

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 2, 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. Morris 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 January 20, 2022, minutes 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance in the county. He noted snow and ice clean up from the last couple of storms, and Route 460 has been closed to one lane in both directions due to the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program grant project. He advised lanes would be reopened once the studies are complete. Mr. Clarke reported patching on Penvir Road and Route 460 and tree cutting on Old Route 100. He indicated property owners along Widing Way had been contacted by Delegate Jason Ballard, and he thought the issues has been resolved. Mr. Clarke noted Winding Way would be reopened once VDOT has all signatures, adding he did not know if the road would be open to all traffic or only local traffic. He related the six year plan had been done in April of last year and requested a public hearing date for this year.

Mr. Baker reported potholes on Virginia Heights in front of the trailer park as well as on Big Stony Creek Road, and he requested ditching on Curve Road. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the snow removal on East River Mountain Road and Robertson Mountain Road. He reported shoulder erosion on Lurich Road past Camp Success. Mr. Martin inquired about the paving schedule for Spruce Run Road, noting a portion has not been repaved recently and has potholes. He requested work done on Hiram Jones Road. Mr. Morris inquired about the tree cutters and noted several are

getting ready to fall after the recent storms. Mr. Bryan Reed reported a limb hanging over the road on Route 460.

Mr. Baker made a motion to set a public hearing for the VDOT Six-Year Plan at the April 21, 2022 recess meeting. 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 REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,176 students, which is no change from the December numbers, adding 25 students are full time virtual, and there are an additional 1,338 nonresidential students taking virtual learning. He recognized Narrows Hight School's Theater Group for taking runner up in a recent competition, and indicated grades would be sent home on Friday. Dr. Arbogast reported students had missed 10 school days this year, with 9 of them being virtual and 1 snow day. He related the Tech Center students would be competing in Skills USA for the next two weeks.

Mr. McKlarney reported the School Board had requested an rfp be put out for traditional health insurance coverage for cost comparison.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – STAFFORD

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a conditional use permit pursuant to sections 802.04 and 603.03-4 , Sawmill or commercial wood and/or fuel yard, of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance, specifically to allow for a sawmill to be established at 205 C.T. Snidow Road, Narrows, Virginia. The property is identified as tax parcel 25-67, and is owned by Samuel and Lynn Stafford. Mr. Ross stated the conditions set forth as follows: Hours of operation will be Monday – Saturday from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM, the only employees allowed will be Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, and all setbacks must be met. He related there had been no additional comments received.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Stafford's conditional use permit as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

PUD MODIFICATION – SHILOH

Mr. John Ross presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a PUD Modification specifically to allow for a multi-family dwelling and the rental of one unit at 253 Shiloh Way, tax map# 29-2-3, owned by Richard and Paula Sizemore, to

combine tax parcels 29-2-4A and 29-2-8 into a single parcel (owned by Shiloh PUD Homeowners Association), and to remove tax parcel 29-2-8 (owned by Shiloh PUD Homeowners Association) from greenspace designation from Shiloh PUD. Mr. Ross related no additional comments were received.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Shiloh PUD modification as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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

NEW BUSINESS

GEOENGINEERING PRESENTATION

Ms. Kim Waddel presented information to members regarding condensation trails from planes. She noted toxins found in snow such as sulphur dioxide and aluminum, increasing numbers of planes, possible health issues caused by the spraying, and how the spraying of the planes is not continuous but turn on and off.

Ms. Joanne Bolding provided a presentation on geoengineering noting the rise of health issues in mass populations. She related a hair analysis could show how high the toxins are, and detoxing once a quarter is important to maintain good health. Ms. Bolding related information about the 2030 depopulation plan, weather warfare, HAARP, and how aluminum in the soil has been a major factor in the fires in California. She advised people need to take an interest in their own freedom, or those freedoms will be taken away. Ms. Bolding provided a book she had written to members.

THOMPSON & LITTON RETAINER AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney advised the engineering firm retainer with Thompson and Litton is getting ready to expire and recommended extending the retainer for one year.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the extension of the Thompson & Litton retainer agreement for one year. 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

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Mr. McKlarney inquired if any members had any ideas on what they would like to see in regard to the rural development grant. He stated he had received recommendations from Mr. Lawson and Mr. Martin. Mr. McCoy inquired about the criteria for the grant. Mr. McKlarney advised the criteria was very vague, but it has to be rural and have health outcomes. He indicated the grant was up to \$10 million with no required match. Mr. McCoy suggested indoor swimming, as there are many residents driving to Montgomery County for that opportunity.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$972,533.08, and 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

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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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

February 2, 2022