

At the called fiscal year closeout meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 30, 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	Facilities Manager - 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 June 18, 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

OLD BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Mr. McKlarney presented the fiscal year 2026 budget ordinance and noted a public hearing was held at the previous meeting. He indicated the budget amount for the coming year was \$139,229,155 with no increase in tax rates. He noted Ms. Ballard’s work on cleaning up the budget.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Ordinance as presented. 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

NEW BUSINESS

WOLF CREEK RUNS WILD 5/10K REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney related information on the Wolf Creek Runs Wild 5/10K with a date of October 18, 2025. He indicted a request for approval on a VDOT permit had been requested from the Town of Narrows.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the VDOT permit for the Wolf Creek Runs Wild 5/10K event. 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

HENRY SCHEIN OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Mr. Chidester provided information regarding the Henry Schein opioid settlement and indicated the county's net amount after fees would be \$2,536.57. He noted opioid counsel had recommended approval.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Henry Schein Settlement Agreement 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,418,081.95, 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 motioned to approve \$925,000.00 for the July 2025 school board 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

FY 2025 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve \$1,604,301.91 in FY 2025 budget supplements. 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Roger Browning and Mr. Fred Hackney to the Giles County Planning Commission. 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

Mr. McCoy made a motion to reappoint Mr. Frank Cahoon, Mr. Greg Williams, and Mr. David Epperley to the Building Code Board of Appeals as well as Mr. Bob Shelor as an alternate. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney announced Norcross Road would likely be closed by VDOT later in the day due to sinkholes along Big Stony Creek impacting the roadway. He indicated Lhoist has agreed to let people use their property to get out from that side of the creek. Mr. McKlarney related there will be a meeting later in the week with the Corps of Engineers, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and VDOT to discuss issues and options. He stated the impact to the road will change the permitting standards, and the cost is expected to be extremely high.

Mr. Morris asked Ms. Michelle Stephens if the stop sign was still missing from the end of her road. She indicated it was.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

NEW BUSINESS

DOG TAG LETTERS

Mr. Chidester related the Treasurer's Office is required by law to send out letters to people for whom she has received a vaccination record but has not purchased a dog tag. He indicated she has approximately 1,603 people who have not purchased the county tag and inquired if members would be opposed to trying some other form of notification prior to spending that much on postage. Mr. Chidester stated an ad had been placed in the paper, and Animal Control did not have time to go door to door for that many people but would be issuing a warning if they happened to come across one. Mr. McCoy stated to just send the letters if that was the code. Mr. Chidester suggested trying some other option prior to sending the letters, noting there was not a specific date the letters had to be sent. Members discussed various ideas and options to get the information out. Mr. McCoy indicated he does not care how it is done as long as the county is following the law.

CHANGE IN SUBDIVISION CODE

Mr. Chidester provided information on code changes put forth by the state regarding subdivisions and indicated it would take the Board completely out of the process. He related there would be no requirement for a public hearing, and the ordinance would need to be reviewed and revised. Mr. Chidester explained the code requirements and intent of the new code. Members discussed possible issues and benefits from the changes.

REGULAR JULY MEETING

Mr. McCoy made a motion cancel the regular meeting scheduled for July 2, 2025. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 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

**An Ordinance Adopting Local Levies and Budget for
The County of Giles County, Virginia
for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026**

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 2025 and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to adopt an ordinance regarding its fiscal year 2025-2026 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 2025 and ending on the 30th day of June 2026.

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 2025:

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 30, 2025 and December 5, 2025. All other taxes and fees are due on December 5, 2025. Ten percent (10%) interest charges begin on August 1, 2025 for taxes due on June 30, 2025 and on January 1, 2026 for taxes due on December 5, 2025.

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, 2025, be, and the same are hereby cancelled as of June 30, 2025, 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 2024-2025 an amount necessary from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

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, 2025:

Adopted: June 30, 2025


Chairman, Giles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:


County Administrator


County Attorney

BUDGET EXHIBIT A

GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		FY2025-FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	
REVENUE CATEGORY		EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	
Real Estate Taxes	\$8,089,616	Education	\$94,508,923
Public Service	\$746,885	ACCE Program	\$75,000
Personal Property	\$4,469,180	County Operations	\$4,418,352
PP Tax Relief	\$1,227,860		
Mobile Home	\$65,638	Public Service: Water & Sewer	\$1,307,493
Machinery & Tools	\$6,116,067		
Abatement Machinery & Tools	\$0		
Common Carrier	\$13,279	Economic Development	\$898,926
Merchants Capital	\$247,833		
Penalties & Interest	\$234,999	Courts / Law Enforcement	\$6,996,098
Other Local	\$3,359,162		
Permits/Fees/Rental	\$72,224	Tax Collection & Assessment	\$1,426,517
Use of Money/Property	\$887,051	Abatement Machinery & Tools	\$0
Charges for Services	\$129,977		
Recreation Revenues	\$418,959	Emergency Services	\$1,213,568
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$65,492		
Delinquent Collection Fees	\$62,000	Social Services/CSA &	
Recovered Costs	\$2,802,073	Community Services	\$7,993,204
Non-Categorical Aid	\$187,305		
Commonwealth Reimbursements	\$6,712,714	Debt Service	\$2,458,255
Other Categorical Aid & Misc	\$1,063,216		
Schools (State & Federal)	\$84,320,847	Recreation	\$770,819
Industrial Development	\$635,126		
Water & Sewer System Fund	\$794,778	Capital Improvements	\$17,162,000
Loans & Grants	\$16,425,000		
Reserve Fund Balances & Transfers	\$81,874		
TOTAL	\$139,229,155	TOTAL	\$139,229,155

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025 BOARD MEETING

SUPPLEMENTS	CODE	AMOUNT	OFF-SETTING REVENUE
	100-43200-3005	\$250,000.00	No, Additional School Custodial cost
	100-43200-3005	\$182,000.00	No, Additional service costs
	100-33120 and 33130	\$200,000.00	Partial-Recovery Court and Day Won Center Expenditures
	100-13100-8115	\$35,650.00	Previously approved Registrar new Hardware and Software
	100-91200-2340	\$160,000.00	No - Wellness Program
	501-41500-5134	\$80,000.00	Water Purchase
	501-41500-8101	\$72,883.17	Previously approved Truck and skid steer purchase
	100-12110-3001 and 3199	\$118,789.00	No- Contracted services
	100-12210-3150	\$20,067.00	Additional Legal and Health Ins consult
	100-21600-6099 and 3510	\$20,626.63	Yes, Cir Ct Land book and microfilming
	100-31200-8201	\$185,880.00	No, additional vehicle purchases and equipment
	100-33200-8101	\$27,434.00	New Mowers
	100-35500-5899	\$80,243.00	Partial FEMA - Disaster Recovery
	100-33250-1200	\$32,000.00	No - Mower salaries
	100-81700-3600	\$78,729.11	Tourism
	100-33300-1300	\$60,000.00	Special Projects
TOTAL		\$1,604,301.91	