

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 3:00 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
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
John Ross	Building Official
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 October 20, 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on recent maintenance activity throughout the county. He reported patching on Wolf Creek, Route 219 and Mountain Lake Road; tree and/or brush cutting on Norcross, Gravelly Hill and Enterprises Lane; and culvert or ditching work on Spruce Run, Orchard Hill, Cascade Drive and Ingles Trail. Mr. Clark stated the patching needed at the end of Penvir Road was completed, and some patching was done on Wilburn Valley. He reported the boom axe would be back in the county soon, and the dry run for snow was done last month.

Mr. Baker reported the culvert at the end of Curve Road is still stopped up as well as the culvert on Penvir Road near the Albert residence. He noted potholes on Big Stony Creek Road need fixed near the West Virginia line. Mr. Lawson stated a nice job was done on the paving on Penvir Road and related an issue on Burton Road. Mr. Martin expressed appreciation for the work on the potholes and related Mr. Williams had reported a need for work at the MVP crossing on Doe Creek Road. He noted speed concerns in Pembroke. Mr. Clarke advised the speeds are posted, but he will look to see if those signs could be updated. Mr. Lawson inquired about Skyview. Mr. Bryan Reed related shoulders still need to be completed. Mr. Lawson stated he has been receiving positive feedback on the project. Mr. Reed reported he had received a

request for watch for children signs on Clendennin Road and provided the particulars of the situation.

Mr. Martin made a motion to install watch for children signs on Clendennin Road, and 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

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Mr. McKlarney updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,194 students, which is an increase of 4 from last month, and there are 1,248 students in Stride.

NEW BUSINESS

NRRA RESOLUTION

Mr. Joe Levine, the New River Resource Authority Executive Director, presented resolution passed by the NRRA Board for temporary disposal of solid waste by Smyth County. He noted the resolution was being brought before each member jurisdiction for consideration and explained this is an emergency agreement, with anything more permanent requiring additional action. Mr. Levine advised this agreement would open up the facility to Smyth County as well as its businesses and residents, noting the cost would be set at gate rate plus an additional three dollars.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the temporary agreement between NRRA and Smyth County, 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

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Mr. McKlarney read a resolution in recognition of Mr. Jimmy Link, who had retired after 17 years of service with the PSA and stated Mr. Link had done a lot of good work in the county. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the resolution in recognition of Mr. Jimmy Link. 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

COYOTE BOUNTY

Mr. Baker inquired if members would consider reenacting the coyote bounty and offered to move \$2,500 of his recreation money in order to cover the rewards. Members discussed the need and that it was not currently in the budget.

Mr. Baker motioned to reenact the coyote bounty with \$2,500 of his recreation funds to be used for the rewards. 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

VETERAN FEES AT CASTLE ROCK AND WELLNESS CENTER

Mr. Martin stated Veteran's Day would be coming up next week, and he would like to make a gesture toward them by making fees for any active military or veterans reduced to the senior rate. He noted if these individuals were already getting a senior rate, their fees would not be reduced more. Mr. McCoy inquired if the county had looked at what that would do to the revenues. Mr. McKlarney advised it would be a \$5 reduction per month at the Wellness Center and a \$75 reduction at Castle Rock.

Mr. Martin made a motion to reduce the fees at Castle Rock and the Wellness Center for veterans and active military to match the senior rates. 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 \$1,076,168.12, 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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Mr. Ross announced there would be a joint public hearing at the November recess meeting with the Planning Commission relating to a conditional use for a telecommunications tower in Eggleston. He invited members to attend a balloon test for the tower. Mr. Ross noted the Planning Commission also planned to present a plaque to the family of Mr. Benny Johnson at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel concerning the Suddenlink VATI challenge and U.S. Treasury call regarding CARES Act funding. 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

VEDP GRANT UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney reported the virtual tour at Wheatland Eco Park had been conducted last week for the VEDP grant, and it was down to about 40 counties in the application process. The next step, if the application moves forward, is an actual site visit.

ALTERNATIVE POWER OPTIONS

Mr. Lawson inquired if any feedback was received from the Governor's Office relating to alternative power options. Mr. McKlarney advised he had talked with Ms. Amanda Cox, who sits on that Committee, and she is getting him in contact with the Executive Director. He indicated Ms. Cox thinks the building in Glen Lyn could be a good draw for a project.

AEP LANDFILL PROJECT

Mr. Morris inquired about the status of the AEP fly ash landfill project. Mr. McKlarney related there would be a public meeting hosted at Rich Creek with individual property owners, and he will let them know of a date and time. Members discussed possible issues and options.

LIME PLANT

Mr. Martin inquired about the current operations at the lime plant. Mr. McKlarney reported the company is now trucking in stone, and there is no underground work. The plant continues to pump water.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

November 2, 2022

Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Perry Martin
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



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Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

At a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on the 2nd day of November, 2023, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, on October 28, 2022, Jimmy Link will culminate a successful career of over 17 years working for the Gilles County Public Service Authority (PSA) that began on June 13, 2005, and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding service he has provided to the citizens of Giles County through with work with the PSA, and

Whereas, Jimmy has provided this exemplary service to the public during his working career, and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that Jimmy Link be duly recognized for outstanding service provided to the citizens of our county.


Jeffrey Morris
Chairman


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