

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 22, 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
John Ross	Building Official – 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 May 7, 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. Doug Farewell – Mr. Farewell, member of Glen Lyn Fire and Rescue, related the department came to the Board a few years ago to get approval to run an ambulance, and he had been voted in as Chief at the department and got things turned around and the books back up to date. He related information about the town shutting them down due to false accusations and lies and asked the members put their trust back in the department and allow them to start making runs and serving the public again. Mr. Farewell stated it is a shame to have an agency ready to run calls but are unable to respond, and he provided information relating to the lack of funding from the state and town. He related information about the number of calls run by the department and stated rumors are just rumors and asked that members allow them to start serving the community again.

OLD BUSINESS

NEWPORT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

Mr. McKlarney reported an application for the Newport Transportation Alternatives grant is due to be submitted on May 30th, and he found out from a call with VDOT that there is only \$2 million available for the entire district. He indicated VDOT staff had suggested to

break the project up into two sections instead of going for the entire project. Mr. McKlarney recommended submitting for the bridge portion first.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve submitting for the bridge portion of the Newport Transportation Alternatives grant. 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

DHCD VDR GRANT FUNDS

Mr. McKlarney indicated DHCH will be starting to release funds for the Virginia Disaster Relief grant and outlined a Memorandum of Understanding and the requirements to obtain grant funding. He related the funding would help people who lost homes and businesses due to Hurricane Helene, and the cost of \$10,000 is considered major damage. He related the funds would be obligated on a first come-first served basis, and will be based on county assessments. Mr. McKlarney indicated the applications would have to be taken at the county office and recommended moving forward with the MOU.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve submitting the MOU with DHCD for the disaster recovery grant funds. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Lawson inquired if there were any funds built into the grant for reimbursement of staff time. Mr. McKlarney advised there are administrative funds built in, and he plans to find an individual who might be either part or full-time. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris

Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation to Delegate Jason Ballard for his help on this grant opportunity and advised a press release should be issued in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. McKlarney related Mr. Chidester had volunteered to act as interim Zoning Administrator until a new person for that position could be found.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Chidester as the Giles County Zoning Administrator. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS

Mr. Morris opened the public hearings. Mr. McKlarney presented resolutions for general obligation school bonds relative to the Virginia Literary Fund for the purposes of capital improvements to the schools in the amounts as follows: Narrows High School - \$9,628,528; Giles High School - \$13,318,930; Giles Technology Center - \$1,814,699; Eastern Elementary/Middle School - \$8,722,654; and Narrows Elementary/Middle School - \$650,000. He noted the total of the bonds is \$34,134,811. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed this portion of the public hearings.

PROPOSED 2025 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

Mr. McKlarney presented proposed tax rates for 2025, adding there are no proposed changes. He indicated the ordinance, if approved, would make taxes due on June 30th and December 5th with a 10 percent penalty for those paid after the due dates. Mr. Morris asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the general obligation school bond resolutions as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the 2025 real estate tax rate ordinance as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Mr. McKlarney advised Ms. Ballard had provided an updated draft Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and asked members to let him know if they had any questions. He suggested having a budget work session prior to the regular meeting in June.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to hold a budget work session at 2:00 PM prior to the regular June 4th meeting. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

UTILITY BILL WRITE OFFS

Mr. McKlarney related a request had been received from the Treasurer's Office for approval to write off the utility bills past the statute of limitations.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to allow the utility bills past the statute of limitations to be written off by the Giles County Treasurer. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Baker motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,097,705.03, and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve 7,135,992.54 for the June 2025 school appropriations and \$13,057.496.00 for the STRIDE allocation for a total of \$20,193,488.54. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve \$425,000.00 for the June 2025 Social Services appropriations. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Martin

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 3:00 PM, with a budget work session beginning at 2:00 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 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LITERARY FUND

The Giles County School Division applied to the Literary Fund for a loan for improvements to Eastern Elementary/Middle School (the "Project") by resolution adopted by the School Board of Giles County (the "School Board") on November 1, 2023. The Board of Supervisors of Giles County (the "Board of Supervisors") concurred in submission of the application for funding by resolution on November 1, 2023.

