

At a budget work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 2:00 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) – Absent
Perry Martin	Eastern District - Absent
Jeff Morris	Central District
Paul “Chappy” Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
John Ross	Building Official – Absent
Richard Chidester	County Attorney – Absent
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McCoy called the work session to order.

## **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mr. McKlarney presented a variety of budgetary topics such as anticipated employee increases, expected revenues and expected expenditures. He noted new numbers would be forthcoming from the Commissioner of the Revenue, and tax rates need to be set by mid-May. Mr. McKlarney indicated the budget numbers include a three percent increase for staff, and for schools an increase of five percent for teachers, four percent for administration and six percent for other school staff, such as secretaries and aides. He related he could come back with options for five percent for county staff if members so choose. Members discussed the higher percentages for school personnel, and Mr. McKlarney related the increases would keep the locality around the number three slot for the area. He indicated the sheriff’s office had requested \$88,000 in increases to match other locality standards. Members discussed budget needs of the sheriff’s office for vehicles. Mr. McKlarney related it cost around \$75,000 to purchase a new vehicle and have it outfitted for the sheriff’s office and provided information on taser needs. He requested to carryover the funding for an additional person in the building department, and advised turnover is expected in public works. Members discussed the decrease in cost for jail per diem. Ms. Ballard stated not many community development organizations are asking for increased funding. Mr. Baker requested an increase to \$3,000 for the New River/Highlands RC&D. Mr. McKlarney outlined revenue projections for the upcoming year. Members discussed the possibility of water rate increases, and Mr. McCoy stated the rates had not been raised in 12 to 13 years. Ms. Ballard will make adjustments and provide an updated budget at the next session.

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 3:00 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) – Absent
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 21, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance such as machining gravel roads, patching ahead of the overly schedule, brush cutting on Curve Road and Route 460, ditching on Mountain Lake Road and Route 100, and shoulder work on State Line Road. He indicated he had received information on a bill that was recently passed that would allow for more flexibility on Six-Year plan funding, and he will have to see how it works out.

Mr. Baker reported sinking at the installed drain pipes as well as potholes on Route 635, and he expressed appreciation for the work done on the potholes. He also reported residents were not satisfied with the brush cutting on Curve Road. Mr. Morris requested Mr. Clarke check on Wabash Road and secondary roads, and reiterated the need for brush cutting. Mr. Martin requested brush cutting and inquired about lines on Spruce Run. He indicated some had been painted, some had not, and some were more of a distraction than a help. He reported potholes on Painter’s School Road and Lucas Road, and requested gravel on Hiram Jones, noting the road is pretty rough. Mr. Martin requested the signage be looked at for tractor trailers on Big Stony Creek Road, as they continue to get logging and wide loads along the route. He stated he would follow up with a location for deer crossing signs, and requested anything that could help make the

intersection in Pembroke safer. Mr. Clarke reported the drain pipe on Cub Lane looks good, Mr. McCoy advised there is another spot near that same location.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Mr. McKlarney updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,193 students, which is decrease of 5 from the previous month.

## **NEW BUISINESS**

### **NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION**

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the New River Resource Authority (NRRA) for an emergency agreement with Tazewell County. He noted it would allow for either landfill to have use of the other in case of an emergency, and each member jurisdiction is required to approve if the agreement is to be put in place.

***Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the NRRA emergency resolution with Tazewell County as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Helen Beavers** – Ms. Beavers reported she has two art classes every month set up at the Pembroke Library to try to fill in where the schools do not have art classes. She noted they are in need of a portable restroom during the youth program in summer and requested the amount the county has with its contracts. Mr. McKlarney advised he would check on pricing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4 FOR LIFE FUNDS**

Mr. McKlarney presented a disbursement request for the 4 for Life funds for FY 2024. He noted each rescue squad would receive \$4,354.48 for a total of \$17,417.92 and requested approval.

***Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the FY24 4 for Life fund distribution as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson***

### **VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT (VJCCCA) FUNDS**

Mr. McKlarney presented a repayment request of \$2,500 this year of VJCCCA funds.

**Mr. Baker motioned to approve the repayment of \$2,500 in unused VJCCCA funds. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson**

## **HOME CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

Mr. McKlarney requested to table the presentation of the Home Consortium agreement until a later meeting. Members concurred.

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

**Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,245,598.70, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson**

## **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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson**

**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 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Lawson**

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:30 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

April 3, 2024

## ATTACHMENT 1

**MEMBER RESOLUTION OF GILES COUNTY**  
**CONSENTING TO THE NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY**  
**ENTERING INTO AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RECIPROCAL**  
**DISPOSAL AGREEMENT –**  
**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, held on April 3, 2024 at 3:00 PM the Board of Supervisors resolved as follows:

A **RESOLUTION** consenting to the New River Resource Authority (the "Authority") entering into an emergency, temporary reciprocal disposal agreement (the "Reciprocal Disposal Agreement") between the Authority and Tazewell County, Virginia ("Tazewell County") for the emergency disposal of nonhazardous solid waste:

**WHEREAS**, the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority provide that the Authority may, with the consent of all Member Jurisdictions (as defined therein and in the Agreement, defined below), enter into contracts with other political subdivisions that are not members of the Authority in order to further its purposes and functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement of expansion of the Authority dated April 14, 1998 (the "Agreement"); provides that the Authority is to be used only for the disposal of waste in the member jurisdictions and only such areas outside of those geographical limits as the governing bodies of the member jurisdictions may unanimously agree; and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the Fourth Amended User Agreement of New River Resource Authority for Authority Members, adopted and effective August 24, 2016 (the "Fourth Amendment"), provides that, subject to and upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize the Authority to contract with other public subdivisions within the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow for the emergency disposal of nonhazardous solid waste without the requirement of prior approval of each of the member jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Authority and Tazewell County has proposed to contract with the other for the acceptance by each other's facilities of non-hazardous solid waste on a temporary basis in the event of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the above provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the Agreement, the consent of all Member Jurisdictions of the Authority is required for approval of such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Authority and Tazewell County desires to execute an agreement to provide emergency assistance to each other and has negotiated the terms of a

proposed Reciprocal Disposal Agreement, in substantially the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed Reciprocal Disposal Agreement has been submitted to Giles County as one of the Member Jurisdictions and the Authority seeks consent from the Member Jurisdictions to execute the proposed Reciprocal Disposal Agreement, in substantially the form as presented hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby consents to the Authority entering into the proposed Reciprocal Disposal Agreement, in substantially the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to review and final approval as to form by the Attorney for the Authority.
2. The Board Clerk/County Administrator is authorized to communicate this Resolution to the Authority as the requisite consent as a Member Jurisdiction under the Agreement.
3. The Board Clerk/County Administrator is authorized to take such further actions and execute additional documents as may be needed to further the goals set forth in this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Attest:**

  
Secretary/Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned Chairman of the Giles County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes the Resolution as adopted by the Board at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on April 3, 2024. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing Resolution, a quorum was present. The vote of the members present and voting upon the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Governing Body Member Name	<u>Voting</u>				
	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstaining
Richard McCoy	X		X		
Paul Baker	X		X		
Jeffrey Morris	X		X		
Perry Martin	X		X		
John Lawson		X			

**WITNESS MY HAND** and the seal of the Giles County, Virginia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Chairman, Giles County Board of Supervisors