

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 4, 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
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 July 15, 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on recent maintenance efforts in the county. He reported mowing and brush cutting around the county as well as ditching done on Circle Drive, patching and paving in various places such as Rich Creek, Route 730, Route 601, Clover Hollow, and near Castle Rock. Mr. Clarke related there had been slurry put on Wilburn Valley and three to four miles of surface treatment was scheduled. He reported the right of way was complete on Penvir Road, and the project would be advertised soon. He advised mowing for secondary roads would start soon and indicated funding had been found on Sky View Lane. Mr. Clarke reported the crossover on Route 460 near Rich Creek was scheduled for paving as well.

Mr. Baker expressed appreciation for the work done on Clendennin Road and reported Big Stony Creek Road needs work from White Rocks to the West Virginia line with part of the road being caved in where a drain pipe was installed. He also reported potholes from Virginia Heights out to Riverbend, and noted Curve Road needs work out near the Suroski residence. Mr. Morris inquired if the tree cutting crew would be back. Mr. Clarke advised he believed the crew would be back but will check to make sure.

Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the shoulder work done near Shute Hollow as well as the brush cutting on Robertson Mountain, but noted it also needed grading and stone. Mr. Clarke stated they are getting some equipment up to Burton Road as well to

do some work there. Mr. Martin stated Winding Way needs to be reopened, as the closure is going on 14 months and is causing issues at the Route 460 intersection and will affect bus routes. He inquired about a timeline on where it stands. Mr. Clarke indicated he would check on getting it reopened for local traffic, and stated the road cannot be reopened for heavy vehicles. Mr. Martin reported the sidewalk between Sam Robinson Apartments and the Subway is in disrepair, and brush cutting is needed on Route 700 and Route 730. He also reported dust control was needed on Orchard Hill, and inquired if there could be more consistency for dust treatment. Mr. Clarke advised some areas need more attention than others. Mr. Martin inquired if VDOT regulates lights that interfere with drivers. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT has no say on lights off of right of way or on private land. Mr. Martin requested a deer sign on Mountain Lake Road and trash pickup along Eggleston Road. He indicated he had a conversation with Morgan Griffith's office and inquired if there was anything that could be done to help the Cascade Drive intersection. Mr. Martin related a truck had locked up briefly while they were meeting at the intersection. Mr. McKlarney requested brush cutting on Route 635 and thanked Mr. Jesse Miller for his work done on a contentious issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Hogg – Mr. Hogg reported the road closed sign regarding Winding Way at the Route 460 intersection is missing. He stated VDOT is striping the roads within Virginia Tech and inquired who does upkeep on those roads. Mr. Clarke explained there are 10 miles of state-maintained road within the campus. Mr. Hogg inquired about paving on Eggleston Road. Mr. Clarke indicated Eggleston Road is on the paving schedule. Mr. Hogg commented the speed limit signs along Eggleston Road do not seem to mean anything to anybody and inquired if mowing and brush cutting requests could be made on the website, noting branches breaking off in the road as well as several deer laying dead along the road. He also reported litter along Eggleston Road and requested changes to litter enforcement.

Mr. Hogg stated he has had more outages in 10 years living in the Eggleston area than he had in 40 years of living in New York. He related issues with the outages, lines, and trees as well as the amount of time his whole home generator is in use.

Mr. Adam Robertson – Mr. Robertson reported the dust issue on Orchard Hill is extremely bad with a lot of people traveling along the road. He indicated the dust is worse when the leaves are not on the trees and requested some help for dust control. Mr. Clarke stated dust control is normally not done during the winter months.

OLD BUSINESS

RECREATION BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney presented the revised recreation budget. He explained \$25,000 had been added during the FY 2022 budget process, and the changes allocated \$11,000 for each district. He indicated the proposed capital fund had been removed, and grants will also be available to parks from other sources.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the recreation budget as presented. 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

NEW BUSINESS

AEP PRESENTATION

Ms. Amanda Cox explained the trees noted by Mr. Hogg were outside of AEP right of way. She presented a map of the area, and noted the red area of the map is not accessible by trucks, with workers having to use side by sides to assess the area then return with the proper equipment and materials. Ms. Cox advised a repair would take approximately a half a day with good weather conditions and access. She explained the 2022 workplan for that area is to remove one mile of inaccessible line and build two miles of new line to provide power to the area. Ms. Cox stated she could not promise there will be no outages, but customers will have fewer outages, better reliability and less down time. She believes this is the right solution and hopes it will be completed in the first part of 2022.

Mr. Martin inquired about the location of Eggleston on the map. Ms. Cox provided additional information on the area. A member of the audience stated he has turned in tree tickets every year, but nothing ever gets done, adding he would like to see some action. Ms. Cox advised he should send the information directly to her, so she can make sure the issue is addressed. Mr. Hogg inquired if eminent domain is going to be used to obtain the right of way for the new line. Ms. Cox related the hope is to work with land owners, and AEP can look at alternative routes if needed. Mr. Hogg requested a spreadsheet of all the outages at his home. Ms. Cox indicated she would get customer service to get that to him, and stated the work plan will help to alleviate the issues. Mr. McKlarney related Ms. Cox had helped to fix an outage issue in the Pearisburg area in recently, where a substation was replaced and the issue resolved.

APPOINTMENT OF THE GILES COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Mr. John Ross as the Giles County Building Official. 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 resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$811,046.64, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair**ATTEST:**

Clerk

August 4, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPOINTING A BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS John W. Mills, Jr. Building Official for Giles County has retired from the County and is on terminal leave, and'

WHEREAS Section 105.1 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code requires the appointment by the local government of a Building Official to be the executive official in charge of the local building department,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors, meeting on August 4, 2021, with a quorum present, hereby appoints John D. Ross as Building Official for Giles County, Virginia pursuant to Section 105.1 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on August 4, 2021.

	voting for	voting against	abstain	absent
McCoy	X	_____	_____	_____
Morris	X	_____	_____	_____
Baker	X	_____	_____	_____
Martin	X	_____	_____	_____
Lawson	X	_____	_____	_____

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKelvey, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
County Attorney