

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 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.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
John Ross	Building Official
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Morris 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 January 23, 2025, minutes as presented. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Ms. Angie Higginbotham, Giles County Treasurer, informed members of House Bill 2080 and the effects it would have on collecting taxes and other revenues. She related the Treasurer's Association is asking for people to send correspondence to legislators opposing the bill, which would eliminate decals on license plates. Ms. Higginbotham outlined the issues it would create, such as reduced revenue and unknown outdated registrations. She stated currently anyone needing to renew a registration is required to have their taxes paid prior to doing so.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including weather related clean up, machining gravel roads, patching and shoulder work on Route 460 and brush cutting on Route 460, East River Mountain, Doe Creek and Red Sulphur. He indicated they are in the process of getting the brush cutting agreement approved. Mr. McKlarney related he would like to speak regarding some specifics of the agreement.

Mr. Baker reported bad potholes on Route 761, and Mr. McCoy stated the brush cutting work on Route 100 looks good. Mr. Lawson reported deep drop-offs on Route 460 from Eastern Elementary to Maybrook.

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Mr. Martin requested ditching on Henderickson Road and expressed appreciation for the work done on Olean Road, noting the last rain had made a trench in the road. He reported drop-offs on Big Stony Creek Road and water getting into basements on Winding Way. Mr. Martin noted a big transition at the intersection of Brickyard Road and Maybrook, adding people are having a hard time getting up due to the issue. He requested to get together on some Smart Scale projects for Cascades Drive and possibly some funding for turning lanes. Mr. Martin related the resident on Big Stony Creek Road, which VDOT recently responded to, was very appreciative of the help. Mr. Morris expressed his thanks for the work being done along the four lane roads.

Mr. Bryan Reed informed members he had spoken to Ms. Randell about the abandonment request from Ms. Evans on Parcel Lane. Ms. Randell had spoken with her family, and they are in agreement with moving forward with requested abandonment. He indicated members would need to agree in order for VDOT to move along with the process. Mr. Baker indicated to move forward with it, and members concurred.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on current enrollments. He stated there are currently 2,140 students, which is an increase of 6 from the previous month, and there are an additional 1,141 nonresidential Stride virtual students. Dr. Arbogast provided information on the Macy McClaugherty renovations and indicated contracts for GHS, the Tech Center and Eastern had been sent to ZMM. He reported phase two for Macy and Narrows Elementary would be put out for bids in the next couple of weeks. Dr. Arbogast related the Skills USA competition is being held this week for the Tech Center and provided recent Thespian Festival awards for the Narrows High School and Giles High School theater students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Helen Beavers – Ms. Beavers presented information regarding Pembroke Library programming and requested ACCE workers again for the summer. She related information about the recent art contest held at the library as well as a donated quilt they will be raffling off.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED DISSOLVING OF GLEN LYN VOTING PRECINCT

Mr. Chidester provided information to members on the number of voters utilizing the Glen Lyn Precinct in 2023 and 2024 and recommended dissolving the Glen Lyn Precinct and consolidating it with the Rich Creek Precinct, which would save money on voting machines as well as other related items. Mr. Lawson inquired if this was the recommendation of the Electoral Board. Mr. Chidester indicated the Electoral Board had sent a letter requesting the consolidation, and a public hearing would need to be set

for the recess meeting. He indicated he would need to submit to the Attorney General's office following the public hearing.

Mr. Baker made a motion to set a public hearing at the February recess meeting for the dissolving of the Glen Lyn voting precinct. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

DAR MONUMENT REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to remove the tree in front of the old Sheriff's Office due to it causing issues with the monument there, and a request to erect a 250th year anniversary monument on the grounds as well. Mr. McCoy related he did not wish to cut the trees in front of the courthouse and inquired if the monument could be moved. Mr. McKlarney advised he believes it could be moved. Mr. McCoy asked what the new monument would look like, and Mr. McKlarney stated he suspects it will just be a plaque. Members concurred to move forward working with DAR to resolve the monument issues and erect the new one.

