

At a special meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 4:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Building located at 315 N. Main Street, Pearisburg; the following members were present unless noted absent. A Waiver of Notice was utilized for the special meeting, and all members agreed and signed the waiver. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

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 - Absent
John Ross	Building Official
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order.

VIRGINIA INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION MOA

Mr. Jon Butler, Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a proposed memorandum of agreement with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC) for the purpose of flood monitoring. He outlined proposed locations of monitoring sensors, and related the county would take over ownership of the sensors after the end of the agreement. Mr. Butler advised the county would also be responsible for the cost of data transmission, which would equate to over \$700 per year.

Members discussed current locations of sensors and needed locations as well as the cost of data transmission. Mr. Butler indicated the sensors would need a connection to Verizon in order to transmit.

DHCD BROADBAND VATI APPLICATION/ISP PROVIDERS

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members regarding the upcoming VATI grant application for broadband and fiber installation. He provided information on some contested areas of service between Gigabeam and Pemtel, noting a deadline of August 25, 2022, for the application to be submitted. Mr. McKlarney indicated he had instructed both companies to move forward with design and estimates in order to meet the deadline and related DHCD had advised the Board was to make the determination on providers.

Mr. McKlarney outlined current and proposed services areas on maps, and indicated the contested areas are in the location of White Gate and Sugar Run. He provided information on potential customer numbers in those areas. Mr. McKlarney showed overlap of service coverage in some areas and Pemtel's current fiber and areas planned for expansion. He explained that Pemtel has stated it does not want to use AEP fiber with the exception of the Clendennin area. Mr. McKlarney related the AEP middle mile fiber installation would be used as leverage for grant funding and provided information on fiber that was already built as well as that already funded to be built and proposed installation. He explained that AEP could only build fiber to its facilities, switches, towers, etc. Members discussed the Clendennin area and the possibility of easement through Gravelly Hill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (30) Contracts. Mr. Lawson 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. Lawson 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

CALLED MEETING

Mr. McKlarney requested a called meeting prior to the recess meeting. Members concurred to conduct a called meeting on Monday, August, 15, 2022, beginning at 4:00 PM.

VIRGINIA INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION MOA

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the MOA with Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation with five sensors requested. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk


WAIVER OF NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.2-1418 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE HELD AT 4:00 PM ON AUGUST 11, 2022, AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICES, 315 N. MAIN ST, PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA

We the undersigned members of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, do hereby waive notice of the special meeting of the Board specified above, to transact the following business of the County.


- 1. Discussion of VATI grant application.
- 2. Consideration of flood monitoring program.



Jeffrey L. Morris, Chairperson




Ricky C. McCoy




Paul W. Baker



John Lawson



Perry Martin



Richard L. Chidester,
County Attorney