At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 2, 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 - Absent
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 May 20, 2021, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on recent maintenance efforts in the county, noting he would look at the issue reported on Clendennin Road. He related the department is having to watch the funding due to it being the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Clarke reported patching on Wilburn Valley Road, Eggleston Road, Wolf Creek Road and in the White Gate area; ditching on Wilburn Valley Road; and sidewalk work done in Pembroke. He related primary mowing was completed and secondary mowing will be done as soon as possible. Mr. Clarke stated the Penvir Road project would be advertised soon, and he is working on getting approval for Skyview Lane to be locally administered.

Mr. Baker expressed appreciation for several requests that had been taken care of and reported brush cutting needed in Narrows on Cumberland Drive. He also reported pot holes from Walmart to Pearisburg as well as from Virginia Heights to Riverbend. Mr. Morris inquired about knowing the whereabouts of the ash cutting. Mr. Clarke explained VDOT has a contract monitor. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the work done on Route 675 and reported potholes on Old Route 100 where it intersects with Blevins Road. He stated it had been interesting to see the feedback on the issues at Grants in Midway. Mr. Clarke indicated he would get a list together to see what could be done there. Mr. McCoy reported a dip in the road near the old east end service station.

Members discussed a water issue in that area. Mr. McKlarney reported potholes on Seven Oaks Road and requested dust control on Orchard Hill Lane.

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Newport Ruritan Club for street closures during their annual July 4th parade.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the street closures as requested for the Newport July 4th parade. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Mr. Jay Williams for a speed study on Route 635 due to an increase in truck traffic to and from Lhoist.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a speed study on Route 635 through to Lhoist. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

Mr. McKlarney inquired if there was any news on the county conducting the environmental on Skyview. Mr. Clarke indicated there was no update at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

DAVENPORT PRESENTATION/RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Kyle Laux with Davenport summarized two different refinancing opportunities intended to lower the interest on several of the current loans, which will not extend any of the final maturity dates. He noted the refinancing would free up some of the collateral on the current loans as well. Mr. Laux presented a resolution to members for the Truist loan, noting it had been put together by bond counsel and was reviewed by the county attorney. He advised there would need to be School Board and IDA meetings for approval, with the expectation the loan would close in two weeks.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Truist refinancing resolution as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

Mr. Laux next presented the resolution for the VRA refinancing and outlined the loans that would be involved. He noted the resolution was drafted by bond counsel and reviewed by the county attorney, and he summarized anticipated savings and timeline. Mr. Lawson inquired if the 2012 C loan would be extended from 2033 to 2034. Mr. Laux explained there is a way of working the payoff where the loans will stay on the same course and not be extended.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the VRA refinancing resolution as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET AND TAX RATE ORDINANCE

Mr. McKlarney stated there had been a public hearing on the budget at the previous meeting, and the overall budget was balanced at $54,333,104. He indicated there had been no change in the tax rates and recommended approval. A copy of the ordinance is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

NEWPORT PARK

Mr. McKlarney reported there are two grants with $96,000 slated to be awarded from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and $225,000 from the Virginia Outdoor Foundation for the Newport Park. Members questioned what the intended use of the funds were and who would regulate how the funds were spent. Mr. McKlarney advised the project was one that Mr. Martin had brought up several months prior. Members discussed the project, and Mr. McCoy stated members needed to find out information soon if the Board intends to accept the funding.

FOREST SERVICE

Mr. Baker reported a complaint of the water being off at the dismal horse camp area. Mr. McKlarney advised he would contact the Forest Service.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of $1,094,861.74, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve FY 2021 supplements in the amount of $117,376.02, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion.
Discussion: *Mr. McCoy inquired about the engineering work. Ms. Ballard explained it was for Clendennin water.*
The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin
A copy of the supplements is attached at the end of these minutes.

NEW RIVER HOME CONSORTIUM

Mr. McKlarney indicated he had received a request for county membership renewal in the New River Home Consortium. He noted the benefit to the county and recommended approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion that Giles County will continue as a member of the New River Valley Home Consortium for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2021. Second by Mr. Morris. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A(7) Legal. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

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. McCoy, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 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

**An Ordinance Adopting Local Levies and Budget for
The County of Giles County, Virginia
for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Giles County, Virginia, is required by Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to fix local tax rates and levies for calendar year 2021 and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to adopt an ordinance regarding its fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for informative and fiscal planning purposes only, pursuant to Section 15.2-2500 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Giles County, Virginia has advertised the said budget and levies in accordance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section I

That the following budget is adopted for informative and fiscal planning purposes only for Giles County, Virginia for fiscal year commencing on the first day of July 2021 and ending on the 30th day of June 2022.

