

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 7, 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 (Absent)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
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. Baker motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2016 meeting, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Millirons gave the Board an update for the month of August. He indicated that there were 568 civil papers served, one DUI arrest, 60 misdemeanors, 27 felonies, and 24 uniform traffic violations. He informed the Board of a meth lab that had been found in the Hidden Meadows area of Pearisburg. He advised that 5 officers were examined at Carilion Hospital where they were decontaminated in relation to this incident. Sheriff Millirons discussed an incident in August when an 85 year old had to be transported to a mental facility in Petersburg. He stated that during these situations, a need for medical assistance could become necessary. He requested that the Board consider asking Carilion for future assistance should the need arise.

Sheriff Millirons indicated 1,239 hours of service has been provided by the Workforce Program during the month of August with a total number of 56,952 hours for the year. Mr. Baker asked the Sheriff to research the possibility of offering a Concealed Weapons Permit Class for Giles County. The Sheriff added that the Office has plans to begin a new program, "Save the Next Girl".

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke gave an update on recent projects. He indicated that shoulder repairs along Broad Hollow and State Line Road are complete; pothole repairs on Route 61 and Route 635 are also complete. He noted that brush cutting is still in progress and the school bus area near Big

VDOT CONT'D

Stoney is complete. Mr. Clarke advised that the turn lane onto Big Stoney Creek Road will begin in the near future. This project will also include caution lights suggested by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker thanked VDOT for their efforts along Route 635. Mr. Morris indicated that there are brush and drain issues on Curve Road near Direct Sports. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Clarke to check drain issues on Collins Avenue and rain water issues on River Road. He indicated that brush work is needed on Cascade Drive and Johnson Avenue. Mr. Williams would like a large pothole repaired on Dry Branch Road. He asked Mr. Clarke about the lights at the Park and Rides and paving on Maybrook Road.

Mr. Williams discussed the Clover Hollow Bridge and Mr. Clarke indicated that the weight limit will drop to 4 ton. Mr. Clarke explained that the bottom beams are extremely rusted and they anticipate replacing them this winter. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Clarke what the residents of Clover Hollow are expected to do. He stated that this was handled very poorly. Mr. Clarke stated that they will review other options. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Clarke to research Avery Street in Narrows.

STAFF VDOT REPORT – BRYAN REED

Penvir Bridge – Mr. Williams asked Mr. Reed for a progress report on the Penvir Bridge Project. Mr. Reed stated the project is fully funded to the estimate amount of \$632,055. He explained that this is not a solid estimate until bids are received; noting that Thompson & Litton submitted 60% plans to VDOT during the week of July 20, 2016. VMRC joint permit application was submitted the week of August 8, 2016.

Skyview Lane – Mr. Reed gave an update regarding Skyview Lane. He explained that the staff at VDOT are in the process of investigating the preliminary hydraulics. Mr. Reed explained this will be a critical part of this project with the new storm water laws. VDOT indicated to Mr. Reed it could be sometime in December or later January before this is further reviewed due to a backlog.

BOARD OF ROAD VIEWERS RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Reed referenced the Road Viewer's report provided in the Supervisors meeting packets. He stated that after further examinations, the Road Viewers would like to make a recommendation on Alpine Village Road, Whitt Road, and Old Stage Road. Mr. Reed stated that the Road Viewer Committee recommends that Keffer Lane and Mountain Field Road not be placed on the official construction list due to cost-effectiveness.

Mr. Williams motioned to adopt the Road Viewers Report as written on August 4, 2016. He requests that VDOT move forward with Old Stage Road. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

STAFF VDOT REPORT CONT'D

Revenue Sharing – Mr. Reed gave an update regarding Springdale Road and stated that 90% plans have been submitted to VDOT. He indicated that the County had applied for and was awarded \$66,000 that is matched by VDOT. He stated that an estimate of \$240,000 to \$297,000 was received by CR Henderson Company, depending on the method of pavement chosen. Mr. Reed explained that the County had also applied for \$46,000.00 to pave Ripplemead Road and are matched by VDOT. He advised that these funds could be applied to Springdale Road. The Board asked Mr. Reed to revisit the estimate with CR Henderson Company and Mr. Clarke stated that he would also do further research.

