At a work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following 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
John Ross	Building Official
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morris called the work session to order.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. McKlarney presented a variety of topics in regard to future planning. Items included history of past planning, philosophical direction of the county, water/sewer systems, past and present county characteristics/demographics, budget expectations, employee retention, health insurance cost, revenue comparisons, possible projects, ACCE program changes, and fire/EMS. Members discussed options for growth in the county, anticipated numbers related to funding, wages, SOQ and Compensation Board positions. Mr. McKlarney requested members let him know any thoughts or ideas they might have.

RECESS

Mr. Morris called a recess until the start of the scheduled meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 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
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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 February 17, 2022, minutes as presented. 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on road maintenance in the county. He noted weather related clean up the previous month, and staff is working on maintaining the detour on Route 460 for the retaining wall repairs. He advised the hope is to have traffic back on the west bound lanes next week. Mr. Clarke reported pipe replacement on Spruce Run, patching on Route 460 and Big Stoney Creek, and indicated Giles will get ash trees cut with the district wide program. He related ditches are being cut on Penvir Road and paperwork is moving along for Skyview Lane, which had a kick off meeting. He also noted staff is working on the Orchard Hill issues.

Mr. Baker reported Curve Road needs work on the ditches and drainage and potholes on Virginia Heights. He related information about a drain pipe issue on Gravely Hill Road where a resident was going to do the work to replace it but was told an environmental study would need to be conducted. Mr. Clarke advised he would look in to it. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the work Market Street and inquired if the other side of Robertson Mountain Road had been worked on. Mr. Clarke stated he did not think it had been done yet and would check on it.

Mr. Morris related shoulder erosion on Lurich Road. Mr. Martin stated he continues to get calls on Hiram Jones Road and inquired if there was anything more substantial than gravel that could be done to improve the road. Mr. Clarke advised he could look to see what can be done noting possible shoulder re-establishment. Mr. Martin reported a culvert stopped up on Blue Grass Trail and inquired about Winding Way. Mr. Clarke stated everything is still in the process of being finalized on Widing Way. Mr. Morris requested work on potholes on River Road.

Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Clarke did during the kickoff meeting on Skyview Lane, and presented a proposed resolution requested by VDOT for the Skyview Lane project. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the resolution for rural addition requiring funds for improvement to Skyview Lane 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

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Terry Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,181 students, which an increase of 5 from the previous month, and noted an additional 1,308 nonresidential students taking virtual learning. He recognized the county spelling bee winners for each school, with Joanna Jackson from Easter Elementary/Middle School being the winner for the county. Dr. Arbogast also recognized winners and placers in the Skills USA competition, with first place winners going on to another competition in April. He congratulated the winter sports teams and wished the best of luck for spring sports teams. Dr. Arbogast reported some students will compete in the Blue Ridge Regional Fair, and there would be a robotics camp in April. He noted Kindergarten registration in March and April, and the 2023 school calendar had been approved and posted.

OLD BUSINESS

CORPORATE BENEFITS CONSULTANTS AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney presented an agreement renewal with Corporate Benefits Consultants (CBC) for the upcoming year and recommended approval.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the CBC agreement as presented. 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

NEW BUSINESS

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Jon Butler presented a mutual aid agreement with Monroe County, adding the agreement would be added to the EOP if approved. Mr. McKlarney related the county had utilized the help of Monroe County with a recent accident.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Monroe County 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

NARROWS FIRE DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed resolution in favor of the Narrows Fire Department operating an ambulance service, and related there had been a couple of comments with concerns. He indicted Mr. Jon Butler would be meeting with the departments to work through the issues. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the resolution granting the operation of an ambulance service by the Narrows Fire Department. 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

PASSENGER RAIL PRESENTATION

Mr. Kevin Byrd, with the New River Regional Commission, presented information regarding the coming passenger rail service to the New River Valley. He provided information on progress, the site selection process, rider and location study numbers, an owner and maintenance study, as well as station cost factors. Mr. Byrd presented locality and state investment numbers and indicated the locality investment numbers were formulated factoring in population and expected ridership. He advised the projected investment from Giles would be 1.75% of the total, which would be $6,259 per year. Mr. Byrd provided information on the board to be appointed as well as next steps. He advised he would need an approved ordinance from the Board if members so choose.

