

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 18, 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
Jon Butler	Emergency Services Coordinator
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. Martin motioned to approve the September 3, 2025, minutes. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Billy Meadows – Mr. Meadows requested information on why the Glen Lyn Fire Department had been shut down, noting that half the calls going out do not get covered. He indicated Glen Lyn had run a lot of calls in the county and asked if the department did too good and made others look bad. He noted they had done all this without financial assistance, and he felt they are being thrown under the bus. Mr. McKlarney advised he did not want that to be answered in an open meeting, and the county had sent reasoning to the Chief at Glen Lyn. He related the Chief had sent in an explanation, which would be discussed in closed session. Mr. Meadows stated he had been running calls personally and helped Giles, which had been stopped. He related it was ridiculous, and members need to take all things into consideration and not just what a person says.

OLD BUSINESS

DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT

Mr. McKlarney reported a meeting was held to provide flood victims information on the VDAF disaster recovery grant with around 30 individuals in attendance. He related

information regarding funding available, eligibility requirements and the application process. Mr. McKlarney noted there were people in the county with total loss who did not have flood insurance and related the New River Valley Regional Commission is helping with the application process and funding. He noted, Kevin Byrd, NRV Regional Commission Director, came to the meeting and helped people with the process.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWPORT SIDEWALK RESOLUTION

Mr. McKlarney presented a proposed resolution in support of submitting a grant application to assist with funding for a sidewalk project in Newport. He noted the grant was through the VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program, which is open every two years. Mr. McKlarney advised the first grant draft was for more sidewalk and came in at a cost of over \$2 million, and the grant application was revised reducing the amount of sidewalk and leaving the bridge portion at a total cost estimate of \$1.2 million, which makes the required match approximately \$200,000. He stated leaving the bridge in the application was the best option, as there is a lot of traffic in that area. Mr. Martin inquired if it was the same money applied for in the past. Mr. McKlarney explained it is still TEA21, but it had been changed. Mr. McCoy indicated the county could move forward with it at any point, but the bridge is probably the hardest part to get. Mr. McKlarney outlined various costs of the proposed project and asked for any questions or comments from the public, but received none.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt the resolution in favor of the VDOT Transportation Alternatives grant as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Lawson inquired if the funding could be refused once it is awarded.

Mr. McKlarney stated there would be a grant contract which could be declined if the Board chose to do so. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

WATERLINE EASEMENT REQUEST

Mr. McKlarney presented a request for a waterline easement with the county on the Georgia Haverty property. He reported it would serve several houses in that area.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the waterline easement on the Georgia Haverty property as requested. 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 \$2,712,239.25, 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 \$3,250,000 for the October 2025 School Board appropriations, \$924,619.01 for the Macy school renovations, \$265,424.30 for the Narrows Elementary renovations, \$4,808,269.00 for the Narrows High School renovations, \$1,346,378.00 for the Eastern Elementary renovations, and \$6,432,493.48 for the Giles High School renovations, for a total allocation of \$17,027,183.79. 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 \$440,000.00 for the October 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCoy made a motion to appoint Mr. John Lawson to the Agency on Aging. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bobby Lilly to the New River Valley ASAP. 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

Mr. Lawson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Paul Baker as alternate to the Agency on Aging. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Abstaining: Mr. Baker

RECESS

Mr. Morris called a recess until the start of the scheduled public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GILES COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Mr. Morris reconvened the meeting and opened the public hearing. Mr. Taylor called the Planning Commission to order. Members present were as follows: Mr. Berkman, Mr. Baker, Mr. G. Snider, Mr. I. Snider, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Law.

Mr. Chidester stated the General Assembly passed the following amendments to the subdivision plat approval process effective July 1, 2025.

- Renaming Section 3.2.4 from Townhouse and Condominium Subdivisions to Planned Unit Developments.
- Requiring the submission of a preliminary plat for subdivisions containing ten (10) or more lots.
- Establishing that a subdivision does not include a court ordered partition of property or the sale of a portion of a tract of land separated from the remaining tract by a natural boundary such as a public road or natural waterway, including a river, stream or creek but not including a fence.
- Revising the approval process for subdivisions to comply with the 2025 amendments to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-2259 and 15.2-2260 which provide generally that subdivision approval authority is vested in the Subdivision Agent designated by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chidester outlined each amendment and explained how the process would now be approved by the Giles County Subdivision Agent and has eliminated approval from the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Members discussed the preliminary plat requirement. Mr. Morris asked for any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Berckman with the Giles County Planning Commission motioned to forward a recommendation of approval of the changes to the subdivision ordinance to the Giles County Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. G Snider, Mr. I Snider, Mr. Baker, Mr. Law, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Berckman

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the changes to the Giles County Subdivision Ordinance as recommended by the 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PIPELINE TAX

Mr. Martin made a motion to request that the Commissioner of the Revenue send a tax bill to Mountain Valley Pipeline for the prorated share of taxes on the pipeline for 2024 in the amount of \$844,991. 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

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 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

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
GILES, VIRGINIA AS AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEWPORT COMMUNITY
SIDEWALK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the sponsoring local jurisdiction or agency requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish a project in the County of Giles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Giles requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the construction of the Newport Community Sidewalk project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The County of Giles hereby agrees to provide its share of the total cost for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction of this project in accordance with the project financial documents subject to appropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The County of Giles hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT and provide the necessary oversight to ensure the project is developed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: If the County of Giles subsequently elects to cancel the project, the County of Giles hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such cancellation. The County of Giles also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration or VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles hereby grants authority for the County Administrator to apply for funds and execute project administration agreements, as well as other documents necessary for approved projects.

Adopted: 9/18/2025

Attest: 
Clerk


Board Chair

In my capacity as the duly appointed Clerk of the County of Giles, I hereby certify that this resolution which is hereto attached, was adopted at a duly called and constituted meeting of the County of Giles held at 315 N. Main Street on September 18, 2025. Said meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeffrey Morris at 6:30 PM with the following members present who remained in attendance throughout and constituted a quorum:

Jeffrey Morris, Chair

John Lawson

Paul Baker, Vice-Chair

Richard McCoy

Perry Martin

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Giles, voted unanimously to adopt the preceding resolution relating to the Newport Community Sidewalk Project.

Given under my hand this 18th day of September, 2025.


Clerk

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF GILES

Attested Photocopy:

On this 18th day of September, I, Chris McKlarney, attest that the preceding document is a true, exact. Complete and unaltered photocopy made by me of this resolution.


Clerk