

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 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 - Absent
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor - Absent
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
John Ross	Building Official
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. McCoy motioned to approve the April 6, 2022, minutes as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

NEW BUSINESS

4 FOR LIFE

Mr. Jon Butler presented the FY 2022 4 for Life funds distribution request. He indicated there are carryover funds from previous years along with the current funding for a total disbursement of \$52,417.04. Mr. Butler requested the funding be split between both the Giles Lifesavings and Rescue Squad and the Newport Rescue Squad, with each receiving half of the funds.

Mr. Martin motioned to approve the 4 for Life fund disbursement as requested. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY

Mr. McKlarney requested a public hearing be set for a proposed ordinance to allow the forming of the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority. He noted the hearing would not mean the county will be a part of the project.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to set a public hearing for the passenger rail authority ordinance at the regular meeting in May. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

FIRE ROAD

Mr. McKlarney mentioned the work done by Mr. Butler at the recent forest fire on Butt Mountain and noted the terrible state of the fire road. He related there will be a meeting held with the Forest Service on May 6th and indicated the repair would most likely fall to the county. Mr. Martin stated it was his understanding the road belongs to the Forest Service. Mr. McKlarney stated it had been eight to ten years since the last time it was worked and noted the limited amount in the Forest Service budget for road maintenance. Members discussed the road and lack of funding in the Forest Service budget. Mr. Butler advised the Forest Service has a repeater on that road. Mr. Morris stated it would be good to get a little help on the project.

BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney stated members had received the latest budget for review, which is based on level funding from the state. He hopes to have a state budget soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal, and (30) Contracts. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

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. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Morris opened the public hearings, and Mr. Berkman called the Planning Commission to order. Members of the Commission present at the meeting were as follows: J. Berkman, R. Browning, S. Taylor, T. Pitzer, L. Law and G. Snider.

GILES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mr. John Ross presented a proposed text amendment to Section 302.28-1, the definition Commercial or Service Establishments, of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance

to allow for a broader array of the uses to be covered under this section. Mr. Ross explained the thought process behind the amendment and noted it is essentially a housekeeping issue. He related he had received one question, and the person seemed to accept the explanation.

Mr. Morris asked for any comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed this portion of the public hearing. The item will be sent back to the Planning Commission for recommendation, and Mr. Berkman adjourned the Planning Commission.

JOINT HEARING WITH VDOT: PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2022-23 THROUGH 2027-28 AND PROPOSED SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FY 2022-23

Mr. David Clarke presented a draft plan for discussion and comments and advised any comments will be reviewed. Mr. Clarke listed the roads on the plan in order as well as the upcoming funding.

Mr. Clarke advised Penvir Road and Skyview Lane will be completed during the coming year. He provided information regarding a possible alternate route at Patterson Ford Road, which would discontinue use of the low water bridge if it is successful. Mr. Clark proposed to add Patterson Ford into the 6-Year Plan in case the funds that would have been used for the repair or replacement of the low water bridge are not sufficient to construct the alternate route. He advised he would not use those funds without seeking Board approval, but those funds cannot be used as an option on the project unless Patterson Ford is added to the plan. Members discussed the number of residences using the bridge and the number order of the plan. Mr. McCoy inquired what funds would be used to repair the bridge. Mr. Clarke stated the bridge maintenance funds would be used. Mr. McCoy related he would like all members present for their opinions on the request. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. he closed this portion of the public hearing.

Mr. McKlarney stated the work on Skyview Lane is moving forward, and grading will start soon.

SALE OF PROPERTY – 701 MOUNTAIN LAKE AVENUE

Mr. McKlarney presented information on the proposed sale of the former 911 building located at 701 Mountain Lake Avenue, Pearisburg, Virginia, and is Parcel ID 40A-10E-2-14. He related the property is proposed for sale to Hunt Enterprises at a cost of \$131,000 and would be used for business operations. Mr. McKlarney recommended to move forward with the sale. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to sell the property at 701 Mountain Lake Avenue to Hunt Enterprises. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION GRANT

Mr. Martin motioned to approve a Virginia Outdoor Foundation grant in the amount of \$200,000, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Martin motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$985,448.17, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to allocate \$2,529,000 for May 2022 school board appropriations and \$189,000 for ESSR II Funds. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Martin motioned to approve \$145,000 for the May 2022 Social Services appropriations. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the New River Community Criminal Justice Board. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

SHUMATE FALLS ROAD

Mr. McKlarney requested approval to submit a request for congressional allocation to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and urban Development for improvement of a 2.5 section of Shumate Falls Road. He related it would be contingent upon the county being able to recover its administrative costs.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the submission of a request for congressional allocation to be used for improvement on Shumate Falls Road. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

BROADBAND

Mr. McKlarney related progress on the broadband initiative and stated the next step would be to issue an RFP for potential service providers.

Mr. Martin made a motion to move forward with issuing an RFP for broadband service providers as requested. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker and Mr. Lawson

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk