

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 5, 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)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Jeff Morris	Central District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
John Ross	Building Official
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 May 16, 2024, minutes 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on efforts on clean up from the recent storm. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for the VDOT crew and their efforts. Mr. Clarke updated members on maintenance such as machining gravel roads, patching on Castle Rock, Rout 219, Spruce Run, Big Stony Creek, and Mountain View; surface treatment on Sugar Run, Clendennin and Kow Camp, brush cutting and boom axe on Route 730 in Eggleston and Stock Pen; ditching on Mays Hollow; a sink hole issue on Bluegrass Trail; pipe cleaning on Eaton Road and Clover Hollow; and tree removal on Route 61.

Mr. Baker reported a need for brush cutting on Curve Road, Virginia Heights and Riverbend, reported potholes on the ramp off of Route 460, and potholes on Route 460 and on Big Stony Creek before the state line. Mr. Clarke indicated some work is scheduled on Big Stony for next year. Mr. Morris requested ditches cleaned on Sugar Run Road as well as brush cutting. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT is working on an agreement on brush cutting with the county crew. Mr. Lawson requested work for Turner Road and inquired about the bridge dedication. Mr. Clarke stated the sign is done, and he will need to look into details. Mr. McKlarney requested the sign be installed and covered until the dedication. Mr. Martin requested brush cutting on the back roads and reiterated the issue with heavy truck on Big Stony. He indicated someone reported a bridge was hit by a truck. Mr. Clarke advised he will have someone

go out and take a look at it. Mr. McCoy reported a pothole going out of Pearisburg and water standing on Wilburn Valley Road, which was still there a week after it rained. Mr. McKlarney related VDOT is working on getting the contract together for brush cutting, and he has been connected with Mr. Brian Walker. He indicated he would be requesting a letter of support from VDOT in relation to a railroad crossing in Pembroke as well as one in Narrows. Mr. Ross stated he had received a request for a speed study on Cedar Crest Loop, noting there is no limit posted.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve a speed study on Cedar Crest Loop. 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 REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,191 students, which is a decrease of 1 from the previous month, and there are an additional 1,302 nonresidential Stride virtual students. Dr. Arbogast provided dates for graduations and related the summer meals program will begin the following Monday with breakfast and lunch being served. He indicated all programming during the summer will be held at Giles High School and renovations at Macy McClaugherty will begin on Monday. Dr. Arbogast noted a project to replace lighting at the Giles High School football field will start on Tuesday. Mr. McCoy inquired if any other renovations have gone out for bids. Dr. Arbogast advised they had not but the ones for the high schools are close to being ready. Mr. McKlarney related he had received an email from the school board requesting that members start thinking about phase two at Macy McClaugherty, and Dr. Arbogast provided information on various options for classroom additions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helen Beavers – Ms. Beavers updated members on activities being held at the Pembroke Public Library and provided pictures. She and Ms. Theresa Cushman expressed appreciation for the support, noting it had made a huge difference. Ms. Beavers related she also has an ACCE student at the library doing community service hours. She stated it was great to have an extra set of hands.

Chris Tuck – Mr. Tuck stated he had served on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors and had started dealing with Mr. McKlarney during that time. He related Mr. McKlarney is very modest and would not want him to come to the meeting to say what he was about to say. Mr. Tuck indicated Mr. McKlarney had started the ACCE program in the New River Valley, and they had talked about needing people who know how to do things in the workforce. Mr. Tuck indicated he had started working out with the recovery court, and Mr. McKlarney was there working out with them and talks with them about every single week. He stated Mr. McKlarney talks with them and provides inspiration, and he wanted people to know what a difference Mr. McKlarney is trying to make in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney outlined the revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and advised it was a balanced budget at \$77,820,771. He spoke of how everything has gotten more expensive and how he appreciates how conservative members have been regarding funding. Mr. McKlarney mentioned the upcoming debt from school renovations. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the FY 25 budget 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,410,372.00, 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

FY 2024 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Ms. Ballard presented Fiscal Year 2024 budget supplements. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve FY 2024 budget supplements in the amount of \$603,273.23. 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. Baker made a motion to appoint Mr. Ike Snider to the Planning Commission in the vacant seat of Mr. Howard Nippert. 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

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, 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, 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 Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

**An Ordinance Adopting Local Levies and Budget for
The County of Giles County, Virginia
for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Giles County, Virginia, is required by Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to fix local tax rates and levies for calendar year 2023 and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to adopt an ordinance regarding its fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for informative and fiscal planning purposes only, pursuant to Section 15.2-2500 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Giles County, Virginia has advertised the said budget and levies in accordance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section I

That the following budget is adopted for informative and fiscal planning purposes only for Giles County, Virginia for fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July 2024 and ending on the 30th day of June 2025.

See Budget Exhibit A.

Section II

That no appropriations for salary totals shall be changed, nor appropriations transferred between departments unless authorized by the Giles County Board of Supervisors. Appropriations other than salaries within a department may be transferred therein for the purpose of equalization when necessary by approval of the Giles County Administrator.

Section III

In accordance with Section 58-1-3001 of the Virginia Code and other applicable Virginia Code Sections the following tax rates and levies are hereby adopted and fixed for Giles County, Virginia for the current year, calendar year 2024:

TAX	RATE FOR 2024
Real Estate	68¢ per \$100
Motor Vehicles	\$2.02 per \$100
Personal Property	\$2.05 per \$100
Machinery and Tools	\$2.05 per \$100
Transport Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. (Interstate Commerce)	\$1.12 per \$100

Merchants Capital	86¢ per \$100
Public Service Levy	68¢ per \$100
Mobile Home Levy	68¢ per \$100
Qualified Disabled Vet. Vehicle	.005¢ per \$100
Motor Vehicle License Fee	\$20 per Vehicle

The penalty for taxes, levies and fees which are not paid by the due date is 10% of the unpaid balance. Real estate taxes are due on June 28, 2024 and December 5, 2024. All other taxes and fees are due on December 5, 2024. Ten percent (10%) interest charges begin on the first day of the month following the payment due date.

Any person liable for local taxes or other local accounts who fails to pay the amount due within 30 days after notice of the delinquency has been sent shall, in addition to all penalties and interest, pay a fee to cover the administrative costs associated with the collection of the delinquent bill in such amount as allowed by Section 58.1-3958 of the Virginia Code, as amended, or such other Virginia statute regulating the amount of such fees or covering the subject of fees in such cases. In addition to the administrative fee, any collection agency's fees or attorney's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the delinquent bill, may also be added to the delinquent bill

Section IV

That all unexpended budget/appropriations, except those for capital, construction and special projects or commitments which are incomplete as of June 30, 2024, be, and the same are hereby cancelled as of June 30, 2024, and the County Administrator is directed to transfer all budget/appropriations credit balances to unappropriated surplus and place to the credit of all budget/appropriations accounts which show an overdraft for the fiscal year 2023-2024 an amount necessary from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Section V

The County Treasurer is directed to transfer funds from the General Fund in the amount of the budgeted figure in the General Operating Budget to the General Capital Outlay Project Fund.

Section VI

This ordinance is adopted in accordance with the aforementioned provisions of the Code of Virginia.

Section VII

This ordinance shall become effective on and after July 1, 2024:

Adopted: June 6, 2024


Chairman, Giles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


County Administrator

BUDGET EXHIBIT A

GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS			FY2024-FY2025 BUDGET		
REVENUE CATEGORY			EXPENDITURE CATEGORY		
Real Estate Taxes	\$7,405,117	9.52%	Education	\$49,744,586	63.92%
Public Service	\$746,885	0.96%	County Operations	\$5,493,985	7.06%
Personal Property	\$3,545,365	4.56%	Public Service: Water & Sewer	\$1,036,752	1.33%
PP Tax Relief	\$1,227,860	1.58%	Economic Development	\$575,792	0.74%
Mobile Home	\$65,638	0.08%	Courts / Law Enforcement	\$6,192,941	7.96%
Machinery & Tools	\$5,959,062	7.66%	Tax Collection & Assessment	\$1,364,906	1.75%
Abatement Machinery & Tools	\$0	0.00%	Abatement Machinery & Tools	\$0	
Common Carrier	\$13,279	0.02%	Emergency Services	\$1,179,659	1.52%
Merchants Capital	\$223,647	0.29%	Social Services/CSA & Community Services	\$7,800,940	10.02%
Penalties & Interest	\$174,489	0.22%	Debt Service	\$1,725,055	2.22%
Other Local	\$2,995,986	3.85%	Recreation	\$756,155	0.97%
Permits/Fees/Rental	\$67,840	0.09%	Capital Improvements	\$1,950,000	2.51%
Use of Money/Property	\$303,056	0.39%			
Charges for Services	\$129,977	0.17%			
Recreation Revenues	\$418,959	0.54%			
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$65,492	0.08%			
Delinquent Collection Fees	\$62,000	0.08%			
Recovered Costs	\$2,802,073	3.60%			
Non-Categorical Aid	\$187,305	0.24%			
Commonwealth Reimbursements	\$6,750,428	8.67%			
Other Categorical Aid & Misc	\$1,183,556	1.52%			
Schools (State & Federal)	\$41,460,994	53.28%			
Industrial Development	\$635,126	0.82%			
Water & Sewer System Fund	\$825,778	1.06%			
Loans & Grants	\$400,000	0.51%			
Reserve Fund Balances & Transfers	\$170,859	0.22%			
TOTAL	\$77,820,771	100.00%	TOTAL	\$77,820,771	100.00%