The Virginia Department of Education has indicated its willingness to make a loan from the Literary Fund to the School Board for the purpose of financing the Project, which loan will be evidenced by notes or bonds (the "Bonds").

The School Board has, by resolution, requested the Board of Supervisors to authorize the issuance of the Bonds and consented to the issuance of the Bonds.

The Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing, duly noticed, on May 22, 2025, on the issuance of the Bonds in an estimated aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,722,654, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15.2-2606 of the Public Finance Act (the "Act"), Chapter 26, Title 15.2, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Code").

The Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of Giles County, Virginia (the "County") to issue the Bonds to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the benefit of the Literary Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals above are found and determined to be a part of this resolution.
2. Authorization of Bonds. The Board of Supervisors determines that it is advisable for the County, acting through the School Board in accordance with Section 22.1-153 of the Code, to contract a debt and issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,722,654 to finance costs of capital improvements to Eastern Elementary/Middle School. This Resolution constitutes "concurrent approval" by the Board of Supervisors for purposes of Section 22.1-153 of the Code. The Bonds shall be general obligation debt of the County pursuant to Section 22.1-161 of the Code.
3. Election of Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Section 15.2-2601 of the Act, the Board of Supervisors elects that the Bonds will be issued under the provisions of the Act without regard to the requirements, restrictions or provisions contained in any charter or local or special act applicable to the County.
4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds will bear interest at the per annum rate of 2.00%. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to determine and approve all of the other final details of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, their dated date, original principal amounts, the

dates for payment of interest and principal, and the amounts of such payments. However, the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$8,722,654, and the due date of the last installment of principal shall not be later than 35 years after the date of the Bonds. The determination and approval of the final details of the Bonds by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be evidenced conclusively by such officer's execution and delivery of the Bonds.

5. Execution of Bonds. In accordance with Section 22.1-151 of the Code, the Bonds will be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman of the School Board and attested by the Clerks of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to deliver the Bonds to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

6. Taxable Obligations. The Board of Supervisors intends that interest on the Bonds will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

7. Other Actions. All other actions of the officers of the County, its officers and agents in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution are approved and confirmed. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates and instruments and to take all such further action as may be considered necessary or desirable in connection with the actions contemplated by this Resolution.

8. Filing of Resolution. The appropriate officers or agents of the County are authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of the County, in accordance with Section 15.2-2607 of the Code.

9. Effective Date. And this resolution is in effect upon adoption.

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The undersigned certifies that the foregoing resolution was adopted on May 22, 2025, at a duly called and held meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles County by the following vote:

Member	Vote
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Yes
John Lawson	Yes
Perry Martin	Absent
Richard "Ricky" McCoy	Yes
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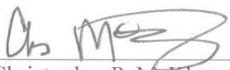
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE
FOR 2025 REAL ESTATE TAXES.

After a public hearing held on May 22, 2025, duly advertised on May 7th and May 14th, 2025, in the Virginian Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in Giles County, Virginia,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, that the tax rate applicable to real property located in Giles County, Virginia for 2025 shall be sixty-eight (68) cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value.

Such taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments due and payable on June 30, 2025 and December 5, 2025. The penalty for taxes, levies and fees which are not paid by the due date is 10% of the unpaid balance. Ten percent (10%) interest charges begin on the August 1, 2025 for taxes due on June 30, 2025 and on January 1, 2026 for taxes due on December 5, 2025.

	Voting For	Voting Against	Abstain	Absent
Baker	X			
Lawson	X			
Martin				X
McCoy	X			
Morris	X			

Attest: 
Christopher P. McKlarney, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
Richard L. Chidester, County Attorney