

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 3:00 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)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Jeff Morris	Central District
Perry Martin	Eastern District
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
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.

### **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. Morris 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. Lawson motioned to elect Mr. Baker as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Morris 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***

### **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. Lawson 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. 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***

## ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER

***Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. 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***

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 17, 2020, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.***

***Discussion: Mr. Martin noted a change needed to the FERC item in the minutes with the stop order being rescinded.***

***Mr. Baker amended his motion to include the noted change. 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

Sheriff Morgan Millirons updated members on his department and related issues the department has faced during the pandemic. He indicated he had expressed the need for his staff to follow protocols for protection against the virus. Mr. Millirons stated the department had not conducted many safety programs with the community due to pandemic restrictions, and reported numbers on items such as civil papers, extraditions, traffic citations, warrants and TDO transfers. He related a murder/suicide had occurred in Glen Lyn, and indicated he had put a halt on radar use, noting officers had more important things to do than stopping cars. Mr. Millirons advised the new vehicles are all in and on the road, with a few glitches on the SUVs, but those had been worked through. He indicated there are still a few transports being done, but the courts are trying to keep inmates from coming from other jails if possible. Mr. Millirons noted there had been no inmates for the workforce since March, and reported he had received several requests to lower the speed limit on Route 635 up to Route 626 to 35 miles per hour. He advised he would be out following surgery in late January for a few months. Mr. Martin inquired if the closing the passing zone on Route 42 had been studied. Mr. David Clarke advised the study did not recommend changing the zone. Mr. Martin inquired if there was any other recourse, and members discussed the number of children who had been killed in that location over the years. Mr. Millirons stated he would come back at budget time to talk and see what can be worked out.

## VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including gravel on Rye Hollow Road, patching on Route 460, and the foot bridge on Route 42 in Newport had started. He advised he is also working on some other items that were reported at the last meeting.

Mr. Baker reminded Mr. Clarke of the drainage issue at the Albert residence off of Penvir Road and inquired about the work on Mutter Lane. Mr. Clarke indicated progress is being made. Mr. Morris inquired about the process for dead trees in the right of way. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT uses a contractor for larger trees. Mr. Morris reported a tree had fallen at 328 Hilltop Road and is right at the edge of the pavement. He also reported potholes on Eatons Chapel Road.

Mr. Lawson reminded Mr. Clarke of the issue on Route 219. Mr. Martin reported brush and a dead tree on New Zion Road and inquired about the status of the drainage issue on Cascade Drive. Mr. Clarke indicated he would check on the drainage issue. Mr. Martin requested a school bus sign on Route 700 near Songertown in a blind turn and inquired if there were any other options for the passing zone on Route 42, adding he would like to appeal the decision for no change. Mr. Clarke stated he would take a look at it, and options were discussed. Mr. McKlarney related a culvert is stopped up near the Akers residence at the intersection of Wolf Creek Road and Penvir Road.

Mr. Lawson asked for an update on Skyview Lane. Mr. Clarke related he had received the go ahead for local construction and would check to see if more information is available.

## NEW BUSINESS

### PROPERTY SURPLUS

Mr. McKlarney presented a list of kitchen type property from the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole at Castle Rock and requested permission to surplus the property and put it up for bids.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to allow the surplus of the kitchen type property at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole at Castle Rock. 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 \$1,643,314.92, 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***

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, and (7) Legal Counsel. 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***

## RIVER ACCESS FEE

Mr. Baker inquired if a \$4 access fee had been put in place for the river by the DGIF. Mr. McKlarney stated it had been put in place for any Department of Wildlife Resources ramp, which would include Pembroke, Camp Success, Glen Lyn, and Gentry's Landing. He related Botetourt County had sent a copy of a resolution in opposition to the fee, and he would have Mr. Chidester review prior to providing to members. Members discussed the fees and various ways the fee would be relieved from payment, such as having a fishing or hunting license. Mr. Baker stated he would like members to consider the resolution in opposition.

## TOWER ROAD ACCESS

Mr. Baker inquired how the county can get access to the tower on Butt Mountain. Mr. McCoy advised the county had worked the road a couple of times in the past.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, 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**

January 6, 2021