REQUEST FOR FY 2022 PUMPER FUNDS FROM GILES LIFESAVING AND RESCUE

Mr. Jon Butler, Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a request from Giles Lifesaving and Rescue for FY 2022 pumper funds, which has been carried over for the purchase of heart monitors and an ATV. He related the funding was held since FY22 awaiting the Rescue Squad to be awarded a grant to purchase heart monitors, which was awarded January 1st. Mr. Butler indicated the rescue squad will leverage \$17,000 of the funds to cover their match requirement on the grant and is requesting the full amount of \$25,000 to cover the cost of a new ATV they purchased in 2024 and 2 additional heart monitors purchased in 2024. He stated the rescue squad also asked if the county would front them \$80,000, which would be paid back once the grant funding comes in. Mr. Butler indicated he had spoken with the state, who was fine with that model, or the county could stay out if it completely. He related the payment would only be a little over the 30-day remit requirement at the time the rescue squad receives the grant money. Members concurred the county should stay out of the grant completely.

Mr. Lawon made a motion to approve carryover FY 2022 pumper funds in the amount of \$25,000 to Giles Lifesaving and Rescue. 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 \$1,421,238.71, and Mr. McCoy 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 HEARING

PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution in consideration of the proposed issuance of general obligation school bonds for the literary loan. He indicated this will allow for spending of funds for the Macy project, which will have a \$985,000 payment coming up in the next couple of weeks. Mr. McKlarney related the total bond is \$7,850,000, and Mr. Chidester provided information on the process of drawing funds. Mr. McKlarney stated the loan was set for 30 years at a 2 percent fixed rate, but has a potential to be extended to 35 years, which would approximately \$348,000 in annual debt service. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing. Resolution attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve school bonds resolution as presented. Mr. McCoy 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. McCoy 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, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

Mr. McCoy 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 Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LITERARY FUND.

The Giles County School Division applied to the Literary Fund for a loan for improvements to the Macy McClaugherty School (the "Project") by resolution adopted by the School Board of Giles County (the "School Board") on December 15, 2022. The Board of Supervisors of Giles County (the "Board of Supervisors") concurred in submission of the application for funding by resolution on January 4, 2024.

The Virginia Department of Education has indicated its willingness to make a loan from the Literary Fund to the School Board for the purpose of financing the Project, which loan will be evidenced by notes or bonds (the "Bonds").

The School Board has, by resolution, requested the Board of Supervisors to authorize the issuance of the Bonds and consented to the issuance of the Bonds.

The Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing, duly noticed, on January 22nd and January 29th, 2025, on the issuance of the Bonds in an estimated aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,850,000, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15.2-2606 of the Public Finance Act (the "Act"), Chapter 26, Title 15.2, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Code").

The Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of Giles County, Virginia (the "County") to issue the Bonds to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the benefit of the Literary Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals above are found and determined to be a part of this resolution.
2. Authorization of Bonds. The Board of Supervisors determines that it is advisable for the County, acting through the School Board in accordance with Section 22.1-153 of the Code, to contract a debt and issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,850,000 to finance costs of capital improvements to the Macy McClaugherty School. This Resolution constitutes "concurrent approval" by the Board of Supervisors for purposes of Section 22.1-153 of the Code. The Bonds shall be general obligation debt of the County pursuant to Section 22.1-161 of the Code.
3. Election of Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Section 15.2-2601 of the Act, the Board of Supervisors elects that the Bonds will be issued under the provisions of the Act without regard to the requirements, restrictions or provisions contained in any charter or local or special act applicable to the County.
4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds will bear interest at the per annum rate of 2.00%. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to determine and approve all of the other final details of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, their dated date, original principal amounts, the

dates for payment of interest and principal, and the amounts of such payments. However, the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$7,850,000, and the due date of the last installment of principal shall not be later than 35 years after the date of the Bonds. The determination and approval of the final details of the Bonds by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be evidenced conclusively by such officer's execution and delivery of the Bonds.

5. Execution of Bonds. In accordance with Section 22.1-151 of the Code, the Bonds will be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman of the School Board and attested by the Clerks of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to deliver the Bonds to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

6. Taxable Obligations. The Board of Supervisors intends that interest on the Bonds will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

7. Other Actions. All other actions of the officers of the County, its officers and agents in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution are approved and confirmed. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates and instruments and to take all such further action as may be considered necessary or desirable in connection with the actions contemplated by this Resolution.

8. Filing of Resolution. The appropriate officers or agents of the County are authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of the County, in accordance with Section 15.2-2607 of the Code.

9. Effective Date. And this resolution is in effect upon adoption.

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The undersigned certifies that the foregoing resolution was adopted on February 5, 2025, at a duly called and held meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County by the following vote:

Member	Vote
Paul "Chappy" Baker	YES
John Lawson	YES
Perry Martin	YES
Richard "Ricky" McCoy	YES
Jeffrey Morris	YES


Clerk, Board of Supervisors of Giles County