

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 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)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Vice-Chair (Western District)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. McKlarney stated with it being a new year a reorganization of the Board of Supervisors would need to take place.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Lawson nominated Mr. Morris as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Baker nominated Mr. McCoy as Chairman. The voting was as follows: Voting Mr. Morris: Mr. Lawson and Mr. Martin; Voting Mr. McCoy: Mr. Baker; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. McCoy nominated Mr. Lawson as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Lawson nominated Mr. McCoy as Vice-Chair. The voting was as follows: Voting Mr. Lawson: Mr. Baker and Mr. Martin; Voting Mr. McCoy: Mr. Lawson; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

ESTABLISH DATES/TIMES FOR MEETINGS

Mr. McCoy motioned for meeting dates and times to remain as previously established. The regular meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 PM, and the recess meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. 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

ESTABLISH POLICY FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Mr. McCoy motioned to establish the same policy as held in the past which moves a meeting to the following week at the same time during the event of an emergency. 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

ADOPT ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Baker motioned that the Board of Supervisors shall adopt and follow Roberts' Rules of Order. 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the December 7, 2022, minutes as presented. 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including ice from recent inclement weather and a pipe replacement on Big Stony Creek Road. He reported traffic was open on Route 460 where the studies were being done in the bluffs and noted an email he had received regarding ash trees.

Mr. Baker reported potholes in Virginia Heights and Big Stony Creek Road and requested asphalt be put over the recent pipe installation. Mr. McCoy reported potholes on Cover Hollow Road. Mr. Lawson inquired about results from the study on the bluffs on Route 460. Mr. Clarke stated he should be receiving a report soon and will share it with members. Mr. Martin reported a crushed drain pipe at the entrance of the old fire hall, and requested guidance prior to the paving to take place there in the near future. He also reported standing water on Route 42 where the pipeline crosses, which turns into an ice patch when temperatures drop. Mr. Martin requested school bus signs near a stop right past the Craig County line and reported the ground is getting soft on Hiram Jones Road. He also reported deep ditches in the town of Eggleston making it difficult for people to walk to establishments. Mr. Clarke related he had seen someone picking up trash along Route 460 on his way to the meeting. Mr. McKlarney indicated Mr. Charlie Mullins has 25 to 30 people assigned to the program.

Mr. McCoy inquired about the status of the bridge on Apache Road. Mr. Clarke stated the project is still a couple of years away, and he had found out the funding from the bridge cannot be moved to make a turn lane at the other access to Apache Road. Mr. McCoy stated that repairing or replacing the bridge makes no sense at all. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for VDOT's work during the lane closures on Route 460 and advised members to be prepared for the possibility of all four lanes being

opened back up through the bluffs. Mr. Clarke stated the highway department sees it as a failure to have a four-lane highway where all four lanes are not open all the way through. Members discussed possible safety issues.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL LITERARY LOAN RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney indicated the School Board had passed a literary loan resolution in the amount of \$7,500,000 for projects at Macy Elementary Middle School for roof and HVAC replacement. He related he had a conversation with the school group earlier about the availability of grant funding, of which they were unaware. He requested members pass the literary loan resolution today with the understanding that it will be voided if the literary loan will make the schools ineligible for the grant funding.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the literary loan resolution for the amount to cover the required roof and HVAC replacement at Macy with the condition it does not make the schools ineligible for the grant funding. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Martin asked for additional information. Mr. McKlarney explained the concerns and questions that could possibly cause the schools to be ineligible for the grant funding.

The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

SERCAP GRANT

Mr. McKlarney related information on a Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project grant for up to \$50,000, which would allow for improvements to the SCADA system.

Mr. Baker made a motion to move forward with the SERCAP grant application. 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

VA 250 RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution sent to Ms. Cora Gnegy from the Virginia 250 Commission, which would allow for grant opportunities. He noted the county would be involved in the commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to adopt the Virginia 250 resolution as presented. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,722,573.05, 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 APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson motioned to approve \$2,675,000 for the January 2023 School Board appropriations and \$106,633.70 in ESSR III funds for a total of \$2,781,633.70. 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Martin motioned to approve \$377,300 for the January 2023 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

Mr. Morris stated members could speak to him if they wished to have additional information about the increased DSS appropriations.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to appoint Mr. Rodney Wilson to the Giles County Board of Zoning Appeals. 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 (7) Legal Counsel. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GILES RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE VIRGINIA AMERICA 250 COMMISSION RECITALS:

A. The Board of Supervisors of Giles County is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism

B. The Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence

WHEREAS, Giles County will form a local VA250 committee;

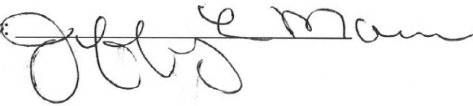
WHEREAS, the committee will plan and coordinate programs occurring within the locality and communicate regularly with VA250;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to undertake this endeavor with VA250 to promote and commemorate this important historic milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Giles County hereby desires to support the Virginia America 250 Commission and their efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence and will aid in the planning for the commemoration period.

ADOPTED this _____ 4th day of January, 2023.



Chair: 

Attested By: 

Name & Title: Chris McKlarney/County Administrator

January 4, 2023