

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, September 22, 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 – Absent
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director – Absent
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 minutes of September 7, 2022 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

NEW BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2023 FIRE PROGRAM FUND DISBURSEMENT

Mr. Jon Butler, Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a request for FY 2023 fire program fund disbursement. He noted carryover from last year and indicated that particular department had a plan in place to expend the funds. Mr. Butler requested the carryover balance to go back to the original department and all other funds be distributed by the formula used in the past.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the FY 2023 fire program fund disbursement 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

REQUESTED STREET CLOSURES

Mr. McKlarney presented requests for street closures for the Town of Pearisburg as follows: Scarecrow Festival, October 8, 2022; GHS Homecoming Parade, October 14, 2022; and Pearisburg Christmas Parade, December 4, 2022.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve all street closure requests as presented. 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

JCA REQUEST FOR FLASHING LIGHTS

Mr. McKlarney reported Jefferson Christian Academy had contacted VDOT to request flashing lights at the school and was told it had to go through the Board. He advised JCA would most likely be coming to request flashing lights at their school at the next meeting. Mr. Morris inquired about the maintenance of the lights. Mr. McKlarney stated the county maintenance department takes care of the lights and provided possible procedures for obtaining through VDOT.

ACCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney showed an ACCE video of the students and a presentation recently made to some sponsors at a luncheon. He outlined the new initiatives of the program, numbers, and takeaways, noting the program would be highlighting and recognizing the sponsors more through social media and other avenues. Mr. McKlarney provided information on some of the area businesses working with ACCE on some community service projects, such as Celanese, Lhoist and Carilion. Mr. Martin inquired where project ideas should be directed. Mr. McKlarney advised ideas could be sent to him or Mr. Charlie Mullins. Mr. Martin inquired about funding for the projects. Mr. McKlarney explained some of it would come from the ACCE program just as it had been with the race, but some would be donated by businesses. He related Celanese would be promoting the ACCE program in their employee giving program where the company will do a match amount. Mr. Lawson thanked Mr. McKlarney for his continued work on the ACCE program. Mr. McKlarney recognized Mr. Mullins for his dedication to ACCE and the students.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$854,774.18 and 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

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve \$2,325,000 for the October 2022 School Board appropriations and ESSR III Funds in the amount of \$455,393.00. 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. Martin motioned to approve \$171,000 for the October 2022 Social Services appropriations. 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to appoint Mr. Chris McKlarney to the New River Community College 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. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bobby Lilly to the New River Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program. 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

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker and Mr. John Peek to the Agency on Aging Board. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker

Members discussed Mr. Morris' appointment to the Fairview Home Board, and Mr. Morris provided some issues he was having with the group. He advised he will talk to the person overseeing that board to see if some changes could be made. Members discussed the open IDA appointment.

RECREATION BUDGET

Mr. Baker requested members think about including recreation funds for the two at-large board members during the next budgeting session, adding they represent the entire county and see things for which the funding could be used. Mr. McCoy agreed and stated the increase would ultimately be put back into the community. Mr. McKlarney advised members could amend the FY 2022 budget if they so chose.

Mr. Baker made a motion to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for a total amount of \$22,000, with \$11,000 for each at-large member for use in recreation. 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

Mr. McKlarney advised Mountain Lake is having meetings to decide how to allocate \$50,000 for parks in the county, and he thinks Stateson Homes is going to put some money in on that as well.

LIMIT ON TAXPAYER REFUND BY TREASURER

Mr. Chidester provided information to members regarding the amount of taxpayer refund the Treasurer could make due to errors in assessment. He noted the Treasurer has made no refunds over \$2,500, with the last refund being due to a veteran status. Members discussed options.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to set the limit for taxpayer refund from the Treasurer's Office at \$2,500. 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

ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. McCoy stated he had only heard good comments about the animal shelter and the new staff. Mr. McKlarney advised the shelter is requesting funding to expand the outdoor dog runs, and specifications are being gathered in order to try to better determine the cost. Members discussed the location of the shelter.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 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