

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members were present unless noted absent.

Gary Eaton	Chair (Western District) – Electronic Attendance
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Paul “Chappy” Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors was physically assembled in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. Mr. Eaton participated in the meeting electronically at his request due to a medical condition. His voice was able to be heard by all persons in attendance at the location of the meeting.

#### **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 March 1, 2017, minutes and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:*

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **EGGLESTON WATERLINE EXTENSION**

Mr. Chidester presented required documents to obtain DHCD grant funding for the Eggleston waterline extension project. He related the wording of the documents are pursuant only to the grant and are not requirements for anything unrelated to the project.

*Mr. Williams made a motion to authorize Mr. McKlarney to sign the required DHCD documents for the Eggleston Waterline Extension. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:*

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **GILES HEALTH AND FAMILY CENTER GRANT REQUEST**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Giles Health and Family Center. He related members had opted in the past to waive taxes for the organization. Members voiced various questions regarding the request and asked that additional information be obtained regarding the finances of the agency.

### **GLEN LYN FIRE DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION REQUEST**

Mr. McKlarney related the Glen Lyn Fire Department had requested a resolution in order to operate an ambulance from Glen Lyn. The department reports the previous ambulance service responded to approximately 300 calls per year and shortened response time for the western end of the county. The service would be in operation after 5:00 PM during weekdays and all day on weekends. Members asked if service would go into Mercer County. Department members related service outside of the county would have other requirements that would have to be looked into.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a resolution for Glen Lyn Fire Department to operate an ambulance. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:  
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

### **ALTERNATE VICE-CHAIR**

***Mr. Baker made a motion to nominate Mr. Larry Jay Williams as the alternate Vice-Chair for the upcoming Board meeting. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.***

**Discussion:** Members discussed the potential for a need for alternate Vice-Chair beyond the upcoming meeting. Mr. Baker amended his motion as follows:

***Mr. Baker made a motion to nominate Mr. Larry Jay Williams as the alternate Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.***

***The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$940,310.02. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:***

***The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,242,036 for April 2017 School Board Appropriations and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS**

***Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$300,000 for Social Services and \$100,000 for CSA for April 2017. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McCoy announced the Celebrity Chef event would be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams announced a meeting of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Consortium to be held at the Giles County Technology Center on May 17<sup>th</sup> and invited members to attend. Mr. Williams related the workforce group had held a job fair and told members the group would be willing to hold one in the county if members so desired.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (7) Legal Counsel. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

***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 5-0 as follows:***

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

### NEW RIVER/MOUNT ROGERS WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM PROPOSED ORDINANCE/ AGREEMENT

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. Chidester related the proposed ordinance was needed due to a change in the Act. This change had required modifications to the agreement between the Consortium and the County. Mr. Chidester stated the ordinance would allow for the approval of the agreement. Mr. McCoy asked for any comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

***Mr. Williams moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

Mr. Williams informed members that the Workforce Board would be reducing the number of business representatives from two to one for each jurisdiction.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. Chidester related the proposed ordinance would require background checks for persons offered employment by the county. He stated that many of the employees are working directly with minors due to the ACCE and community service programs. He also related current employees working in the schools are required to have these background checks. Mr. Chidester informed members this ordinance would allow for the county to get its own account and recommended adoption. Mr. McCoy asked for any comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

***Mr. Williams moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **JOINT HEARING WITH VDOT: PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FY2017-18 THROUGH 2022-23 AND PROPOSED SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FY2016-17**

Mr. McCoy opened the joint public hearing with the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the proposed secondary six-year plan for fiscal year 2017-18 through 2022-23. Mr. David Clarke presented a draft plan for discussion and comments, and explained the comments will be reviewed and a would need a resolution by May.

Mr. Williams asked if the right of way had been obtained for the work on Penvir Road. Mr. Clarke stated he had not yet looked at those right of ways but would look at current right of ways first and related that sometimes the work could be done with easements.

Mr. McCoy stated members needed to be thinking of a road in the Central or Western districts for number six on the list. Mr. McCoy asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none he closed the public hearing.

### **COUNTY VDOT UPDATE**

Mr. Reed updated members regarding the status of Penvir Bridge. He stated he had met with AEP and the power line would need to be relocated at the site. The cost would be approximately \$3,000. Mr. Reed related AEP would do the work and bill the county. He stated the complete plans for the bridge had been submitted and staff from Thompson and Litton are addressing comments.

Mr. Reed informed members there could be an environmental issue with the possibility of brown-eared and Indiana bats. Mr. Reed will contact VDOT to determine required studies, which could consist of a two-phase environmental assessment of habitat. If evidence of the bats were found during the first phase, phase two would consist of a presence survey. Mr. Reed reported studies could cost up to \$9,400 and are possibly not reimbursable.

***Mr. Morris motioned to approve funding for the required studies. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **SET PUBLIC HEARING**

***Mr. Baker motioned to set a public hearing during the recess meeting on April 20, 2017, for the potential reimbursement of excess tax due to the sale of real property of Mr. Monty Ritter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

### **CASTLE ROCK ENTRANCE AGREEMENT**

***Mr. Morris motioned to move forward with the Castle Rock agreement. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:***

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

**DEQ LETTER**

***Mr. Baker motioned to authorize Water and Power counsel to compose and send a letter to DEQ. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:  
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Eaton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members regarding the upcoming fiscal year. Members discussed various options regarding cost savings. They discussed issues such as insurance costs, possible increases and cuts, as well as other topics. Members agreed for Mr. McKlarney to meet with the school superintendent as well as School Board members.

**ADJOURN**

***With no further business Mr. Baker motioned to adjourn 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***

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

**APPROVED:**

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**Vice-Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**