

At a called meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 23, 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)-Absent
Perry Martin	Eastern District
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District - Absent
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
John Ross	Building Official - Absent
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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **FY 2023 TAX RATES AND BUDGET**

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney outlined the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and advised tax rates would raise three cents for real estate, which was established at a previous meeting, personal property, machinery and tools, merchants capital, public service levy, and mobile home levy. He related the proposed budget is a balanced budget at 75,322,814 and noted the increase is due to school funding, state funding, grants, etc. Mr. McKlarney provided information on rate structure, percentages, school system salary rankings, tax rate comparisons and county to county comparisons. He advised the budget cannot be adopted for seven days and requested it be done at the closeout meeting for the fiscal year.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to set a closeout meeting for June 30, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson and Mr. McCoy***

Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Dr. Terry Arbogast thanked members for their collaboration and continued support. Mr. Stevie Steele related he had received several calls from school staff, and some will want to come express their appreciation for the funding and salary increases.

**OLD BUSINESS****GILES HEALTH AND FAMILY REQUEST**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Ms. Helen Wallace for monetary assistance for Giles Health and Family. Mr. Morris inquired if the funding would be used toward tax base or operations. Ms. Wallace stated it would be for operations and indicated the center had been open 20 years. She related she feels like the community does not know all the center does and provided information on subsidized activities, vehicle costs, staff salary increases and increased expenditures such as fuel for vehicles. Mr. Morris inquired about the fleet age. Ms. Wallace stated vehicles are put out for surplus at 250,000 to 300,000 miles, and state vehicles for 2022 had not yet been received. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for Ms. Wallace's work in the community, noting she is willing to help out anytime she is asked. Ms. Wallace reported the center has started partnering with Virginia Transit to transport TANF clients to work on a fixed demand route. Mr. McKlarney indicated VDOT would be assisting with the feasibility study grant. Mr. Baker requested the item be tabled until the other board members are present.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30, 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**