

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 2, 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
John Ross	Building Official - Absent
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 minutes of July 20, 2023, 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 reported extra funding for pipe replacement prior to paving, and hopes are to increase brush cutting in the fall. He reported maintenance on the following: sidewalk repairs in Rich Creek, patching on Curve Road, Clover Hollow and Fletcher's Mountain, pipe replacement on Wolf Creek, Goodwins Ferry and White Rocks, as well as general storm clean up.

Mr. Baker expressed thanks for the job done on Cascade Drive, and reported a couple of driveways there where residents are dragging due to paving done. He also reported debris on the guardrail on Hemlock at the red bridge, noting rocks are falling out into the roadway. Mr. Baker stated there are potholes past Direct Sports on Curve Road, the ditches need work on Route 622, and there are large potholes on the road going into Glen Alton. He related an issue with a low water bridge up Wolf Creek and asked if anything could be done to help. Mr. Clarke stated there might be something outside of VDOT. Mr. Baker added it was a safety concern and would appreciate it if he could look to see what can be done.

Mr. McCoy inquired about the status of Cub Lane and Route 605. Mr. Clarke advised he would check on it, and it will not be a simple fix. Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation for the work on Shute Hollow, and noted he sent a couple of brush cutting suggestions. Mr.

Martin reported Hendrickson Road and Hollow Road need ditch work. He requested some work on the gravel roads since the recent rains, and asked VDOT take a look at Cliffview Street. Mr. Martin also reported gravel and work needed on Cave Hill Road, and requested work on Big Stoney Creek before Sportsman's Circle where it seems trucks are crushing a pipe and creating a whole. He expressed appreciation for the quick storm clean up. Mr. Morris reported a large pothole and brush hanging on Brooks Road.

Mr. Clarke related the bridge office did an inspection on the bridge on Sinking Creek Road and moved the weight limit to ten ton. They realize that weight limit is quite restrictive, and they are looking at taking off the weight limit and trying to find additional funding for replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Trivett – Mr. Trivett stated he had moved here in the 1980's and has been trying to get better access to his property ever since. He acknowledged the county is trying to as hard as they can, and he hopes there might be some federal funds available to help. Mr. Trivett related the ingress/egress is dangerous on the bridge and stated it was dangerous when it was first built. He stated emergency vehicles cannot get to the property at times, and it is different since he is older and has health issues, and since they have to get out more. Mr. Trivett stated he has risked his life at times trying to get medical attention and noted Mr. Lawson heard his plea. He related the safety of his family has not been a concern for the powers that be, and he wants the property to be safe for future generations.

Ms. Christen Poe – Ms. Poe related the history of Wolf Creek Road and the abandonment of one of the bridges. She stated there had been three bridge replacements on Wolf Creek in recent years, and the low water bridge is the first one under water and the last one out of the water. Ms. Poe provided data on water levels and pictures, and reported the water has been over the bridge 59 times within 55 months. She stated flash flooding is more of an issue now and provided a picture of a metal box that the family hooks to a tractor in an attempt to get out during these times. Ms. Poe indicated she is requesting help with access, as she does her duty as a friend, family member and citizen. She requested assistance from members and for them to advocate for her family. Ms. Poe stated she cannot continue to live with this problem.

Mr. McKlarney indicated he had received information from Delegate Ballard's office on a grant opportunity, and staff had looked at this as well as many others. He advised the grant would be an 80/20 match with potential to look at all the low water bridges, and a replacement would cost \$18 to \$20 million for one bridge. Mr. McKlarney related the county would need to partner with VDOT in the grant opportunity, and the selling part for the grant would be a high risk, rural road, which has to be publicly owned, and provides access to agricultural, commercial energy or intermodal facility that supports rural economy. He noted the grant application due by August 21st, and up to \$50 million is available in grant funding. Mr. McKlarney related Mr. Lawson has had office staff look for any kind of funding options that might be available, and they have talked to bridge

companies as well as steel companies. He noted setting a pedestrian bridge would cost around \$500,000, but the county understands their plight. Mr. Lawson inquired if the 20 percent match could be partially or totally in-kind. Mr. McKlarney related he is not sure at this point. Mr. Lawson stated that it would be challenging to come up with even \$2 million, and the county does not have that kind of money. Mr. Morris asked if members would like to look at it more. Mr. Lawson stated the county would need to get VDOT on board and look into it. Mr. Martin inquired how many low water bridges are in the county, and Mr. McKlarney stated six. Members discussed options. Mr. McCoy stated he does not think we have a choice but to partner with VDOT and move forward with it. He advised the county is not going to have a chance if the deadline is not met.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to move forward with the grant application and send a resolution requesting support from VDOT. 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

OLD BUSINESS

OPIOID MOU

Mr. McKlarney reported the MOU with Montgomery County could not be approved at this time, since it had not yet been approved by Montgomery.

