

At a joint work session meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 5:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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
Lee Wheeler	Chair, IDA
Gary Tickle	Vice-Chair, IDA
Conley Painter	Secretary/Treasurer, IDA
Lee Blaker	IDA Member
Bob Shelor	IDA Member
Tom Miller	IDA Member – Absent
Mark Collins	IDA Member – Absent
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McCoy called the meeting to order, and Dr. Wheeler called the IDA to order.

OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROSPECTUS/NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT

Mr. McKlarney provided a copy of the opportunity zone prospectus and summarized the plans for Wheatland EcoPark. He indicated he wanted to make sure both groups are on the same page for project progression at the site. Mr. McKlarney outlined the plans for Wheatland as well as pricing for a 50,000 square foot building. He related Mr. Martin had requested a wellness/community center that would possibly house a daycare, and recommended bringing applicable people to the table to look at all aspects of the project. Mr. McKlarney indicated it was a good time to be doing projects with much funding available. Mr. Martin inquired if the center he requested was in line with the project. Mr. McKlarney stated it does not deviate from the plan. Mr. Tickle inquired if utilities could be included in the funding, such as a gas line tap. Mr. McKlarney advised utilities could be included, but the funding would only cover 30 percent of the cost. Members discussed project possibilities and possible savings for Eastern Elementary School on heating with gas. Members concurred with moving forward with the plan for Wheatland and the application for funding.

TRAIL PROJECTS

Mr. McKlarney presented information on possible trail projects, which would be mainly funded through grants such as FLAP and POWER. He advised the deadline to expend the POWER grant fund had been extended until June 30, 2021. Mr. McKlarney showed members possible routes for trails leading from the Appalachian Trail to Mountain Lake as well as from Mountain Lake to the Cascades. He related the intent was to get more hikers into the communities as well as to Mountain Lake, and he indicated many hikers rent lodging at Mountain Lake. Mr. McKlarney stated the proposed trail from Mountain Lake to Bald Knob would be handicapped accessible, and a variety of funds could be utilized to construct parking as well as restrooms. He elaborated that Mountain Lake would be willing to run a shuttle from the trails to their facility. Mr. Martin inquired if the trails could be tied into the Pembroke and Newport areas. Mr. McKlarney advised part of the point of the projects is to get hikers into the communities. Members concurred with moving forward with the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Baker motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (3) Potential Disposition of Property at the Cascades Industrial Park. Mr. Morris 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. Tickle motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (3) Potential Disposition of Property at the Cascades Industrial Park. Mr. Shelor seconded the motion. The motion was approved by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Painter, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Shelor, and Mr. Blaker; Absent: Mr. Miller and Mr. Collins.

Mr. Baker 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. Morris 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

Dr. Painter 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. Tickle seconded the motion. The motion was approved by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Painter, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Shelor, and Mr. Blaker; Absent: Mr. Miller and Mr. Collins.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. McKlarney updated members on the Business Resiliency Grant, with the amount awarded at \$1.7 million from DHCD. He indicated the applications awarded would be for businesses with 20 or less employees that have suffered a loss during the pandemic, and related there would need to be an advisory board formed to determine who receives the funds. DHCD has advised Giles County, as the fiscal agent, would need to be heavily involved, and would like to see female and minority owned businesses get their fair share of the grant funds. Mr. McKlarney outlined the differences between the grant and CARES Act funds, and related the Business Continuity Team had received \$550,000 in grant funding from DHCD as well. He indicated the team is extremely busy talking to businesses every day in regard to COVID.

Mr. McKlarney related the ACCE Haunted Trail will not be held this year due to the new DOLI standards, but he would still be considering a haunted 5K run. Mr. McCoy inquired if there was something else that could be done to raise funds. Mr. McKlarney explained the program would be fine because of the funds the county contributes annually; however, he advised letters will be sent out to some of the larger businesses to ask for donations to the program, which would result in a significant amount. Mr. McKlarney indicated student numbers are down and pointed out some of the reasons the numbers might have been affected, adding college enrollment numbers for the county have increased.

Mr. Tickle inquired about the status of Giles Rescue. Mr. McKlarney stated volunteer numbers are increasing, and the county has also contracted with Carilion Transport for an additional unit. He added approval was given for a first responder unit for the Poplar Hill Fire Department.

ADJOURN

Dr. Wheeler Adjourned the IDA.

RECESS

Mr. McCoy called a recess for the Board of Supervisors until the beginning of the regularly scheduled meeting.

RECESS MEETING

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 6:30 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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. McCoy called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the September 2, 2020, minutes as presented. 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

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Ms. Angie Higginbotham reported on tax collections, advising penalties and interest are down due to the approved extension, adding collections were good overall. She related her office had gone to appointments only for DMV items such as titles but is open for walk ins in all other aspects. Ms. Higginbotham reported the DMV Connect site in Narrows had 221 transactions in 3 days, but the unit had its schedule frozen at the state level. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for Ms. Higginbotham and her office's efforts during the pandemic and having two positive cases.

OLD BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY BUS

Mr. McKlarney related a new activity bus had been located through state contract through Ford Fleet, and requested approval to purchase through the vehicle financing bond. He added the vehicle would be obtained through a local dealer at the lowest possible price.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of a Senior Center activity bus 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

NEW BUSINESS

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Mr. McKlarney presented the infectious disease preparedness plan as related to county employees. He recommended approval.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the preparedness plan 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

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

Mr. McKlarney reported two highway safety grants received by the Sheriff's Office for \$14,820.

BUSINESS RESILIENCY GRANT

Mr. McKlarney reported a \$1.7 million Business Resiliency Grant and related samples of the application process from other localities were provided.

MVP

Mr. Martin related an extension had been requested on the comment period for the MVP pipeline, with one county submitting a comment. He requested members consider making a comment in opposition to the pipeline. Mr. McCoy related he thought the deadline for comments had closed. Mr. Martin stated it had close, but an extension had been requested.

Mr. Martin motioned to submit a letter in opposition of the MVP project. The motion died for lack of a second.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve a set of warrants in the amount of \$1,782,825.67 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. Morris made a two-part motion to allocate adequate funding to the school system to cover personnel costs for October 2020, and to allocate the remainder of the School Board request contingent upon receipt of financial information previously requested. 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$155,000 for Social Services for October 2020. 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 Mr. John Peek and Mr. Paul Baker to the Agency on Aging. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker

SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve FY 21 budget supplements in the amount of \$426,145.28. 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

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

RECESS

Mr. McCoy called a recess until the start of the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MODIFICATION OF MEETING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE

Mr. McCoy reconvened the meeting and opened the public hearing.

Mr. Chidester presented a continuation of the previous ordinance adopted on March 19, 2020, adding the ordinance allows for the flexibility of having meeting and public hearings due to COVID restrictions. He explained it is a good idea to have the ordinance in place with the state mandated restrictions, and it covers other boards such as the PSA, IDA and Planning Commission. Mr. Chidester explained the ordinance, if approved, would be in effect for six months. Mr. McCoy asked for any questions or

comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing. A copy of the ordinance is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the ordinance 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

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARD, K. SMITH

Mr. McCoy opened the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and Mr. Steve Taylor called the Planning Commission to order. The following Commission members were in attendance: S. Taylor, B. Johnson, L. Law, T. Pitzer, F. Hackney, and G. Snider who attended through electronic means.

Mr. Ross indicated he received a complaint regarding property located near 130 Pinehurst Avenue in Rich Creek. Mr. Ross stated this prompted a site visit and a need for compliance with Mr. Kenneth Smith, property owner. Mr. Smith then completed an application for a Conditional Use Permit as follows:

Proposed Use and Structure: 603.03-18, Contractors Storage Yard. Existing metal carport to be moved to rear portion of lot and enclosed on three sides to store materials and equipment. A second enclosed carport/garage may be built in the future meeting all setbacks. Materials stored outside will be enclosed by an adequate privacy fence of at least 6' in height, with fenced area not to exceed 30' x 30'. The only items proposed to be stored in view are vehicles, trailers, and excavation equipment. Mr. Ross indicated the proposed site plan does meet required setbacks.

Mr. Ross presented copies of petitions to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission; one of which is in support of the project, and one of which is opposing the project. Mr. Ross stated he had received a couple of letters opposing the project.

Public Comments

Chris McCroskey - Mr. McCroskey indicated he lives two houses up from the Smith's. He indicated the Smiths have never bothered anyone and confirmed rumors issued by Louise Petry claiming property owned by the Smith's had been stolen. Mr. McCroskey stated the property was purchased legally and he feels it should be used for whatever the Smiths choose. He explained that this work is not different than the work which Randy does from his garage.

Randy Morrison – Mr. Morrison explained the community is upset over the fact that the property was purchased from someone who is challenged. He indicated Mr. Smith is trying to make a living; however, he does not feel Mr. Smith obtained the proper permits and followed proper setbacks. He said the building Mr. Smith owns was delivered during the night. He announced that Mr. Smith had cleaned up and organized the equipment; however, he is skeptical of how long this might last.

John Stafford – Mr. Stafford indicated he is a neighbor of the Smith's. He stated their property is a large eye sore. He stated the community is mostly elderly and they take pride in their neighborhood. Mr. Stafford explained he has spent several thousand on his property and has to look at gravel, heavy equipment, etc. He indicated the tax accessor lowered his property taxes due to his neighbor's inability to keep the property looking decent. He feels the Smiths are only looking out for their interests and not the neighborhood. Mr. Stafford does not feel Mr. Smith is trustworthy.

Takisha McCroskey – Ms. McCroskey lives two houses above the Smith's. She feels if you want to have good neighbors, you must be a good neighbor. She feels the Smiths have been just that. She indicated when you own property you should be able to do with the property as you wish.

Connie Turner – Ms. Turner indicated the lot has been nothing but an eye sore. She stated she has lived there for 32 years and knows the zoning ordinance does not allow for this type of eye sore. She feels any petition signed by residents outside of the specific streets mentioned should not be considered.

Robert Mullins – Mr. Mullins lives in the Midway Heights area which is zoned RRA-1. He asked if this type of building would normally be allowed in RRA-1, and Mr. Ross indicated no which is why they have applied for a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Mullins stated the materials have sat for years and that retired elderly live in the neighborhood. He stated this will lower the price of residential homes and land and asked that the Board consider how this can snow ball.

Janice Setser – Ms. Setser indicated she had lived in the neighborhood for nine years and feels this is not a good idea. She said it will be noisy and cause confusion and recommends they have a business at another location.

Warren Wilson – Mr. Wilson explained he has known Mr. Smith for over 20 years. They work together and attend church together. He indicated that Mr. Smith has always put others first and he has earned a lot of respect from the community. He described Mr. Smith as a brave hero which has dedicated 20 years of his life to protect his neighbors. He stated Mr. Smith is Captain of the Rich Creek Fire Department and explained that Mr. Smith works for the Town of Pearisburg plus owns a business to help the community. He feels the Smiths are being penalized for using a lot, which belongs to them. He stated for 13 years there has never been an issue. He explained the materials there have been used to build an addition onto the Smith's property and that proper permits had been obtained. Mr. Wilson says it is true that sometimes the lot did not look good, but when asked, it was cleaned up. He indicated Mr. Smith is not looking to run a large business and only wants to make a living.

Scarlett Shirey - Ms. Shirey explained when she and her family moved to Rich Creek, the Smiths were the first ones to extend a hand to them. She indicated their character is of the upmost and feels it has been attacked by a few of the neighbors. She understands that we all want our property to look nice, but sometimes things get messy

especially when you have two full time jobs and a family to take care of. Ms. Shirey feels the neighbors should be more concerned that this family is willing to help everyone around them and make a good living instead of criticizing them for a messy lot. She stated this is a home where the Smiths have raised their children, lost a child, and have poured their hearts into and feels they should not have to leave their livelihood.

Kevin Shirey - Mr. Shirey explained how he used to be a licensed contractor and went through similar circumstances. He stated Mr. Smith had pulled permits with the county and had inspections performed and the inspector never mentioned the lot, and now it has become an issue. He indicated the area has been this way since the Smiths purchased the land 13 years ago. He stated many of the people complaining purchased their homes during these 13 years and knew that Mr. Smith had equipment. He indicated with all the work the Smiths have performed, their property has gained value, which helps the entire neighborhood. Mr. Shirey explained there are many other residents in the neighborhood with materials in their yards or garage and that after 13 years, Mr. Smith's business is under attack. Mr. Shirey knows how important it is to follow code but he also knows how important Mr. Smith's business is to the community.

Natasha Smith - Ms. Smith indicated these are her neighbors, and she cannot believe things have come to this. She stated she and Mr. Smith have lived in their home for 18 years, and feels their house is one of the nicest homes in the area. She feels the need to explain that the land they are being falsely accused of stealing was purchased through Mr. Mitchell's brother and was purchased legally. Ms. Smith is not denying that the lot needed cleaned up and that she has always wanted it cleaned, but things take time. She indicated, on many occasions, the neighbors did not mind Mr. Smith using his equipment to assist them when they needed it. She feels that the truth is Mr. Stafford was aggravated by the noise level of her son's truck, and thought this was the best way to get revenge. She stated they keep to themselves, help their neighbors, and do not bother anyone. She indicated everything they have is moveable and not permanent. She also indicated not all of the neighbors are in opposition and the petition is signed by many of them. Ms. Smith feels she could call and report on many people in the neighborhood but chooses not to do so. She indicated they have raised their family there and they do not plan on having a huge business at the site.

Kenneth Smith – Mr. Smith indicated that everything he wanted to say has already been said. He thanked the Board for listening and explained that he understands his business would be based on conditions. He reiterated that he plans to close up the area and a privacy fence would be placed so all materials would not be visible.

Nikki Horton – Ms. Horton stated she used to live in the neighborhood for six years and spoke very highly of the Smiths and their ability to help others. She indicated she looked at those houses every day and many of them are an eye sore. She would like everyone to consider the condition of the entire neighborhood and not just the Smith's residence.

Mr. McCoy asked for questions or comments. Hearing none he closed that portion of the public hearings and sent it back to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

Mr. Ross announced that the Planning Commission would meet on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at the Giles County Administration Office to discuss this matter further. Mr. Taylor adjourned the Commission.

RICH CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Warren Wilson expressed thanks to the Board on behalf of the fire department for the assistance in purchasing air packs. He related information on the cost of gear. Mr. Lawson conveyed appreciation for all the volunteer first responders in the county.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, beginning 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

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 BOARD MEETING
2 of 4 CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTS

CODE	AMOUNT	OFF SETTING REVENUE
100-13100-6002	\$52,978.00	YES - ELECTION CARES ACT MONEY
100-43100-5601	\$47,388.20	YES - CARES ACT MONEY
100-43100-5602	\$33,811.75	YES - CARES ACT MONEY
100-43100-5603	\$241,967.33	YES - CARES ACT MONEY
100-43100-3000	\$50,000.00	YES - DCJS CARES MONEY
TOTAL	\$426,145.28	

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a disaster as defined by Virginia Code Section 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive any state requirement or regulation as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the County's Director of Emergency Management issued a Declaration of Emergency, as amended, applicable throughout the entire County of Giles, Virginia, pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 44-146.21 and 15.2-1413; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors affirmed the existence of a disaster and declared a state of emergency throughout the entire County that remains active;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413 provides that a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method at variance with general or special laws to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 44-146.21(C) further provides that a local director of emergency management or any member of a governing body in his absence may upon the declaration of a local emergency "proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to performance of public work"; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) allows, under certain procedural requirements including public notice and access, that members of the Board of Supervisors may convene solely by electronic means "to address the emergency;" and

WHEREAS, the open public meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act are limited only by a properly claimed exemption provided under that Act or "any other statute;" and

WHEREAS, federal and state guidance from the executive branch has recommended suspension of public gatherings of more than ten attendees;

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors adopted an emergency ordinance on March 20, 2020 with the terms contained herein which have now been amended and expanded and after a public hearing held on April 16, 2020, after notice published in the Virginian Leader once a week for two successive weeks on April 8 and April 15, 2020, adopted such ordinance on April 16, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Governor of Virginia has since issued additional Executive Orders and the Supreme Court of Virginia has entered orders continuing emergency procedures for the Courts of the Commonwealth and

WHEREAS for the past several weeks the number of residents in Giles County who have tested positive for Covid-19 have increased such the Declaration of Emergency continues to exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, that agenda items scheduled or proposed to be considered for the duration of the local emergency declaration not to exceed six (6) months by the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission or any other County board or commission shall be deemed continued for the duration of the local emergency declaration not to exceed six (6) months, if the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission or other County board or commission does not take action on the agenda item during the referenced timeframe, including those agenda items for which state or local law requires an affirmative action to be taken within a statutorily-mandated time frame and the failure to act can be deemed an approval; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission: and any other County board or commission, including the Giles County School Board, Giles County Industrial Development Authority and Giles County Public Service Authority, Giles County Social Services Board and any other Board or Commission for which the County of Giles appoints members, may, at their election, conduct previously scheduled meetings or special meetings and act upon scheduled or purposed agenda items before them for the duration of the emergency declaration thereafter, under normal procedures or by solely electronic means in compliance with public notice, access, and other requirements of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) to the extent practicable; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that in the event that a public hearing matter is deemed by the applicable governing body to present a critical government function essential to continuity of government for the duration of the emergency declaration, the public hearing may be conducted by an open public comment period called for during an electronic meeting, in which case, action by the governing body shall be continued to a subsequent meeting pending receipt of such comments. Public comments shall be received by written submittal (including but not limited to email and facsimile transmission) delivered to the County Administrator or his designee during the period stated in the call for public comments which comment period shall be a minimum of six (6) calendar days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that Board of Supervisors reserves the right by subsequently enacted ordinance to rescind or amend this ordinance. This ordinance shall not amend the Giles County Electronic Meeting Policy previously adopted by resolution but shall be deemed to be in addition and supplemental to such policy during the period of declared emergency.

This ordinance is continues in effect the ordinance adopted on April 16, 2020.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles, Virginia, on this 17th day of September, 2020.

voting	voting for	against	abstain	absent
McCoy	X	_____	_____	_____
Morris	X	_____	_____	_____
Baker	X	_____	_____	_____
Lawson	X	_____	_____	_____
Martin	X	_____	_____	_____

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
County Attorney