Mr. Martin inquired about the scenario for Virginia Tech. Mr. Byrd advised Virginia Tech is behind the initiative and a lot of people are coming from the Northeastern corridor. Mr. Martin inquired if the financial structure is in place. Mr. Bryd indicated it was not in place with the presentation showing a mock up, and the financial structure will come later. Mr. Martin suggested the rail would be useful for all localities but would like the Regional Commission to be thoughtful of where the ridership will come from and be sure it is a fair assessment.

Mr. McKlarney asked about how often the trains would run. Mr. Byrd explained the thought is there would be two trains per day as well as a commuter train between the New River Valley and Roanoke. Mr. Martin inquired about the possibility of an excursion train, noting a ride he had taken on the 611 from Cambria to Rich Creek. Mr. Byrd related he would send a draft ordinance.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of $850,363.26, 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Tom Pitzer to the Giles County 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

Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jeff Dinger to the Salvation Army Board. 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

Mr. McKlarney related Dr. Lee Wheeler had made a suggestion to appoint Mr. Kevin Browne to the IDA, and advised he would talk to Mr. Browne to see if he had any interest.

ADJOURN

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

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk

Rural Addition Resolution per State Code §33.2-335
Rural Addition Requiring Funds for Improvement

The Board of Supervisors of Giles County, in regular meeting on the 2nd day of March, 2022, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the street described below was established prior to 1942, and currently serves 12 dwelling units, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has deemed this county's current subdivision control ordinance meets all necessary requirements to qualify this county to recommend additions to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-335, Code of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, after examining the ownership of all property abutting this street, including the deeds and related plats, this Board finds no restriction on the use of public funds for the improvement of the road, and

WHEREAS, after examining the ownership of all properties abutting this street, this Board finds that speculative interest does not exist; and

WHEREAS, this Board has identified available funding to make improvements required to qualify the street for addition to the Secondary System of State Highways, based on the Department's cost estimate of $317,644;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §33.2-335, Code of Virginia, this Board requests the following street to be added to the Secondary System of State Highways maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation and hereby guarantees the right-of-way of the street to be clear, unencumbered, and unrestricted, which right-of-way guarantee shall include any necessary easements required for cuts, fills, and drainage:

Name of Street:	Skyview Lane
From:	The intersection at Rte. 61 – Wolf Creek Rd.
To:	End of state maintenance
Length:	0.3 Miles
Guaranteed Right Of Way Width:	50 Feet

Plat Recorded: Date: 8-11-1986, Plat Slide B-226

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to improve said street to the prescribed minimum standards, funding said improvements with the following funds:

Source of Funds	Amount
Giles County Rural Addition FY 21-22	$317, 644
Giles County Rural Addition FY 22-23	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board agrees to reimburse, within 45-days of receiving an invoice, all costs that the Virginia Department of Transportation incurs to relocate existing utilities within the right-of-way that are discovered during the course of and in conflict with the construction, drawing such funds from resources other than those administered by the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board agrees to reimburse, within 45-days of receiving an invoice, all costs that the Virginia Department of Transportation incurs in the construction of necessary improvements to the road that are over and above the estimated cost of improvements or to otherwise identify an eligible source of funds administered by the Department to cover such costs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution and a county check in the amount of $0.00 be forwarded to the Residency Administrator of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Adopted: 03/02/2022

Attest: _____ Clerk

_____ Board Chair

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

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A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE OPERATION OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE BY NARROWS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

WHEREAS, Narrows Fire Department, Inc. will obtain certification to operate an EMS unit from all appropriate agencies; and

WHEREAS, Narrows Fire Department, Inc. seeks to operate as the primary EMS unit for the Town of Narrows and surrounding communities within their predetermined primary response area and as secondary responder in other areas of Giles County; and

WHERAS, Narrows Fire Department, Inc. shall follow all requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Giles County Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors, has considered this resolution request contingent upon all certifications and licensures being obtained.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, the Narrows Fire Department, Inc. is hereby granted the operation of an ambulance service within the limits of the Town of Narrows, Virginia and surrounding communities within their primary response area; and granted operation as a secondary responder throughout all areas of Giles County as requested. This resolution is subject to obtaining all certifications and licensures required for such operation of an EMS response agency.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on March 2, 2022.

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

Attest: _____
Chris McKlarney, Clerk

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