

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 1, 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
Catherine Ballard	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 July 19, 2018, as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Anthony Ford updated members regarding various road maintenance. He reported maintenance of gravel roads, secondary road mowing, and pot holes repaired on Routes 730, 613, 635, 711, and 623. Mr. Ford indicated brush had been cut on Hill Street, Lyda Lane, and at the intersection of Hill Street and Route 100. He reported work had been done on Penvir Road and the concrete is scheduled to be fixed on Route 460 in Glen Lyn. Mr. Ford stated grading had been completed on Celestial Heights and the project on Clendennin Road has been completed with paving to be done within the next 45 days. He reported environmental permits were being obtained for the pipe on Doc Carr Road and the concrete for the caution light signs had been poured at the intersection of Route 460 and Big Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Ford indicated testing would be done on the concrete with the installation to be completed within the next couple of weeks. He reported environmental permits were being obtained for drainage work on Woodland Street in Rich Creek and advised members about the process to name the bridge at Penvir if they so choose.

Mr. Baker requested brush be cut on Riverbend Road, Virginia Heights and Clendennin Road. He also requested the speed be reduced on Route 460 in the area of the Big Stoney Creek Road intersection.

Mr. McCoy requested brush cutting on Flat Hollow Road, White Pine Road and Sandy Bend Road. Mr. Lawson reported run off issues on Walnut Grove Road doing damage to the property of Mr. James Perdue. He indicated the run off washes out the driveway and will run under the house and could cause damage to the home. Mr. Lawson also reported a hole near patch work done on Fletcher's Mountain Road and requested state maintenance be extended on Avery Street for approximately an additional 150 feet. He inquired if there had been any other updates on the Woodland Street drainage issues.

Public Comments

Nadine Brackenrich – Ms. Brackenrich reported a drainage issue in the Rich Creek area on Giles Avenue where it intersects with Woodland Road. She related the issue seems to be coming from drainage from Woodland Street and reported new sidewalk and curbing to be installed by the town.

Mr. Ford explained the environmental process required for any project involving digging or drainage. He related the regulations are federal, and once obtained, the work will be able to begin.

Mr. Williams stated Mr. Trump had told him a permit is required if the ditch is over 100 feet. He thanked Mr. Ford for providing so much information in his report and inquired about the brush cutting agreement. Mr. Ford indicated he was not aware he was supposed to look into that but will see what is going on and report back. Mr. Williams requested that Dr. Arbogast get a list of the worst roads with brush from the bus drivers and reported two to three-foot drop offs on the shoulders on Kow Camp Road.

Mr. Bryan Reed updated members on Skyview Lane. He reported AEP had relocated the power lines and clarification had been requested on if the phone lines are required to be moved. He indicated moving the phone lines would cost an additional \$25,000 and related the next step would be to have the water line relocated with the project being handed off to VDOT at that point. Mr. Williams inquired about the amount of funding used on the project. Mr. Reed related \$29,000 was paid to WRA for design.

Mr. Reed reported a change order coming in on the Penvir Bridge project due to more shotcrete being required to reinforce the piers. He related abutments A and B are ready for the bridge and a letter had been received from US Bridge conveying information on equipment breakdowns. Mr. Reed indicated the breakdown caused a delay in the fabrication of the bridge, and US Bridge had been notified the bridge must be onsite by August 13, 2018, or a financial penalty would be incurred. He outlined various reasons for continuing with the vendor.

Mr. Williams inquired if Goodwins Ferry is paid in full noting some possible additional work to be done on the shoulders. Mr. Ford explained the funds could most likely not be transferred if it had gone through formula funding. Mr. Williams requested brush cutting and ditch work on Spruce Run Road.

Mr. Morris inquired about the low water bridge on Doc Carr Road relating members had been told it would be 30 to 45 days for over a year. He informed Mr. Ford a resident was in the process of building a new house but could not build until the bridge was done and Mr. Clarke had told members the pipe was there but the environmental was in process. Mr. Ford stated he would follow up on the project and report back.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated members on summer activities including summer STEM camp, robotics camp and the summer lunch program. He reported an upcoming parents' night out to inform parents of various services available. Dr. Arbogast related start dates for new teachers and the start of the school year and reported the love project is nearing completion. He invited members to attend the dedication ceremony.

Dr. Arbogast informed members he is looking at coding on positions to ensure they are correct and related a possibility that enrollment numbers will increase more than expected. He stated it could cause a need for additional teachers, which will mean a request to members for funding for additional positions. Dr. Arbogast indicated class sizes need to be kept below a certain number in order for the schools to qualify for K-3 class size reduction funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Town of Pembroke for road closure during the Pembroke Heritage Festival.

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

INMATE GUARD

Mr. McKlarney related it was difficult covering the inmate crews with part time guards, which led to a lateral transfer from Dispatch. He explained the move needs to be officially documented that the guard will be paid and supervised under the Sheriff's Office in order for the guard to qualify for line of duty coverage.

Mr. Baker made a motion for the full-time inmate guard to be paid and supervised by the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$909,657.74, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy 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 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, and 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 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney related the love sign dedication would be held on August 16, 2018, beginning at 2:00 PM, and the ReNew the New river clean up would be held on August 25, 2018, starting at 8:00 AM. He also indicated the ACCE Race would be held on September 15, 2018, and invited members to attend.

FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT

Mr. Williams reported he had been working with DSS and CPMT in regard to recruiting needed foster parents. He requested funding to purchase signs and other types of advertising media to let people know there is a need for more foster parents. Members discussed funding, and Mr. McKlarney related DSS gets funds for a portion of an employee's salary but no additional funding for foster care recruitment. Members discussed the best places to target new foster parents as well as the best avenues for advertising. Mr. Williams related he will get some pricing on signage.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 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