

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 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)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019, 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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Morgan Millirons reported 58 traffic summons, 536 civil papers, and 56 warrants for the month of March. He related RAD and safety classes are continuing and the department would soon be offering an internet safety program to inform parents of internet monitoring for their children. Mr. Millirons indicated the TDOs and transports continue to be an issue with an average of four to five per week. He reported a grand jury for the following week and related he was still down one dispatcher but had recently hired two. Sheriff Millirons indicated he had gotten positive feedback from the public on using the workforce crew to do litter pick up on Big Stony Creek, where they had filled 82 bags with garbage. He related a memorial table would be set up at the office on April 10, 2019 as a memorial to Office Hugh Broadwell and drug take back was scheduled for April 27, 2019. Mr. Millirons informed members a software upgrade had been necessary for dispatch, and Mr. McKlarney stated a grant was obtained for \$150,000 which would cover the expense except for \$5,000. Sheriff Millirons reminded everyone of the ban burn in effect until after 4:00 PM.

COUNTY VDOT REPORT

Mr. Bryan Reed updated members on VDOT maintenance due to no attendance from VDOT. He reminded members VDOT would be present for the public hearing of the Six-

Year Plan at the April recess meeting. Mr. Reed reported stone put down on both ends of the bridge site at Doc Carr Road, patching on Route 100 with overlay to occur this spring and summer, patching on Big Stony Creek Road is planned for this week, Eatons Chapel drainage issue is waiting on environmental, and guardrails and shoulders repaired near Giles High School. Mr. Reed related he is waiting on final reimbursement from the bridge project before preparing final numbers.

Mr. Baker reported potholes near the West Virginia line on Big Stony Creek Road and expressed appreciation for getting the guardrail replaced near Giles High School. He reported potholes on Route 219 near the new bridge and potholes and a drainage issue on Green Hollow Road. Mr. Baker requested tree cutting along Virginia Heights toward Riverbend.

Mr. Williams reported potholes on Hopkins Lane and Green Valley, and related River Road was still bad. He inquired about the funds left over from Goodwins Ferry and related the issue with the drainage on Snidow Street at the laundry has not been addressed. Mr. Reed related the town of Pembroke was looking at a revenue sharing project to extend Cascade Drive, which would also involve some drainage improvement. Mr. Williams inquired if asphalt could be put down on Spruce Run and requested an update on the lights at the park and ride.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,337 students; this is a decrease of 9 from the end of last month and a decrease of 48 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for April and a STEM newsletter was provided to the members. Dr. Arbogast invited members to attend the STEMposium at Giles High School on April 24, 2019, and reported Dr. DeNobel would be visiting schools on April 11-12, 2019 to discuss the danger of smoking and vaping. He reported students attending the Skills USA competitions with 20 eligible to attend the state competition and one team placed in HOSA for the national competition. Dr. Arbogast also reported the FBLA placed in the district and will attend the state competition.

NEW BUSINESS

PEMBROKE STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related a request had been received from the Town of Pembroke for street closures on May 11, 2019, during small business appreciation. Mr. Williams indicated he has concerns that the closure would block off all traffic from River Road for the entire day, adding River Road needs to stay open.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the street closures in the Town of Pembroke on May 11, 2019, for small business appreciation with the condition that River Road traffic is not blocked. 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

RAMPS AND ROADS

Mr. McKlarney related there were more than 200 volunteers participating in the Ramps and Roads clean up the previous weekend with over 600 bags of trash collected, and 5 tons of debris.

CORPS OF CADETS

Mr. McKlarney reported the Corps of Cadets run went well and ACCE will benefit with cadets pledged to run in the ACCE race.

BROADBAND GRANT

Mr. McKlarney indicated the county had received \$589,000 in grant funding for broadband expansion. He noted Giles was one of eleven counties funded in the state.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$863,836.27, 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

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 A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows by roll call vote: 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 by roll call vote: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

VESTA SOFTWARE

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of new Vesta software at the cost of \$155,232.30. 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

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. McKlarney presented the first draft of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. He related information regarding expected revenues and expenditures as well as a need for school

buses, sheriff's office vehicles, a senior center bus and a tandem dump truck. He suggested members consider taking all the capital needs and rolling them into a loan and outlined the items in the preliminary budget that increased. Members discussed the school budget request as well as the state increase of five percent for teachers. They also discussed the state increase of three percent for compensation board positions. Members discussed the anticipated revenues and the possibility of a tax increase. Mr. McKlarney suggested scheduling another budget session. Members concurred to hold the next budget session on April 18, 2019, prior to the recess meeting.

Mr. McKlarney advised the insurance recommendation would need approved, as open enrollment was set to begin in mid April. Members concurred they were comfortable with staff recommendation. He also advised the water line replacement on Powells Mountain had been completed and is awaiting engineering testing and approval. Mr. McCoy suggested contacting the Regional Commission to look at some grant funding for a new senior center bus.

Mr. McKlarney related April 17th is national volunteer day and Celanese would like to get some pictures with some of the members. He also related Eagle Distributing has stepped up to sponsor Renew the New.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:30 PM, with a budget session to begin at 4:00 PM prior to the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

April 3, 2019