See Budget Exhibit A.

Section II

That no appropriations for salary totals shall be changed, nor appropriations transferred between departments unless authorized by the Giles County Board of Supervisors. Appropriations other than salaries within a department may be transferred therein for the purpose of equalization when necessary by approval of the Giles County Administrator.

Section III

In accordance with Section 58-1-3001 of the Virginia Code and other applicable Virginia Code Sections the following tax rates and levies are hereby adopted and fixed for Giles County, Virginia for the current year, calendar year 2021:

TAX	RATE FOR 2021
Real Estate (rate adopted May 21, 2020)	65¢ per $100
Motor Vehicles	$2.02 per $100
Personal Property	$2.02 per $100
Machinery and Tools	$2.02 per $100

Transport Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. (Interstate Commerce)	$1.12 per $100
Merchants Capital	83¢ per $100
Public Service Levy	65¢ per $100
Mobile Home Levy	65¢ per $100
Qualified Disabled Vet. Vehicle	.005¢ per $100
Motor Vehicle License Fee	$20 per Vehicle

The penalty for taxes, levies and fees which are not paid by the due date is 10% of the unpaid balance. Real estate taxes are due on June 30, 2021 and December 6, 2021. All other taxes and fees are due on December 6, 2021. Ten percent (10%) interest charges begin on the first day of the month following the payment due date.

Any person liable for local taxes or other local accounts who fails to pay the amount due within 30 days after notice of the delinquency has been sent shall, in addition to all penalties and interest, pay a fee to cover the administrative costs associated with the collection of the delinquent bill in such amount as allowed by Section 58.1-3958 of the Virginia Code, as amended, or such other Virginia statute regulating the amount of such fees or covering the subject of fees in such cases. In addition to the administrative fee, any collection agency's fees or attorney's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the delinquent bill, may also be added to the delinquent bill

Section IV

That all unexpended budget/appropriations, except those for capital, construction and special projects or commitments which are incomplete as of June 30, 2021, be, and the same are hereby cancelled as of June 30, 2021, and the County Administrator is directed to transfer all budget/appropriations credit balances to unappropriated surplus and place to the credit of all budget/appropriations accounts which show an overdraft for the fiscal year 2020-2021 an amount necessary from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Section V

The County Treasurer is directed to transfer funds from the General Fund in the amount of the budgeted figure in the General Operating Budget to the General Capital Outlay Project Fund.

Section VI

This ordinance is adopted in accordance with the aforementioned provisions of the Code of Virginia.

Section VII

This ordinance shall become effective on and after July 1, 2021:

Adopted: June 2, 2021

Chairman, Giles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

County Administrator

EXHIBIT A TO GILES COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE, FY 2021-2022

GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FY2021-FY2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE CATEGORY		EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	
Real Estate Taxes	$7,424,704	Education	$30,249,120
Public Service	$780,051		
Personal Property	$2,675,087	County Operations	$4,551,949
PP Tax Relief	$1,227,860		
Mobile Home	$49,573	Public Service: Water & Sewer	$952,506
Machinery & Tools	$5,359,806		
Abatement Machinery & Tools	$0		
Common Carrier	$12,600	Economic Development	$547,880
Merchants Capital	$227,425		
Penalties & Interest	$203,100	Courts / Law Enforcement	$5,365,232
Other Local	$2,397,334		
Permits/Fees/Rental	$79,500	Tax Collection & Assessment	$895,190
Use of Money/Property	$140,936	Abatement Machinery & Tools	$0
Charges for Services	$131,816		
Recreation Revenues	$355,086	Emergency Services	$966,720
Miscellaneous Revenue	$312,346		
Delinquent Collection Fees	$62,000	Social Services/CSA &	
Recovered Costs	$3,082,679	Community Services	$5,578,277
Non-Categorical Aid	$187,305		
Commonwealth Reimbursement:	$4,276,385	Debt Service	$2,244,006
Other Categorical Aid & Misc	$1,155,110		
Schools (State & Federal)	$21,373,050	Recreation	$625,749
Industrial Development	$1,372,626		
Water & Sewer System Fund	$627,400	Capital Improvements	$2,356,475
Loans & Grants	$648,463		
Reserve Fund Balances & Transfe	$170,862		
TOTAL	**$54,333,104**	**TOTAL**	**$54,333,104**

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS
JUNE 2, 2021 BOARD MEETING
CARES MONEY

CODE	AMOUNT	OFF SETTING REVENUE
100-	$83,876.02	YES - CARES MONEY
501-94200-0044	$33,500.00	No-Engineering work
TOTAL	$117,376.02	