

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 4, 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.

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| Richard McCoy       | Chair (At-Large Supervisor)   |
| John C. Lawson, Jr. | Vice-Chair (Western District) |
| Perry Martin        | Eastern District – Absent     |
| 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 November 21, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

## **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance efforts throughout the county, noting most of the recent time had been spent on storm clean up gathering debris off the side of the roadways. He related brush cutting on Eggleston Road and Curve Road, patching on Route 460, patching and pipe work on Doe Creek Road, erosion work on Country Lane, and pipe stabilization and erosion work on Rocky Sink. Mr. Clarke reported the brush cutting agreement is being worked on as well.

Mr. Baker reported potholes on Wolf Creek past the second bridge. Mr. Morris related he received a call about the bridge at Bane being clogged and some wash out there. Mr. McKlarney reported issues for Mr. Martin, including work needed on Hendrickson Lane and Elder Hollow.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Mr. McKlarney stated there are currently 2,138 students, which is a decrease of 20 from last month, and there are an additional 1,517 virtual students. He reported Dr. Arbogast had stated many of the students from last month had either left or switch to home schooled. Mr. McKlarney indicated some could be from pipeline workers leaving the

area. He related the bids had come in lower than expected for Giles High School, Narrows High School and the Vocational Center, and an award was expected within 90 days. Mr. McCoy reported the freezer generator issues are being worked out with the projects.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION EXTENDING TAX DEADLINE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS**

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution to extend the deadline for those displaced by the flooding from hurricane Helene for 90 days. He indicated the penalties would apply if the taxes were not paid within the 90-day extension.

***Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the resolution to extend the tax deadline for those displaced by the recent flooding. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

### **REASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS**

Mr. McKlarney related reassessment interviews would be taking place soon for those who submitted proposals.

### **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,328,727.18, and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

### **APPOINTMENTS**

***Mr. Morris moved to reappoint Mr. Ricky McCoy to the Regional Commission. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin; Abstaining: Mr. McCoy***

***Mr. Morris moved to reappoint Mr. Charlie Andrews to the Passenger Rail Authority for a four-year term. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

***Mr. Morris moved to reappoint Mr. Chris McKlarney as alternate to the New River Resource Authority. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

***Mr. Morris moved to reappoint Mr. John Lovely and Mr. Robert Givens to the***

***Airport Commission. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

***Mr. Morris moved to reappoint Mr. Richard Chidester to the Community Policy and Management Team. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

***Mr. Lawson moved to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Social Services Board. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson and Mr. McCoy; Absent: Mr. Martin; Abstaining: Mr. Morris***

***Mr. Baker moved to reappoint Mr. Jeff Morris to the Fairview District Board and Mr. Kevin Belcher to the Fairview Home Board. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson and Mr. McCoy; Absent: Mr. Martin; Abstaining: Mr. Morris***

***Mr. Morris moved to appoint Mr. Jon Butler to the Western Virginia EMS Council. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

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

***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, Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

## **DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS**

***Mr. Morris made a motion to cancel the December recess meeting. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

***Mr. Morris made a motion to move January meeting dates to January 8, 2025 and January 23, 2025. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0***

***as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin***

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on January 8, 2025, 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**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
PROVIDING RELIEF TO GILES COUNTY TAXPAYERS WHO WERE DISPLACED FROM  
THEIR HOMES BY FLOODING FROM HURRICANE HELENE, PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 58.1-3916 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950, AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, Giles County was a federally declared disaster area due to flooding from Hurricane Helene, and,

**WHEREAS**, a number of taxpayers in Giles County were displaced from their places of residence as a result of such flooding, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors also recognizes that real estate tax and personal property tax payments due on December 5, 2024, place an additional financial strain on taxpayers who suffered displacement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors desires to provide some measure of temporary relief to such displaced taxpayers,

**WHEREAS**, Section 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, grants local governing bodies the authority to provide reasonable extensions of time, not to exceed ninety (90) days for payment of real estate and personal property taxes whenever good cause exists,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia that the following Resolution is hereby adopted pursuant to Section 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended:

Any taxpayer residing in Giles County who was displaced from his or her place of residence due to flooding from Hurricane Helene is hereby granted an extension of ninety (90) days, until March 5, 2025 to pay the 2024 personal property taxes and 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2024 real estate taxes owed by the taxpayer, without penalty or interest so long as payment is received on or before March 5, 2025. Any such taxes paid on or after March 6, 2025, shall include a penalty of 10 percent of the past due tax, and such penalty will become part of the tax, and interest shall accrue at rate of ten percent on taxes that were due on March 5, 2025.

A list of displaced taxpayers is attached hereto as exhibit A.

(see adoption and effective date on following page)

This Resolution shall take effect on December 4, 2024, the date of its adoption.

|           | For               | Against           | Abstain           | Absent            |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| P. Baker  | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Lawson | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| P. Martin | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>X</u>          |
| R. McCoy  | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Morris | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

Attest:

  
 Chris McKlarney, Clerk

**EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES BY  
PERSONS DISPLACED FROM THEIR RESIDENCE BY FLOODING FROM HURRICANE HELENE**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Location</u>      |                  |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Danyelle Neely    | Riverview Campground | Will Mussleman   | New River Park       |
| Joey Toler        | Riverview Campground | Shawn Goff       | Eggleston Springs    |
| Tyler Jones       | Riverview Campground | Eric Shenkel     | Eggleston Springs    |
| Doug Meadows      | Riverview Campground | Matthew Witt     | Eggleston Springs    |
| Kristie Breeding  | Riverview Campground | David Lefevers   | Eggleston Springs    |
| Samantha          |                      | Michael          |                      |
| Cornett           | Riverview Campground | Gillespie/Juliet |                      |
| Mike Brewster     | Riverview Campground | Southern         | Jason Circle         |
| Mark Pelfrey      | Riverview Campground | Tasha Thorne     | Jason Circle         |
| Jeff Young        | Riverview Campground | Bre Reynolds     | Jason Circle         |
| Joe Sweeden       | Riverview Campground | Danny Meadows    | Jason Circle         |
| Gene White        | Riverview Campground | AJ McNabb        | Jason Circle         |
| Jan Bailey        | Riverview Campground | Timmy Myers      | Cliffview            |
| Terry Davis       | Riverview Campground | Jack Friel       | Cliffview            |
| Ester Shannon     | Riverview Campground | Bill Wright      | New River Park       |
| Judie Mullins     | Riverview Campground | Luke Palmer      | Cliffview            |
| Lorraine Brown    | Riverview Campground | Brittany Folcik  | Cliffview-Eggleston  |
| Eric Dalton       | Riverview Campground | Debbie Carbaugh  | Cliff View-Eggleston |
| Brian Pierce      | Riverview Campground | Russell Cross    | Cliff View-Eggleston |
| Tony Rowles       | Riverview Campground | Alton Myers      | Scenic View          |
| Anthony Denson    | Riverview Campground | Aurura Tallman   | Royal Dr             |
| Josh Caldwell     | Riverview Campground | Regina Harless   | Royal Dr             |
| Aniell Didonato   | Riverview Campground | Carol Orey       | Jason Circle         |
| Clifton Robertson | New River Park       |                  |                      |