

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent.

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

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Morris, called the meeting to order and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018, as presented. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members regarding various road maintenance. He related the warning lights at the end of Big Stoney Creek had not yet been completed and the contract date would soon be ending. He will be checking on the contract further and will keep members informed. Mr. Clarke reported he looked into the speed study request for Fletcher's Mountain Road and discovered it had been completed. He indicated a sign had been knocked down and has been replaced. Mr. Clarke related there had been some clean up with the recent bad weather; he reported patching on Route 460, Route 100, and Palisades Drive. Mr. Clarke stated there been brush cutting and a downed tree cleaned up on Clendennin Road as well as sidewalk repair on Route 460 in Pearisburg. He reported some ditching done on Lurich Road and stone hauled to Old Church Road. Mr. Clarke related the public hearing for the six-year plan would need to be held soon and suggested the recess meeting in March. Mr. McKlarney is to let him know a date.

Mr. Baker related the contract is up for the warning lights at the end of Big Stoney this month and requested completion on the contract. He reported the guardrail along the off ramp from Route 460 at Giles High School is in need of replacement. Mr. Clarke related he was looking for funding for replacement. Mr. Baker requested the brush

cutting on Clendennin Road be completed. Mr. Clarke related the brush cutter is being repaired and more would be done once it is fixed.

Mr. McCoy requested the ditches be pulled on Route 42 between the old PSA lot and Walker's store and the shoulders be fixed in Wabash area of Route 100. He also requested the Farley Memorial Wayside signs on Route 100 be replaced or removed. Mr. Lawson requested potholes be fixed on Powell Mountain Road.

Mr. Williams provided pictures of road issues including the guardrail along the Route 460 off ramp near Giles High School and Patrick Enterprises, drainage issues on Kow Kamp, shoulders breaking off on Goodwins Ferry, and drainage issues on Knob Mountain. He inquired what it would take to get the issues resolved. Mr. Clarke related he has limited staff and money and drainage has taken a back seat since funding was reduced.

Mr. Morris inquired about the low water bridge. Mr. Clarke indicated the bridge is now in environmental and drainage stages; he is working on getting the project completed.

Mr. Reed reported the bid opening for Penvir Bridge was held earlier that day. He related the low bidder was DLB Enterprises, LLC with a bid of \$797,605.60 and related the bids were very close in range with only \$48,000 difference between three of the four bids submitted. Mr. Reed indicated the bid would need to be reviewed and approved by VDOT prior to awarding a contract and related the trees would need to be cut and demolition completed prior to April 15th due to time of year restrictions. Mr. Reed anticipates the company can fabricate a bridge within 12 to 16 weeks at its shop after the contract is awarded. Mr. McCoy inquired how long it would take VDOT to approve the bid. Mr. Clarke related it should not take long as this is a contractor that has been used previously by VDOT.

Mr. Reed reported on rural additions relating there had been a hard design and construction meeting between C.R. Henderson and VDOT in regard to Skyview Lane. VDOT is to bring numbers back to Henderson on material costs.

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the Eggleston boat ramp. Mr. McKlarney related the project is in the process of environmental review with comments due back by the end of March.

Mr. Williams inquired about the sidewalks at Newport. Mr. McCoy stated the county had submitted T21 applications twice for the sidewalks. Mr. McKlarney indicated part of the sidewalks in Newport belong to VDOT while others do not.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,388 students, this is a decrease of 9 from the end of December and a decrease of 1 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for February and a STEM newsletter was given to the members. Dr. Arbogast related the program is in the process of setting

up the STEMposium. He reported February is School Board appreciation month and the School Board retreat would begin this week. Dr. Arbogast indicated Alleghany County schools had come to take a tour of the Ag Land Lab and took a tour of the vocational school as well. He related there had recently been a spelling bee with 5th to 7th graders participating. He indicated there had been one winner for each school and Russell Pauley had won the county spelling bee.

Mr. Baker inquired how many more days could be missed before schools started having to attend make up days. Dr. Arbogast related if schools miss much more time, added time would have to be looked at.

NEW BUSINESS

CIT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jean Plymale with the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) presented information to members regarding broadband assessment. She gave members a breakdown of the process relating the assessment would be at no cost to the county. Ms. Plymate stated there were several jurisdictions in the state partnering with CIT in various stages of development and indicated members would need to select a group of representatives to work with CIT in gathering data. Mr. Lawson volunteered to continue working with CIT and members were in agreement. Ms. Plymate related the process would help the locality set goals, set local priorities, make a business case, and assist with procurement, with the process being a very collaborative effort with CIT.

