

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 6, 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. McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019, as presented. 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***

### **SERVICE RECOGNITION**

Mr. McKlarney presented certificates of recognition from VACo. He related the recognition was for 20 years of service on the Board of Supervisors for Mr. Williams and Mr. Baker.

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance. He reported brush cutting on Wolf Creek Road, Old Wolf Creek Road and some spot cutting in other places where complaints had been received, and added the cutting would start to pick up. Mr. Clarke related shoulder work on Route 605 but has not received a report on the problem on Rye Hollow. He indicated some patching had been done on Cover Hollow and Route 460, and reported some drainage work on Route 460 near Patrick Enterprises. Mr. Clarke stated the project is close on Penvir Road, but he needs to look at drainage with Mr. Lawson. He advised he had attended the tour at the lime plant, which he had enjoyed.

Mr. Baker inquired about the drainage issue on Curve Road reported by Mr. Suroski. Mr. Clarke stated VDOT went out but was not sure if it was fixed. Mr. Baker reported

trellis hanging over the road on Big Stoney Creek Road and a pothole across from Farm Bureau on Route 460. Mr. Clarke indicated the lines had been reviewed for Stateline Road, but it will be a while before they are done.

Mr. McCoy stated the shoulder work looks good on Route 605 and inquired about the concrete paving on the bridge at Glen Lyn. Mr. Clarke advised he would need to check but thought it would be a different kind of concrete paving. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the work done on Glory Lane. Mr. Clarke reported he is working with the Town of Narrows on a crosswalk as well as the Town of Rich Creek.

Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the crossover on Route 460 at Rich Creek. Mr. Clarke advised there is not enough construction funds for that project, and there had been a design looked at in Franklin County but was not like what was needed in Rich Creek. Mr. McKlarney inquired if there was other funding that could be sought. Mr. Clarke indicated Smart Scale funding might be able to be used. Mr. McCoy suggested looking at an application in the spring. Mr. McKlarney related he had met with the Transportation Board representative recently, who had advised to apply for lighted chevrons on the two-lane section of Route 100. Mr. McKlarney related he had appreciated the honesty and insight.

Mr. Williams inquired about the crossover at 84 Lumber. Mr. Clarke stated he needs to find a plan and funds to do it. Mr. Williams related the work on Route 460 near Patrick Enterprise looks good and asked if the culvert on Kow Camp could be cleaned out while they are there working. He inquired about the status of Skyview. Mr. Clarke stated there had been no movement that had been reported. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the boat ramps. Mr. McKlarney related the engineers had reported changes were submitted and an extension was given until June 30, 2020, for project completion.

Mr. Morris reported a large pothole at the turn around on Route 460 at 84 Lumber. Mr. Baker stated the park and ride looks good, and a lot of people are now using it. Mr. McKlarney reported a tanker spill on Route 460 over the weekend, and commended VDOT staff on the work done.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Dr. Arbogast related current enrollments for the schools are at 2,292, which is a decrease of 21 from the previous month and a decrease of 81 from the same time last year. Mr. Baker inquired about individual school enrollments, and Dr. Arbogast related the following numbers: Giles High School at 613, Narrows High School at 321, Narrows Elementary at 481, Macy McClaugherty at 495, and Eastern Elementary at 382. He indicated the numbers do not include the preschool enrollments. A calendar of events for November was provided to members. Dr. Arbogast reported Narrows High School had been certified as a Wise Blue Star School with a pass rate of at least 80 percent in financial literacy as well as other criteria. He related the Giles High School golf team finished as region champions and the first graders were able to visit the Ag Lab for pumpkin activities. Dr. Arbogast stated the last of the grading period was on October

30<sup>th</sup> , and there had been dental screenings and a visit from some state Board of Education members.

Mr. Williams inquired if the schools were looking into the reasons behind low enrollments and finding where the kids are going. Dr. Arbogast explained many are moving out of state. Mr. Williams stated he had heard a grant was received in Giles and Carroll from the state for the Ag Programs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **GILES/PULASKI DRUG COURT MOU**

Mr. McKlarney presented the proposed drug court MOU and indicated it had been approved by Pulaski County. He advised no changes were made to the MOU from the previous version and recommended approval.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the MOU with the Pulaski County Drug Court as presented. 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***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

Mr. McKlarney presented an agreement for interlocal cooperative purchasing to be used in order to leverage pricing on air packs for the fire department grant.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement as presented. 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***

### **STREET CLOSURES – PEMBROKE AND RICH CREEK CHRISTMAS PARADES**

Mr. McKlarney presented requests from Pembroke and Rich Creek for street closures during their annual Christmas parades.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the street closures for Pembroke and Rich Creek as requested. 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***

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,232,587.59, 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***

## **APPOINTMENTS**

***Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Tom Miller to the local Industrial Development Authority. 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 made a motion to appoint Mr. David Epperley to the Board of Equalization. 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. Williams made a motion to reappoint Mr. Mark Givens to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. 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 made a motion to reappoint Mr. Billy Henderson to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. 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. Lawson motioned to move Mr. Richard McCoy to the Board representative on the PSA and move Mr. Jay Williams to the County representative on the PSA. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy and Mr. Williams***

***Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the Giles County Planning Commission. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Baker***

***Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Greg Lee to the Giles County Social Services 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. Baker made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the Community Policy and Management Team. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy**

**Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Lawson to the Summit Place Board. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Lawson**

**Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Leon Law 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. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the New River Highlands RC&D. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Baker**

**Mr. McCoy made a motion to appoint Mr. Jay Williams to the New River/Mount Rogers Career Works Board. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Williams**

**Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Bobby Lilly to the NRV Alcohol Safety Action Program. 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 made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Lawson as an alternate to the Public Service Authority. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Lawson**

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

Members discussed various other pending appointments.

## GRANT UPDATES

Mr. McKlarney updated members on recent grants received including a \$25,000 marketing grant for Wheatland Eco Park; a \$45,000 rural economies grant, which was one out of ten awarded to localities in the country; and a \$21,000 marketing grant.

## 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 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***

## TAXES

Mr. Williams inquired if the Commissioner had been receiving taxes from the pipeline equipment. Mr. McKlarney advised there have been a few that have not responded but there have not been many problems. Members discussed issues in other jurisdictions.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARRYOVER

Ms. Ballard related the health department had requested to carryover \$2,889.83 of unused FY 2019 allocated funds. Mr. McKlarney advised all the funds had not been requested in FY 2019.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to allow Health Department carryover from FY 2019 to FY 2020 in the amount of \$2,889.83. 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***

## ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 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**