

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, 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.

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 – Absent
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. McCoy motioned to approve the April 2, 2025, minutes. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Billy Meadows – Mr. Meadows, member of Glen Lyn Fire and Rescue, indicated he was there to ask what is going on with the county about the possibility of reopening their department. He related information about fire and rescue calls around and outside of the county. Mr. Meadows stated some people had decided to lie about the department, which were proven false multiple times, and requested a meeting with the county and department staff to answer any questions there might be. He asked that members please consider reopening the department as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

RIVER CLEAN UP

Mr. McKlarney reported the river clean up was held the previous weekend with approximately 800 volunteers. He noted a lot of work was done and expressed appreciation for the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the schools for providing busses, and Mr. Charlie Mullins for coordinating the efforts. Mr. McKlarney indicated there might be some available grant funding for the upcoming clean up to help offset some of the costs incurred by the county, noting \$5 million statewide available from DHCD. Mr.

Lawson stated the work had made a notable difference, and Mr. McKlarney provided information on trailer frames cut up by staff prior to the clean up and a boat that was removed from an island.

NEW BUSINESS

GILES COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY

Mr. McKlarney presented an updated purchasing policy for the county. He related the policy is in line with federal procurement laws and requested approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the Giles County Purchasing Policy as revised. 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

MOUNTAIN LAKE OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

Mr. McKlarney reported Mountain Lake will be awarding \$75,000 for outdoor recreation again this year. He anticipates additional funding from other sources.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,018,013.16, 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

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve \$3,720,900 for the May 2025 school appropriations. 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Martin motioned to approve \$435,000.00 for the May 2025 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (7) Legal Counsel 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. 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

PUBLIC HEARING

VODT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN 2025/26-2030/31

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney presented the proposed secondary six-year plan from VDOT noting priorities as follows: 1 – reconstruct and surface treat 0.3 miles of Route 659, Prospectdale Road; 2 – reconstruct and surface treat 0.7 miles of Route 621, Hiram Jones Road; 3 – reconstruct and surface treat Route 647, Powell Mountain Road. He related draft budget funds for Prospectdale at \$289,818 of unpaved road funds, for future rural additions at \$5,000 of telecommunication fee allocations, and for Hiram Jones at \$10,000 to begin preliminary engineering. Mr. McKlarney explained the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the proposed plan. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

ACCE BANQUET

Mr. McKlarney reminded members of the ACCE banquet to be held the following week at Mountain Lake and stated Ms. Laren Sisler would be the guest speaker. He indicated Ms. Angie Covey would also be recognized, as she will be retiring from New River Community College and has been instrumental in the ACCE program.

Mr. Martin related Ms. Marty Holiday would be retiring from the Workforce Board as well.

MCCOY BOAT LANDING

Mr. McKlarney requested members consider naming the boat landing, to be constructed at McCoy, Cadet Landing.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve naming the boat landing at the McCoy area of New River, Cadet Landing. 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

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Chidester provided information to members regarding the transfer of properties and grant obligations from the Glen Lyn town charter annulment to the county relating to the USDA Rural Development. He indicated he has had many discussions with the staff there relating to the county's obligations, and based on Virginia law the county is saddled with those obligations. Mr. Chidester recommended staff allow Mr. McKlarney to sign a letter he will draft in an attempt to meet their requirements. He explained Rural Development is almost treating the process like a new loan. There was some discussion if there is any debt outstanding on the new sewer plant. Mr. Chidester advised there are only grant agreements according to Rural Development staff. Mr. McKlarney indicated Rich Creek wants the county to assume a portion of the debt on the sewer plant, and the debt for the old plant was taken care of when the new plant loan was amortized. Mr. Chidester indicated there is a lot of paperwork associated with the Rural Development obligations, and he has argued with their staff about all he could.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to authorize Mr. McKlarney to sign off on any documents pertaining to USDA Rural Development obligations from the charter annulment of Glen Lyn. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

Draft Six Year Plan for Secondary Road Construction
2025/26 to 2030/31

Priority #1

Reconstruct and Surface Treat 0.3 mile Route 659 Prospectdale Road.

Priority #2

Reconstruct and Surface Treat 0.70 mile Route 621 Hiram Jones Road

Priority #3

Reconstruct and Surface Treat Route 647 Powell Mt. Road

Draft Construction Budget 2025/26

Prospectdale---- \$289,818 of unpaved road funds

Future Rural addition --- \$35,000 of telecommunication fee allocation

Hiram Jones—\$10,000 to begin preliminary engineering