

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, September 21, 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)
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 – 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 September 6, 2023, minutes as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy

NEW BUSINESS

CALM IT APP – BOGGESS AND HOLLIE RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney introduced Cooper Boggess and Ava Hollie, Narrows Elementary School students, who created an app at a recent SWVA Can Code PITCHFEST competition, winning first prize. Miss Boggess and Miss Hollie made a presentation outlining their app, how it was created, and how it can be used. Miss Boggess also outlined parental controls on the app for those under the age of 12. Miss Hollie created the art work for Bubbles the Fish, which is used throughout the app. The pair has presented the app in Wytheville, at a School Board meeting and will be presenting it at Virginia Tech and at a coding forum in Roanoke.

Mr. McKlarney read a resolution of recognition for both Miss Boggess and Miss Hollie. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes. Mr. Lawson thanked the parents for taking time out of their schedules to bring the students to present at the meeting.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the resolution in recognition of Cooper Boggess and Ava Hollie 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

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE PRESENTATION

Lieutenant S.K. Vaughn presented updated information on the upgrades to the emergency communications system. He advised five of the sites do not require much planning to get them up and running, and he would like to start working toward negotiating a contract with the provider. Lt. Vaughn related he could continue planning on the two remaining sites, which are located at Poplar Hill and Wolf Creek. Mr. Baker inquired if they had looked at Mini Ball Hill for a site, as it should cover all of Big Stoney and might hook up with Monroe or Craig County. Lt. Vaughn stated he would look into it on the coverage map. He indicated he was not looking for approval for the full project, but he would like to work toward a contract on the five site locations and bring the other two back for approval later on. Lt. Vaughn advised he had met with a representative from the vendor, and we may or may not need those systems at the schools, adding the new system might take care of the issue. Mr. Lawson stated he would like to see that option in the contract. Mr. Jon Butler recommended to buy the equipment for all seven sites, due to price increases in the future. Mr. McKlarney stated the equipment is under state contract, and he would like to move on the equipment. He advised here are more negotiations to be done on the contract, and he is trying to move the process along due to the availability of grant funding and getting things lined up to get the work started. Mr. McCoy questioned the requirement for a 75 percent payment of the total contract amount. Lt. Vaughn related the company is willing to work with the county on them requiring the 75 percent payment. Members discussed concerns and options, and concurred with moving forward with negotiations. Mr. Martin stated he would rather leave no doubt about the school repeaters. Mr. McCoy agreed with that statement, adding it needs to be addressed. Mr. McKlarney reported he had visited some of the schools that day, and they could not communicate between buildings on their own radios at Narrows High School. Lt. Vaughn will work on contract negotiations and bring it back for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF NARROWS – FALL FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURE

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the request from the Town of Narrows for street closures during the Fall Festival. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,559,146.20, 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 \$2,915,000.00 for the October 2023 school board appropriations. 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 \$355,000 for the October 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Peek and Mr. Paul Baker as alternate to the Agency on Aging. 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. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lee Blaker to the Industrial Development Authority. 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

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

PSA RAISE

Mr. McCoy reported the PSA had recently voted to give members a raise of \$100 per meeting, and every town council and the Board has to approve it in order for it to move forward. He related he was not in attendance at that meeting and had told them he was against it. Mr. McCoy indicated Mr. Lawson had expressed his opposition to the raise at that meeting. Members discussed options. Mr. Lawson stated his opinion had not changed on the matter.

Mr. Martin made a motion to disapprove the PSA member raise of \$100 per meeting. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 3:00 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
 Council District Supervisor

Perry Martin
 Backen District Supervisor

John Lawson
 Waggoner District Supervisor

County of Giles



Paul "Chappy" Baker
 4 Large Supervisor

Richard McCoy
 11 Large Supervisor

Board of Supervisors

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At a recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on the 21st day of September, 2023, in the County Administration Building, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Cooper Boggess and Ava Hollie created a Calm It stress relieving app designed to help people deal with anxiety, which can be used various devices; and

Whereas, Cooper and Ava placed first in the SWVA Can Code PITCHFEST regional competition at UVA Wise, with over 70 students from 12 school systems; and

Whereas, Cooper and Ava will visit the Technology Expo to share their app in December; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the accomplishment of Cooper Boggess and Ava Hollie for their Calm It app and its potential to help so many; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that Cooper Boggess and Ava Hollie are recognized for their app creation and first place win at the Can Code competition.


 Jeffrey Morris
 Chairman


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 County Administrator

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