

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, November 16, 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
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director - Absent
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 November 1, 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

NEW BUSINESS

EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND BURN BAN RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution declaring a local emergency for a burn ban retroactive to the burn ban published by the county the previous week. A copy of the resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the emergency declaration resolution 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

DOE SCAP FUNDING LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. McKlarney presented a draft letter of support for DOE SCAP funding for the upcoming school renovations. He noted the additional funding, if awarded, would help alleviate some tax increases.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the letter of support for the DOE SCAP grant funding application. 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

PEMBROKE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mr. McKlarney shared a request from the town of Pembroke for street closures during its Christmas parade.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Pembroke street closures during the Christmas parade. 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

SHUMATE FALLS ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Mr. McKlarney related the Shumate Falls Road paving project has been bid out twice, and neither bid is in compliance with what was requested in the proposal. He noted the project would be put back out to bid the following day if members choose to do so. Mr. McKlarney stated the project has come in within budget both times it was bid, and an official bid protest was received on this last round of bids.

Mr. McCoy moved to reject all bids for the Shumate Falls Road paving project and reissue the IFB. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$921,691.10, and 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

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson made a motion to allocate \$2,845,000.00 for the December 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 December 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 appoint Mr. Paul Baker to the PSA in the vacated seat of Mr. Jay Williams beginning January 1, 2024. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker made a motion to appoint Mr. Todd Martin as a county alternate to the PSA, beginning January 1, 2024, in his vacated seat. 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 (1) Personnel 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

NEW BUSINESS

NEWPORT SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB FEES

Mr. McCoy made a motion to waive fees for the Newport Sports Booster Club. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Martin

ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE FUNDING

Mr. McCoy made a motion to allocate additional funding for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,875.00. 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

VATI PROJECT FUNDING

Mr. McCoy made a motion to transfer \$250,000 to the IDA for match to the VATI project grant relating to the Pemtel application for the White Gate and Sugar Run areas of the county, contingent upon the approval of the Pemtel Board of Directors. 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

COYOTE BOUNTY

Members discussed the coyote bounty, and Mr. Lawson agreed to transfer \$2,500 of his Western District recreation funds for bounty.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 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

**A RESOLUTION
DECLARING LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Local Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with §44-146.21, *Declaration of local emergency*, of the Code of Virginia, in consultation with the Virginia Division of Forestry, local fire chiefs and the Local Emergency Management Coordinator, recommends declaration of a local emergency effective immediately. enacting a burning ban; and,

WHEREAS, due to severe dry weather conditions in the County of Giles and low water levels in creeks and streams, a heightened level of concern is fostered regarding increased risk of fire, the availability of water to fight a large fire, and the increased danger placed on fire fighters; and,

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by § 15.2-922.1. *Regulating or prohibiting the making of fires*, to regulate the making of fires on private property and public places when a declared emergency exists; and,

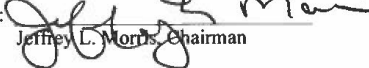
WHEREAS, also in accordance with §44-146.21, the governing body shall confirm the declaration of a local emergency, and,

WHEREAS, also in accordance with §44-146.21, the governing body, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Giles County Board of Supervisors hereby declares by way of resolution, confirmation of the recommendation of a declaration by the Director of Emergency Management of a local emergency for Giles County effective November 7, 2023 at 8:00 am. and authorizes the County Administrator to file with the Governor of Virginia, a notification that the County of Giles is in a state of Local Emergency; and the ordinance adopted pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-922.1 shall become effective at 8:00 a.m. on November 7, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the time of the adoption of this resolution, Giles County is under a local emergency and an additional resolution will be needed to certify the ending of the declared emergency.

Adopted and ratified this, the 16th day of November, 2023, in Giles County, Virginia.

By: 
Jeffrey L. Morris, Chairman

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKlarny, Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Local Director of Emergency Management may in accordance with §44-146.21, declare a local emergency which shall be effect subject to the confirmation of such declaration at it's next meeting to occur on November 16, 2023, and

NOW THEREFORE the Local Director of Emergency Management declares that a local emergency exists and the making of fires on private property and public places is hereby prohibited effective November 7, 2023 at 8:00 am.

Dated this 6th day of November 2023.



 Christopher P. McKlamey
 Director of Emergency Management
 Giles County, Virginia