

FOIA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING

Prior to the meeting being called to order, a FOIA and Conflict of Interest training session was conducted by the county attorney with the following members in attendance: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Morris. The training began at 5:00 PM and concluded at 6:15 PM.

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, October 20, 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 minutes of October 5, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Elizabeth Mabis – Ms. Mabis related she lives on Harrison Lane, which is in great disrepair, and reported it is not state maintained. She inquired about what she can do to get the owner to work on the road and stated she does have a conveyance. Mr. Morris inquired if she knows the owner. Ms. Mabis stated she has talked with the owner twice. Mr. McKlarney advised if she has right of way, she should have the right to fix it. Ms. Mabis explained she does not have the money to maintain a road and asked if she has any recourse. Mr. McKlarney advised she does not, but the county might could help in some way. Ms. Mabis stated she knows the Board is not responsible for fixing the road. Mr. Morris inquired if the owner is not willing to do anything with the road. Ms. Mabis related she has asked twice, but he has not done it yet. Mr. Morris related he would

personally talk to the owner and see what can be accomplished. Mr. Chidester provided her with some additional information.

OLD BUSINESS

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Mr. McKlarney stated he had received notice of the values and where the revenues would come in recently, and it is quite a bit higher than anticipated. He outlined possible changes and increases. Mr. McKlarney stated he proposed an 85 percent assessment rate to be applied across the board on all vehicles. He provided information obtained from J.D. Power regarding vehicle prices and sales over the past several years, which noted an approximate four million vehicle deficit since the start of the pandemic.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve an 85 percent assessment rate of vehicles in relation to personal property taxes. 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

Treasurer, Angie Higgenbotham, suggested a notice be mailed with the tickets to explain the change.

NEW BUSINESS

VJCCCA PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Mr. Chidester presented a resolution of participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Contrail Act Program. He noted the county has been participating in the program, and the proposed resolution has no change from the previously approved resolution. Mr. Chidester advised the resolution will be in affect until members chose to no longer participate and recommended approval. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the VJCCCA Program resolution as presented. 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

ENERGY FORWARD PRICING

Mr. Chidester presented an energy forward pricing policy relating to the purchase of natural gas where a contract is used to lock in a price. He related the county has to adopt a policy to dictate that procedure.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the Energy Forward Pricing Policy 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

CASTLE ROCK CART PATHS

Mr. McKlarney provided information relating to cart path paving at Castle Rock. He outlined the portions to be paved on a map and stated estimates had been obtained, noting a need to keep up the property if the county is going to keep it. Mr. McKlarney stated estimates as follows: Jennelle's Paving at \$4.50 per foot; Linkous Paving at \$7.25 per foot; AAA Paving and Vaughan Paving both declined to provide estimates. He estimated the entire project would come in at \$250,000 to \$275,000. Mr. McCoy inquired if the contractor would be doing the base prep. Mr. McKlarney advised the contractor would, but there would also be some help from the county. Mr. Ross related he had tried to take care of the areas most in need of repair. Mr. McCoy stated, if the county is going to keep it, the it has to be fixed. He inquired about the timeline. Mr. McKlarney advised it would be completed this fall.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the repair of the cart paths at Castle Rock by Jennelle's Paving at a cost of \$4.50 per foot. 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

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve a FY 2023 budget supplement in the amount of \$275,000 for the cart path repairs at Castle Rock. 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

ANIMAL FRIENDLY FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney presented funds received from DMV for animal friendly plates to be used for spay/neuter programs within the county in the amount of \$195.00. He noted the previous year was allocated to Giles Animal Rescue.

Mr. Martin motioned to allocated 2022 DMV Animal Friendly funds in the amount of \$195 to Giles Animal Rescue. 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

OPIOID FUNDS

Mr. McCoy inquired if members would consider allowing Mr. McKlarney to look into providing some of the opioid funds received to the Oxford House. He noted the county has people who stay there. Members concurred.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$897,695.24, 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 motioned to approve \$2,945,000 for the November 2022 School Board appropriations and ESSR III Funds in the amount of \$147,010.60. 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 \$173,000 for the November 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 reappoint Dr. Conley Painter to the Industrial Development Authority. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel relating to the Sheriff's Office and (7) Legal Counsel relating to the VATI grant challenge. 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

COMPENSATION BOARD FUNDING

Mr. McCoy made a motion that the Sheriff's Office Compensation Board funds for compression pay be divided equally among eligible employees. 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

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Mr. Lawson inquired if members would be interested in him pursuing information for the county in relation to the Governor's recent announcement regarding alternative energy. Mr. McCoy stated he is always open for information. Mr. McKlarney advised the Governor's statement mainly focused on nuclear energy, but there is also hydrogen energy to be considered. Members concurred.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. McKlarney provided members with numbers year to date on adoptions, return to owner and rescues conducted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. He related the shelter is technically closed to the public on Monday and Tuesday, but more transactions are being conducted on those days in comparison to ones done on Sunday. Staff is proposing being open to the public Monday through Saturday and closed to the public on Sunday. Mr. McKlarney recommended approval. Members concurred.

RIGHT TO LIFE RESOLUTION

A member of the audience stated he had provided right to life resolutions to members and inquired about the status. Mr. Morris advised members had discussed the resolutions but were not ready to act on it at this time.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 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

October 20, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT PROGRAM**

Be it resolved that the Giles County Board of Supervisors will participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and accept funds appropriate for the purpose set forth in this Act until it notifies the Department of Juvenile Justice, in writing, that it no longer wishes to participate.

Be it further resolved that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute from time to time, a local plan on behalf of the County of Giles.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, held on October 20, 2022.

	Voting for	Voting against	Abstain	Absent
Baker	X			
Lawson	X			
Martin	X			
McCoy	X			
Morris	X			

Attest:



Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk

Approved as to form:



County Attorney