

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March, 4, 2020, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor) – Absent
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 – Absent
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

Mr. Lawson, 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 the February 20, 2020, as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including potholes on Route 635, responding to issues due to heavy rains such as ditching and a slide, work on shoulders on Route 460, and ditching on State Line Road. He advised line painting was still on the schedule for State Line Road, and the no passing zone on Route 42 was being reconsidered. Mr. Clarke reminded members of the six-year plan public hearing to be held at the next meeting and advised Penvir Road is close to being put out for bids.

Mr. Baker reported potholes on Virginia Heights and road erosion on the right side on Route 61 past the Narrows Park as well as limbs hanging over into the road. He also reported potholes on Bluff City Hill and a drain pipe that needs cleaned on Mountain Lake above Rock Road. Mr. Morris reported narrowing on Arch Eaton Road.

Mr. Martin stated he appreciated VDOT coming out to look at concerns in the Eastern District. He related the Town of Pembroke had passed a resolution in regard to the intersection of Route 460 and Cascade Drive and reported a tree in the road on Zells Mill Road, adding he would like the road smoothed out on Clover Hollow.

Mr. Lawson requested the surveying be checked on Penvir Road and stated he did not believe it had been done all the way to the end of state maintenance. Mr. Bryan Reed reported a call received relating to the concrete pavement on Route 460 in Glen Lyn, which requested it be paved. He also reported large rocks near the edge of the road on Route 219.

Mr. Martin inquired if more can be done with the deep drop off on Mountain Lake. He stated traffic would be picking up with the warmer weather. Mr. McKlarney related the Town of Pembroke had requested members send a letter in support of their recent resolution related to the intersection of Route 460 and Cascade Drive.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to send a letter to VDOT in support of the resolution from the Town of Pembroke. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,293 students, which is a decrease of 13 from the end of last month and a decrease of 53 from the same time last year. A calendar of events was provided to the members. Dr. Arbogast reported numbers on the after-school meals program at both high schools and anticipates the number will increase significantly with spring sports. He reported the elementary school robotics team had qualified and will compete again soon, and noted success with the boys' swim team and Narrows High School boys' basketball winning as Pioneer District Tournament Champions. Dr. Arbogast related information on the Skills USA competition and several students who finished in the top three of their categories who will compete at the state competition in April.

Mr. Martin noted the robotics team was ranked eighth in the state, adding there are no classifications regarding school size which is very impressive.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission. A request for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sections 802.04 and 603.03-3 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a "Recreational Development", specifically to allow the establishment of a recreational vehicle campground in two phases (Phase I: 5 campsites, Phase II: 42 campsites) with a total of 47 sites. The parcel of land associated with this request is owned by Jasper Jeffers III, is identified specifically as tax parcel 41-69B, and is located at 246 Big Stony Creek Road, Ripplemead, Virginia. The property is in the RRA-1 (Rural Residential and Agriculture) Zoning District. Jeremiah Tuggle is acting as agent for this request. The Commission recommended approval with the conditions as outlined below.

- Approval to be granted for Phase I of the project only allowing up to (5) campsites. The applicant/owner must reapply for a second Conditional Use Permit should they decide to proceed with Phase II of the project.
- All other applicable regulations/permits must be met or obtained.

Mr. Baker inquired if the operating times would be 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Mr. Ross explained that condition could be added by the Board. Mr. Baker stated conditions needed to be added for no discharging of firearms in the campground and pets are to be controlled and on leashes. He added the health department would need to approve as well as VDOT for the entrance. In addition, he asked for a cypress screening to be planted to protect adjacent property views. Mr. Morris inquired if the owner would have to come back to implement Phase II. Mr. Ross indicated the owner would have to reapply for Phase II. Members discussed the time and stay restrictions, and Mr. Martin inquired if any concerns were received from the daycare. Mr. Ross indicated he had received no comments, but he received the letter back in the mail earlier that day. Members discussed other campgrounds in the county.

Mr. Ross summarized the conditions put forth on the approval as follows:

- Approval to be granted for Phase I of the project only allowing up to (5) campsites. The applicant/owner must reapply for a second Conditional Use Permit should they decide to proceed with Phase II of the project.
- All other applicable regulations/permits must be met or obtained including health department and VDOT.
- RVs may not come into or leave the campground between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
- Discharge of firearms is not permitted in the campground.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times when outdoors.
- A cypress screening will be planted between Waugh and site #4 to protect adjacent property views.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the conditional use permit with conditions set forth as outlined. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ROOFING BIDS**

Mr. McKlarney reported roofing bids for the Annex Building had come back with the low bid coming from Roofing Solutions out of Chatham. He stated the bid was \$23,400 for a 20-year Carlisle roof and recommended approval.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve roofing bid from Roofing Solutions as recommended. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## **RED CROSS MONTH**

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed proclamation naming March as Red Cross Month. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to proclaim March 2020 as American Red Cross Month. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## **REQUEST FOR SURPLUS VEHICLE**

Mr. McKlarney reported the schools had requested a surplus vehicle from the Sheriff's Office to be used as a transport vehicle. He indicated the vehicle was a 2009 Ford Crown Vic; vehicle number 20095; last four of VIN number 1458.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the surplus of vehicle number 20095 to be donated to Giles County Public Schools. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## **ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING**

Mr. McKlarney related he had met with the local Electoral Board earlier and was advised the absentee voting has changed. He indicated absentee voting will start six weeks prior to the election, which will increase costs and require software changes. Mr. McKlarney reported a heavy voter turnout is anticipated with approximately 460 voters expected to vote early.

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,132,167.71, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Martin motioned to appoint Ms. Gigi Robertson to the New River Community Action Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

***Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the New River Community Criminal Justice Board, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

***Mr. Morris motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Dinger to the Salvation Army New River Valley Board, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. Morris 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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

***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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ross reported he had met with the representative from the U.S. Census, who related they need 40 more workers in Giles County. He advised the jobs would pay \$16.00 per hour as well as mileage reimbursement. Members discussed the mileage reimbursement rate and some job details. Mr. Ross stated he was told the wages would not count against workers on income-based programs.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 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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**Vice Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our heroes - those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** we would like to remember those who help all of us here in the County of Giles by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes - our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** in the County of Giles, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs lifesaving skills or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

**WHEREAS,** across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

**WHEREAS,** our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need.

NOW, **THEREFORE,** Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as American Red Cross Month, and the Board encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Giles, Virginia to be affixed on this 4th day of March, 2020.

  
Vice Chair

  
Attest