

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 7, 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)-Absent
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. Baker motioned to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Giles County Treasurer, Angie Higginbotham, reported the walk up window for her office has been delivered and will be installed in the near future. Ms. Higginbotham related the tax season had ended, but more are coming in through the mail. She reported complaints regarding the credit card fee, which was put in place due to the bank no longer covering the cost of the fees. Ms. Higginbotham advised she would be getting a new analysis from the bank and reported her office had processed 3,579 web transactions in 41 days. She indicated a password issue had been resolved with the website and asked that she be contacted with any issues relating to her office.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on recent maintenance activity throughout the county. He reported the boom axe had come back and cut along Goodwin's Ferry and Virginia Heights and the lane closure on Route 460 through the bluffs was for geotechnical studies, which would be wrapping up around December 18th.

Mr. Baker reported potholes on Big Stoney Creek Road from White Rocks to the West Virginia line as well as above the lime plant. He noted appreciation for the brush cutting along Route 100. Mr. Martin requested a speed limit reduction be looked at along

Spruce Run at the Hidden Hills development and noted an issue with a boat landing directional sign in Pembroke. He requested more litter pick up on Route 460 up to Eggleston Road and reported some ash trees in need of cutting on New Zion Road. Mr. Clarke advised Skyview Lane is complete except for the need of a couple of signs.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,193 students, which is an increase of 9 from last month, and there are 1,233 students in Stride. Dr. Arbogast related the teacher of the year nominations from each school and indicated the process had been moved up by DOE. He congratulated students from the Giles High School and Narrows High School Theater Clubs for placing in various competitions and recognized the football and volleyball teams for successful seasons. Dr. Arbogast reported a FFA student placed first in an ag mechanics competition and related dates for Christmas break and return to school. He stated he had met with CMTA for a MOU review about the IGA and hopes to move forward with the MOU.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY RADER AND DONNA ALTIZER

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution in recognition of Nancy Rader for service on the Giles County Electoral Board as well as serving as Chief Officer of Election in Pearisburg for a number of years.

Mr. McKlarney also presented a resolution in recognition of Donna Altizer for over 32 years of service with the county and 26 of those serving as General Registrar for Giles County. Copies of the resolutions are attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to adopt the resolutions in recognition of Nancy Rader and Donna Altizer as presented, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Delegate Jason Ballard presented recognition of Ms. Altizer from the Virginia General Assembly for decades of public service to Giles County.

PEPPERS FERRY SEPTAGE MOU

Mr. McKlarney introduced a request for an updated MOU for septage service with the Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority and recommended approval.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the septage MOU with the Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

FEMA PUBLIC ALERT WARNING SYSTEM AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney advised Mr. Chidester had reviewed the proposed agreement, which will allow for the monitoring of the recently installed river gauges, and recommended approval.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the FEMA public alert warning system agreement as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

USDA GRANT RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney explained the proposed resolution was to allow for him to execute the USDA grant documents previously approved to attempt to obtain sheriff office vehicles. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made motioned to approve the USDA resolution as presented. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

EGGLESTON CELL TOWER

Mr. John Ross reported Verizon had requested deferral of the cell tower project in Eggleston, of which the Planning Commission had recommended denial. He noted Verizon is willing to pursue additional possible sites and waived their 150-day clock deadline. He noted this request waives the county of decision making at this point.

DELEGATE BALLARD

Mr. McKlarney noted appreciation of Delegate Ballard's support and noted a call earlier in the day with Delegate Ballard and VDOT staff regarding the possibility of a portion of the gas tax imposed in 2021 being brought back to the county.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,712,902.51, and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lawson motioned to appoint Mr. Kevin Browne to the IDA effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Jason Buckland to the Giles County Agricultural Advisory Committee. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion

was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Roger Lucas, Mr. Frank Cahoon and Mr. Eddie Sarver to the Board of Zoning Appeals contingent upon their acceptance. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the New River Valley Regional Commission. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Martin motioned to reappoint Mr. Jay Williams to the New River Mount Rogers Region Career Works Board. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Perry Martin to the New River/Mount Rogers Region Career Works Consortium. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Martin

Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. John Lovely and Mr. Robert Givens to the New River Valley Airport Commission. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Richard McCoy to the Community Policy and Management Team. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker to the Giles County Planning Commission. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Baker.

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker as an alternate and Mr. Jay Williams as a county representative to the Public Service Authority. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Baker

Mr. Lawson motioned to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris and Ms. Gail Vaught to the Social Services Board. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Martin; Absent: Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Morris

Mr. Baker motioned to reappoint Mr. John Lawson to the Summit Place Board. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy; Abstaining: Mr. Lawson

DECEMBER RECESS MEETING

Mr. Baker made a motion to cancel the December recess meeting. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Martin motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (30) Contracts. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

Mr. Martin 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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. McCoy

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 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

December 7, 2022

County of Giles



Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Perry Martin
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

Paul "Chappy" Baker
At-Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy
At-Large Supervisor

Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

At a recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on the 7th day of December, 2022, in the County Administration Building, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, in March of 2002, Nancy Rader was appointed to the Giles County Electoral Board and served as Chief Officer of Election in Pearisburg for a number of years; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding service she has provided to the electoral process of Giles County in various precincts; and

Whereas, Nancy has provided exemplary service to the public in her electoral capacity;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that Nancy Rader be duly recognized for the outstanding service provided to the citizens of Giles County.


Jeffrey L. Morris
Chairman


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County Administrator

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At a regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on the 7th day of December, 2022, at the Giles County Administration Office at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION


Whereas, on March 20, 1989, Donna Altizer became employed by Giles County and transitioned into the post as General Registrar on January 1, 1996; and

Whereas, throughout her career she has shown dedication and leadership to the County of Giles and to the improvement of its electoral system; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding dedication she has shown to Giles County for over 32 years;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that Donna Altizer be duly recognized for the outstanding dedication and leadership shown to Giles County throughout her tenure.

Approved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors this 7th Day of December, 2022.


Jeffrey L. Morris
Chairman


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**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY OF
GILES COUNTY, VA**

The Board of Supervisors of Giles County, VA, consisting of 5 members, in a duly called meeting held on the 7th day of December, 2022, at which a quorum was present **RESOLVED** as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (the Government) in the development of a project to obtain Deputy Sheriff's Patrol Cars to serve the community, the Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt and abide by all covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, Chris McKlarney of Giles County, VA be authorized to execute on behalf of the Giles County Board of Supervisors the above-referenced agreements, documents, and forms and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments, security instruments, and/or grant agreements as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meetings of this Board.

Giles County Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Jeffrey L. Morris, Chairman

Attest: _____

Richard L. Chidester, County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, VA in a duly assembled meeting on the 7th day of December, 2022.

Chris McKlarney, Clerk

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