

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 21, 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
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 August 6, 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. Bill Hogg – Mr. Hogg related a number of concerns in the Eggleston area of the county, including a number of junk yards, garbage at the apartment houses, fences falling down, junk cars, garage workshops, gravel washing into the road, and grass clippings in the road. He indicated it had taken him seven years to get the speed limit changed to 35 miles per hour, and he never sees deputies patrolling the road. Mr. Hogg suggested holding people accountable for the garbage issues, stating the Virginia littering law allows for up to \$350 per incident. He related VDOT had sprayed along Sinking Creek instead of cutting brush, and the branches are hanging out into the road. He noted a lot of traffic and pot holes on Sinking Creek as well as a slide where a boulder is sticking out into the road. Mr. Hogg questioned the need for a new bridge on Apache Road, which only serves two houses as well as a need for a stop sign in Newport and no speed limit posted along particular sections in Newport. He reported a tractor-trailer truck got stuck at the one lane bridge on New Zion Road, where there is no sign telling them to not go that way.

OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL PROPOSALS - TRC

Mr. McKlarney presented proposals from TRC for the monitoring of groundwater and gas at the old county landfill. He indicated the cost for both these agreements would be a little over \$74,000, and he thinks the county might have been able to come to an agreement with the adjacent property owner.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve both TRC proposals for landfill monitoring 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

PAVING PROJECTS

Mr. McKlarney reported a number of the paving projects will start on September 9th and should be completed within a few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

PEMBROKE LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Mr. Shawn Isom and Ms. Brooklyn Lucas, ACCE students who volunteered at the library during the summer, presented information on the programs held at the Pembroke Library during the summer. They outlined each program and the people who helped. Ms. Helen Beavers expressed the students had helped to lighten the load. Mr. Martin related he appreciated all the hard work.

Ms. Beavers voiced concerns regarding junk cars in her neighborhood in Pembroke, noting concerns about home values. She indicated she had spoken with the Police Chief in July and again in August, and implied she was told that it is in the works. Mr. McCoy advised the Board has no authority inside the towns.

INCREASE IN TREASURER'S TAX REFUND AUTHORITY

Mr. Chidester related the Board had previously approved a tax refund limit of \$2,500, and the Treasurer now has a refund over that amount due to a veteran's exemption, adding the refund amount owed currently is \$2,685.14. He stated the Board could approve tax refund authority up to \$10,000 and recommended an increase.

Mr. Baker made a motion to increase the Treasurer's tax refund authority to \$10,000 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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve FY 2026 warrants in the amount of \$1,539,412.09, 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Martin motioned to approve \$450,000.00 for the September 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

STATEMENT FROM FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR

Mr. Lawson read a statement from Ms. Christy Lawson, Food Service Supervisor for Giles County Public Schools, relating to the Summer Food Program. She thanked a variety of people, including county and school employees, community members, churches, ACCE students, recovery court participants and individual volunteers. She noted there were 114,472 meals delivered to 1,073 children at approximately 650 homes. She expressed thanks to Food Lion for donating the food bags and noted there had been over 200 total volunteers throughout the summer. Mr. Lawson indicated it had truly been a community effort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

EASEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Chidester presented a request from Pemtel for an easement at the entrance of Castle Rock to the clubhouse along the left side of the road to run fiber. He indicated Pemtel would also run fiber to the other clubhouse if the county wanted.

Mr. Chidester also presented a request from New Leaf for an easement to cross the county easement along the sewer line at the Glen Creek wastewater plant. He

indicated the access road would cross the easement if approved. Mr. Morris inquired about county access to the trail. Mr. McKlarney explained this access road is what would give the county access to the trail.

Mr. Chidester indicated no public hearing was needed for either easement, since the county does not own the property in the case of the request by New Leaf and the easement is for service to the county in regard to the Pemtel request.

Mr. McKlarney reported FEMA has told staff the county will need to get an electrical engineer for the Glen Lyn Park repairs. Mr. Jon Butler, Emergency Services Coordinator, advised this would allow for a scope of work to be created for the project, and the county would be eligible for costs to be reimbursable.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the easement request from Pemtel at Castle Rock. 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. Lawson made a motion to approve the easement request from New Leaf across the county's Glen Creek wastewater easement. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McKlarney announced the Renew the New clean-up will be held on September 6th and invited members to attend. Members discussed garbage on properties along Eggleston Road.

GOLF FEE RATES

Mr. McKlarney provided a rate comparison sheet for golf courses around the area. He asked that members review and provide any feedback they might have. Mr. McCoy stated he did not think green fees will affect it that much, and membership fees need to go up. Members discussed fees at various courses.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 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

August 21, 2025