

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Building located at 315 N. Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members 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
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the September 6, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris Absent: Mr. Williams***

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the September 21, 2017, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris Absent: Mr. Williams***

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Clarke updated members on various road work within the county including roads such as Keffer, Mountain Lake, Dry Branch, and River Road. He related VDOT is working on a project with the Town of Narrows and the environmental had been submitted on Doc Carr Road. He indicated various projects were being done such as patching, mowing, dust suppression and work was being done on clean up from the cap seal on Route 100.

Mr. Baker inquired about the brush cutting on Clendenin Road and the caution lights at Big Stoney. Mr. Clarke indicated the brush cutting had not been completed and the caution lights were due to be completed in October and will provide a more definitive date. Mr. Baker reported large potholes on Route 100 in the Wabash area.

Mr. Morris inquired about the work being done to keep the dust down on the dirt roads as he had received several calls about the issue. Mr. Clarke indicated a calcium

chloride treatment was used for dust suppression with the treatments being done by requests and job orders.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the status of Penvir Bridge. Mr. Reed related he would report on the bridge during his presentation.

Mr. Williams reported stopped up drain on Knob Mountain Road and indicated the ditch there needs cleaned out as well. Mr. Williams inquired about the paving on Route 460 in the Maybrook area. Mr. Clarke indicated the paving might be on the schedule for next year.

Mr. Williams referred Mr. Clarke to the VDOT request list compiled from each meeting, stating many of the requests have not been completed. Mr. Clarke related many of the requests listed had been completed but he might not have received a report from the superintendent. Mr. Williams listed the following requests that had not been completed: brush on Mountain Lake, Dry Branch Road, shoulder work on Big Stoney, Riverview Lane, parking issue on Glory Lane near Grants, brush at Pembroke, Route 623 line painting, Hiram Jones Road, Route 635 fallen trees, painting at White Rocks, sign needed at a dump site on Route 623, traffic signal at Walmart, animal carcass collection, ditches on Spruce Run, ditches at Kow Kamp, ditches on Route 42 in Newport, grading on Burton Road, potholes on Dogwood Lane, and brush cutting agreement. Mr. Clarke indicated a study showed the traffic light at Walmart had correct timing, and the brush cutting agreement was still being looked at because the county wants VDOT to reimburse for fuel used.

Mr. Williams inquired if Goodwins Ferry would be left with a four to five foot drop off. Mr. Clarke related there is no room or funds for a guardrail; he indicated it was not within the budget to move the road over. Mr. Williams stated it is a shame to spend that kind of money and leave it with such a safety issue. Mr. Clarke stated the cost would have been double to move the road over and install a guardrail, and he will ride through to do some measurements.

Mr. McCoy indicated the ditches on Route 100 in the Wabash area are eroding up to the shoulder leaving the ditch approximately 16 inches deep. He also requested work and gravel on the dirt roads, such as Kow Kamp, after the area gets a little moisture.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,403 students which is an increase of 3 from last month and no change from the same time last year. A calendar of events for October was given to the Board as well as a schedule of school budget meetings. Dr. Arbogast presented a copy of the STEM newsletter to members indicating it provides information on various activities in the STEM program. Dr. Arbogast reported the final notification had been received from the Department of Education, which certified all five schools within the county have been fully accredited. He spoke of two activities with the seventh-grade classes including

attendance at a career expo in Washington County as well as a visit to the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Mr. Baker thanked Dr. Arbogast for the School Board's participation in the Muddy ACCE Race and indicated he enjoyed going through the course with the group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Meadows – Mr. Meadows related he is from the Midway area of the county and reported he had received a newsletter from the Town of Rich Creek. He read from the newsletter, which stated the town passed a resolution indicating the town was moving forward with the county in regard to the boundary adjustment. Mr. Meadows inquired about the agreement.

