

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, March 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) - Absent
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. Baker called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morris motioned to approve the March 3, 2021, minutes as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Stevie Steele – Mr. Steele presented information provided to the Governor at his recent visit to Giles County Schools. The information included items such as school scheduling during COVID, the ACCE program, the county health care program, VPI preschool, school nurses, devices provided for students, wifi initiatives, the school feeding program, COVID vaccinations, consolidated services, the Tech Center and Ag Lab. Mr. Steele indicated he has requested adequate funding from the state and asked that Giles be given a fair shake for funding in line with other localities. He thanked the Board for its support and efforts. Mr. Steele related there would be no drive through graduations this year and anticipates gathering mandates will be opened up enough for outdoor graduations.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney presented an agreement with VDH and advised it was comparable to the agreements in the past with an approximately \$2,000 increase. He related the work the health department is doing in relation to COVID in addition to all the other duties and recommended approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the FY 2022 agreement with the Virginia Department of Health as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,091,791.74, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve \$2,140,000 for April 2021 School Board appropriations, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve \$160,000 for April 2021 Social Services appropriations. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

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. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

MEADOWS

Mr. Baker inquired about the issue with an email Mr. W.R. Meadows left for members. Mr. McKlarney advised Mr. Meadows had an issue with Mr. Chidester giving an opinion in response to the email an attorney had sent in regard to Mr. Meadows. Members discussed the opinion and devised the statement given was only factual.

VACCINE CLINICS

Mr. Martin inquired about any upcoming vaccine clinics. Mr. McKlarney advised there had been 6,400 people vaccinated in the county, and Walmart will be getting 200 doses soon. He indicated there are approximately 2,000 vaccines being given for each clinic three days per week in various locations by the health department and related the number of vaccines available should be increasing within the next two weeks. Mr. McKlarney stated manufacturing, convenience and grocery store employees were vaccinated in the most recent clinic, and Celanese is still working on getting through all of theirs. He advised there is no definitive date for another large vaccine clinic here and indicated there is no appointment needed to receive the second dose of the vaccine.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 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