

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, November 5, 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
Jon Butler	Emergency Services Coordinator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney – Absent
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 October 16, 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 the preparation of equipment for winter, patching on Woodland Road, Cascade Drive, Winding Way and Wolf Creek Road, as well as clean up on Route 219 and Mountain Lake Road. He announced the retirement of Mr. Dave Trump with the local department and indicated VDOT is in the process of accepting applications.

Mr. Baker expressed thanks for the patching done in Ripplemead and advised there are potholes in that area on the ramps. He indicated the previous report of potholes should have been Kroft Road not Lebanon, noting it could use some resurfacing. Mr. Lawson reported he had received good feedback on the signage and road repair. Mr. Martin related issues on Olean Road with drainage and pipes and requested a stop sign at the intersection of Route 460 and Mountain Lake Road, noting a drainage issue near 1338 Mountain Lake Road. He inquired about an update on the sink hole. Mr. Clarke indicated there had been some new movement, and all work would be held off possibly until February. He indicated VDOT plans to repair the slope and start to clean things up after all movement has stopped. Mr. Baker requested line painting on Lurich Road near the old AEP plant. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT has cut back on line painting but will check. Mr. Morris asked if crews marked potholes on the road, are they in line to be fixed. Mr. Clarke related the plants will be open until the end of the month, so they might

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be able to get to them. Mr. McKlarney thanked Mr. Clarke for allowing Mr. Jesse Miller to assist with recent procurement interviews. Mr. Clarke reported shoulder work on Route 460, and they plan on getting to more of them soon.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Marlin Campbell provided the first quarter newsletter to members and related information about recent paving projects at the Narrows High School track and Giles High School tennis courts. He stated the GHS volleyball team will be going to regionals. Dr. Campbell related information on the comprehensive plan process and hopes to have a final draft by the end of the school year. He provided information on a partnership with the YMCA on after school programs and indicated benchmark testing is underway with students. Dr. Campbell stated the schools are looking at chronic absenteeism, and reported it has declined by about seven percent from this time last year.

Mr. McCoy thanked him for the work being done on absenteeism and provided information from his recent advisory board meeting at the Tech Center.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mr. McKlarney introduced the new Director of New River Valley Community Services, Mr. Chris Taylor. Mr. Taylor related he had taken over the position in early March and wants to make sure the agency is meeting the community's needs.

DMV ANIMAL FRIENDLY FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney presented the DMV animal friendly funds in the amount of \$90.00 for the year and noted the funds need to go to a local spay/neuter program.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to allocate the DMV animal friendly funds to Giles Animal Rescue. 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

SERCAP GRANT

Mr. McKlarney announced the award of \$50,000 through a SERCAP grant to assist the Town of Pearisburg with their I&I study.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,408,361.73, 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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE RELOCATION

Mr. McKlarney reported the Administration Offices will be relocating at the end of the week, with the new location to be at the old hospital site at 1 Taylor Avenue in Pearisburg. Members discussed upcoming meeting locations.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARRYOVER

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the request from the health department to carry over \$7,190.84 from Fiscal Year 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, November 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the old Giles County Administration Office location at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

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