

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 4, 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 November 21, 2019, as presented. 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clark updated members on VDOT maintenance. He reported the concrete pavement replacement on Route 460 had gone out for bid, and shoulder and drainage work on Route 460 near Patrick Enterprises has nearly been completed. Mr. Clarke also reported patching on Cascade Drive and Horseshoe Farm Road, as well as some additional shoulder work on Route 460. He related some machining and maintenance done on some gravel roads and advised he had not been able to check on some potholes and additional items mentioned at the last meeting.

Mr. Baker inquired about line painting on Stateline Road and on Commissary Hill Road. Mr. Clarke reported the lines are on the list for Stateline Road, but the lines on Commissary Hill Road had not made the list due to funding cuts.

Mr. Lawson inquired if the crew could paint lines on Lurich Road while they are in the process of painting Stateline Road. Mr. Clarke indicated he would check. Mr. Williams stated it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Clarke over the years and asked that he

be invited to the opening of Skyview Lane. Mr. Clarke advised he did not know when it would get started but C.R. Henderson will be working the job.

Mr. Morris advised there were washed out areas on Prospectdale Road that are bad, and Mr. McKlarney indicated Mr. Mark Akers had reported a clogged culvert on Route 61.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast related current enrollments for the schools are at 2,290, which is a decrease of 2 from the previous month and a decrease of 77 from the same time last year. A December activity calendar and STEM newsletter were provided, and members were invited to attend any activities as available. Dr. Arbogast reported approximately 1,300 dental screenings done at the elementary schools in November and 266 doses of flu vaccines provided. He indicated the state budget was expected to be released December 16th or December 17th, and a USDA/DOE grant was obtained to serve child and adult meals with the program starting at Narrows High School. Dr. Arbogast advised the program will be evaluated and will expand to Giles High School if it goes well. He reported the STEM Coordinator, Ms. Martin, is getting teams together for a competition in West Virginia.

Mr. Baker recognized Coach Lowe and the Narrows High School football team for an excellent season, and Mr. Williams related he as proud of their accomplishment.

Mr. Baker made a motion to adopt a resolution in recognition of the Narrows High School football team's successful season. 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

A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Williams stated he appreciated the response from Dr. Arbogast regarding student numbers and inquired who checks up on homeschool students. Dr. Arbogast advised reports are done and sent to Mr. Franklin, but nothing can be done about those with religious exemptions. Mr. Lawson inquired if there are state requirements that need to be met for homeschooled students. Dr. Arbogast indicated all the progress reports are maintained locally.

OLD BUSINESS

GLEN LYN RESCUE RESOLUTION REQUEST

Mr. Ryan Jones with the Glen Lyn Fire Department addressed members regarding a request made on March 16, 2017, for a resolution to operate an ambulance. He

indicated the resolution letter was needed in order for them to obtain a certification from the state. Mr. Jones advised he was present to answer any questions that might be asked and help to move the request forward.

Mr. Chidester indicated there will be several things the department would need to go through to get approval from the state and health department and also indicated the county was not inclined to limit operations of a department to a particular area. Mr. McKlarney related the issue at prior meetings was that the Chief was requesting a designated area, and stated there is a great need for volunteers in the community. He added it would be a mistake to limit others from responding to areas. He related he had brought the groups together to discuss how they could best work together but did not think that had gone well. Mr. Jones confirmed it did not and stated Giles Rescue had told Glen Lyn they would not get any area. He stated Glen Lyn was looking at operating just in Glen Lyn as the primary agency and could respond elsewhere if needed. Mr. McKlarney inquired if the town had approved their request. Mr. Jones stated the Council had approved it and related information regarding the need to keep bays at a certain temperature to keep the medications viable. He indicated allowing another agency to house an ambulance at their location would not be financially sound as the bills paid by patients for service would go to the other agency and would not help to cover heating and securing the bays. Mr. Williams inquired if the department had a budget in place. Mr. Jones indicated they did not at this time but they are mocking the service that Peterstown has in place, which is very successful. He advised the department is not looking for any funding from the county as allocated funding and patient services billed out should cover the cost.

Mr. McKlarney inquired if there was anything the county could do to help negotiate with Giles Rescue. Mr. Jones advised they would look at it if they were not able to get one at Glen Lyn for themselves and cover the cost to the department. Mr. Williams stated working together with the fire department is a good idea. Mr. Jones reported there are a couple of more pieces of equipment to purchase, and Dr. Hayes will be the department's Medical Director. He stated all that was needed to get the certification from the state is the resolution from the Board. Members discussed cost, and Mr. McKlarney inquired about the number of volunteers on the roster. Mr. Jones responded the department has 19 active volunteers. Mr. McKlarney stated the Board would need a copy of the Town's resolution if approved or the minutes. Mr. Lawson related the Board would need more information. Mr. McKlarney indicated volunteers are needed desperately but he would hate to create all that overhead when those types of things already exist. He advised it would make more sense to work through things with Giles Rescue and indicated the request was very different from the one received from the Chief recently. Mr. Lawson advised the department to start small and build upon services. Mr. Chidester stated, according to code, the department should be able to operate in the town with the resolution approved by Glen Lyn. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Jones for coming to the meeting and asked him to return with additional information.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONVEYANCE OF THREE PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE COUNTY

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. Chidester informed members three parcels of land had been donated to the county by a church in North Carolina, with the parcels being undeveloped, small pieces of land. He related the parcels were sold at the recent sale for a nominal price, in which 46 bidders participated. Mr. Chidester noted the bid prices at \$400, \$450, and \$500 and added a public hearing was required by State Code.

Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the sale of the three parcels of property as discussed. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$958,378.76, 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 Ms. Diane Weiss to the Social Services Board as an at-large representative. 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

Mr. Morris made a motion to appoint Ms. Betsy Steenken to the Social Services Board as a Central District representative. 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

Mr. Baker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Social Services Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Williams; Abstaining: Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Peek to the Agency on Aging Board. 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

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

TERM SERVICES ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Mr. McKlarney advised the contract had been completed with Thompson & Litton for term engineering services as approved previously by members after the bids were calculated. He recommended approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the term engineering services contract with Thompson & Litton as presented. 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

RECESS MEETING CHANGE

Mr. Lawson made a motion to move the December 19th recess meeting to the Giles County Circuit Court Courtroom. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Circuit Court located at 501 Wenonah Avenue, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair**ATTEST:**

Clerk

December 4, 2019

County of Giles



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Central District Supervisor

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Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

**RESOLUTION BY
GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NARROWS HIGH SCHOOL
GREEN WAVE FOOTBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and congratulate the Narrows High School Green Wave football team on an undefeated 2019 season as Pioneer District Champions.

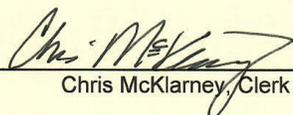
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors recognizes and appreciates the hard work and commitment to excellence, required to have such a season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Coach Lowe and his staff have shown patience, resilience, perseverance, and strength though a desire to mold men and build a program, regardless of winning or losing records. It is obvious that you recognize that the ultimate goal of the sport is to develop character in young people that leads to a better life for individuals and, in turn, a better community for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors recognizes the commitment that the coaching staff, parents, students, and fans made to see that this season was such a success. Your accomplishments have brought great pride to this county and its citizens, and you are to be commended for your work.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on December 4, 2019.

	Voting For	Voting Against	Abstain	Absent
Baker	X	_____	_____	_____
Lawson	X	_____	_____	_____
McCoy	X	_____	_____	_____
Morris	X	_____	_____	_____
Williams	X	_____	_____	_____

Attest: 
Chris McKlarney, Clerk

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