VDOT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. George Link: Mr. Link feels that VDOT has poor management issues. He explained that each meeting, the same items seem to be discussed with no positive outcomes. He stated that the residents in Giles County have numerous drain issues which are never addressed. Mr. Link indicated that he feels that upper management for VDOT should be involved if issues cannot be resolved on the level we are working with now.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast indicated that the beginning of school enrollment was 2,383 which is an increase of 16 from the end of last year. As of today 2,401 are enrolled, an increase of 36. He provided a calendar of events for the month of September. He shared upcoming activities and gave an overview of the Parents Night Out program that was held at the School Board Office. He indicated that over 130 citizens were in attendance and they hope to continue this program in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lester Sears: Mr. Sears, a resident of Midway, acted as spokesman for approximately 18 citizens and business owners in the Midway area. Mr. Sears explained that he has 139 signatures on a petition opposing the possible annexation project in Rich Creek. Mr. Sears discussed how most of the citizens of Midway live on fixed incomes and will be unable to pay the increased taxes. He explained that Rich Creek had entered into an agreement with FHA for a 40 year contract which would be from 1983 until 2023. He explained that CD's were cashed in and the contract was paid off prematurely. He stated that as a result of this, the residents have been paying double water and sewer rates for the last 8 years. He indicated at this time, the town currently owes \$1.9 million dollars. He feels that the annexation is a means to try and capture additional funding from the residents of Midway. Mr. Sears stated that there is a meeting on September 20, 2016 at the Town of Rich Creek and he would like all records to show that the residents in Midway and the surrounding area are in opposition of the annexation or boundary adjustment. Mr. Sears discussed how this will affect the businesses in the area and could possibly force several to close.

There was a discussion held regarding annexation and boundary adjustments. Mr. Chidester explained how the process could be handled. Mr. McCoy and Mr. Baker both encouraged the residents to attend the upcoming meeting and any meeting held thereafter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONT'D

Ms. Terry Williams: Ms. Williams discussed how the annexation would affect Suttle's Trailer Park. She stated there would be no way to continue running the business.

Ms. Janice Setser: Ms. Setser explained how she lives alone on a fixed income. She stated that if this happens, she doesn't know what she will do financially.

Mr. Blake Belcher: Mr. Belcher stated that he is a spokesman for Grant's Supermarket. He indicated that Grant's is in opposition of the project and explained that they plan to stand with the residents. He explained that any additional required taxes, etc. would have to be passed on to consumers and Grant's doesn't want this to happen.

Mr. James Meadows: Mr. Meadows discussed how the original loan was paid off in advance and stated he does not feel the residents should suffer the Town's debt.

Ms. Alma Reed: Ms. Reed wanted to go on record that she is in opposition of the program. She also wanted to thank the Sheriff's Office for patrolling in her neighborhood.

Mr. George Link: Mr. Link discussed the water line located in the Maybrook area. Mr. Link feels that because of a previous grant which paid for the line years ago residents should be able to connect now without paying the associated fees. Mr. McCoy explained that the entire system has not been paid for and the county is still subsidizing the project. Mr. Williams explained that everyone had an opportunity at that time to connect and some chose not to do so. He stated that in order to keep things uniform throughout the county, each resident is required to pay the same fees. He explained that \$2 million dollars was recently spent to keep water flowing through Maybrook and Newport.

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Link if he had recently purchased two parcels of property, of which the original owners chose not to connect to the water when it was initially installed. Mr. Link stated that it is not himself who wants to connect to the water and added that it was others in the area. He feels that citizens should be better educated on how to maintain springs. Mr. Williams stated this is not handled through the Board and would be a Health Department matter. Mr. Williams feels the Board did their part when they reduced the cost from \$1500 to \$750. Mr. Link discussed a house along Route 460 in Maybrook which needs water connected and Mr. Williams suggested the resident complete a water application form.

LETTER REGARDING CLOVER HOLLOW BRIDGE

Mr. Williams motioned to send a letter to Governor McAuliffe, Commonwealth Transportation Board, and VDOT Salem District Office, addressing issues and concerns regarding the Clover Hollow Bridge. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Williams explained that the project has been poorly managed and he feels it is unfair to the residents of Clover Hollow. In addition to the letter he would like to request Mr. King with VDOT attend a Board meeting and to visit several areas within the county.

The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE – RICH CREEK AUTUMNFEST – SEPTEMBER 10TH

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the request for road closure by the Town of Rich Creek on September 10 and 11, 2016 for the Rich Creek Autumnfest. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION HOME SERVICE AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney provided information to the Board for review and stated that no actions are required at this time; they are requesting a signed resolution by October 31, 2016.

SEPTEMBER RECESS MEETING DATE CHANGE

Mr. McKlarney indicated there will only be one week between the normal meeting and the recess meeting. He recommended moving the September 15, 2016 recess meeting to September 22, 2016.

Mr. Morris motioned to approve moving the recess meeting to September 22, 2016, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

OLD BUSINESS

COMP PLAN UPDATE – JOHN ROSS

Mr. Ross indicated that he had been working with the New River Valley Regional Commission on updating tables and the mapping system. He stated that the Commission has been in discussion with several ideas and he would like the Board to offer any suggestions they may have. He advised that a survey will be mailed to all residents with their October garbage bills.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount of \$665,310.08, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Williams motioned to appoint Mr. Jim Wheeler to the Community Policy and Management Team. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Belcher confirmed that the application was successful for the water project at Eggleston. He explained that the County was awarded \$300,000 with a match of \$78,000 funded by a grant. He stated that this will allow 30 structures in the Eggleston area to obtain water through the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (30) Contracts, 2.2-3711 (A) (7) Legal. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

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. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

EGGLESTON PARK

Mr. Williams motioned for Eggleston Park to be named Mary Draper Ingles Park. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Morris motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Eaton

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, 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

September 7, 2016