

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 7, 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 – Absent
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 July 18, 2019, as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy and Mr. Williams

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance. He noted a big push on brush cutting and mowing before school starts. Mr. Clarke related pipework on Springdale, ditching on First Street in Pembroke, and patching on Route 460 and on Big Stony Creek Road.

Mr. Baker reported 23 potholes on Big Stony Creek Road and requested lines to be painted on Stateline Road and Rocky Hollow Road. He also reported potholes on Route 460 West near the town of Narrows and Route 460 East near the rough spot as well as a pothole on Route 460 near the Farm Bureau. Mr. Baker reported a ditch and drainage pipe problem in Ripplemead reported to him by Mr. Suroski. Mr. Suroski stated that VDOT had dug a trench and cut his powerline, which AEP came to fix. He related he lost much gravel the had spread on his driveway due to this issue and indicated the drain pipe was sticking out and crushed. Mr. Baker indicated the ditch lines had not been cleaned out as they should have been and related Mr. Kinder had stated the same issues. Mr. Suroski inquired if something could be done about the turn around where a mail vehicle had been hit twice.

Mr. Lawson reported an accident near Coonskin Hollow Road, adding it might have occurred due to the driver trying to avoid the rough spot there. He also reported a low spot on Route 61 near the Robertson Hole. Mr. Baker reported overhanging tress along Route 61. Mr. Morris requested additional work on Clendennin Road where the road is falling in. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for installing speed limit signs along Eggleston Road. Mr. McKlarney inquired if there was anything additional that could be looked at regarding the request for a no passing zone near the Craig County line on Route 42.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast reported the preliminary numbers for SOLs had been received, and he anticipates all five schools will be accredited, adding there would be more data in September. He reported teachers return to school on August 19th and students return on August 26th. Dr. Arbogast related the summer food program had an exceptional year with a total of 12,466 meals served to date, and the program will end on August 15th. He presented a request for use of carryover funds, noting a facility evaluation with a draft scope of services. Mr. Baker advised the Board would not be considering the request today, adding all members needed to be there before making a decision.

Mr. Baker inquired about enrollment numbers. Dr. Arbogast indicated the numbers would be down approximately 60 students, but he anticipates the number will not be that low after school starts.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to sections 802.04 and 706.03-5 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the installation of signage not permitted by Section 706. This request is specifically to allow for a 16' tall electronic changeable copy sign with 80 square feet of sign area. The property is identified as 3381 Virginia Avenue near Narrows, Virginia (Celco Federal Credit Union), is located on tax parcel 25-69H, and is located in the I-1 Zoning District. The property is owned by Celco Federal Credit Union. Mr. Morris inquired if the matter could be voted on with him planning to abstain. Mr. Chidester advised the vote would be the majority of the quorum and the vote could proceed.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve conditional use permit as recommended. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson; Absent: Mr. McCoy and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Morris

NEW BUSINESS

EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

Ms. Jeannie Dudding gave an update on Extension Office activity. She indicated the 4-H program had a busy summer with camps, and numbers are growing every year. Ms. Dudding reported the FCS, now with Laura Reasor and Gigi Robertson, has amazing programs, which are provided at the schools, Mullins Trailer Park, community garden, and also works with the summer food program. The agriculture program has put together six loads of cattle, is working with the Newport Fair, and had a program with the Clover Buds. Ms. Dudding advised she had teamed up with a soil specialist at Virginia Tech and will be hosting events for the next three years, adding she is in the process of contacting landowners to get permission for soil sampling. She indicated the pits would be dug four by eight feet and would be left open for the duration of the program if landowners would allow. Ms. Dudding stated hemp is the newest crop sensation and related she would continue to work with the Focus program by holding the leadership camps. She provided information on the past summer interns.

Ms. Elizabeth Mullins, the current summer intern, presented information on the activities she was allowed to assist with during her internship. She noted a groundskeeping course, ice cream making at Macy, the sixth-grade safety celebration, kids in the kitchen, animal production, and FFA state convention, as well as others. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity and support of the Board.

Ms. Dudding reported the VDACS pesticide program would be held at the Alphin-Stuart Arena this year on September 30th to dispose of any unwanted farm chemicals.

HOPE HOUSE RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution in celebration of the tenth anniversary of The Hope House and recommended approval. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the resolution in celebration of The Hope House as presented, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. McKlarney presented recommendations for services contracts from 2019 through 2021 and outlined them as follows:

- Septic Services: Tickle Septic and Water at \$85.00 per toilet per month, additional pumping \$10.00, septic pumping \$275.00/1,000 gallons, special events \$25.00

- Exterminating Services: Dodson at \$225.00 per month
- Mechanical Services: Strong's at \$140.00 per hour
- Electrical Services: RJ Building & Electrical at \$55.00 per hour
- Plumbing Services: No bids received

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the service contracts for 2019 through 2021 as presented, 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; Absent: Mr. McCoy

PEMBROKE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Mr. McKlarney advised the Town of Pembroke had sent a request for street closures during the 30th annual Heritage Festival on September 28, 2019.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the request as submitted, 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; Absent: Mr. McCoy

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,151,932.87, 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; Absent: Mr. McCoy

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Harless B. Johnson to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

RECAP

Members recapped the report from VDOT. Mr. Williams inquired about the permit at Eggleston for the boat ramp. Mr. McKlarney advised he is still waiting for approval from VDOT, which has sent the request on to their Bridge Mechanic for review. Mr. Williams inquired if members would have an issue with him going to VDOT in Salem. Members stated they had no issue. Members recapped the report from the schools and advised they would wait until all members were present to decide on the carryover request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lawson 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 by roll call vote 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson 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 by roll call vote 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

GAS TAX RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney advised he would revise the gas tax resolution as discussed.

MEADOWS LETTER

Mr. Williams related Mr. McKlarney should write a letter to convey the directives of the Board as discussed. Members concurred.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Mr. Lawson made a motion for a FY 2020 budget supplement in the amount of \$87,500 for the purchase of a dump truck. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

PSA DIRECTOR

Mr. Williams made a motion for the PSA to cover half the salary and benefits of the PSA Director. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

MEETING LOCATION

Mr. Baker made a motion for the August recess meeting to be moved to the General District Courtroom. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Absent: Mr. McCoy

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County General District Courtroom located at 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

County of Giles

Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

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Board of Supervisors

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PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GILES COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER - THE HOPE HOUSE

WHEREAS, the governments and residents of the County of Giles agreed that there was a critical need for a shelter to assist and house homeless citizens in our area; and

WHEREAS, a Homeless Shelter Board of Directors was established to plan and construct this shelter; and

WHEREAS, this was a joint effort of all County and Town governments in Giles County along with numerous churches, organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, a The Hope House opened in Giles County in 2009 to offer aid to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, this shelter has served hundreds of people over the past 10 years to meet the emergency housing needs of citizens in our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Giles County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the necessary and worthwhile work of the Giles County Homeless Shelter Board as they celebrate the 10th Anniversary of The Hope House in Giles County.

ADOPTED this 7th day of August, 2019 in the County of Giles, Virginia.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
R. McCoy	X			X
J. Morris	X			
J. Williams	X			


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