

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Circuit Court, 501 Wenonah Avenue, 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. Williams offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 4, 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***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **EQUIPMENT SHARING**

Mr. McKlarney presented the most recent revision of an equipment sharing agreement with the towns of Pearisburg and Narrows. He related both towns had set up a fund for the sharing, and it would be a good deal for all involved. Mr. McKlarney indicated the cost would be approximately \$30,000 on the front end to maintain the equipment and approximately \$1,500 per year thereafter.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the equipment sharing agreement 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***

#### **OLD DSS BUILDING**

Mr. McKlarney reported a request had been received from the Town of Pembroke to extend the deadline for reverting the old DSS building back to the county, adding work was supposed to begin on the building within five years of the deed being signed. He

related consultants and EPA reporting was being done and the town was asking for an extension through December 31, 2022. Mr. McKlarney stated the IDA had suggested a one-year extension.

***Mr. Williams made a motion to extend the reversion of the old DSS property deed for one year. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.***

***Discussion:*** Members discussed the original arrangement and what would happen if nothing was done with the building. Mr. McKlarney advised the IDA would like something done with the property. Members discussed options.

***The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

Mr. McKlarney presented the bid received for electrical services, adding the previous vendor had terminated the current contract. The bid was as follows:

Valleywide Electric: \$75.00 per hour

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the electric services contract through June 30, 2021. 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***

### **REGULAR JANUARY MEETING**

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to cancel the regular January meeting scheduled for January 1, 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***

### **JAY WILLIAMS**

Mr. McKlarney stated Mr. Jay Williams has been a tremendous asset to the community and thanked him for all he had done.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Perry Martin** - Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation of Mr. Jay Williams for all he has done for the county, and he related how Mr. Williams had driven his bus and knew all the people and places. Mr. Martin indicated he knows he has big shoes to fill.

## PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,306,181.65. 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***

## NEWPORT REC CENTER

Mr. Williams advised the Newport Rec center did not receive its check for FY19 and inquired if the check could be reissued. Members discussed details.

***Mr. Williams made a motion to reissue a check for the Newport recreation allocation in the amount of \$3,000 for FY19. 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***

## SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve \$2,388,792.67 for January 2020 School Board Appropriations, 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***

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

***Mr. Williams motioned to approve \$153,000 for January 2020 Social Services appropriations. 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***

## APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Mr. C.B. Andrews and Mr. Billy Williams to the Board of Equalization. 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. Williams motioned to appoint Mr. Perry Martin to the New River/Mount Rogers Career Works Consortium. 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 reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the Fairview Homes Board. 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 (1) Personnel, and (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 by roll call vote 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 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams***

## ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the contract for County Administrator, Mr. Chris McKlarney, 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***

## OLD FURNACE ROAD WATER

Mr. Williams reported Ms. Reynolds has paid the fees for water connection and stated she has a niece past her that is remodeling a home and would like to hook on after renovations are complete. He stated the niece would pay a non-user fee until the time she is ready to be hooked up.

Mr. McCoy inquired if the line would be signed over to the county. Mr. Williams stated it would and the line is in conduit and approximately 10 years old. He indicated the county would have two customers instead of one, and the niece will pay for her meter installation as well.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the additional water service installation on Old Furnace Road. 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 BILLING

Mr. Williams expressed concern regarding water billing, indicating people were three months behind before they ever get a notice and are not able to get caught up. Mr.

Chidester stated they are actually five months behind from the date of water use. Mr. Williams inquired if billing could be changed to monthly and added leaks could be detected sooner with monthly billing. Members discussed options in billing cycles and rates. Mr. McCoy stated it would take some coordination between the PSA and Treasurer's Office. Mr. McKlarney advised he would get some information, and Ms. Mann would need time to notify customers if the decision was made to change.

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 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**