

At the budget work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 4:00 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)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor) - Absent
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**

Mr. McCoy called the work session to order.

## **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mr. McKlarney outlined anticipated revenues and expenditures of the first draft of the FY 2022 budget. He presented information on what a five percent raise would cost the county, adding the state had picked up more than it ever has. Ms. Angie Higginbotham related the state was supposed to pick up some of the unfunded positions at the Treasurer's Office. Mr. McKlarney indicated there was an increase shown on the school side, but they have offsetting revenues, and he presented planned decreases to the budget. Members discussed the anticipated decrease on the DSS side. Mr. McKlarney presented a report sent by the Treasurer's Office, which enabled members to compare several years of revenues; and he anticipates an increase in health insurance rates of approximately nine percent. He indicated members could look at raising rates for employees or wait to see where it ends up at the end of the year. Mr. McKlarney outlined savings from position vacancies and related there was some grant funding that still needs to be added into the budget. Members discussed jail per diem.

Mr. McCoy requested members consider hiring an emergency services coordinator, and members discussed the need and were supportive of the idea. Mr. Martin inquired if it would be worth looking at hiring a grant management person with the possible use of CARES Act funding. Members discussed salary issues with deputy positions and concurred Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris would meet with the department. Members discussed the need for additional funding at the Registrar's Office, and Mr. Martin inquired if CARES Act funds could help the local fire departments. Members discussed the funding and required audits for the departments. Mr. Martin inquired if the recreation funding allocations could be revisited. Members discussed the funding, and Mr. McKlarney will pull some data to determine which parks get the most use. Mr. Martin requested funding for the Newport Library housed at the community center. Mr. Martin inquired about the increase in the Community Service Board funding. Ms.

Ballard advised the CSB is required by the state to request a ten percent increase each year. Mr. Martin inquired about the boiler at Narrows Elementary. Mr. John Ross provided the pertinent information regarding the boiler project. Ms. Higginbotham indicated DMV reimbursements were up this year and related the office receives five percent of the money coming in from DMV transactions.

Mr. McCoy called a recess until the start of the scheduled meeting.

## RECESS

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 22, 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
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## 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 April 7, 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***

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESILIENCE WEEK

Mr. McKlarney presented a proclamation recognizing May 2-8, 2021 as resilience week in Giles County and recommended approval. He read the proclamation into record, which is attached at the end of these minutes.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to proclaim resilience week from May 2-8, 2021, as presented. 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***

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,201,848.05, 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 \$2,250,000 for May 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 \$162,000 for May 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***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McKlarney indicated the contract would be signed soon with Mountain Lake relating to the trail center.

Mr. McCoy announced there would be a retirement party for Mr. John Mills on May 28, 2021, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Mr. McCoy called a recess until the start of the public hearing.

## **RECESS**

Mr. McCoy reconvened the meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **JOINT HEARING WITH VDOT: PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2021-22 THROUGH 2026-27 AND PROPOSED SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FY 2021-22**

Mr. McCoy opened the joint public hearing with the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the proposed secondary six-year plan for year 2021/22 through year 2026/27. Mr. David Clarke presented a draft plan for discussion and comments, and explained the comments will be reviewed. He outlined some changes in funding and discussed progress on Skyview Lane and Penvir Road. Mr. Clarke listed the roads on the plan in order and asked for any questions or comments.

Mr. Martin inquired if anything could be done on Hiram Jones while the equipment is paving on Eggleston Road. Mr. Clarke explained the difference in funding streams as well as the decrease in funding allocations and advised any construction could not be done on Hiram Jones with maintenance or paving funds.

Mr. McKlarney inquired what had caused the decrease in funding allocations, which had started years ago. Mr. Clarke indicated the General Assembly had made a conscience decision to reduce the funding for secondary construction. Mr. Martin inquired if surface treatment on gravel roads would be far out into the future. Mr. Clarke affirmed the inquiry.

Mr. McCoy closed the public hearing and advised the public hearing for the VDOT Six Year Plan for 2021/22 through 2026/27 would be held again on May 20, 2021, due to inadequate advertisement.

### **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 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**

Jeffrey Morris  
Central District Supervisor

Perry Martin  
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson  
Western District Supervisor

# County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker  
At-Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy  
At-Large Supervisor

## Board of Supervisors

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### Resilience Week (May 2 – 8, 2021)

**WHEREAS**, families need safe, stable, nurturing communities and positive connections with caring individuals to foster healthy development; and

**WHEREAS**, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are defined as potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood, such as experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, which have a tremendous impact across the lifespan of an individual; and

**WHEREAS**, building resilience to buffer against potential ACEs is a community responsibility that affects the current and future quality of life of local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in programs, strategies, and policies that support children and adults can help to ensure communities develop resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the New River Valley Resiliency Network consists of service providers and community leaders who work collectively to ensure that our community is a Trauma-Informed Community; and

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever, Giles County encourages all individuals, families, groups, and organizations to work together in efforts to promote and foster resilience, thereby ensuring positive childhood experiences and strengthening our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize May 2-8, 2021, as **RESILIENCE WEEK** in Giles County, joining with communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia in this important effort, and this observance is called to the attention of all our citizens.

  
Chair

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