

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 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.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
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.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

***Mr. Lawson motioned to elect Mr. Morris as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Morris***

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

***Mr. Baker motioned to elect Mr. McCoy as Vice-Chair of the Board, 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; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy***

### **ESTABLISH DATES/TIMES FOR MEETINGS**

***Mr. Lawson motioned for meeting dates and times to remain as previously established. The regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 PM, and the recess meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. 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***

## **ESTABLISH POLICY FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to establish the same policy as held in the past which moves a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris***

## **ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER**

***Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris***

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve the December 1, 2021, minutes as presented. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Morris***

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Sheriff Morgan Millirons updated members on numbers of civil papers, subpoenas, extraditions, warrants, traffic and jury summons. He reported deputies have been instructed to wear their required PPE when going inside a residence due to COVID, and stated staff has been applying for grants, which will purchase two more project life saver devices. Sheriff Millirons anticipates the department will be fully staffed within the next six weeks, with two officers graduating the academy in December.

Mr. Martin stated he gets calls from concerned residents of speeding on back roads and asked if it was feasible to get some radar feedback signs. Sheriff Millirons advised the signs are quite expensive and would most likely be vandalized, but he would take a look at it. Mr. Martin noted Eggleston Road, and Mr. Lawson noted Stateline Road for speeding. Mr. Martin requested officers watch parks a little closer for vandalism activity.

## **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including snow removal; patching on Routes 460 and 100, Sinking Creek and Goodwins Ferry Road; clean up on Clover Hollow Road and shoulder work done on primary roads. He related information about a grant received for work to be done on Route 460 between Narrows and Rich Creek and indicated the traffic could be closed on the top lane and all traffic diverted to the lower two lanes during that time. Mr. Clarke stated they are working on the right of way for Patterson Ford to build a new access road.

Mr. Baker reported ditch work needed on Curve Road. Mr. McCoy reported an issue with a job done in December. Mr. Lawson requested patching of a pothole on Penvir Road on the bridge side and inquired about the status of Skyview Lane. Mr. Bryan Reed advised he had received no additional word on Skyview. Mr. McKlarney inquired about the possibility of having fiber conduit installed along Penvir Road during the road construction. Mr. Martin reported drain issues at 6211 Virginia Avenue and 502 Orchard Hill and inquired about the status of Winding Way. Mr. Clarke stated the road should be opened as soon as the legal portion is done. Mr. Morris inquired about the status of the tree crew, noting trees fallen during the last snow. Mr. McKlarney related the grant for Route 460 will allow for some Geotech investigations, with the section of road having 21 retaining walls along it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NRV AIRPORT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Aaron Brummitt, with the NRV Airport, presented information to members on proposed upgrades to the airport. The upgrade would include moving of utilities and would ultimately lead to the construction of a new hangar to accommodate larger planes. He outlined numbers for both cost as well as anticipated revenues and requested members consider a local allocation of \$16,126 to support the utility relocation.

Mr. McKlarney inquired if any other localities had approved the funding request. Mr. Brummitt indicated Pulaski County has, but he is not sure about the rest. Mr. Morris inquired about the capacity of the new hangar. Mr. Brummitt related the hangar would only hold one of the larger planes, but there is a waiting list for hangar space. He indicated he would like to see someone else come in and build the hangar after the utilities are relocated. Mr. Morris asked if the project is viable. Mr. Brummitt explained the project is being taken before the Department of Aviation in February. Mr. Lawson inquired if this request would be a valid use of Recovery Act funds. Mr. McKlarney stated that was the discussion from other localities and will check to make sure it is allowable. Mr. Brummitt stated it would be March before they proceed on the project and invited members for a tour of the facility.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BURN BAN**

***Mr. Martin made a motion to lift the burn ban recently implemented in Giles County, 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***

## PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

*Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$2,087,389.88, and Mr. Lawson 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 \$2,492,100 for the January 2022 School Board appropriations, and 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*

*Mr. Lawson motioned to approve \$52,900 for carryover School Board appropriations, and 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*

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

*Mr. Martin motioned to approve \$150,000 for the January 2022 Social Services appropriations. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris*

## APPOINTMENTS

*Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker as an alternate to the Agency on Aging. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker*

*Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the Giles County Planning Commission. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker*

*Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Fairview District Board. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Morris*

*Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker New River Highlands RC&D Committee. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker.*

**Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the New River Valley Regional Commission. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy**

**Mr. Martin motioned to appoint Ms. Crystal Ramos-McCall to the Social Services Board. 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. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Social Services Board. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Morris**

**Mr. McCoy motioned to reappoint Mr. Larry Lafon to the Western Virginia EMS Council. Mr. Lawson 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. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal Counsel, 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. McCoy 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**

## **BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS**

**Mr. Baker made a motion to approve FY 2022 budget supplements in the amount of \$61,782.80. Mr. Lawson 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.

## **MULLINS TRAILER PARK LEASE**

**Mr. McCoy made a motion to renew the lease agreement with Mullins Trailer Park. 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**

**COVERED BRIDGE LEASE**

Mr. McKlarney inquired about the status of the lease agreement for the Link Covered Bridge. Mr. Martin indicated Ms. Link has the lease and will get back with him once signed.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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**

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS  
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<b>SUPPLEMENTS</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>OFF-SETTING REVENUE</b>
	100-31200-8201	\$34,782.80	PARTIAL-VEHICLE REPLACEMENT
	100-72700-	\$11,000.00	NO- DISTRICT REC ADDITIONS
	100-72600-	\$16,000.00	NO- PARK FUND ADDITIONS
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,782.80</b>	