

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent:

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Larry Jay Williams	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Harless "Benny" Johnson , Jr.	Western District
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Rhonda Tickle	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney - ABSENT
Missy Bray	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.

APPOINTMENT OF WESTERN DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

***Mr. Baker made a motion to appoint Mr. Harless B. Johnson, Jr. as the Western District Supervisor with the seat to be held until the special election in November. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

Mr. Johnson was sworn into office by Mr. Charles Fraley, Clerk of the Court, and Mr. Johnson took his seat on the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the August 2, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Johnson***

NEW BUSINESS

WHITE ROCKS CAMPGROUND RATES

Mr. McKlarney informed members the rates at White Rocks Campground would be raised in the near future from \$4.00 per night to \$15.00 per night. In addition, the rates for the shooting range would be put into place at \$10.00 per day or \$40.00 for an annual pass. Mr. McKlarney related the fees would be put back to the park for upkeep and improvements. Mr. McCoy stated the rates had not been increased in many years.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,522.00. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Johnson

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,688,213.64. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Johnson

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,283,819.50 for September 2017 School Board Appropriations 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; Abstaining: Mr. Johnson

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$175,000 for Social Services and \$200,000 for CSA for September 2017. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Johnson

PROJECT TIMELINE

Mr. McKlarney presented a timeline listing various projects throughout the county. He highlighted some projects such as river clean up, the ACCE race, brush cutting, the Cascades well, the Route 460 water project and boat ramps.

Mr. Williams requested asphalt be put on the trail at Castle Rock before fall. Mr. McCoy asked that the amount the county would receive from cutting the timber be looked at to make sure it would be worth the effort. He related members should be ready for the negative response.

Mr. Williams made a motion to apply a truck load of asphalt on the trail at Castle Rock. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the fire hydrant to be installed at Liberty Lane stating it had been requested a long time ago. He indicated the cost would be minimal since it would only require about a half day of labor. Mr. Williams also indicated Mr. Belcher had checked on it and said the hydrant could be installed. Members regarded a motion, and Mr. Baker asked that the minutes be researched for previous approval.

EGGLESTON AEP OVERHEAD EASEMENT

Mr. McKlarney informed members of an overhead easement requested by AEP for running power to land owned by Mr. Gabe Caldwell. He related the pole is located on the Eggleston Park property.

Mr. Williams made a motion to allow the overhead easement with AEP on the Eggleston Park property. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney related the PSA would be holding a cleanup on Big Stony on August 25th, and the ReNew river cleanup will be held on August 26th. He related there were approximately 150 slots for the river crew, which were all full before the event was advertised. Mr. McKlarney stated there will also be regional cleanups held in surrounding jurisdictions such as Pulaski, Floyd and Radford.

Mr. McKlarney informed members the Muddy ACCE Race would be held on September 16th and related Mr. Baker plans to participate. He indicated Celanese has 68 participants signed up so far, and he hopes to exceed the goal for participation. Mr. McKlarney related information regarding sponsorships and the plans to continue contacting those that had not yet donated.

Mr. Williams related there is a big demand to help senior citizens in the county who are struggling to live at home. Mr. McKlarney indicated some staff had been assisting by delivering meals to the elderly during the week. Members discussed how the program might be expanded, and Mr. McKlarney indicated he thought other staff would be interested in helping. Mr. Williams stated the seniors could also use some other types of help such as cooking, cleaning and errands. Mr. McCoy indicated other avenues of might have to be explored for those types of things. Members discussed various options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel, (1) Personnel, and (7) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

POLICY CHANGE

Mr. Baker made a motion for a policy change to allow for purchase up to \$50.00 once per year as required safety equipment, hard toe footwear for maintenance and garage personnel, and non-slip footwear for all custodians. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:

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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair**ATTEST:**

Clerk