

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County Maintenance 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. McCoy motioned to approve the November 5, 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 reported the apartment complex on Eggleston Road now has two dumpsters, and the junk yard across the road has some lumber to start fence repairs. He spoke about a bridge replacement on Sinking Creek Road, which he believes will divert all the traffic past his house while closed. Mr. Hogg requested a deer crossing sign and noted a speed limit sign of 25 mph on Sinking Creek at Lebanon Road, adding there is no sign going down the hill. He commented about the bridge being replaced in Hoges Chapel only serving two houses with an estimated completion date of late December and related it took VDOT ten days to come get a deer off the side of the road near his home. Mr. Hogg expressed concern over the intersection of Route 42 and Winding Way in Newport, noting the lack of clear line of sight and the possibility for collisions in that location. He requested a stop sign instead of the yield sign that is there. Mr. Hogg stated he had called VDOT and was told others had called with the same concern, but nothing had been done. He reported the lack of a speed limit sign in that area as well.

NEW BUSINESS

VIRGINIA OUTDOOR FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Mr. McKlarney presented information to members relating to upcoming Virginia Outdoor Foundation grant opportunities relating to MVP. He outlined the type of projects allowed and asked members to let him know of any ideas they might have to utilize this grant funding.

BOARD ROOM PLANS

Mr. McKlarney provided a preliminary drawing of the renovations planned at the new office location for the boardroom and other meeting rooms. He asked for any changes members might want to see.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve FY 2026 warrants in the amount of \$1,293,778.52, 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 \$3,415,000 for the December 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

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

VDOT ROAD ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUANCE

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney presented VDOT requests for the following road abandonments and/or discontinuances:

Route 623 – Commissary Hill Road: .07 mile

Route 678 – Bowens Road: .34 mile

Route 734 – Parcell Lane: .06 mile

Route 748 – Unnamed off of Lurich Road: .1 mile

Route 785 – Quail Road: .3 mile

Routes 730 & 750 – Eggleston Road and Cedar Crest Loop: .07 and .04 mile

Route 1023 – Federal Street in Rich Creek: .07 mile

Mr. McKlarney related the public hearing was held to give the public opportunity for input on the planned abandonments and/or discontinuances. He suggested the county request utility right of way easements from the property owners along Route 678 and suggested not discontinuing Route 748 off of Lurch Road. He noted that roadbed is still there, and there is a possibility it could be used during a shut down of Route 460 as it goes around the tunnel. Mr. McKlarney related the abandonment at Routes 730 and 750 is the area where the old bridge crossed, and there will be no way to access the bridge piers in the future if those sections are abandoned. He noted VDOT stated the piers could stay, but he advised there is no way of knowing if the EPA will make changes in the future. Mr. McCoy stated it did not need to be done if there is any possibility of the land owners being responsible for removing the piers from the creek. Mr. McKlarney stated Route 1023 goes by the IGA and did not see a reason to maintain it.

Members discussed various requests. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed this portion of the public hearings.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – J. CHRISTIAN

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing, and 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, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Law.

Mr. Chidester stated he received a request for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sections 802.04 and 603.03-2 of the Giles County Zoning Ordinance to allow for a Private Seasonal Camp Retreat, specifically to allow the placement of up to 2

campers on a parcel of land for more than 30 days in a calendar year. The parcel of land is owned by Jeffrey Christian and is identified specifically as tax parcel 17-11A, and is located at 409 Olean Road, Ripplemead, Virginia. The property is in the RRA-1 (Rural Residential /Agriculture) Zoning District.

Mr. Chidester indicated there was a house on the parcel that burned, and the foundation remains. The foundation was found to be in the floodplain; however, it is elevated. Mr. Christian may build on this in the future, but at this time he wishes to use the land for campers and his garage. Mr. Christian was present to answer any questions. Mr. Chidester stated he received one phone call, but the individual was not complaining.

Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing and indicated it would go back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. Mr. Taylor adjourned the Planning Commission.

Mr. Chidester noted the Planning Commission would move to another room for its meeting and would return with a recommendation.

RECESS

Mr. Morris called a recess until the return of the Planning Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Morris reconvened the meeting. Mr. Chidester presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of the Conditional Use Permit previously discussed in the public hearing for Mr. Jeffrey Christian on Olean Road.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit requested by Jeffrey Christian on Olean Road 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

VDOT ABANDONMENTS/DISCONTINUANCES

Mr. Lawson stated he would like the opportunity to discuss the abandonment of Route 1023 with the Town of Rich Creek prior to approval. Mr. Martin inquired if anyone had spoken with the owners along Bowen Road. Mr. McKlarney advised staff would talk with the owners. Mr. McCoy suggested the concerns brought up be addressed and the items discussed more at a later meeting. Members concurred.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

Chair**ATTEST:**

Clerk