HB222 RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution in support of House Bill 222 drafted by Delegate James Morefield. He indicated the bill is an economic development tool to reduce taxes on businesses and their employees relocating to certain Virginia localities. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution in support of House Bill 222. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

TOWN OF PEMBROKE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related a request had been received from the Town of Pembroke to plant low growing sedum in the medians along Route 460 from Thunder Road to Kow Camp Road to lessen the amount of mowing. Members discussed the request.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Reed related the Planning Commission had recommended approval of a subdivision plat creating new Parcel A and remainder of Tax Map 78-2-11 being a portion of Walker's Mountain Community Farm Subdivision containing 13.05 total acres currently

owned by Christian M. or Naomi Schwartz and Benjamin C. or Mary M. Troyer, contingent upon the addition of the 50-foot offset no build zone.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the subdivision plat as recommended. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$2,518,514.75, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Discussion: *Mr. Williams inquired about the two payments to RFC. Ms. Rhonda Tickle related the county pays the bills then sends invoices to the schools and social services for their portions. Mr. Williams inquired about a AEP payment. Ms. Ballard indicated it was an issue with description roll up in the accounting software. Mr. McCoy inquired about the cost of a wall calendar. Ms. Ballard indicated it was an issue with description roll up in the accounting software. Mr. Williams inquired about a payment made to CHA. Mr. McKlarney related the payment was for the environmental work being done on the boat ramps.*

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

VDOT REQUEST LETTER

Mr. Williams suggested a letter requesting additional funding for Salem District VDOT be written to Delegate Hurst and Senator Edwards. Members concurred.

Mr. Williams made a motion to allow Mr. McKlarney to write letters requesting additional funding for Salem District VDOT. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel, and A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

Mr. McCoy 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. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

MOWERS

Mr. Williams made a motion to allocate \$12,400 for the purchase of zero turn mowers. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

CASTLE ROCK TIMBER

Mr. Williams reported he had been in contact with a logger who logs with horses and is interested in looking at the timber at Castle Rock. He requested members hear the man's proposal and related members could specify which timber to cut. Mr. McCoy related he would not mind some timber being taken but did not want any taken from the river side and indicated there are some trees shading areas of the course that need to be cut. Members agreed to look at the proposal. Members also discussed the need to repair the path and what that project would entail.

FEBRUARY RECESS MEETING

Mr. Williams made a motion to move the February recess meeting to February 22, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

GLEN LYN CAMPGROUND

Mr. McKlarney related he had received a request from Mr. Howard Spencer to help with the installation of S-trap drains at the Glen Lyn Campground. He indicated these particular traps were being required by the Health Department prior to the campground being able to open for the season and all materials would be provided by Glen Lyn. Mr. McCoy stated he did not have an issue with helping but did not want this to be done in front of county projects that have been waiting for completion. Members discussed options and the need for campground operations.

Mr. Williams made a motion to assist with the installation of S-traps at the Glen Lyn campground contingent upon all materials being provided by Glen Lyn and the installation not being put in front of county projects. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, 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

February 7, 2018

County of Giles

Jeffrey Morris
County Clerk

Larry "Jay" Williams
Board Member

John Lawson
Board Member

Paul "Chappy" Baker
Board Member

Richard McCoy
Board Member



Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NUMBER : 222

WHEREAS, Delegate James W. Morefield has introduced House Bill Number 222 into the Virginia General Assembly for consideration in the 2018 session, which seeks to provide a state income tax incentive for Corporations who invest in Giles County and create at least fifty jobs for county residents and to provide state income tax breaks for the employees of such new businesses;

WHEREAS, such tax incentives will provide incentives for private persons, partnerships, and corporations to locate their enterprises Giles County, broaden the tax base with their investment, and improve the economy by creating employment opportunities for county residents; and

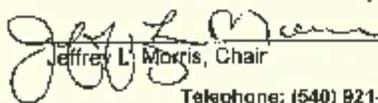
WHEREAS, the Giles County Boards of Supervisors desires to support said legislation by joining with the affected localities in approving this joint resolution;

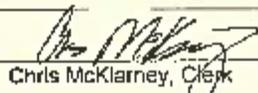
NOW THEREFORE, the Giles County Board of Supervisors, does hereby **RESOLVE** to support House Bill Number 222, sponsored by Delegate James W. Morefield, for the purposes of increasing economic development opportunities for the residents of the county by providing tax incentives for businesses that locate in Giles County, invest in improvements, and create employment opportunities for residents of the county.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2018 in the County of Giles, Virginia.

GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
R. McCoy	X			
J. Morris	X			
J. Williams	X			


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