

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 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.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Richard McCoy	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.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

***Mr. Baker motioned to elect Mr. Morris as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to elect Mr. Williams as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstain: Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

### **ESTABLISH DATES/TIMES FOR MEETINGS**

***Mr. McCoy motioned for meeting dates and times to remain as previously established. The regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 PM, and the recess meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

## **ESTABLISH POLICY FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to establish the same policy as held in the past which moves a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

## **ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER**

***Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 5, 2018, minutes as presented. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Sheriff Morgan Millirons provided a department update. He reported the no shave activity had raised \$350 for the angel tree. Mr. Millirons reported the following numbers for 2018: 719 warrants, 493 citations, and 5,832 civil papers served. He reported 21,730.5 inmate workforce hours for the year, which is approximately valued at \$267,766, and related programs such as RAD continue in the community. Mr. Millirons stated funds being raised for Save the Next Girl. He indicated the new building is working out fine and related an upgrade being purchased for dispatch in order to stay in compliance. Mr. Millirons reported a meeting with the General Assembly in January and with the Virginia Law Enforcement Sheriff's Association, and indicated many other jurisdictions in northern Virginia are not doing the various jobs that Giles performs. He stated he was working on getting raises from the Compensation Board for those positions and the drug takeback program is doing well.

Sheriff Millirons inquired if there would be any funds for new department vehicles. Mr. McKlarney related there would be if it was within the department budget. Mr. Millirons inquired about department use of the hazmat vehicles. Members concurred the vehicles were to be distributed to departments as needed such as public works, maintenance and Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Williams inquired about reimbursement for drug buy money. Sheriff Millirons explained the funds are paid back through restitution. He indicated the payments used to be set up at very low amounts but the process was improving.

## **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on various road work within the county. He reported work done during the recent storms, as well as a slide in the bluffs and patching on Route 460. Mr. Clarke related brush cutting had been done on Spruce Run, Kire Lane, Wabash Road and Arch Eaton Road and indicated patching had been done on Route 730. He reported stone was put on River Road and work was in process on Robertson Mountain Road.

Mr. Baker reported multiple potholes on Route 100 northbound from the county line to the four lane as well as 10 to 15 potholes on Big Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Lawson inquired about the progress on Poplar Street. Mr. Clarke related the workers had not gotten to that issue yet. He also related the signs for the bridge on Penvir Road is ordered and should be delivered soon.

Mr. Bryan Reed related the crews were out on the Penvir Bridge that day taking down the incorrect guardrail with the new guardrail scheduled to be delivered the following week. He stated there would need to be a VDOT inspection after the installation. Mr. Clarke indicated he would get the inspection lined up. He also indicated surveying was being conducted on Penvir Road.

Mr. Williams inquired if any paving was planned on the lower end of Route 635 and inquired about the amount remaining from the Goodwins Ferry project for improvements there. Mr. Clarke stated there was probably not enough for a retaining wall but would look to see what can be done.

Mr. Reed related the water line still needs to be moved on Skyview before that work can start, and it is on the schedule to be done. Mr. Williams inquired about the lighting at the park and ride. Mr. Clarke stated AEP would need to do a cost estimate. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the speed study on Bear Springs. Mr. Clarke stated warning signs down to 15 miles per hour were to be installed, and he will check to see if they have been put up. Mr. Williams inquired about the crossover at Celanese. Mr. Clarke explained there would need to be traffic engineering done. Mr. Williams reported shoulders eroding and stone needed on Eggleston Road from the Maybrook end.

Mr. Morris reported water coming down a private drive to the third house on Camp Meeting Road due to a drain being stopped up.

Mr. McKlarney reported he would be having a meeting with the Commonwealth Transportation Board on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the HSIP application for Route 100. He indicated the approximate amount for improvements would be \$7.2 million.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LITERARY LOAN

Mr. McKlarney reported the literary loan closing was done on December 20<sup>th</sup>, adding the funds are now in the county general fund. He anticipates a significant savings with the loan at 2 percent financed for 20 years.

## NEW BUSINESS

### WATER RATE STUDY

Mr. McKlarney referenced the recent water rate study and asked members to consider options. He indicated the study provided three recommendations, with one being a 16 percent increase with a recommendation of it being higher than that over a 5-year period. Mr. McKlarney requested members take the recommendations into consideration when determining what needs to take place.

Mr. Williams stated he did not totally agree with the numbers, adding he thought the numbers are too high. Mr. McKlarney related the county is required to have a third-party study due to VRA loans and commended the work the county had done to get water to 75 percent of residents. Members discussed options with rates and timelines as well as the process for a rate increase. Members concurred to wait until budget time to make a determination.

### NEAR SOUTHWEST PREPAREDNESS ALLIANCE

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance for a letter of support in reference to healthcare emergency management. He indicated Giles County is fortunate to have adequate emergency healthcare. Members discussed possible future obligations to the group.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Near Southwest Virginia Preparedness Alliance, 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***

### PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$2,105,644.81, and 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***

Mr. Williams inquired about the increased water bill for Castle Rock. Mr. McKlarney indicated there had been a leak but staff is working on getting it fixed.

## APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the NRV Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. Morris***

***Mr. Baker motioned to appoint Mr. Alan Leet to the Agricultural Advisory Committee to replace Mr. Ernie Miller, and 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***

***Mr. Lawson motioned to appoint Mr. Jason Buckland to the Agricultural Advisory Committee contingent upon his acceptance, and 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***

***Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Eddie Sarver to the Board of Zoning Appeals. 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. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Frank Cahoon to the Board of Zoning Appeals. 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***

***Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Roger Lucas to the Board of Zoning Appeals. 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 reappoint Mr. Chris McKlarney to the Commerce Park Participation Committee, and 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. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the Community Policy and Management Team. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstain: Mr. Williams***

***Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Butch Mullins to the Fairview Home Board of Directors, and 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***

**Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the Fairview Home Board of Directors, and 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**

**Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Charlie Andrews to the New River/Mount Rogers Region Career Works Board. 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**

**Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the New River/Mount Rogers Region Career Works Consortium. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstain: Mr. Williams**

**Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Robert Givens to the New River Valley Airport Commission. 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**

**Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the New River Valley Regional Commission, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. McCoy**

**Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the Public Service Authority, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstain: Mr. Williams**

**Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker as alternate to the Public Service Authority, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. Baker**

**Mr. Morris motioned to reappoint Mr. Colin Munsey as alternate to the Public Service Authority, 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**

**Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jeff Dinger to the Salvation Army Board. 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**

**Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Social Services Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. Morris**

**Mr. McCoy motioned to appoint Ms. Gayle Vaught to the Social Services Board, and 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. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Lawson to the Summit Place Board, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstain: Mr. Lawson**

**Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Larry Lafon to the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council. 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, (7) Legal Counsel, 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**

## **CAREER WORKS**

Mr. Williams provided information on the progress of the Career Works programs, relating the program had helped over 400 people get training and obtain jobs. He indicated the area oversees a Pathway grant for all of southwest Virginia and the outcomes had been good for the year.

## **INSURANCE**

Mr. Williams inquired if during the insurance meetings the schools had related anything about the retirees not getting the health savings account (HSA) funds. Ms. Ballard related she had not heard that mentioned in the meetings. Mr. McKlarney explained that the county had fully funded the \$5,000 deductible plan for eligible retirees, but the

schools had fully funded the \$2,800 deductible plan for its eligible retirees but not an HSA. Members discussed various aspects of the insurance.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**