

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 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 November 17, 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

There were no Constitutional Officers present.

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke stated that normal maintenance repairs are in process. He explained that patching along Route 460 is complete and the drain issues on Route 615 have been corrected. Mr. Clarke indicated brush work is complete on Clendenin, Curve, Broad Hollow, Springdale, Shute Hollow, and Old Wolf Creek Roads. He gave an update on the Big Stony turn lane and stated they will be removing the barriers this week.

Mr. Baker asked that potholes be addressed on State Line Road and Virginia Heights Road. He stated there is a large hole on Route 100 near Wabash Road. Mr. Baker asked about drains along Clendenin Road and Mr. Clarke stated that the culverts will be replaced soon. Mr. Williams stated that the Town of Pembroke would like brush removed within the town limits and asked for clover to be removed along Route 460 East; as well as the lines from Eggleston to Pembroke be repainted. Mr. Williams asked for an update on brush cutting and Mr. McKlarney stated that the rates have been sent to VDOT and are currently awaiting on a Memorandum of Understanding from them. Mr. Williams asked VDOT to continue brush cutting at Mountain Lake and indicated that the paving work near Hoges Chapel looks really good.

COUNTY VDOT REPORT – BRYAN REED

Mr. Reed asked Mr. Clarke to address drain issues on Route 219 along the north side of the road near McKenzie Lumber Company. Mr. Reed indicated that the 100% plan including the specifications and estimate package for the Penvir Bridge Project will be submitted to VDOT on December 14, 2016. He stated that the final 100% plan including the specifications and estimate for the Springdale Road Route 654 Project would be submitted on December 22, 2016. Mr. Reed explained that he had received four signatures for the Old Stage Road Project.

Mr. Reed indicated that a letter was received from Ms. Sarah Clarke with the Virginia Department of Transportation, Historical Resource Department explaining that a metal truss bridge located at Commissary Hill is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. After a brief discussion the Board requested that this bridge be removed from the list. Mr. Clarke stated that he would take care of this matter.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast indicated that the current school enrollment is 2,400, a decrease of 7 from the November meeting. He explained that this is an overall decrease of 4 from this time last year. He provided a calendar of events for the month of December and gave an update on the pass level for the SOL tests which were retaken by several students. Dr. Arbogast invited the Board to participate in the winter celebration from 6:00-8:00 PM at Macy Elementary for the preschool programs and congratulated the 5th grade class at Eastern Elementary on their recent ocean project. He acknowledged 3 students from Narrows High School for receiving first place in the Bluefield State Humanities Challenge. Details were given to the Board regarding a new breakfast program and highlights were given regarding a recent parent night held at Narrows Elementary which included the new Archery Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Williams gave the details of a grant received by the Workforce Development Program; and applauded Ms. Gail Vaught for a great job at the Senior Center and the newsletters she transcribes.

NEW BUSINESS

DECEMBER RECESS MEETING

Mr. McCoy indicated that the recess meeting for the Board falls on December 15th which is not a full week from today's meeting, and stated that the meeting could be moved to a later date or cancelled unless immediate issues arise.

***Mr. Baker motioned to cancel the December recess meeting and to give Ms. Tickle permission to mail any necessary bills which need paid in December. 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***

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval on a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to replace the current definition of “Parks Playgrounds and Outdoor Recreation Areas”. The current definitions would be replaced with two new definitions, “Park” and “Commercial Outdoor Recreation Facility”, to replace the current use with the new uses where applicable within the ordinance, and to renumber the ordinance as required to facilitate these changes. The proposed definition of Park is “A tract of land owned by a governmental agency or non-profit organization used by, and open to the public, for passive or active recreation and equipped for the conduct of sports and leisure time activities, not including any activity that includes the use of motorized vehicles.”, will be a permitted use in the C-1, A-1, RRA-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, and B-3 zoning districts, and a Conditional Use in the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts. The proposed definition of Commercial Outdoor Recreation Facility is “Any outdoor establishment, publicly or privately owned, and operated as a commercial enterprise.” and will be a conditional use in the C-1, A-1, RRA-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, B-1, B-2, and B-3 zoning districts. Mr. Ross indicated this would simplify this portion of the Zoning Ordinance, and that no opposing comments were received during the public hearing.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendations as outlined above 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve Giles County Appropriations in the amount \$558,602.09 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. John Peek to the Agency on Aging and Mr. Williams 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

Motion by Mr. Williams to appoint Mr. Butch Mullins to the Fairview Home Board of Directors. 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

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Chris McKlarney to the New River Resource Authority 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

APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Robert Givens to the New River Valley Airport Commission 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

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the New River Valley Regional Commission and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. McCoy

Absent: Mr. Eaton

Mr. Morris motioned to appoint Mr. Paul "Chappy" Baker to the Planning Commission and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. Baker

Absent: Mr. Eaton

Mr. Morris motioned to appoint Mr. Jay Williams to the Public Service Authority and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Eaton

Mr. Morris motioned to appoint Mr. Paul "Chappy" Baker as alternate to the Public Service Authority and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. Baker

Absent: Mr. Eaton

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Social Services Board and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. Morris

Absent: Mr. Eaton

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Jay Williams to Community Policy and Management Team and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows:

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

Abstain: Mr. Williams

Absent: Mr. Eaton

APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Gary Eaton to the Summit Place Board and Mr. Williams 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (7) Legal and 2.2-3711, (A) (1) Personnel. 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

SURPLUS VEHICLE

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the surplus of a 2005 Crown Victory with 174,400 miles, VIN 2FAHP71W86X104598 to the Newport Fire Department. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney stated that bids for the Old Hospital Project had been received, and after they are reviewed additional information will be supplied to the Board.

Mr. Baker asked for the sidewalk coming into the Sheriff's Office be repaired.

OLD STAGE ROAD SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Chidester received clarification on the Old Stage Road Sewer project and will present a draft contract during the January meeting. Mr. Morris asked if there is a plan to regulate how many people can connect to one 6" tap and Mr. McCoy stated that there is. Mr. McCoy also stated that this would need to be per residence and Mr. Chidester stated that he will make that clear in the contract. There was discussion regarding the labor and material cost and Mr. McCoy clarified that the cost will be determined by the material cost and divided by the 6 residents which plan to connect. This price will not exceed \$5,000. Mr. McCoy reiterated that anyone planning to connect at a later time will also pay a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. Mr. Chidester explained that an easement must be granted by the resident.

OLD STAGE ROAD SEWER PROJECT CONT'D

There was a discussion regarding where the line would generate from and Mr. Morris felt that the original conversation was that the line would generate from right outside of the pump house which is how the \$23,000 estimate was determined. Mr. Williams stated that this was when only 3 residents were willing to connect, now there are 6 confirmed connections. Mr. Morris stated that there was a need for clarification on the cost of the labor and material and where the line will begin.

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 Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 3:00 PM at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk