At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 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)
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 October 22, 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke reported maintenance performed by VDOT staff. He related staff is getting equipment ready for winter weather and reported work on the shoulders and gravel on Route 460. He also reported mowing was finished, and patching had been done on Route 460 in Glen Lyn. He advised he has spoken with Mr. Perkins on Mutter Lane and will look at scheduling, and related he was looking at the issue on Avery Street as well. Mr. Clarke advised an agreement was being put in place with the property owners along Winding Way, and a design would be needed for the foot bridge on Route 42. Mr. Clarke reported VDOT and the county are working on an agreement to locally administer the Skyview Lane project with rural addition funds. He advised he would look at the funding amount and let the county know.

Mr. Baker reported the issue on Penvir Road at the Albert residence is outstanding, and pavement was coming out on Route 42 in the White Gate area. Mr. Martin reported vehicles bottoming out where the pavement had been laid recently and limbs hitting vehicles on Route 100. He also reported limbs blocking views and ditching issues on Orchard Hill.

Mr. McCoy inquired if there had been any resolution for the residential area in Rich Creek. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT is still looking at the issues, but he has not yet

received a recommendation. He indicated speed limits are being worked on in that area. Mr. Lawson inquired if VDOT is planning on working with Rich Creek on street paving. Mr. Clarke advised it would have to be part of secondary paving, but he has talked to Mr. Roger Jones about it. Mr. McKlarney reported the crossover on Route 460 is under construction and related information about inspections.

SIX YEAR PLAN AND SKYVIEW LANE RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Clarke presented the six-year plan resolution as well as a resolution to locally administer Skyview Lane. He explained the description states the project will go all the way to the end, but there will be no guarantee the funds will be there to do the entire road. Copies of these resolutions are attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve both the six-year plan resolution and the resolution to locally administer the Skyview Lane project as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.
Discussion: *Mr. Morris inquired about the two different distances listed in the first paragraph of the Skyview resolution. Mr. McKlarney explained one was the length of the road and the other was to pinpoint the starting location of Skyview.*
The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Mr. McKlarney presented an update from Dr. Arbogast on schools. He stated there are currently 2,234 students, which is a decrease of 4 from last month and a decrease of 55 from the same time last year. Mr. McKlarney indicated the School Board will continue to evaluate a return to learning plan for kindergarten through third grade.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

BELL REZONING

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the approval of rezoning of tax parcels 46-11A and 46-14 from the R-1 (Residential Limited) zoning district to the RRA-1 (Rural Residential and Agriculture) zoning district. These parcels are located at or near 473 Bluegrass Trail in Newport, Virginia, and are owned by Timothy and Carolyn Bell.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the rezoning of the listed parcels as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

TEXT AMENDMENT – SECTION 712

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the approval of a text amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to repeal and replace Section 712, "Standards for Telecommunication Towers and Antenna" in its entirety and renumber the ordinance as required to facilitate this change. The purpose of the amendment is to modify this section to comply with the Code of Virginia and Federal Communications Commission and encourage the deployment of wireless services to all of Giles County.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the amendment to Section 712 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

NEW BUSINESS

STREET CLOSURE – PEARISBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mr. McKlarney presented a request on behalf of the Town of Pearisburg for street closures during the Christmas Parade on December 6th.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the request for street closures during the Pearisburg Christmas parade. 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

OLD BUSINESS

CARES ACT FUNDING

Mr. McKlarney explained there were new guidelines released in relation to CARES Act funding, and localities cannot charge back for contracted EMS services, and county staff time was required to be reduced by approximately $200,000. He requested any recommendations or ideas from members for expending the funds. Mr. McCoy related the county might not be able to give any of the funds to the fire departments either. Ms. Ballard advised she had not received an answer to that question yet. Mr. McKlarney suggested increasing the small business grants program, which is now allocated at 20 businesses for $15,000 each. He related the hope is the deadline for expenditure will be extended, but the county has to go under the assumption it will not be extended.

Mr. Baker inquired if the funds could be used to replace the sign on Route 635 or work on the road to the tower site. Mr. Martin inquired if the school system is under the same time constraints. Mr. McKlarney indicated the schools have until 2022 to expend the funds, and they can also use the funds to reimburse salaries, which he estimates will be needed in the future. He added the schools had recently sent in requests for over

$40,000 to replace water fountains in the schools. Mr. McCoy inquired about the application process for businesses. Mr. McKlarney advised it is still being worked out, but he would think expenditures for rent and utilities would be required in the process and a loss would need to be shown. He related he would be glad to work back and forth with Mr. McCoy on the process and bring information back to all members as it is developed. Mr. Martin inquired if the grants would be for non-profits as well, and Mr. McCoy related it would be good if fire departments could be included with the non-profits. Mr. McKlarney stated non-profits could be included in the grant program. Members concurred with developing the process and including non-profit agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

ATLANTIC CONSTRUCTORS REQUEST

Mr. John Ross presented a request from Atlantic Constructors to allow the company to file for a tax credit in regard to the roof construction on the public safety building. He explained the county cannot apply for the credit due to being a local government, and Mr. Chidester outlined possible uses of the credit. Mr. Chidester advised members could approve if they so choose, and he saw no legal issues with the credit. Mr. McKlarney related it does not sound right to him that the county can take the deduction and give it to someone, but there seems to be no risk to the county. Members discussed options.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the request of Atlantic Contractors for applying for the energy efficient tax credit for the public safety building roof construction. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of $1,725,567.87, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion.
Discussion: Mr. McCoy inquired if the candy listed was a roll up item. Ms. Ballard advised it was multiple items on the credit card bill rolled into the one line.
The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

GREENE RECOGNITION

Mr. McKlarney asked members to plan on having a recognition of Larry Greene at the first meeting in December and requested that Mr. Martin contact Mr. Greene for him to attend.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 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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Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles, held at the Administration Building on November 4, 2020, On a motion by MR. BAKER seconded by MR. Lawson and carried:

WHEREAS, Sections 33.2-331 and 33.2-364 of the 2014 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan,

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2020/21 through 2025/26) as well as the Construction Budget (2020/21) on August 20, 2020 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Giles County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2020/21 through 2025/26) and Construction Budget (2020/21) are hereby approved in the following priority order:

Priority #0	Countywide surveying, right of way, guardrail – Various Countywide
Priority #1	Skyview Lane Rural Addition, from Route 61 to 0.5 miles north of Route 61
Priority #2	Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 673 Penvir Road
Priority #3	Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 659 Prospectdale Road
Priority #4	Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 621 Hiram Jones Road
Priority #5	Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 647 Powell Mt. Road

GILES COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF PROJECT AGREEMENTS REGARDING VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RURAL ADDITION FUNDS (SKYVIEW LANE CONSTRUCTION-UPC #112322)

WHEREAS, the County of Giles seeks to improve Skyview Lane using Rural Additions funds for the construction of a portion of Skyview Lane from a point 0.31 miles north east of Route 782, from the intersection of Skyview Ln and Route 61, to a point along existing Skyview Lane 0.5 miles in length, and

WHEREAS, the County of Giles seeks to use VDOT Locally Administered Projects Program for the construction of Skyview Lane using local forces, and

WHEREAS, VDOT will reimburse the County for any and all construction related costs, and

WHEREAS, VDOT requires formal authorization for the execution of the Project Agreement as set forth herein,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the project under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to execute all agreements and/or addendums for any approved projects with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on November 4, 2020.

	Voting for	Voting against	Abstain	Absent
McCoy	X			
Lawson	X			
Baker	X			
Martin	X			
Morris	X			

Attest: _____
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk