At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 6, 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 July 17, 2025, minutes 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

VDOT REPORT

Mr. David Clarke updated members on road maintenance within the county including machining gravel roads, working a slide on Mountain Lake Road, continuing the work on Norcross with the sink hole, and pipe and ditch work on Winding Way. He indicated the pipe replacement on Route 219 would be happening during the evening hours later in the week, and mowing will start up again later in the month.

Mr. Baker reported potholes and patching needed near the intersection of Route 61 and Mary Street, potholes on Wolf Creek Road, and ditching needed on Curve Road. He related the park and ride area at the end of Route 42 needs gravel and inquired about the road abandonment public hearings. Mr. Clarke advised the postings have to be out for a certain amount of time. Mr. Bryan Reed indicated Alex Chaney with VDOT had expressed they are waiting on stone to be put down by the land owner on Parcel Lane. Mr. McCoy requested brush cutting due to schools starting back, noting there are several roads in the county that will be an issue for buses. He related a drain pipe issue on Kow Kamp and inquired about the shoulders on Doe Creek. Mr. Clarke indicated he would need to check on the status of Doe Creek.

Mr. Martin expressed thanks for the work done on the gravel roads and reiterated the need for shoulder work on Doe Creek along with painted lines. He reported eroding pavement on Little Stony Creek and potholes on Sinking Creek, as well as a hole due to sinking pavement and movement in the pavement in the slick rock area on Big Stony Creek. Mr. Martin requested several areas be looked at for deceleration lanes. Mr. Morris reported an issue on Sands Road, relating a work order had been issued but VDOT staff had not yet been seen there. He also requested brush cutting on Brooks Road. Mr. McCoy inquired about the status of the brush cutting contract. Mr. Clarke indicated he might be able to get it through in the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James and Patty Meadows – Mr. & Mrs. Meadows expressed concern over the large pile of gravel sitting at the intersection of Route 219 and Route 779 and requested it be removed.

James Maxey – Mr. Maxey related an issue at Gap Mountain in Newport and concern that the school buses do not have a chance without deceleration lanes. He stated the fire department had washed mud off the sidewalks recently due to the heavy rains and runoff from driveways and expressed a need for a deceleration lane at Winding Way as well as a warning sign that was covered and could not be seen. Mr. Maxey noted a missing sign in the median and requested flashing lights in the Newport area as well as lowering the speed limit to at least 40 mph. He also requested something be done about the private driveways that are being allowed to wash debris out in the main roadway.

Jay Williams – Mr. Williams expressed the need for brush cutting with school getting ready to start and noted Old Furnace Road is very bad. He reported stopped up drain pipes on Smith Hollow Road and requested a rumble strip down the middle of the road in Pembroke due to drivers crossing over the center line. Mr. Williams indicated speeding is bad through Pembroke. Mr. McCoy inquired if a speed study should be done. Mr. Clarke advised several have been done, and he will look to see what the latest one reported.

Mr. Bryan Reed presented a request for a watch for children sign on Hope Lane.

Mr. Baker made a motion to install a watch for children sign on Hope Lane. 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

Mr. McKlarney reported the culvert on Route 219 at Park Hill has collapsed and requested VDOT have Mr. Chris Price take a look at it. He related Mr. David Trump had done a great job locally with all the flooding events this year. Mr. Baker stated people are cutting more timber causing more runoff from the heavy rains.

Helen Beavers – Ms. Helen Beavers with the Pembroke Library expressed appreciation for the ACCE and Recovery Court volunteers, noting they had helped a lot with the summer programs. She provided information on art and writing contests and requested she be allowed to show a slideshow at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

VT EXTENSION OFFICE PRESENTATION AND REQUEST

Ms. Emily Moye and Ms. Kloe Rife with the Virginia Tech Extension Office presented information on the programming done though their office for the past year. Ms. Moye related information on water testing and return on investment. She requested county funding for an assistant position, which included $47,600 from the county and $35,000 from Virginia Tech, and would better allow their office to offer services that are provided to other counties in the New River Valley. Ms. Moye provided information on in-school services, day camps, 4H clubs, after school clubs, public speaking contests and the week-long 4H camp. She indicated numbers in camps have increased and there is a need and a want in the county for more extension programs. Ms. Moye indicated the duties of the assistant position and how those duties would be worked into more programming for the county and youth.

OLD BUSINESS

CROSS AVENUE WATER LINE EXTENSION RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a resolution required for the Cross Avenue water line extension project. He noted federal funds have been cut, and the resolution will allow the county to move forward with the grant application. Mr. McKlarney advised he plans to apply for Appalachian Regional Commission funding to help with the match for the project.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Cross Avenue water line extension resolution. 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

NEW RIVER VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLTION

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the updated NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan. 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

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – GLEN LYN REZONING

Mr. Chidester related no comments had been received relating to the proposed rezoning of Glen Lyn. He indicated the Planning Commission had recommended approval.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the rezoning of Glen Lyn as recommended. 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

NEW BUSINESS

OPIOID RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Chidester presented two resolutions for participation in opioid settlements, noting one was with eight manufacturers and the other with Perdue Pharma. He provided information on the total settlement amounts but did not have particulars for the local settlements. He advised opioid counsel had recommended approval.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the resolution for settlement participation with the eight manufacturers as recommended. 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. Martin made a motion to approve the resolution for settlement participation with Perdue Pharma as recommended. 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

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request from Delegate Jason Ballard for any legislative priorities members would like to be considered. He requested members let him know any they might have, and he will pass those along to Delegate Ballard. Mr. McCoy stated he would like to see resources put toward VDOT. Mr. McKlarney indicated school funding and VDOT maintenance had been the topic of discussion at a recent VACo meeting he attended. Mr. Martin suggested more funding for fire and rescue to help with the larger projects and equipment purchases.

FIRE PROGRAM FUND AND 4 FOR LIFE DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Butler requested Fiscal Year 2026 fire fund disbursements in amount of $62,818 with the breakdown as follows:
In-town departments - $6,188.50 each
In-county departments - $12,688.00 each

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the FY 2026 fire fund disbursements 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

Mr. Butler requested 4 for Life funds disbursements in the amount of $30,402.32, with $4,354.48 previously allocated to Narrows Fire Department, as follows:

Giles Lifesaving and Rescue Squad - $8,682.62
Newport Rescue Squad - $8,682.62
Narrows Fire Department - $13,037.08

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the 4 for Life fund disbursements as presented. 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of $1,266,360.70, 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 $1,200,000.00 for the August 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Williams – Mr. Williams stated he hoped members would consider the 4H request for funding. He related the summer food program, run by Ms. Christy Lawson, has been a big success, and another distribution day will be added in August due to the delayed school start date.

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

VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT FUNDS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve returning $3,6198.20 in VJCCCA funds to the state due to them being unused. 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

VDOT LAND USE PERMIT – EGGLESTON MUD BOG

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve lane closure during the Eggleston Mud Bog as requested. 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the contract of the County Administrator. 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 Wednesday, August 21, 2025, at 6:30 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

CROSS AVENUE WATER EXTENSION PROJECT RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that, after two public hearings, Giles County wishes to apply for up to $600,000.00 of Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds for the Cross Avenue Public Water Extension project.

Whereas $387,100.00 from Giles County as cash and/or in-kind match will also be expended on this project, it is projected that 20 residences will benefit from the implementation of this project, of which 65% are currently low-and moderate-income persons.

Be it further resolved that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of this Virginia Community Development Block Grant proposal.

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Chairman, Giles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Giles County Board of Supervisors

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2025.

Resolution of Adoption
of the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update

WHEREAS the Giles County Board of Supervisors recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Giles County, participated in the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional plan, New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update;

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update has been prepared in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and,

WHEREAS the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Giles County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Giles County Board of Supervisors demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update.

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that Giles County adopts the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2025 Update as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on August 6, 2025.

	Voting for	Voting against	Abstain	Absent
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
P. Martin	X			
R. McCoy	X			
J. Morris	X			

Attest:

Chris McKlarney, Clerk

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Giles County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Giles County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Giles County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, eight settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause eight opioids manufacturers, Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Corp, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (collectively the "Manufacturers") to pay approximately $720 million nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, Giles County has filed suit against certain of the manufacturers and their related corporate entities for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Giles County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with the Manufacturers shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the eight settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the Manufacturers settlements would provide; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles County Board of Supervisors , this 6th day of August, 2025, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against the Manufacturers and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Manufacturers.

	Voting for	Voting against	Abstain	Absent
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
P. Martin	X			
R. McCoy	X			
J. Morris	X			

Attest: ______________________
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING THE PURDUE PHARMA BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Giles County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Giles County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Giles County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause the Sackler family, the owners of the Purdue Pharma family of companies, to pay an aggregate of $6.5 billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and resolve Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, Giles County has filed suit against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Giles County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS; the County submitted a proof of claim in the bankruptcy and is thus entitled to vote on whether the bankruptcy court should accept or reject the associated bankruptcy plan;

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with the Sackler family shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside counsel has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with the Sackler family and the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and has recommended that the County accept the bankruptcy plan and participate in the settlement, in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles County Board of Supervisors, this 6th day of August, 2025, accepts the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Sackler family, and directs the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Sackler family, and accept the bankruptcy plan.

	Voting for	Voting against	Abstain	Absent
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
P. Martin	X			
R. McCoy	X			
J. Morris	X			

Attest: ______________________________
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk