

At the budget work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 4:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morris called the work session to order.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

DAVENPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. McKlarney introduced Mr. Kyle Laux from Davenport and noted a financial analysis summary prepared to look at anticipated future revenues of the county. Mr. Laux presented the summary of the financial analysis for the county and gave options to get reserve balances back to the level needed. He outlined assessed value per capita, a comparison to other localities in the area and the possible use of the literary loan to strengthen the general fund. Mr. Laux reviewed two options with members as well as the next steps. He anticipates closing in July or August. Mr. McKlarney asked members to review the information and think about the options.

HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS

Mr. McKlarney related several quotes had been received as a result of the health insurance RFP. He indicated the quote from Anthem would be the same as what the county is currently paying without lasering out any of the claims for the year. Mr. McKlarney noted there would not be a wellness component, but the network savings to employees would be significant and advised open enrollment for insurance would need to be started the following week if members approved. Mr. Williams inquired about the dental insurance. Mr. McKlarney indicated the cost per month for vision is \$20.00 and vision is \$23.50 for employees. He related the deductible for these do not go toward health insurance deductibles. Mr. McKlarney indicated the consultant had recommended a \$200,000 fund to smooth out the cost if the county has a bad year for claims, and stated he hopes the network savings will help to drive down the costs. He advised there were no guarantees and related the county would have a \$125,000 responsibility before the claims move over to the reinsurance.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the quote by Anthem to be the benefits administrator for Fiscal Year 2020. 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

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Mr. McKlarney reported the compensation committee had come up with a weighted scale for teacher increases and a five percent increase for teacher assistants, bus drivers, nurses, and other support staff as a recommendation. He related the scale for teachers was a higher percentage at the new teacher and 25 to 30 year teacher slots with the percentages ranging from approximately 5.0 to 6.3. Mr. McKlarney advised the numbers he received were not averages, so the numbers presented to the committee were skewed. He will have new numbers prior to the next budget session and advised he thought it was the right thing to do in order to get more competitive in the region. Mr. McKlarney indicated the School Board had approved the concept at its last meeting and was looking at a five percent raise for administration as well. Mr. McCoy stated he would like to know what the numbers are so members would know how much the amount would be but added he would like to go with what the committee recommends. Members discussed the data presented to the committee, and Mr. McKlarney related the cost would be approximately \$330,000 to go with the committee recommendation. Members discussed the ADM numbers being down and reduction in funding of approximately \$500,000 due to the reduced numbers. Mr. McKlarney indicated he would like to move forward with that portion of the budget if members were in agreement. He advised teachers need to have contracts in place as they are being actively recruited from surrounding areas. Members concurred with the compensation committee recommendation and were in agreement to move forward with that portion of the budget.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Members discussed various aspects of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget including estimated revenues, expenditures and the school budget. Members also discussed the need for vehicles, and Mr. McKlarney recommended financing the needed vehicles. Mr. McKlarney outlined the increases for the upcoming year including the reassessment, wellness program and ambulance service. He indicated response times were slow and additional paid service are needed. Mr. McKlarney recommended member consider a four-cent tax increase for the coming year to meet a portion of the deficit. Mr. Williams stated the PSA needs to pay more on the financial side. Mr. McKlarney indicated there could also be an increase in revenue from taxes and related he would bring more numbers for consideration at the next meeting. He inquired about the next budget meeting date. Members agreed to hold the next budget session on May 1, 2019, beginning at 1:00 PM prior to the regular meeting.

RECESS

Mr. Morris called a short recess until the beginning of the meeting.

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, 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)
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the April 3, 2019 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

Ms. Drema McMahon – Ms. McMahon related the Giles Christian Mission had purchased a second building and is providing more services for those in need, adding the Mission had been serving the county for over 50 years. She provided information regarding donations and services to over 350 families as well as food deliveries made for seniors who were unable to pick up food boxes. Ms. McMahon advised the Mission is now partnering with Feeding America and the USDA, providing assistance with utilities and housing, and now houses New River Community Action within the building, adding the Salvation Army comes to provide services once a month at the site. Ms. McMahon shared the Mission would be having an open house on April 24th, which coincides with Give Big NRV day, and invited members to attend to take a tour with donations accepted. She indicated the Mission was applying for a Community Foundation grant as well that could provide up to \$1,500. Mr. McKlarney stated the Mission had been a great partner with the FOCUS program.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNITION

Mr. McKlarney informed members of recognition to the Giles County Board of Supervisors and the Giles County FOCUS group as public health heroes. He noted the recognition was received from the New River Health District for National Public Health Week.

