

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 1, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the January 19, 2023, minutes 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including pothole patching on Mountain Lake Road, Lucas Road, Virginia Heights and Fisher Lane and noted patching had been started on Big Stony Creek Road. He reported machine and stone work done on Hiram Jones Road and the ditch was done at Palisades. Mr. Clarke advised the work on Bluegrass Trail where the water is ponding as well as work on Doe Creek Road where the pipeline crosses are on the list to be addressed.

Mr. Baker reported a couple of potholes left on Virginia Heights and reported potholes were fixed on Stateline Road. Mr. McCoy requested brush cutting and ditching along Curve Road and related the cutting on Route 100 looks good. Mr. Lawson reported a large pothole on Route 219 before the bridge and ponding water near the number two bridge on Wolf Creek Road. He noted he did not want to cause any issues with the residents in that area.

Mr. Martin expressed appreciation for the work being done and requested speed limit signs on Hidden Hills Lane. He related the residents there are asking for a limit of 25 miles per hour, and he reported Olean Road is getting rough. Mr. Morris Requested brush cutting on Curve Road, Turnpike Road and in Ripplemead.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Elwood Lambert – Mr. Lambert, Chief of the Narrows Fire Department, presented a letter from the department containing information on wrecks and fatalities on Route 460 west bound through the bluffs. He stated the department is opposed to reopening that section of road back to two lanes and provided data from 2016 through 2022 of wrecks occurring there. Mr. Lambert advised the number of wrecks has been cut significantly since that section was taken down to one lane, and the department feels strongly it should remain a one lane section of road. He recounted some of the wrecks he had worked there over the years and stated working those wrecks puts the agencies attending at risk. Mr. Lambert asserted it is in the best interest of the county and the public to keep the road the way it is now. Mr. McCoy related he agrees one hundred percent with that statement.

Mr. Clarke advised he will make it known that it is not a small minority that feels this way. He related there are no specific plans for the road to date, and there would need to be extensive work done to reopen it. Mr. Clarke indicated reopening the road to two lanes is the direction that VDOT would like to go. Mr. McCoy stated it is working well now, and he does not know why VDOT would change it.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,196 students, which is a decrease of 3 from the previous report, and there are an additional 1,217 nonresidential Stryde students. He related the Tech Center has put out videos of each of their programs and recognized the Narrows High School Scholastic Bowl Team who will be participating in the super regionals. Dr. Arbogast related individual school winners of the spelling bee and invited members to attend the county spelling bee. He provided information on the STEM program and the fair in March, inviting members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

VECHILE ACQUISITION

Mr. McKlarney related members had previously discussed the purchase of a vehicle for the Administration Office and requested approval.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$38,700. 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

NEW BUSINESS

VIRGINIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCAL MATCH

Mr. McKlarney related the health department would be returning \$17,537 in unspent FY 2022 local funds and presented a request for approval of \$3,046 in unmatched local funding for FY 2023. He related the anticipated health department budget for FY2023 had been reduced, but the department has asked that the county not reduce its match. He recommended approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve FY 2023 unmatched local funds for the health department in the amount of \$3,046. 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

VIRGINIA RAIL HERITAGE REGION

Mr. McKlarney reported he had been contacted by Delegate Ballard and was asked for Giles County to join in the expansion of the Virginia Rail Heritage Region by adopting the resolution presented. He advised it could open up more opportunity to the county for possible funding in the future. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the resolution to join the Virginia Rail Heritage Region 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

Mr. McKlarney reported Delegate Ballard is in constant contact with the county and is a pleasure to work with.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,007,218.60, 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Martin motioned to appoint Mr. Charles Andrews to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station 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

Mr. Martin motioned for Mr. Charles Andrews' appointment to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority to be a two-year term. 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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDING

Mr. McKlarney related the Department of Education had a problem with a spreadsheet sent out to school districts for FY 2023 funding. He reported Giles County Public Schools will receive \$347,000 less in funding than initially reported.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 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

Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Perry Martin
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
Western District Supervisor

County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker
At-Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy
At-Large Supervisor

Board of Supervisors

315 NORTH MAIN STREET
PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA 24134

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEEKNG APPROVAL TO EXPAND THE VIRGINIA RAIL HERITAGE REGION TO INCLUDE THE COUNTIES OF GILES, MONTGOMERY, PULASKI AND THE TOWNS OF BLACKSBURG, CHRISTIANSBURG, DUBLIN, GLEN LYN, NARROWS, PEARISBURG, PEMBROKE, PULASKI, RICH CREEK, AND THE CITY OF RADFORD.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia authorized the creation of the Virginia Rail Heritage Region within the Commonwealth, consisting of the Counties of Allegheny, Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell and Roanoke, and the Cities of Bedford, Covington, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Salem, as well as the Towns of Buchanan, Clifton Forge, Troutville, Amherst, Irongate and Vinton, and

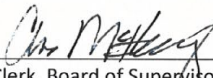
WHEREAS, the Counties of Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski and the Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Dublin, Glen Lyn, Narrows, Pearisburg, Pembroke, Pulaski, Rich Creek, and the City of Radford have each benefitted from the significant contributions of rail services in our respective communities, and

WHEREAS, it is important that succeeding generations be equipped to share the history and understanding of the significant role that rail service played in developing our region. Examples of this heritage today include the New River Train Observatory and rail heritage themed farmer’s market in Radford, New River Trail State Park in Pulaski County, The Huckleberry Trail connecting the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg and Montgomery County and the preserved 1868 and 1906, and Giles County with its quintessential essence of the railroad traveling along the meanders of the New River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Counties of Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Town Councils of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Dublin, Glen Lyn, Narrows, Pearisburg, Pembroke, Pulaski and Rich Creek, and the City Council of Radford are each requested to express their concurrence with this this request of expansion.

Approved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of February, 2023.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Richard McCoy	YES
John C. Lawson, Jr.	YES
Jeffrey Morris	YES
Paul Baker	YES
Perry Martin	YES


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