Mr. McCoy stated the only agreement the Board will approve is for the boundary adjustment to go away. Mr. Meadows related no one would run for Town Council due to the town being mismanaged. Mr. McCoy reiterated the Board is working toward having the boundary adjustment go away.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ross stated the Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 603.03-2 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Private Seasonal Camp Retreat, specifically to allow the placement of a camper on a parcel of land for more than thirty days in a calendar year. The parcel of land is owned by Joey Vaught, is identified specifically as tax parcel 44-36J, and is located between 960 and 882 Brickyard Road near Pembroke, Virginia. The property is in the RRA-1 (Rural Residential /Agriculture) Zoning District. Mr. Ross indicated the condition placed on this recommendation was that the applicant establish and maintain a contract with a sewage disposal company to pump the tanks on the recreational vehicle. He stated he had received no complaints in regard to the application.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the permit as recommended by the Planning Commission with conditions as stated, and 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. Ross stated the Giles County Planning Commission voted to recommend the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to section 802.04 and 302.70 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a private garage in excess of 1600 square feet. This request is for an 1800 square foot structure. The property associated with this request is owned by Gary Hager, is located near 446 Piney Mt. Road (formerly 452 Piney Mt. Road) near Narrows, Virginia, and is identified

as 37B-3-38. This tax parcel is to be consolidated with tax parcel 37B-3-36 per section 708.01-3 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance prior to issuance of a building permit. The property is located within the RRA-1 Zoning District. Mr. Ross indicated he had received no complaints on this application.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the permit as recommended by the Planning Commission, and 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

COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Reed provided an update to members on various projects. He related the HSIP application for Route 100 would be submitted the following day. Mr. Reed stated he is still waiting on authorization to advertise for Penvir Bridge. He indicated he had received an email from VDOT providing steps to get to the authorization, which included receipt of an EQ 200 and an EQ 103; the county will then have to submit a LAP402A form as well as revision of Appendix A. Mr. Reed stated VDOT would then provide a 2D4 form that will need to be completed. At that point, the title sheets will be signed and authorization will be received after that. Mr. Reed estimated it would be mid-January at the earliest before a notice to proceed could be issued. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams expressed frustration with the delays relating VDOT had not shared the information previously. Mr. Reed related he had pushed as hard as he could with the project to get it going and will continue to push.

Mr. Reed provided information on rural additions. He related VDOT had assigned a UPC number to the Skyview Lane project and a call was scheduled to iron out a few things to get the process moving forward. Mr. Reed reported Old Stage Road is scheduled for an alignment review and Springdale Road would have a final inspection on October 10, 2017. If there are no issues, the Springdale Road will then be complete.

Mr. Williams inquired if the crossover on Route 460 near 84 Lumber could be made longer to accommodate trucks. Mr. Reed indicated he would pass the request along to VDOT to see if that is a possibility. Members discussed various options.

NEW BUSINESS

PEMBROKE ROAD CLOSURE

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Town of Pembroke for road closure during the annual Christmas Parade to be held on December 2, 2017

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the road closures as requested. 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

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Mr. McKlarney informed members they would be receiving a copy of the updated Emergency Operations Plan for consideration at the next meeting.

EXTENSION 4-H REPORT

Ms. Sarah Pratt presented information on recent activities of the 4-H program in the county. She indicated funds had been raised for 23 full and partial scholarships to the camps and there had been numerous camps held of various types in order to accommodate those with different interests. Ms. Pratt related there had been a total of 81 participants from Giles County and a total of 782 hours had been logged by 15 teen volunteers. Ms. Pratt indicated there had been overnight as well as day camps where the day was split between hiking and a class.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,090,573.37. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Gary Tickle to the Giles County Industrial Development Authority. 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***

***Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Ms. Jill Williams to the New River Community Action Local Board. 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. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Greg Williams to the Giles County Building Code Board of Appeals. 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***

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. Johnson, 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. Johnson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

VACO VOTING MEMBER

Mr. Morris made a motion to nominate Mr. Richard McCoy as the voting member for Giles County at the upcoming VACO business meeting. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows:

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

Abstaining: Mr. McCoy

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, 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

October 4, 2017