NEWPORT STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Newport Ruritan Club for road closures during the annual Fourth of July parade.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the street closure for the Newport Fourth of July parade as requested. 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

DGIF CHANGES

Mr. McKlarney related he had spoken with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regarding recent changes to regulations. He indicated Mr. Bill Kittrell would be willing to come speak at a meeting or other venue as the Board would prefer. Mr. Baker stated he would like him to attend a Board meeting.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,142,189.90. 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. McCoy motioned to approve \$2,369,951.67 for May 2019 School Board Appropriations, 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$170,000 for Social Services for May 2019. 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 (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

WATER PLANT DEDICATION

Mr. Williams advised the water plant dedication to Mr. Eaton would be on April 27th. Mr. McKlarney will verify the time and let members know.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JOINT HEARING WITH VDOT: PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FY2019-20 THROUGH 2024-25 AND PROPOSED SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FY2019-20

Mr. Morris opened the joint public hearing with the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the proposed secondary six-year plan for fiscal year 2019-20 through 2024-25. Mr. Chris Price presented a draft plan for discussion and comments, and explained the comments will be reviewed and a resolution would be needed at a later date. Mr. Price outlined the priorities on the list and noted the purpose of the hearing is to allow the residents an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. He also outlined the funding estimates for the upcoming year, adding five percent of the funds could go on rural additions if requested.

Mr. Williams inquired about the remaining funds from Goodwins Ferry Road to be used for safety improvements. Mr. Price indicated Mr. Clarke was in the process of checking to make sure all expenditures were closed out and all funds allocated to Penvir Road were new funds.

Mr. McCoy inquired about the funding outlook for the next few years. Mr. Price indicated the funding levels looked very similar for the next several years but an increase should be seen in 2023-2024. Mr. McCoy stated increased funding was needed in order to repair the roads as they would keep falling apart.

Mr. Williams inquired if members would be willing to add Spruce Run for improvements as well as Kow Camp and Celestial Heights. He also inquired about the status of the

drainage issue at the laundry in Pembroke. Mr. Price stated he might be able to meet with them the following week.

Mr. Williams inquired about rural addition funding and the rankings. Mr. McKlarney inquired about the budget amount on the upcoming Penvir Road project. Mr. Price indicated that budget is at \$800,000. Mr. Williams inquired if the paving on Route 100 would be done all the way to the four-lane. Mr. Price indicated it would. Mr. Williams stated he would like to see the speed limit lowered to 55 miles per hour on Route 460 in Giles County.

Mr. Price reported VDOT is looking at a project to take out the concrete, which should start around late summer. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of fixing the crossover near 84 Lumber. Mr. Bryan Reed stated VDOT had looked at the issue and had moved the signs but the State Police had an issue with the proposed change. He stated the hope is the moved signs would lessen the number of people that cut across and the issue with making a turn lane is the possibility of people using it as another driving lane and oncoming traffic. Mr. McKlarney related Mr. Bill Hogg had expressed thanks for the paving on Route 100 and had inquired about the status of the speed study on Route 730. Mr. Williams reported the guardrail had been shortened at the entrance of a church on Route 100 and residents were concerned about the possibility of cars coming through there where the children frequently play. Mr. Price stated the new guardrail is being installed due to sight distance requirement changes and the guardrail near Giles High School should be finishing up soon as well.

With no other questions or comments, Mr. Morris closed the public hearing.

Proposed Rezoning of Tax Parcels 24 48A, 24 48D, 24 47F and 24 47F1 from RRA-1 to A-1

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing, and Mr. Pitzer called the Planning Commission to order. The following Planning Commission members were in attendance: Mr. Pitzer, Mr. R. Browning, Mr. Snider, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Berkman and Mr. Baker.

Mr. Ross stated the purpose of the public hearing is for a proposed rezoning of tax parcels 24 48A, 24 48D, 24 47F, 24 47F1 from their current zoning designation of RRA-1 (Rural Residential and Agriculture) to the proposed new zoning designation of A-1 (Agriculture and Limited). These tax parcels are located near the intersection of Lurich Road and Stockpen Mountain Road near Narrows, Virginia, and are owned by Narrows Livestock Market Inc. Mr. Ross advised he had received a couple of phone calls but no objection to the rezoning. There were no additional questions or comments.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Morris closed the public hearing and sent the item back to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Mr. Pitzer adjourned the Commission.

COLLABORATIVE WORK REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. McKlarney related that Mr. Belcher wanted to find out how members felt about reimbursements for collaborative projects as on the Powell's Mountain waterline where several county departments and towns worked on a project. He indicated at least one town had decided not to bill for reimbursement. Mr. McCoy stated everyone had done an outstanding job working together but felt this project was an emergency and should not be a reimbursement. Members concurred. Mr. McCoy related Mr. Belcher had been tasked with developing a plan with the hopes of having something in place for future projects to know how much needs to be reimbursed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 3:00 PM with a work session to begin at 1:00 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