At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 6:30 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the February 3, 2021, 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

HIPAA POLICY

Mr. Chidester related a HIPAA Policy was being put in place due to the COVID testing being done in conjunction with the health department. He outlined the content of the policy and recommended formal approval by the Board.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the HIPAA Policy 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

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARRYOVER REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related he had received a request from the Virginia Department of Health to carryover $12,473 in funding.
Mr. Baker made a motion to allow the Virginia Department of Health to carryover $12,473 in FY 2020 funding, 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

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A TOP DRESSER

Mr. McKlarney indicated he had received a request from Castle Rock to purchase a Toro Top Dresser to be used on the golf course. He related staff had been utilizing a gator for this process, which would be a cost comparable to replacing the gator recently put into surplus. He advised the top dresser at a cost of approximately $15,000 would be a substantial savings on labor cost. Mr. McCoy noted Castle Rock had its best year ever this past season.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of a Toro top dresser from Smith Turf for Castle Rock at a cost of $15,026.91. 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

VACCINE CLINIC

Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation to members for their support and assistance at the second COVID vaccine clinic the prior week. He indicated there had been 1,050 doses of vaccine administered, and praised the work done by Kristie Williams and staff from Carilion. Mr. McCoy requested another thank you be sent to volunteers who worked the clinic.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of $807,460.34, 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

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve $2,170,526.77 for March 2021 School Board appropriations, and 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve $167,000 for March 2021 Social Services appropriations. 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
CSA COVID EXPENSES

Mr. McCoy reported the Children’s Services Act (CSA) program had incurred COVID expenditures in the amount of approximately $10,000 and requested a portion of the CARES Act funds to cover the expenses. He advised the funds being used currently for these expenses could be better utilized on other services.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve up to $10,000 in CARES Act funds to cover the COVID expenses incurred in the Children’s Services Act (CSA) 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McCoy related a letter had been received from the Town of Pearisburg thanking county staff for coming out on Christmas Day due to an equipment breakdown to help town personnel clear the streets of snow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal and (30) Contracts. 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 HEARING

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing, and Mr. Berckman called the Planning Commission to order. The follow Planning Commission members were present: P. Baker, G. Snider, L. Law; and J. Berckman, F. Hackney, S. Taylor, and T. Pitzer, who participated electronically.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – BRANDON CUMBEE, AGENT

Mr. Ross stated he received a request for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sections 802.04 and 610.03-22 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a “Commercial or Service Establishment” specifically to allow for an excavating/landscaping business with indoor and outdoor storage of materials and equipment. The parcels of land associated with this request are owned by Jessie
Williams, are identified specifically as tax parcels 43A-1-33 and 43A-1-32, and are addressed as 115 Kow Camp Road, Pembroke, Virginia, between 6211 and 6235 Virginia Avenue, Pembroke, Virginia. The property is in the B-2, General Business, Zoning District. Brandon Cumbee is the applicant of this request.

Mr. Ross indicated Mr. Cumbee would use the current garage as storage for some of his excavating equipment and also to work on any possible repairs of his equipment. He indicated the other two lots would be used for additional storage. Mr. Ross explained the two vacant lots are located within the floodplain and the flood zone, and therefore, would require any storage to be road ready and able to move quickly. Mr. Cumbee had also mentioned there would be times that he might have truckloads of mulch, etc. that could remain on the property temporarily, which he indicated would be less than a week’s time.

There were no public comments issued, and the Board of Supervisors did not have any questions or comments. Mr. Law, a Planning Commission member, asked if there would be any hay bales on the property and if so, how many. Mr. Cumbee stated he does not plan on having any hay bales, and the current bales belong to Mr. Jay Williams. Mr. Cumbee explained that he is trying to do the right thing and wonders why Mr. Williams was never questioned about the hay, but now he is being questioned regarding the hay. Mr. Cumbee indicated that Mr. Williams may continue to have hay on his property, but it would not be located on the lots he purchased. Mr. McCoy confirmed that one lot will be retained by Mr. Jay Williams, and that Mr. Cumbee will not have control over the hay. Mr. Cumbee inquired if he purchases the additional lot, will have to come back for another Conditional Use permit. Mr. McCoy indicated that it would require a separate Conditional Use permit with another public hearing. Mr. Cumbee asked if he decides not to purchase the property, will Mr. Williams have to obtain a Conditional Use permit. Mr. Ross indicated he would have to look into this and see when it was purchased to determine if it would be needed. Mr. Cumbee also questioned another building close by explaining that he had been told this would be used for wood chipping. Mr. Ross indicated he had spoken with someone regarding the property, but wood chipping was not discussed. He related the owner indicated it was to be used as a garage. Mr. Cumbee asked again if Mr. Williams would need a conditional use permit if he keeps the lot, and Mr. Ross reiterated that he needed to check into this. Mr. Cumbee expressed that the county knows that hay is not prohibited, and Mr. Ross again stated he would check into it.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing and sent it back to the Planning Commission for further recommendations. Mr. Berckman adjourned the Planning Commission.

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ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 3:00 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