At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, July 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 – Absent
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 June 20, 2024 and June 25, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jay Williams – Mr. Williams stated he would like to invite members, Delegate Jason Ballard and VDOT staff to ride along with him in a school bus along secondary roads, noting he had broken four mirrors and a door on vehicles due to the brush hanging out in the roads. Mr. McCoy advised the Board has been trying to get a contract in place with VDOT for brush cutting utilizing people from Recovery Court. Mr. Williams stated he would like to know the cost of secondary mowing in the county and related VDOT crews used sickle mowers in the past to cut the brush back while mowing. He indicated they have two of them in the county that are not used. Mr. Williams indicated school is starting back in a month, and it is going to be trouble for the buses. Mr. McCoy advised they could be asked to take the ride along. Mr. Baker related he will also address it at the first meeting in August.

NEW BUSINESS

FAIRVIEW DISTRICT HOMES LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Morris presented a lease agreement between Fairview Homes and Pulaski County. He indicated Pulaski would be leasing a five-acre parcel of land to develop a pocket park to benefit the county and Fairview Home residents, but Fairview Homes does not want to sell the property. Mr. Morris explained that each member jurisdiction would need to approve the lease in order for it to move forward.

Mr. Baker stated he would agree to the lease, but Pulaski is blocking Tazewell County from entering into the New River Resource Authority. Mr. Morris stated he understood, but Giles, Montgomery, Radford and Pulaski are the only jurisdictions with ownership at Fairview. Mr. Jay Williams inquired how many Giles residents are at Fairview. Mr. Morris indicated there are two at this time. Mr. Williams stated there had been up to seven. Members discussed details of the lease agreement as well as options.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Fairview Homes lease agreement as presented. 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

USEDA GRANT

Mr. McKlarney announced the county has received a USEDA grant in the amount of $200,000 for a repurposing study of the Glen Lyn power plant, and the IDA would be matching the grant in the amount of $50,000.   He related the county would try to kick it off as quickly as possible, and the study would be done to look at possibly repurposing the building or the future use of the site.

AEP GRANT

Mr. McKlarney reported a $33,000 grant from AEP to be used for recreational sports in the county.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve FY 2024 post year warrants in the amount of $365,352.89 and FY 2025 warrants in the amount of $1,129,493.33. 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 made a motion to approve $1,100,000.00 for the August 2024 School Board appropriations and $2,867,296.88 for the Macy renovation project and requested additional information on the SCAP funding. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. <u>Discussion</u>: *Mr. McCoy inquired if the SCAP funding still comes through the board. Mr. McKlarney indicated it does.*
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 August 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. McCoy stated he was tendering his resignation from CPMT and suggested Mr. Richard Chidester as his replacement.

Mr. Morris made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Chidester to the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT). 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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Baker announced the New River Highlands RC&D is looking at doing a project in the Woods Gap area of Newport relating to a dry hydrant. He indicated they are supposed to meet with someone in that area on Monday.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Mr. McKlarney reported the new emergency communications system is up and running, noting that Mr. Jon Butler and Lieutenant S.K. Vaughn had done a wonderful job getting it initiated way before the anticipated date. Mr. Butler related the system is performing even better than expected and provided some examples where service had drastically improved. Mr. Lawson inquired if the repeaters had been installed at the schools. Mr. Butler indicated they were installed, and the new system will help with that issue as well. Mr. McCoy inquired what was left to do on the project. Mr. Butler stated they are still working on the Wolf Creek and Route 42 areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morris 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. 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

PSA RESOLUTION

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a resolution regarding Public Service Authority member compensation. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 3:00 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