

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, May 5, 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.

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| 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 April 22, 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

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,228 students, which a decrease of 7 from last month; and the ADM for the end of March was at 2,223.48. He congratulated the Lady Spartans volleyball team for winning the Class 2A state championship. Dr. Arbogast announced the teacher of the year from each school and related Ms. Crystal Boggess was the Giles County Teacher of the Year. He reported some Tech Center students finished 18th out of 77 national programs in a cyber security competition, and the NHS Theater group had won in regionals and would be attending a state competition. Dr. Arbogast presented information on SOL testing, which will be through May 28th.

Mr. McCoy inquired about the ADM number for last year. Dr. Arbogast indicated the ADM number last March was 2,281.

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution recognizing the Lady Spartans volleyball team for its accomplishments. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution recognizing the Lady Spartan volleyball team 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jay Williams – Mr. Williams updated members on the CareerWorks programs. He provided numbers on service, performance and financials. He indicated the programs are expecting a decrease in funding from the state for next year. Mr. McKlarney reported the CareerWorks office would be helping with a couple of local job fairs in the near future.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke with VDOT was unable to attend the meeting due to other obligations, and Mr. Bryan Reed advised he would pass along any requests from members.

Mr. Baker reported potholes on Wolf Creek Road from Penvir to the county line, potholes on Big Stony Creek Road from the lime plant to the county line, and potholes on Route 460 on the ramp. He also reiterated the need for culvert repair on Penvir Road at the Albert residence as well as culvert and ditch work needed near the Suroski residence, tree work on Wilburn Valley Road, and erosion work on Stateline Road. Mr. Morris requested work on the potholes countywide. Mr. Lawson requested a speed study on Stateline Road.

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve a speed study on Stateline Road. 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. Martin reported a dust complaint on Orchard Hill as well as a culvert issue. He inquired about the possibility of road damage from the MVP trucks and equipment, and who would be responsible for repair. Mr. Jay Williams reported shoulder work needed on Route 460 at the Pembroke Stop-n-Save, and ditch work needed on Mays Hollow Road.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX PARCEL ABATEMENT

Mr. Chidester presented a resolution for the abatement of Tax Parcel 28-26C. He indicated the parcel is not listed on the county GIS, and no deed of record can be located. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution for tax parcel abatement 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 \$1,014,977.93, 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

SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. Morris motioned to approve FY 2021 supplements in the amount of \$500,000.00, 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

A copy of the supplements is attached at the end of these minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A(7), 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney announced members are invited to the ribbon cutting at the Christian Mission on May 18th. He related the mission does important work, and the county had a hand in helping to improve the facility.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney related Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris had met with representatives of the Sheriff's Office to discuss their budget and presented information on the department's proposal. Members discussed the information, which included some cost savings. Mr. McKlarney indicated the increase would cost the county approximately \$95,000. Mr. McCoy stated the county had been talking about an increase for a few years, and this is the most cost savings that has been proposed. Members discussed options as well as staffing loss and inability to hire new deputies. Members concurred with the increase in the Sheriff's Office budget as outlined.

INSURANCE

Mr. McKlarney summarized the health insurance history and anticipated increase. He indicated it would take an approximate 11 percent increase to cover the cost and advised members could either wait it out to see where things end up, go ahead with a premium increase or raise the deductibles. Mr. McKlarney stated the funding for the direct primary care was still available, since that did not work out. Members discussed options and funding formulas, and they concurred to wait to see if the numbers smooth out.

BROADBAND

Mr. John Ross reported there had been progress in the broadband expansion efforts. He indicated the White Gate tower was now 99 percent complete.

BUDGET WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Members discussed the need for an additional budget work session and budget public hearing.

Mr. Morris moved to hold a budget work session on May 18th beginning at 11:00 AM and the budget public hearing during the recess meeting on May 20th, 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board will hold a work session on May 18, 2021, beginning at 11:00 AM at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM, with a budget work session to be held beginning at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

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

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

RESOLUTION BY GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GILES HIGH SCHOOL LADY SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and congratulate the Giles High School Lady Spartan volleyball team on an 15-3 season as Region 2C Champions, and more notably as Class 2A State Champions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors recognizes and appreciates the hard work and commitment to excellence, required to have such a season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Coach Havens and her staff have shown patience, resilience, perseverance, and strength though a desire to mold women and build a program, regardless of winning or losing records. It is obvious that you recognize that the ultimate goal of the sport is to develop character in young people that leads to a better life for individuals and, in turn, a better community for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors recognizes the commitment that the coaching staff, parents, students, and fans made to see that this season was such a success. Your accomplishments have brought great pride to this county and its citizens, and you are to be commended for your work.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on May 5, 2021.

| | Voting For | Voting Against | Abstain | Absent |
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| Baker | X | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Lawson | X | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Martin | X | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| McCoy | X | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Morris | X | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Attest: 
Chris McKlarney, Clerk

Telephone: (540) 921- 2525

Fax: (540) 921-1329

RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CERTIFYING TAX PARCELS FOR ABATEMENT

Be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors, meeting on May 5, 2021, with a quorum present, hereby adopts the report of the County Attorney regarding the tax parcel below that should be removed from the tax records of Giles County, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3971.

Tax Map 28-26C James H. Croft

Be it further resolves that the Board of Supervisors certifies to the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue of Giles County that the taxes on said parcels should be abated and the parcels removed from the tax rolls.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on May 5, 2021.

| | voting for | voting against | abstain | absent |
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| McCoy | <u> X </u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Morris | <u> X </u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Baker | <u> X </u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Martin | <u> X </u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Lawson | <u> X </u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
County Attorney

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS
MAY 5, 2021 BOARD MEETING
CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTS**

| CODE | AMOUNT | OFF SETTING REVENUE |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 100-43100-5601 | \$269,640.72 | YES - CARES ACT MONEY |
| 100-43100-5602 | \$21,110.14 | YES - CARES ACT MONEY |
| 100-43100-5603 | \$144.00 | YES - CARES ACT MONEY |
| | \$209,105.14 | CARES ACT Revenue |
| TOTAL | \$500,000.00 | |