

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County Administration Building located at 315 N. Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members were present unless noted absent.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Vice-Chair (Western District)
Jeff Morris	Central District
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Baker motioned to elect Mr. McCoy as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Baker motioned to elect Mr. Lawson as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Lawson

ESTABLISH DATES/TIMES FOR MEETINGS

Mr. Morris motioned for meeting dates and times to remain as previously established. The regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 PM, and the recess meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

ESTABLISH POLICY FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to establish the same policy as held in the past which moves a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 19, 2019, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Martin

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Katie Wright – Ms. Wright presented a proposed resolution for consideration, which had been reviewed by the VEA and approved earlier by the School Board. She related the public education system is in a state of emergency due to the reduction of state funding, and the resolution would be a way of showing support and to protest the financial shortfall of state funding. Ms. Wright indicated the resolution was intended to draw attention to the plight of public education, with rural counties in Virginia being hit the hardest. She stated the GEA along with others would be attending the VEA rally in Richmond on January 27, 2020, to voice their concerns to state representatives.

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

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

Mr. William Vaught – Mr. Vaught related he lives on Brickyard Road and filed a complaint with the zoning office on August 5, 2019, and stated he would like to know that status of the complaint. Mr. Ross advised the other party was issued a letter and progress has been made on the issue. He indicated the issue will continue to be monitored until complete. Mr. McCoy inquired about the timeline. Mr. Ross stated the other party had been given 30 days to comply. Mr. Vaught was provided a copy of the letter, and Mr. McCoy directed him to look at the numbered items to see what the county is asking, adding stipulations must be followed within 30 days. Mr. Vaught

inquired about the truck body. Mr. McCoy advised the truck body is listed under number four; and if the truck body is not being used as an accessory to the residence, it has to be removed. Mr. Ross stated he had discussed the truck body with the other party, who stated it will be an accessory to the single-family dwelling for their use. Mr. Vaught stated there are asphalt millings, a dirt pile and other vehicles sitting around that will need to go, and he should not have to look at it every day. Mr. McCoy explained the county could only do what is within the ordinance in order to be able to defend it in court if it comes to that point, however he hopes it gets resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related a request from the Commissioner of the Revenue to extend the land use application deadline to February 29, 2020, due to the reassessment. He recommended approval.

Mr. Baker made a motion to extend the land use application date to February 29, 2020, as requested. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

Mr. McKlarney explained he had received information regarding a permanent railroad crossing closure on Cliffview Street, adding the sign had already been posted at the crossing. He expressed concern the closing would cause many issues with the largest problem being an increased emergency response time in that area. Mr. McKlarney related emergency vehicles would have to go to the next crossing and circle back. He requested members allow him to write a letter in opposition to the closing. Members discussed the issue.

Mr. Baker made a motion to send a letter in opposition of the proposed railroad crossing closure, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

A question from the audience inquired about the location of the crossing.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed proclamation to members to declare February Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to proclaim February 2020 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

PEMBROKE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related Pembroke Fire Department has requested to use the county's fleet number with Ford to obtain a reduced price on a new fire truck. He indicated he was not sure how the money has to change hands, but there will be no cost to the county.

Mr. Martin made a motion to allow Pembroke Fire Department to use the County's fleet number as requested. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT

Mr. Morris inquired about the status of the fire department grant to purchase air packs. Mr. Chidester stated he had been working with the department on the purchase and orders had been placed for all equipment. He advised the purchases were being done through a cooperative procurement process previously approved, and the fire department had adopted a resolution to use the county's procurement. Mr. Chidester outlined the equipment ordered; and related of the \$90,000 budgeted from the county, the county cost was reduced to approximately \$55,000. He stated the equipment should be received in three to four months. Members were pleased with the progress and the advanced level of ability it will provide to the departments.

FOCUS

Mr. McKlarney announced interviews would begin for the next FOCUS study the next day in the Cascade Drive area of Pembroke.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,977,894.18, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve \$2,388,792.67 for February 2020 School Board Appropriations, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$122,000 for February 2020 Social Services appropriations. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Morris motioned to reappoint Ms. Rebecca Hughes to the New River Valley Detention Home Board, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal Counsel, and (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris 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 rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

PERSONNEL POLICY

Mr. Morris made a motion to establish a sick leave bank and add it to personnel policy. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris

GOODWINS FERRY WATER

Mr. McKlarney related an estimate had been provided on a proposed water expansion on Goodwins Ferry Road. Mr. McCoy advised the proposed request is in the very early stages and will bring back more information.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC EDUCATION STATE FUNDING EMERGENCY IN
GILES COUNTY**

Whereas, Article VIII section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia reads, “The General Assembly shall provide for a system of free public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the Commonwealth, and shall seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually maintained.”

Whereas, while funding for Virginia’s public elementary and secondary schools comes from a combination of federal, state, and local funding, ensuring high quality schools is dictated as a constitutional duty of the state.

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Education says, “The Composite Index determines a school division’s ability to pay education costs fundamental to the commonwealth’s Standards of Quality (SOQ). The Composite Index is calculated using three indicators of a locality’s ability-to-pay:

- True value of real property (weighted 50 percent)
- Adjusted gross income (weighted 40 percent)
- Taxable retail sales (weighted 10 percent)

Each locality’s index is adjusted to maintain an overall statewide local share of 45 percent and an overall state share of 55 percent.”

Whereas, direct state aid per pupil in Virginia’s rural schools has actually dropped 9 percent in the last decade and Virginia public school students overall “are being shortchanged by \$800 million per year” (both figures according to The Commonwealth Institute),

Whereas, the Giles County Board of Supervisors, believing that rural students are just as entitled to a high quality public education as any other Virginia students, seeks to provide high quality public elementary and secondary schools,

Whereas, the Giles County Board of Supervisors must contribute much more than its state-required share to our public schools in order for them to maintain quality (in 2017-18, rural school divisions in Virginia invested 76.4% above what is required in the state's funding formula),

Whereas, the inequalities created and condoned by the General Assembly infringe upon the rights of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia living in rural school districts to receive a high quality education,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors declares Giles County in a Public Education State Funding Emergency, and

That the Board of Supervisors calls upon the General Assembly to enact and fund the Virginia Board of Education's Standards of Quality funding requests.

The Board intends to uphold the rights of its citizens to receive a quality public elementary and secondary education provided by the state as mandated by the Constitution of Virginia.

The undersigned clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles, hereby certifies that the resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on January 16, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P. Baker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Lawson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Martin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. McCoy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Morris	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



 Chris McKlarney, Clerk

Jeffrey Morris
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Perry Martin
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



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Board of Supervisors

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Proclamation

Whereas, violence in relationships often begins during adolescence creating long-term negative behavioral and health consequences leading to dangerous and unhealthy patters in future relationships; and

Whereas, many young people may be afraid, embarrassed, or may not recognize the severity of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; and

Whereas, parents and other adults can be uncomfortable or unaware of the occurrence of abuse; and

Whereas, technology such as cell phones, email, and social networking sites play a major role in an adolescent's life, but these same tools are sometimes used for control, stalking, and victimization; and

Whereas, the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley is one of hundreds of organizations across America hosting events to promote awareness of violence of any type and to empower the community to take actions to prevent it.

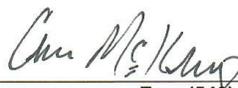
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, February 2020 is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the County of Giles, Virginia and February 10th – February 14th, 2020 is Healthy Relationships Week in Giles High School; and March 2nd – March 6th, 2020 is Healthy Relationships Week in Narrows High School.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all men and women, young and old, of Giles County are encouraged to prevent violence of any type by educating themselves and others about the facts and modeling respectful behavior in all their relationships.

This 16th day of January, 2020.


Chair

Attest:



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