

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 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 - Absent
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 motioned to approve the September 5, 2018, minutes as presented. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jeff Bucklen – Mr. Bucklen related he has been a teacher at Narrows Elementary for 20 years and provided background and family information. He also provided information regarding his contract and household financial issues, stating he was worse off than he was 10 years ago. Mr. Bucklen presented information regarding his child with special needs and the possibility of taking his other child out of JCA to help make ends meet. He related he and his wife have taken on additional work, which is taking time away from their children as well as church and school functions. Mr. Bucklen indicated there is no doubt the state needs to do more to increase teacher pay, but pointing fingers does not make ends meet. He related, for the first time, he is looking at teaching positions in the surrounding localities with better pay and benefits. Mr. Bucklen stated he will do what it takes to take care of his family and knows the Board will do what it can to improve the situation. He expressed hopes members would consider this when allocating funds for education.

Ms. Gloria Hurt – Ms. Hurt invited members to attend the upcoming town hall meeting to be held at Macy McClaugherty school.

Ms. Kristen Corboy – Ms. Corboy related the previous town hall meeting had good attendance and thanked Mr. Morris for attending. She invited member to come sit down with them to have a conversation. Ms. Corboy stated the county is a leader in finding

affordable ways for students to further their education. She reported both high schools have opportunity for students to earn up to 40 college credits. Ms. Corboy related, with college tuition at \$10,627 per year at Radford University and \$13,620 at Virginia Tech, 40 credits is a significant savings for a family. She indicated the schools need to make sure they have qualified teachers for those classes; and as a citizen, she wants to know her taxes are used wisely. Ms. Corboy expressed hopes that the conversations regarding education will continue to be discussed as a community resource and a wise investment.

OLD BUSINESS

BROADBAND SURVEY

Mr. McKlarney informed members an RFP was issued for broadband services to the unserved and underserved areas of the county noting the CIT study had found several areas in the county with no service. He related information regarding the application process through DHCD for grant funding. Mr. McKlarney indicated he and Mr. Lawson would be meeting with PemTel the following week to go over the RFP and would participate in a conference call with DHCD.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,203,086.19. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows:
Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,369,951.67 for October 2018 School Board Appropriations, and 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

SEWER LINE

Mr. Williams informed members the sewer line had been installed across Route 460 and Mr. Stevers has requested two hook ups, but would only be getting one. He related a pump station would be set and extend the pipe 200 feet to hook up Mr. Snidow. Members discussed specifics of the project and concurred the amount of money to be collected will be worth the 200 feet installation of pipe.

EGGLESTON WATER PROJECT

Mr. Williams reported there are six additional residents requesting to be hooked up to the water at Eggleston. Mr. McCoy stated it would have helped if people had filled out the surveys as requested. Members discussed options and concurred it could be done as the project was in the Alpine Village area. Mr. McKlarney related the report had been received on Eggleston Phase II, which showed the estimated cost to be \$6 million.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 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