

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 18, 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
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 April 3 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

NEW RIVER VALLEY HOME CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Mr. Chidester presented an agreement from the New River Valley Home Consortium, noting the agreement comes up every three years. He related Blacksburg is the fiscal agent, and this is a renewal from the previous agreement. Mr. McCoy inquired about accessing the funding. Mr. McKlarney noted the planning process starts now, and there will be \$669,000 in funding through 2028. Mr. Morris inquired if there were any changes made from the prior agreement. Mr. Chidester advised only dates were changed.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the New River Valley Home Consortium Agreement as presented, 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

DRAFT FY 2025 BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney presented an updated draft of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget with changes made as requested at the work session. He related options had been added for a three and five percent increase for employees, adding the difference in cost between the two

would be approximately \$153,000, which equates to approximately \$78,500 for every one percent increase. Mr. McKlarney noted the school portion of the budget reflects a five percent increase for employees and added the percentage of salary increase would not change the tax rates either way. He advised tax tickets would need to be sent out and suggested holding the public hearing at the May recess meeting, also noting dates the public notice would need to run in the newspaper. Mr. McKlarney indicated everything could be ready for members to discuss at the first May meeting. Mr. McCoy stated he was in favor of not raising taxes and inquired if any other members were interested in increasing the amounts allocated for recreation funds. Members discussed the use of the funds and the proposed increase. Mr. McKlarney indicated the recreation funds are the most effective thing the county has in place, and an increase to \$20,000 would not be a problem.

Mr. Baker made a motion to increase the recreation fund allocations to \$20,000 each. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,151,736.58, 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 \$4,922,000.00 for the May 2024 School Board appropriations and \$215,877.36 for ESSER II funds for a total of \$5,137,877.36. 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 \$375,000.00 for the May 2024 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. Morris made a motion to reappoint Ms. Cora Gnegy and Dr. Lee Wheeler to the Onward NRV Board. 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

TRAIL CENTER GRAND OPENING

Mr. McKlarney announced the grand opening of the trail center would be held on May 10th and invited members to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (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. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 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