NEW BUSINESS

PEOPLE INC. WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Ms. Beth Carico, People Incorporated's Director of Workforce Development, presented information to members relating to their workforce programs. She reported People Inc. had been awarded the workforce contracts previously operated by Goodwill, and they serve 16 jurisdictions as a community service agency and 12 jurisdictions in workforce development. Ms. Carico provide a history of her employment and indicated they work hand in hand with the Workforce Development Board. She provided information on various aspects of the workforce programs such as Youth Build, summer camp, career exploration and work readiness. Ms. Carico related the program is now able to offer incentives to participants for reaching set milestones or goals, and she is excited to expand into Giles County. She continues to look for the right staff person for the Giles office and provided information on outreach and recruitment.

NEWPORT CENTER

Mr. McKlarney announced there would be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on site for the Newport Activity Center.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants for post year FY 2023 in the amount of \$65,490.64 and for FY 2024 in the amount of \$896,835.28, and 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

FY 2023 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve a FY 2023 budget transfers in the amount of \$1,389,802.54, and 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Leon Law to the Giles County Planning Commission. 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

Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Steve Taylor to the Giles County Planning Commission. 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

NEW RIVER-HIGHLANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Baker requested funding be put back in the budget for the New River-Highlands Resource Conservation and Development.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to allocate \$1,500 for the New River/Highlands Resource Conservation and Development. 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

MONTE VISTA DRIVE

Mr. Bryan Reed presented a request for closure of 99 feet on Monte Vista Drive from Rick and Emily Cook. He related they have purchased several lots, and now own on both sides of that section of the street, which is unimproved. Mr. Reed indicated a public hearing was needed, and members could take action after the hearing.

Mr. Baker made a motion to set a public hearing on the request to close a portion of Monte Vista Drive. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Discussion – Mr. Chidester advised if done at the recess meeting the meeting date would have to be moved to Wednesday, but the requirements could be met if held at the first meeting in September.

Mr. McCoy revised the motion to set the public hearing on the request to close a portion of Monte Vista Drive at the regular meeting on September 6, 2023. 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, August 17, 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

August 2, 2023

FINAL FY2023 TRANSFERS - AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

FROM:		TO:	
100-11010-6001	\$3,000.00	100-12110-3001	\$4,000.00
100-11010-5230	\$2,400.00	100-12210-2100	\$7,200.00
		100-12310-1200	\$8,935.72
		100-12310-3320	\$6,486.00
		100-12310-5540	\$2,065.00
100-12412-3165	\$25,041.04	100-12410-5210	\$14,334.52
100-12412-1200	\$17,404.30	100-12410-2510	\$4,540.00
100-12412-3012	\$3,000.00	100-12415-1136	\$24,000.00
		100-12415-2510	\$2,540.12
		100-13100-1150	\$17,399.84
		100-32400-5653	\$9,249.18
100-22100-1200	\$43,510.42		
100-22100-2210	\$21,843.28	100-21800-6012	\$720.00
		100-22110-2510	\$1,150.00
		100-31700-1200	\$6,000.00
100-33100-33850	\$298,981.77	100-31800-5540	\$6.00
		100-32900-3430	\$1,022.00
		100-33200-6007	\$1,100.14
		100-34100-6009	\$450.00
		100-35100-2510	\$13,000.00
		100-35500-8000	\$16,825.54
		100-35500-6008	\$1,000.00
		100-42500-3900	\$0.10
100-43100-1200	\$519,148.73		
100-43100-2300	\$100,100.00	100-43200-1200	\$487,007.04
		100-43200-2300	\$147,634.00
		100-43200-3005	\$139,321.41
		100-43200-2510	\$56,466.82
		100-43200-2100	\$16,491.12
		100-43200-2350	\$12,875.00
		100-53500-1150	\$12,000.00
120-53510-3100	\$317,750.00	100-81700-6001	\$6,010.89
100-81210-5676	\$37,622.10		
		110-53100-1200	\$317,750.00
		160-81210-5676	\$37,622.10
	\$1,389,802.54		\$1,389,802.54