

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, 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. Baker motioned to approve the May 3, 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***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT**

Mr. McKlarney reported a school construction grant was awarded in the amount of \$12 million for renovations to existing schools. He advised there are no details yet, and a call will happen next week with DOE as well as a call with Davenport for possibility of financing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4 FOR LIFE**

Mr. McKlarney presented a requested disbursement of 4 For Life Funds in the amount of \$17,459.52. He related Mr. Jon Butler had met with all departments, and they had agreed to split the funds evenly, with each department receiving \$4,364.88.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the 4 For Life Funds disbursement 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***

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,316,275.69, 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 made a motion to allocate \$3,200,000.00 for June 2023 school board appropriations and \$9,734,182.00 for Stride for a total of \$12,934,182.00. 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 \$346,000 for the June 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***

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel and (29) Contracts. 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***

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Morris opened the public hearings.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GILES COUNTY ZONING MAP FROM R-1 TO RRA-1 NEAR THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE**

Mr. Berkman called the Planning Commission to order. Members of the Commission present at the meeting were as follows: J. Berkman, G. Snider, P. Baker, H. Nippert, L. Law, and F. Hackney.

Mr. Ross stated the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain the idea of a proposed amendment to the Giles County Zoning Map to change the current zoning district of R-1

to RRA-1 on the following tax parcels, or portions of parcels: 43-154D, 43-154B, 43-154F, 43-154G, 43-154C, 43-154, 42C-4-34, 42C-4-29A, 42-100, 42C-4-28, 42C-4-27, 42-100A1, 42-101, 42-100A, 42-100A3, 42-100A2, 42-98, 42-90H, 42-90K, 42-97B, 42-97A, 42-97D, 42B-8-39, 42-97, 42-95, 42-94, 42-95, 42-90I, 42-90J, 42-95C, 42-95B, 42-95A1, 42-95A, 42-92A, 42-92, 42-97C, 42-89D, 42-3, 42-5-4, 42-89E, 42-5-3A, 43-4C, 43-4A, 43-4, 43-4B2, 43-4B6, 43-4B1, 43-4B, 43-12B, 43-12, 43-4B4, 43-4B7, 43-11-32, 43-11-61, 43-4B8, 43-4B9, 43-12A, 43-11F, 43-11, 43-13, 43-5, 43-14, 43-5A, 43-6, 43-14B, 43-16A, 43-16, 43-17, 43-20A2, 43-20G, 43-20A2, 43-20D, 43-20I, 43-19B, 43-19, 43-18, 43-18A, 43-64, 43-67, 43-63, and 43-65.

He demonstrated an aerial view of the properties and indicated that a call from a land owner had prompted the review. Mr. Frankie Myers of Mays Hollow had requested to place a singlewide on his property for his daughter. When the Planning Commission started to review this request, it was discovered that Mr. Myers as well as many others were zoned R-1 which prohibits singlewides and/or agriculture uses. The Planning Commission held a site visit to the locations and discovered that both agriculture and a few singlewides were present in the area. By rezoning these areas to RRA-1, this would allow residents to continue with agriculture and reflect how their property is used. He stated the Commission had been working towards this change for approximately one and a half years.

**Shelvy Worley** – Ms. Worley indicated she owns farm land with her siblings. She stated she would like to keep the land as agriculture and appreciates the purpose of the public hearing.

**Richard Lavinder** – Mr. Lavinder stated he has concerns about his property near Old Stage Road. He related he owns a duplex which is currently zoned R-1, and he wishes for it to remain as such because it is low density. He has apprehensions with RRA-1 and some of the permitted and conditional uses. Mr. Lavinder related he does not believe the items listed in RRA-1 fit the area.

**Gregory Bandy** – Mr. Bandy recalled a similar conversation about this topic held 30 years ago. He indicated the Board of Supervisors had agreed to leave the area as-is at that time. He related Mr. Jay Williams and Mr. Sanders have some cattle, but he does not believe there is much livestock in the area. His indicated his land is already divided into lots and feels some of the permitted uses in RRA-1 do not fit the area. He stated the changes would be a mistake if approved.

***PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE GILES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE***

Mr. Ross stated he held a conversation with the Town of Pembroke regarding water and sewer. During this meeting, Mr. Stanley Lucas indicated the current water and sewer system are not close to capacity levels. After discussions with the Commission, it was decided to recommend a proposed text amendment to the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to add a footnote (F) to Table 1. This amendment would reduce the minimum lot size from 1 acre to .5 acre in the RRA-1 Zoning District where both public water and sewer are available. Mr. Ross stated he had received a written correspondence on the

issue regarding the possibility of this raising taxes. Mr. Ross indicated that tax increases are based on changes of usage, and this should not be a change in use.

**Carol Lavinder** – Ms. Lavinder stated there is a place for everything and does not believe that Giles County is doing enough to promote growth, which she advised would raise the tax base. She indicated there needs to be more land available for people to build on. She advised her family maintains Old Stage Road, and she does not want to see the road ruined.

With no further questions or discussions, Mr. Morris closed this portion of the public hearing. Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 for further deliberation. The meeting will be held at 5:00 pm at the Giles County Administration Office. Mr. Berckman adjourned the Planning Commission.

## **2023 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE**

Mr. Morris opened the real estate tax rate public hearing. Mr. McKlarney presented information regarding revenues generated by tax rate and advised there is no proposed change. He provided various tax rates compared to surrounding jurisdictions as well as a summary of the draft FY 2024 Budget. Mr. McKlarney related the numbers are assuming a five to seven percent increase in employee salaries. He advised it would most like be the end of June before the budget is passed and related a reassessment would not come back to the county for another two years. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to maintain the current real estate tax at 68 cents per \$100 assessed value with the penalty for taxes, levies and fees not paid by the due date at 10% of the unpaid balance. 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***

Mr. McKlarney explained that a \$77 million budget looks like a huge increase, but the Stride program for non-resident students' virtual education is the majority of that increase.

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**