

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, 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.

Richard McCoy	Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Vice-Chair (Western District)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Paul “Chappy” Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
John Ross	Building Official – Absent
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director – Absent
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

Mr. McCoy 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 March 6, 2024, minutes. Mr. Morris 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**

#### **TIMBERLAKE BUILDING**

Mr. McKlarney requested to put the Timberlake Building renovations out for bid for the juvenile courts. He noted a due date of April 23, 2024.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve bid requests to go out for the Timberlake Building in the juvenile court, and Mr. Morris 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**

#### **STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – FUMC 5K**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the town of Pearisburg for street closures during the First United Methodist Church 5K run on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He related the church has been a good partner in a lot of things done in the county.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the street closures as presented, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris***

## **REDUCED WATER RATE APPLICATION**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Treasurer, Angie Higginbotham, to send out reduced water rate applications with a letter to all customers to see if they might qualify for reduced rate. He outlined the current and reduced rates. Mr. McCoy stated Ms. Higginbotham had said they need people to reapply every so often for audit purposes. Mr. McKlarney related it was every five years, just to recertify that income levels have not changed. He advised members to hold off on sending out the applications if they had any planned rate changes to avoid having to resend them later on. Mr. McCoy suggested it would be fine to send them out in July or August. Mr. McKlarney indicated he did not see that the incomes are increasing to make them over the required limits. Mr. McCoy stated the county needs to look at a water increase, as it had been a long time since one was done. Mr. McKlarney related he had attended a budget meeting with Ms. Ballard, and he will plan to present a preliminary budget to members at a work session prior to the meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. He is recommending the tax rates remain the same. Mr. Baker related that RC&D had requested an increased in their allocation for the upcoming year.

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,386,817.45, and Mr. Morris 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 motioned to approve \$2,615,000.00 for the April 2024 School Board appropriations, \$95,500.00 and \$449,830.51 for state construction funds carryover for a total of \$3,160,330.51. 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 \$378,000.00 for the April 2024 Social Services appropriations. 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. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jeff Dinger to the Salvation Army Board. 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***

***Mr. Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kevin Belcher to the New River Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Board. 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. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (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. Morris 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 HEARING**

### **VODT SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. McCoy opened the public hearing. Mr. David Clarke presented the FY 2024-2025 through FY 2029-2030 VDOT Six-Year Plan for secondary road construction. He outlined allocations for the year of \$243,188 for unpaved roads and \$35,207 from the telecommunication fee funds. Mr. Clarke informed members it would cost approximately \$1 million per mile to pave a road depending on the project. He outlined the current roads as prioritized, including: Prospectdale Road, Hiram Jones Road and Powell Mountain Road. Mr. Clarke stated all the unpaved funding would be placed toward Prospectdale Road, and he did not see any point in splitting the projects. He will put 5 percent of the telecommunication funds toward rural additions. He indicated \$10,000 of the telecommunication funds would go to county wide traffic services, and a resolution can be passed for the plan. Mr. McCoy asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the VDOT Six-Year Plan as presented. 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***

Mr. McKlarney outlined the roads paved on the six-year plan from previous years. Members discussed past funding amounts. Mr. Baker reported potholes on Route 635. Mr. Lawson inquired about the bridge signs. Mr. Clarke indicated they are in the process of being manufactured.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM, with a work session to begin at 2:00 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**

Secondary System  
Giles County  
Construction Program  
Estimated Allocations

Fund	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
TeleFee	\$35,207	\$35,207	\$35,207	\$35,207	\$35,207	\$0	\$176,035
District Grant - Unpaved	\$243,188	\$293,966	\$293,966	\$293,966	\$293,966	\$0	\$1,419,052
Total	\$278,395	\$329,173	\$329,173	\$329,173	\$329,173	\$0	\$1,595,087

Board Approval Date:

 ----- 3/21/24

Residency Administrator

Date

 ----- 3/21/24

County Administrator

Date