

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 19, 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
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
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 May 4, 2022, minutes 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***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ms. Mary-Paul Shannon** - Ms. Shannon related all except for a one and a half mile section of Spruce Run had been paved about two years ago. She indicated there are many pot holes in the section that was not paved and inquired what the plan is to complete the paving. Mr. McCoy stated Spruce Run was not on the paving schedule recently received, but that does not mean that members cannot ask about it.

Ms. Shannon related information regarding the Historical Society and the Andrew Johnston House Museum. She indicated the board, of which she is now Treasurer, is making great strides and reported the house has some water damage. Ms. Shannon reported a letter of apology would be going out soon, and she wanted members to know their board is taking it seriously. Members expressed thanks for all the work their board members are doing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POSSIBLE REZONING**

Mr. John Ross provided information to members regarding a possible rezoning adjacent to Pembroke from R1 to RRA1. He noted R1 does not allow agriculture, which is how many of the specified parcels are used. Mr. Ross outlined the proposed areas on the map and added the one drawback is the area is served by public water and sewer in many instances. He related he would be meeting with staff from the Town of Pembroke to discuss the possibility prior to moving forward and asked for any feedback members might have. Mr. McCoy stated he agreed with changing the northern side, but there are not many larger lots on the southern side. He related he does not know if it would be worth what Mr. Ross would have to go through. Mr. Ross stated he would be sending out an introductory letter to the property owners and having discussions as was done when parcels in the Newport area were rezoned.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **GILES COUNTY TRAIL CENTER**

Mr. McKlarney reported one bid had been received on the trail center project in the amount of \$2.4 million. He related there would be a redesign done for the center, cutting it down to one level, and the funding agency will require a rebid. Mr. McKlarney stated he had talked with three contractors who all gave a \$650 to \$750 per square foot cost estimates.

## **BROADBAND**

Mr. McKlarney indicated the broadband RFP had been reviewed and will be out to print by this weekend.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Morris opened the public hearings.

## **SALE OF PROPERTY**

Mr. Chidester related the hearing was being held due to an error made in the prior publication, which stated the property was on Wenonah Avenue. He related this property address is 701 Mountain Lake Avenue in Pearisburg, Virginia and was purchased by Hunt Enterprises. With no questions or comments, Mr. Morris closed this portion of the public hearings.

## **2022-2023 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE**

Mr. McKlarney presented information regarding revenues generated by tax rates, including the amount that would be generated by a proposed three cent increase. He provided various tax rates compared to surrounding jurisdictions as well as salary comparisons of teacher pay developed in work sessions with the Compensation Committee. He noted an increase in teacher salaries to make the schools more competitive with surrounding localities as the main reason for the increase. Members discussed the need for the rate increase as well as an increase in teacher salaries. Mr. McKlarney provided a cost per student comparison with surrounding jurisdictions as well as a ten-year county revenue comparison. Mr. McCoy inquired when the last tax increase was set. Mr. McKlarney advised it was two years ago, and the increase was two cents. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Morris closed the public hearing.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve 3 cents real estate tax increase to 68 cents per \$100 assessed value with the penalty for taxes, levies and fees not paid by the due date at 10% of the unpaid balance. 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 \$1,296,422.82, 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***

## **SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS**

***Mr. Lawson made a motion to allocate \$7,882,852.63 for June 2022 school board appropriations and \$253,954.30 for ESSR II Funds. 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***

## **SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve \$153,000 for the June 2022 Social Services appropriations. 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***

## **BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve a FY 2022 budget supplement in the amount of \$235,328.02. 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 budget supplement is attached at the end of these minutes.

## **WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM**

Mr. Martin attended a Workforce Consortium meeting earlier in the week where there was discussion going on about the need for EMT/Paramedic training and recruitment. He added there is a need to get people in this line of work. Mr. McKlarney indicated Carillion is going to get some training going where employees can get 24 paid hours for training if they are interested in an EMT or paramedic job. Mr. Martin related he had spoken with Ms. Marty Holiday about this last year, but she had said there was not enough job opportunities.

## **SUBDIVISION PLAT**

Mr. Chidester presented a request to approve a subdivision plat for the Dennis Wade property located in the Riverbend subdivision area. He indicated Mr. Wade had built a garage, and the revised plat would move the garage into the same parcel as the house and add an access easement for the Deplazes property adjoining the parcel.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Dennis Wade subdivision plat as requested. 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***

## **REGIONAL JAIL BOARD**

Mr. Chidester reported he is now the Chairman of the NRV Regional Jail Board. He indicated the Board is making an offer to a Superintendent candidate and related inmate eligibility information to members for work release.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 3:00 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  
APRIL 6, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

<b>SUPPLEMENTS</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>OFF-SETTING REVENUE</b>
	100-81700-3019	\$235,328.02	YES, Business Resiliency Grants
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$235,328.02</b>