

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 5, 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 - Absent
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney- Absent
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 March 16, 2023, minutes 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including tree cutting on Doe Creek, brush cutting on Curve Road, and shoulder and ditching on Big Stony Creek Road. Mr. Clarke advised the construction project is done and Prospect Dale will be up next on the Six-Year Plan with the public hearing to be held on April 20th. He related the bridge on Castle Rock Drive was closed for eight hours during repairs with no issues, but there is still some clean up to be done.

Mr. Baker reiterated the need for drain and ditching issues on Route 622. Mr. McKlarney advised some work had been done on that road, but it was not the work requested in the work order submitted on the state site. Mr. Baker reported many potholes on Route 42 in the White Gate area. Mr. Lawson reported a pothole on Route 61 near the Bland County line, and related a speed stud had been requested in State Line Road and inquired if it had already been done. Mr. Clarke advised he would check to see if it was done. Mr. Martin related gravel is needed on Kow Camp Road. Mr. Morris reported a couple of large potholes in the turnaround section near 84 Lumber for the larger trucks. Mr. McKlarney advised he received a request for guardrail on Route 613 and reported a significant dip in the pavement on Route 219 near the Shell Station.

Mr. Bryan Reed reported he received a confirmation from VDOT on the reimbursement request from the construction of Skyview Lane, and the county will receive \$226,000 in reimbursement out of approximately \$230,000 requested.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,200 students, which is an increase of 5 from the previous month, and there are an additional 1,315 nonresidential Stryde students. He reported Colier Pruett from Narrows High School made first team all-state, class one in basketball, and the Giles High School Choir received a superior assessment at a recent event. Dr. Arbogast related Giles Tech Center students recently participated in the HOSA competition and recognized students for their performances. He reported the TSA Bule Ridge fair was recently held with several students recognized, and some will be attending the state conference. Dr. Arbogast announced the STEAM festival will be held on April 26th at Giles High School along with the art display and invited members to attend. He indicated SOL testing will start in May. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for Dr. Arbogast hosting the wellness program event at the School Board Office the previous day.

NEW BUSINESS

GILES COUNTY CHRISTIAN MISSION PRESENTATION

Ms. Drema McMahon provided a Giles County Christian Mission brochure to members and related information regarding activities, classes and assistance provided by the mission. She indicated the mission helps people throughout the county and has been in operation for over 50 years. Ms. McMahon reported \$56,000 in emergency assistance and \$53,000 in nutritional assistance provided in 2022. She noted most of the nutritional assistance was provided to the elderly. Ms. McMahon related Ms. Leisa Palmer is the mission's director and qualifies participants for services, and she indicated the giving of the Giles Mission surpasses both Montgomery and Roanoke. She reported 300 children were on the angel tree this past year, which is coordinated with other agencies; and 980 food boxes were delivered to seniors, which would equate to approximately 85 per month. Ms. McMahon stated we live in a generous county, and 100 percent of sales go back into the mission, which is now mortgage free. She requested members consider an appropriation for the mission in the upcoming budget and consider a personal donation. Ms. McMahon invited members to stop by and visit the mission. Mr. Baker asked if the mission is now taking clothing donations. Ms. McMahon stated she believes it is, but only limited staff is available to work up the donations.

SURPLUS VEHICLE REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request to surplus a 2011 Dodge Charger, vehicle number 21104 and a 2001 Ford F250, vehicle number 41030. He noted the vehicles are not in good enough shape to be donated to another agency within the county.

Mr. Baker made a motion to surplus the vehicles as requested. 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

OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT

Mr. McKlarney related the opioid abatement grant will be due on May 5th, and a number of meetings have been held to work on the content and need in the area. He advised he will get the application to members for approval in the near future.

ACCE BANQUET

Mr. McKlarney reported the ACCE sponsor banquet will be held on April 26th, and Lauren Sisler with ESPN will be the guest speaker.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,148,378.08, and 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Martin motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel and (29) 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 Thursday, April 20, 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