

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, October 19, 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.

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| 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 October 4, 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

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CONTRACT

Mr. Jon Butler, Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a proposed contract with Professional Communication Systems for the upgrading of the current emergency services communication system. He indicated he had a conference call with them to discuss the requirement for payment up front, and the company had agreed to installments of 25 percent at certain intervals. He noted the FCC license would cost \$30,000, which he is expecting to be approved at any time, at which point the first installment would be made. The second installment would be made when the equipment is ordered, and the third paid when the equipment is received. Mr. Butler related a payment of 15 percent would be paid when 5 of the 7 sites are completed, noting there is a possibility that it could be completed prior to July 1st. He indicated the final 10 percent would be due when the project is complete, which is anticipated for December 2024. Mr. Butler outlined which payments would be made with grant funding, as well as the ones that would need to be paid with county funds. He indicated the cost was lower than most surrounding jurisdictions who had recently upgraded with the total coming in at \$1,352,581, and he stated two of the sites would need some engineering. Mr. Butler related the total from the county would be \$691,823 if the 5 sites are completed by July 1st. Mr. McCoy inquired if the county would be going out for financing

on this project. Mr. McKlarney advised it could, but the county could just pay it if members so chose. Members discussed options. Mr. McKlarney advised the contract needs to go in if the county is going to get in line for the equipment, and the financials could be decided later. Mr. Lawson inquired if the contract included the repeaters for the schools. Mr. Butler stated it did not, but he is getting a special quote on them.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the contract with Professional Communication Systems 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

NEW BUSINESS

DMV ANIMAL FRIENDLY FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney presented funding sent to the county for DMV animal friendly plates in the amount of \$195. He indicated members had allocated the funds to Giles Animal Rescue in the past.

Mr. Baker made a motion to allocate the 2023 animal friendly funds to Giles Animal Rescue. 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

DOE SOLAR PROJECT GRANT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. McKlarney reported a letter of support from the Board was needed for the DOE solar project grant at Eastern Elementary. He noted the electric bill for Eastern is \$148,000 per year, and the development of a solar project would be an annual savings of \$125,000.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve send a letter of support for the DOE Solar Project Grant. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Martin inquired where the site would be located. Mr. McKlarney advised it would be in the old septic field behind the school.

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 \$1,129,342.42, 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 \$3,420,000.00 for the November 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 \$370,000 for the November 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

OLD BUSINESS

VACORP OFFER ON CASTLE ROCK POOL

Mr. McCoy made a motion to accept the insurance offer from VACorp on the Castle Rock pool. 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

SHUMATE PAVING RFP

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reject all bids on the Shumate Falls Road paving RFP and rebid the project. 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

VDOT PROJECTS

Mr. Lawson related he would like to add the Band and Wolf Creek low water bridges to the list of VDOT projects to be considered. Mr. Martin inquired if Cascade Drive intersection was on that list. Mr. McKlarney related it was on the list.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 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