

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, November 19, 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 November 4, 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

OLD BUSINESS

CARES ACT FUNDS UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney provided information on the CARES Act funding, indicating he had received seven applications from various organizations. He inquired if any members would have an interest in sitting on a committee to review the applications along with him and Ms. Ballard. Mr. McCoy stated he would not mind to sit in on the committee, and members concurred. Mr. McKlarney explained all applications are due by December 11th, and applications will be sent to committee members as they are received for review and a determination. He advised a limit had not been set, and some agencies will have larger needs than others.

NEW BUSINESS

FEEDING AMERICA

Mr. McKlarney announced a Feeding America event to be held at Giles High School on December 4th to likely last for three hours. He is hopeful the Giles Christian Mission will also be able to participate in the event.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,667,467.85. 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 motion to approve \$2,395,142 for School Board appropriations for December 2020. 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 \$150,000 for Social Services for December 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. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Jason Buckland to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. 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

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Bobby Lilly to the New River Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711, A (1) Personnel. 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 and Mr. Morris

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearings, and Mr. Berckman called the Planning Commission to order. The follow Planning Commission members were present: J. Berckman, S. Taylor, P. Baker, R. Browning, B. Johnson, T. Pitzer, and G. Snider, who participated electronically.

REQUESTED REZONING B-2 TO R-1, PARCEL 43-155, HOPPER

Mr. Ross stated he received a request for rezoning of a portion of tax parcel 43-155 (approximately ten acres) from the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to the R-1 (Residential Limited) zoning district. This property is accessed by Green Tree Road and borders Virginia Avenue (US 460 East). Mr. Ross demonstrated the area on the map and gave a history of when the area was zoned B-2. He indicated there is no access to Route 460 and having this area zoned B-2 was not logical. Mr. Ross stated the owner and his agent had explored the possibility of improving the current entrance; however, they ran into issues with rock. This prompted Mr. Hopper to alter the plans to include ten - one acre lots versus the original sub-division plans and also created a new entrance.

Mr. Larry Donathan - Mr. Donathan noted that he has two sons which live in the area; and at the time they wanted to build, they were told they could only have doublewides. He indicated when he asked about roads, he was told they were privately maintained and not maintained by VDOT. Mr. Donathan explained that for 15 years he has been taking care of this road, and he would like to know who the responsibility will fall upon once these houses are built. He also expressed a concern about the water and sewer and how it would create run-off issues. He would like to know if there is a plan in place for storm water. Mr. Donathan stated that with his home being a doublewide and the other homes being in the two hundred thousand, that this would affect his taxes. He also stated he does not support this project.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. McCoy closed this portion of the public hearing.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Mr. Ross began by answering Mr. Donathan's questions regarding run-off. He stated that the plans include private septic systems, which would have to be approved by the Department of Health. This would mandate how the systems would need to be built in order to protect storm management issues. Mr. Ross indicated that DEQ would be involved and a land disturbing permit would be issued by the county to prevent erosion and sediment issues.

Mr. Ross advised this portion of the public hearing is to propose an amendment to the Giles County Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use Map designation of a portion of tax parcel 43-155 (approximately ten acres) from the commercial designation

to the residential designation. This property is accessed by Green Tree Road and borders Virginia Avenue (US 460 East).

With no further questions or comments, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing and stated these items would be returned to the Planning Commission for further recommendations. Mr. Ross indicated the next Planning Commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Berckman adjourned the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

ANIMAL FRIENDLY FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney related notification regarding animal friendly funds had been received from the DMV for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$210.00 for a local spay/neuter program. He indicated the funds had been awarded to Giles Animal Rescue in the past, and there are no other applicable agencies in the county.

Mr. Baker made a motion to distribute the animal friendly funds in the amount of \$210.00 to Giles Animal Rescue. 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

CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS

Mr. Lawson made a motion to install children at play signs on the corners of Whitlow Street and Scenic Drive. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 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