

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 2, 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 - 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 made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 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***

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance. He noted patching on several roads including Wolf Creek Road, Eggleston Road, Wilburn Valley Road and in the Whitegate area, and indicated surface treatments were scheduled in the county as well. Mr. Clarke reported some mowing was stopped due to draught conditions, and there had been some ditching done on Riverbend and brush cut on Stateline Road. He related painted lines were being considered on Stateline Road, and some drainage issues were worked on in Newport. Mr. Clarke advised there would be a public hearing on the six-year plan in Roanoke on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. McKlarney indicated staff would be meeting with the Commonwealth Transportation Board representative prior to the public hearing.

Mr. McCoy related he had sent an email regarding Rye Hollow Road to Mr. McKlarney, adding the residents are requesting it be paved. He asked if it could be graded to try to help in the short term. Mr. Lawson inquired about speed limits on gravel roads. Mr. Clarke advised the speed limit on any gravel road is 35 miles per hour, which was passed by the General Assembly; however, the speed is not posted.

Mr. Williams inquired about an update on Goodwins Ferry Road. Mr. Clarke stated the contractor is working on finishing up two other projects and will get out to do the shoulder work on Goodwins Ferry Road. Mr. Williams inquired about dust control on the unpaved roads. Mr. Clarke advised staff is hitting them as calls come in at the office. Mr. Morris requested brush cutting on Staffordsville Hill Road and Curve Road.

**Phillip Vaught** – Mr. Vaught stated he had made several requests this year on Scott Branch Road regarding the deterioration of the bridge. He indicated he met with Mr. Bryan Reed to determine if the bridge was in Virginia or West Virginia before calling, and VDOT patched a couple of places after one call was made. However, the patches soon disintegrated, and he advised more than routine maintenance was needed on the road. Mr. Vaught stated he had missed the six-year plan hearing, and related the road gets a lot more traffic than routine maintenance can handle. Mr. Reed suggested the fact that the Red Sulphur water treatment facility is located on the road be taken into account as well.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Dr. Arbogast related current enrollments for the schools are at 2,313, which is an increase of 8 from the previous month and a decrease of 49 from the same time last year. A calendar of events for October was provided to members. Dr. Arbogast reported STEM activities would begin in the schools within the next week or so and parent-teacher conferences are coming up mid-month. He indicated the end of the nine weeks is on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the seventh grade is scheduled for visits to the New River Valley Regional Jail. Dr. Arbogast reported all schools had met or exceeded SOL accreditation and 16,001 meals were served during the recent summer food program, adding it was the highest amount since the program began. He advised schools in the Pearisburg and Pembroke areas would be releasing early due to the power outage. Mr. McCoy related the email that was sent out regarding the early release had the incorrect date in the subject line. Mr. Baker inquired if extra parts for the air conditioning units are kept on hand. Dr. Arbogast stated maintenance orders the parts as they need them. Mr. McKlarney explained some of the parts are kept on hand, but others are ordered. Mr. John Ross indicated the controls have been the recent problem and are not kept on hand, and the units are not made to cool at the current temperature and humidity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TOWN OF PEARISBURG STREET CLOSURE REQUEST**

Mr. McKlarney presented requests from the Town of Pearisburg for street closures during the annual scarecrow festival on October 12, 2019, and the annual homecoming parade on November 1, 2019.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the street closures as requested. 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***

## CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CHANGES IN NEWPORT

Mr. McCoy presented a zoning map for the Newport area and inquired if members consider requesting that the Planning Commission look at rezoning of the area. He indicated none of the current zoning designations allow for multifamily dwellings, which could discourage anyone considering that type of development. Mr. Ross stated it is a conditional use in R-3. Members discussed zoning options and concurred to request the Planning Commission consider rezoning in the Newport area.

## PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,335,319.59, 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***

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (7) Legal Counsel, and A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote 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 by roll call vote 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

## STORMWATER LETTER

***Mr. Williams made a motion approving county staff to send a letter of support for a filing submitted by Preserve Craig relating to stormwater discharge calculations and errors for Mountain Valley Pipeline. 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***

## WATERLINE EAST SIDE OF KLOTZ ROAD

Mr. Williams updated members on the waterline approved previously in the Klotz Road area. He related the upsizing of the pipe would be approximately \$2,700 in price difference, adding the amount to the customer would be \$14,500. Members discussed various options and cost recovery, and Mr. Morris expressed concern about running into a rock pile in the area. Mr. Kevin Belcher stated upsizing the pipe would be a good

investment. Mr. McCoy indicated the four-inch pipe was needed if the project moves forward. Members discussed possible issues with rock. Mr. Belcher advised Mr. Buzzo had been very patient but does need the water.

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 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**