been addressed. Mr. Price stated pipes throughout the county have been replaced and there are still a few potholes to address. He indicated construction for the Route 635 project is scheduled for this summer. Mr. Price announced an upcoming project for a section of Pearisburg and Route 100, and explained the project will be time consuming. VDOT will hold a public hearing on May 19, 2016, on the 6 year plan and possible bridge abandonments.

Mr. Eaton thanked VDOT for the work performed on Route 219. He requested a Children at Play sign for Mercer Road in Rich Creek. Mr. McKlarney explained the county will administer this and a motion would be required by the Board.

Mr. Eaton motioned for a resolution requesting (2) Children at Play signs to be placed at each end of Mercer Road in Rich Creek. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Williams mentioned a drain issue along River Road in Pembroke. He also asked for street lights at the Park and Ride on Route 635. Mr. Williams asked VDOT to consider another Park and Ride near the Bane area. Mr. Reed gave an update on the projects he is working on.

VDOT REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney explained that the Board should receive an answer in May regarding the request made last year for \$20,000.00 in engineering fees to develop a project for the House Bill 2. He explained this will allow the project along Route 100 to be re-scoped. Mr. McKlarney stated the Board could approve to proceed with the procurement of the engineering services now, but would not have to sign a contract at this point.

Mr. Williams motioned to proceed with attaining engineering services to develop a project for the House Bill 2, and Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approve 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,378 students which is a decrease of 4 from the end of February. A calendar of events for April was given to the Board. Dr. Arbogast announced the contestants from the Giles Technology Center which participated in the Health Occupational Host awards. Dr. Arbogast indicated the first VPI Expansion meeting was held. He presented the Board with a pamphlet outlining the Giles County Preschool Programs. He announced that Ms. Lynn Williams would be representing Giles County for the McGlothlin Award and wished her luck. An invitation was extended to the Board regarding a Giles County Stem Activity to be held on April 20, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

POWER GRANT TASK ORDER

Mr. McKlarney explained this would be an agreement between Giles County and the New River Valley Regional Commission for grant management services. Within the Order, there are preliminary engineering designs suitable for future construction funding requests. He indicated the grant funding received was \$65,000.00, with a match contribution by the IDA of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Williams motioned to sign the agreement with the New River Valley Regional Commission, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

BUDGET SESSION SCHEDULING

Mr. McKlarney indicated he plans to present the Board with a preliminary budget on April 15th outlining all requests. He recommends holding a budget work session prior to the Board meeting on April 21st and stated the other meetings will be held during May.

Mr. Eaton motioned for the Board to hold a budget work session at 3:00 PM on April 21, 2016 at the Giles County Administration Office. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

OLD BUSINESS

GILES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of 3 additional apartment buildings. The property is owned by Briarwood Development LLC and is referred to as tax parcel 45-36.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations as outlined above, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Ross explained the Planning Commission recommends the approval of proposed text amendments to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to clarify Section 702.01 "Additional single family structures on the same lot." The clarification provides two mobile homes may be placed on the same lot provided that mobile homes are a permitted use in the zoning district, subject to the other structures.

Mr. Eaton motioned to approve the Planning Commission recommendations as outlined above, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$1,141,299.53, and Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEARISBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. McKlarney invited the Board to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:30 regarding the potential relocation of the Giles County Sheriff's Office.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD CEREMONY

Mr. McKlarney invited the Board to attend a ceremony in Richmond on April 19th at 11:30 regarding the Chancellors Award to be presented to Giles County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, and 2.2-3711 (A) (7) Legal. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Morris 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. Eaton seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

EGGLESTON PARK

Mr. Eaton motioned to approve Giles County acquiring the Eggleston Park from the Ruritan Club and leasing it to the Eggleston Fire Department for \$1.00 per year; the Eggleston Fire Department will maintain and manage the facility. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

LONG TERM LEASE

Mr. Chidester explained the property is adjacent to Clover Hollow Road, (Virginia State Secondary Route 601) and the waters of Sinking Creek, containing 0.331 acres and 0.234 acres. The term of the lease shall be for 99 years beginning March 1, 2016 and ending on February 28, 2115, unless otherwise terminated sooner or provided herein. The County of Giles shall pay Ms. Hodsden the sum of \$1.00, and shall maintain and operate the leased parcel as a recreation area associated with the covered bridge which is located within an adjacent to the lease premises.

Mr. Morris motioned to approve a long term lease between the County of Giles and Ms. Tamara N. Hodsden as outlined above. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

MOTION REGARDING WATER METER FINANCING

Mr. Williams motioned to approve financing of a water meter located at 137 Forest Ridge Drive. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

ADJOURN

Mr. Morris motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Baker

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg. There will be a budget work session held prior to the meeting at 3:00 PM.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk