

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 10:00 AM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Eric Gentry	Chairman (Eastern District) - ABSENT
Paul "Chappy" Baker	Vice Chairman (At-Large Supervisor)
Howard Spencer	Western District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Barbara Hobbs	Central District
Chris McKjarney	County Administrator
Susan Kidd	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Baker, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. McKjarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer, Gerald Duncan: Mr. Duncan reported on the current bank balances and interest rates (2.52%). The county experienced a good collection rate last year and Mr. Duncan complimented his staff for working hard to accomplish that. He also reported that the annex building (housing the Treasurer and Commissioner offices) is now fully handicap accessible. DMV 2GO van will be coming to the county on August 25th from 8-4. The DMV Commissioner will be here. Mr. Duncan said he hoped to be able to get the van here at least once a month. Collections for PSA were \$1.4 million in 2011. Currently, they are going back three years on inactive accounts with wage liens. He was hesitant to go back further than that until he gets a ruling from the attorney. Mr. Duncan announced that Angela Higginbotham was recognized by the state Treasurer's Association as Deputy Treasurer of the Year. This was out of over 500 deputies in the state and is based on her civic contributions to the community and contributions to the Treasurer's Association as well as her work in the local treasurer's office.

Mr. Baker asked if the new DMV/2GO van would be advertised. Mr. Duncan said there was an ad in today's paper and he would have others before the date. The board expressed appreciation to Mr. Duncan for getting the DMV van back into the county.

Sheriff Morgan Millirons: Sheriff Millirons reported on July activities. His department served 610 civil papers, 35 traffic summons were issued, 39 offense reports were filed and they had 4 DUI arrests. The Animal Control Officers picked up 53 cats and 62 dogs. The meeting with the Giles County Animal Rescue was success and no issues have been reported at the shelter. Sheriff Millirons said he received reports of a scam involving legitimate looking checks mailed to people in the county. He did get a notice in the newspaper this week about this. The Sheriff's Department held DUI checkpoints this past weekend in conjunction with the State Police and there were several DUI and drug charges. He said the main concern in the county is prescription drug abuse – it has been an issue here for some time.

Grand jury met on July 12th and there were 137 indictments. Sheriff Millirons reported that there was a manhunt last week for about three hours for a suspect who robbed a hotel in Princeton and was driving a stolen vehicle. He was apprehended in the county. Code RED was used to alert the public during the hunt and after the suspect was taken into custody.

Sheriff Millirons requested VDOT install "Children at Play" signed at 105 Hidden Meadows Drive and throughout that entire area. He also asked Mr. McKjarney if he would check on the amount of the water bill at the Sheriff's office for last month – it seems higher than normal.

Sheriff Millirons said they are continuing to bring the inmate crew over to work in the county. Ms. Hobbs asked how many normally work on that crew. Sheriff Millirons said there are usually 4 or 5 and they can come as often as they are needed. Mr. McKJarney reported that he met this past week with Regional Jail officials about bringing folks over for a work crew. There are 88 inmates from Giles County and about 29 of those would have been eligible last week. He said it appears a 20-man crew would not be out of the question on a daily basis. They hope to use retired and off-duty deputies for supervision. He is working with the sheriff on this and an order has been entered with the judge. Soon he will start making this a mandatory requirement of sentencing. They are getting close to beginning this program. Ms. Hobbs asked if this meant if someone offends in Giles County, they are going to start working part of their time. Mr. McKJarney said that was correct. They will receive a day off their sentence for every day they work. The regional jail has been very cooperative about working with the county on this program. They offered to bring the inmates over in the mornings and that would be a great help.

NEW RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT – DR. MOLLY O'DELL

Dr. Molly O'Dell was introduced as the new director of the NRV Health District which includes the local Giles County Health Department. Dr. O'Dell met with Mr. McKJarney and some of the staff and wanted to introduce herself to the board members. She is working to learn what struggles are on-going in Giles both medically and environmentally. There are wonderful assets and opportunities here as well as some challenges. Dr. O'Dell noted that substance abuse usage is taking a huge toll on a lot of aspects of health in the county and the tension between development and maintaining a beautiful county is also present. Dr. O'Dell said her office is here to serve. She asked the board to let her know of any concerns or needs on water, sewer, or medical care.

In Virginia, the state mandates services and the locality enters into an agreement to figure out the funding to cover those mandated services. She supplied Mr. McKJarney with a list of all the mandated services. She did not feel the economy was going to take a huge swing upward soon, so they will have to cut more. She would like to do that together instead of one side just making that arbitrary decision. It looks as if things will stay level for this year. She noted the environmental fees have dropped for both well and septic service – to the level they were five years ago.

Dr. O'Dell said Jason Stinnet, the Giles County environmental specialist, inspects for individual well and/or septic tanks. He will do a soil assessment and based on that and the desires of the home owner, will work with them to figure out the type of system they need for both well and septic. The state now requires a subdivision to employ an independent soil scientist, but Mr. Stinnet would still go out on site and oversee their work. He does that to assure the work has integrity. She would like to maintain that role for the health department to assure that what is said to exist really does. She noted that individual home owners do not have to hire a soil scientist though.

Board members thanked Dr. O'Dell for coming and welcomed her to the area.

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke apologized for missing the June 30th meeting. He noted that most of the June meeting items have been taken care of -- the gravel on roads and tree trimming requests. They still need to catch up on paving between Glen Lyn and the West Virginia line. They will get that on the schedule.

Mr. Clarke reported that the traffic engineering is planning to start guardrail upgrades on Route 460 within the next few months. He will try to bring more information to the board as he learns more about their timeline. Rural Addition work on Clendenin Road is moving along pretty well. Since the grading and pipe work was done with state forces, they saved a bit of money on that. However, they will not be able to do the surface treatment with state forces. They do not have the right equipment for that job. VDOT will put out a small contract to do several roads in the area. Ms. Hobbs asked if the primary land owner is satisfied. Mr. Clarke said he thought that was worked out and Mr. McKJarney agreed.

Mr. Clarke said VDOT is now in the process of obtaining right-of-way for the Route 61 bridge in Narrows. There is really not much to get so that should move quickly. He hopes they will begin construction by the end of the calendar year. That was a design/build project so the design, right-of-way, and construction are all in that one package. They will build the new bridge parallel to the old one so it should be able to be used throughout the majority of the construction with no problems. The old bridge will be taken down completely when the new one is in place.

Mr. McCoy said with the heavy rains, some of the roads Mr. Clarke mentioned they worked on may need more attention. He noted the ones he had been on recently were in good shape though. Mr. Spencer reported that the concrete portion of Route 460 between the Glen Lyn bridge and West Virginia is breaking up. There are some very rough spots there. Mr. Clarke said that has been a problem and he would check on repairs.

Mr. Spencer noted that several years ago the Peterstown Cemetery Road was done with revenue sharing funds matched by the cemetery board. They would like to do the same with guardrail on that road and have committed up to \$2,500. Mr. McKlarny said this was Route 764, Cemetery Road. He spoke with Mr. Thompson about closing out that project and the next day received a call about the guardrail. Mr. Thompson is checking on leaving it open. Any match would have to come through the county; the group could pay funds to the county and the county work with VDOT on it. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Thompson will investigate the possibility of doing this. They will have to see if this can be incorporated into the existing project that already has some allocation to it. They also will have to see what the cost estimate for the guardrail would be.

Ms. Hobbs moved to approve a resolution for "Watch for Children" signs at 105 Hidden Meadow Drive and along the length of that road. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

Ms. Hobbs said she called the Salem VDOT office requesting dust control and was told they only do that two times each year. Mr. Clarke said that is the standard, but sometimes they have to do it more often on heavily traveled roads. Ms. Hobbs asked about Wilburn Valley Road and if VDOT has checked on it. Mr. Clarke said they will be using the existing slurry contractor who has the district-wide contract on that. Hopefully that will be here later this month.

Ms. Hobbs asked if VDOT has checked on Mill Dam Road. Mr. Clarke said it would be difficult to widen because of rock cliffs. They will see if there is anything that can be done through maintenance though. There are some very large rocks in there and they would have to budget this through the six-year plan and use construction funds. Ms. Hobbs said Mill Dam Road (in the White Gate area) has a 30 foot easement. One home owner has put up a fence and if it is not on the line, it is over it. It leaves very little travel room on that road. Ms. Hobbs asked if nothing else, could they widen it in some of the areas with no rock in order to make pull off spots. Mr. McCoy asked if there are places that the fence is on VDOT. Mr. Clarke said technically it is in their easement, but he does own the property. Mr. McCoy said he understood that but if it is blocking the easement, they should check on it. Mr. Clarke said they try to catch it when people are actually doing it. Once the fence is up, it is hard to fight a battle to move it. Mr. McCoy said it might be cheaper than widening the road with the \$50,000 the county gets to cover the entire county. Ms. Hobbs said part of the fence is along an area where there is a drop off on the side of the road. It may cause more problems if the fence was down. Ms. Hobbs said coming off Woodland Road on to Virginia Heights Road, there is a huge pothole about half-way across the road. Mr. Clarke said they would get someone on it. Mr. Baker said he had noticed that also.

Mr. Baker said on Route 634, near Mr. Kinder's house, there are two drain pipes stopped up. Someone put a few gravel back where it had washed out, but those need to be cleaned out. Also VDOT needs to take care of a large hole in the middle of the road on Apple Drive up Wilburn Valley. He also noted that tree limbs are along the road on Route 100 toward Pulaski. He also requested guardrails on the highest part of Route 100 where the bank is very steep. He asked if there were any emergency funds available to help with that. Mr. Clarke said there were not. That comes out of the whole district's allocation for guardrail. Mr. Spencer asked what a ballpark figure was for guardrail. Mr. Clarke said he did not know; it depends on the type of end treatment they

have to use. Mr. McCoy said that the guardrail on Route 460 near Celanese is rusted and looks terrible. That needs to be a priority when they look at it in the county.

PLAT APPROVAL – CHESTNUT MILL RANCH LLC

Brian Reed presented a subdivision plan to the board members for Chestnut Mill Ranch. This is a large lot subdivision with four lots. The total acreage of the 4 lots is 24.124 acres with 445 acres remaining in this tract of land. Mr. Reed said the plat met all the requirements of the subdivision ordinance. The property has been evaluated by CTech (private soil scientists) and they laid out the drain field. The final approval on that will be the issuance of permits by the Health Department. With that stipulation, everything else has met requirements. Mr. Reed noted that Lots #1 and #3 front on Route 608, Brickyard Road. However, they will have their primary access off a 40-foot wide private road going through the property. The Planning Commission has recommended approval.

Ms. Hobbs moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of 4 lots totaling 24.124 acres for Chestnut Mill Ranch LLC. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

Mr. Spencer asked that when the county gets plats like this, why were the owner's statements and other things not signed. Mr. Reed said these are preliminary plats. Once the board approves them, Mr. Reed will ask to have the plats signed and his will be the last approving signature on them. Often there are multiple owners located throughout the country. He also explained that they have already had the private soil scientists do the work. They will bring that to Mr. Reed and he will take this plat to the Health Department. The Health Department will review their work and send Mr. Reed a letter of approval on it. After that is received and if the board has approved it, Mr. Reed will sign the plat. If the Health Department does not approve it, then Mr. Reed does not sign the plat.

CONTRACT SERVICES – BID AWARDS

Mr. McKjarney said contract services for the county were bid out for the first time in a few years. The low bids for each category were presented to the board (attached). Ms. Hobbs asked how these compared to the current prices. Mr. McKjarney said there was very little change and in a few cases they were lower. The electrical contract in particular was less. Mr. McCoy asked if Mr. Mills had an opportunity to speak with the new electrical contractor regarding service for pump stations, controls, etc. Mr. McKjarney said the county has used Best Electric as a contractor in the past and they are now owned by W. G. Simmons Company. They did not get the electrical bid this year, but another local group did get it. If they do not have the capability to do the work required, the county will have to address that. Mr. McCoy said most of the complaints he gets about services are about cleaning. He said he understood people have issues with things and it is not perfect, but the county cannot afford perfect. Mr. McKjarney said when you consider the number of buildings this contract covers, the county doesn't pay a large amount for cleaning. The contractor does a pretty good job for us. Ms. Hobbs asked if complaints came from people working in the buildings or from people visiting the buildings. Mr. McCoy said people working there. Ms. Hobbs said the county almost lost this service this year to budget cuts and next year the employees may have to do it themselves. Mr. McKjarney said the school board office cleans their own building now.

Mr. Spencer moved to approve accepting the low bids for contract services as presented (attached). Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

RESOLUTION – FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENTS – COUNTY SAFETY PROGRAM

Mr. McKJarney noted this resolution was part of the Line of Duty Act. The resolution has to go to VRS. Ms. Hobbs asked if the towns are okay with this. Mr. McKJarney said he did not think they would have any issues. Also, a large portion of the town fire department members actually reside in the county. Ms. Hobbs said she did not think there was any choice. It is still a lot cheaper than a paid fire/rescue service. Mr. McKJarney said the county is very fortunate to have the quality of volunteers they have.

Ms. Hobbs moved to approve the resolution (attached) designating fire departments and volunteer rescue squads as part of the official safety program of the county. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

REGIONAL JAIL

Mr. McKJarney conveyed a request from the Regional Jail for the Board of Supervisors' members to come visit the jail and see the facility. He felt it would be a good thing to do. Superintendent McPeak met with Mr. McKJarney a few weeks ago and they had a very good discussion. He was agreeable with the proposed work program and would like to improve relationships with the board and explain some things. It is a very complex operation and everything is not always as it seems. Mr. McKJarney said he was very impressed with Mr. McPeak and the facility.

Ms. Hobbs asked if the jail was overcrowded at this point. Mr. McKJarney said they are still under. They can double-bunk and still have capacity. Using single-bunking, they have come right up to the capacity on some days. Mr. McKJarney noted that the solar project is near completion. They estimate the return on that investment to be 5-6 years and it has a life of 20 years. This represents a significant annual savings.

STOCK PEN WATER PROJECT

Mr. McKJarney noted that work began on the Stock Pen water project last week and is moving along pretty well. They hit hard shale requiring a rock hammer but have about 1,500 feet of pipe in as of today. There is a bit more than 5,000 feet in total. Mr. Belcher said they would put the line in to the top of the hill, install the hydro-tank, and come back and start putting lines in. They will have to go across the road and build a pump station. Things will be slow once they get the main line installed. Mr. Spencer asked if they have any temporary help on that project. Mr. Belcher said there were four and the county has three full-time workers on it. Mr. McKJarney noted that those three employees work very hard to keep up with everything on the utility side.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$345,886.69 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A(1) Personnel, A(3) Disposition/Acquisition of Property and A(30) Contracts. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

Mr. McCoy moved to certify that in the closed session just concluded, the Board discussed nothing except the matters specifically identified in the motion to convene and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously by roll call vote – Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer. Mr. Gentry – Absent.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Ms. Irene Hodges to the local board of New River Community Action for a two year term. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy , Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry-Absent.

ADJOURN

No further business was introduced. Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Timberlake Building, General District Courtroom.

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

Contract Services 2011 Bid Summary

Mats

Company	17 = 3 x 4 Mats	1 = 2 x 3 Mat	7 = 4 x 6 Mats	2 = 3 x 10 Mats	Total Weekly for 27 Mats
Aramark	\$1.50	\$1.32	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$55.82

Fire Protection

Company	Sprinkler Systems	Fire Alarm Inspections	Fire Extinguishers	Total
East Coast Fire Protection	\$1,050.00	\$2,010.00	\$365.00	\$3,425.00
Virginia Sprinkler	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00 (semi annual = \$600.00)	\$95.00	\$2,495.00

Propane

Owner	Bid Price Per Gallon Over Actual Cost
Red Flame Oil Michael A. Bostic	\$0.45 per gallon

Electrical

Company	Bid Sheet Enclosed	Bid
Best Electric	YES	\$50.00 per hour
RJ Building & Electrical, LLC	YES	\$40.00 per hour

Mowing and Landscaping

Company	Bid Sheet Enclosed	GC Wellness Center	Incubator/Social Services	Bid
Weed Whackers Lawn Care	YES	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$1,640.00
Jeffrey A. Williams	YES	\$200.00	\$80.00	\$2,500.00

HVAC

Company	Bid Sheet Enclosed	Bid
Strong's Incorporated	YES	\$95.00 per hour

Exterminating

Company	Bid
Dodson Brothers Exterminating	\$250.00
Goodman Pest Control Inc.	\$195.00

Septic

Company	Price per portable toilet unit per month (includes 1 pump per week)	Additional portable toilet pumping as required per unit per occurrence	Septic Pumping service per 1,000 gallons
New River Park LLC Larry Jay Williams	\$55.00	No Charge	\$110.00

Janitorial Services

Company	Bid Sheet Enclosed	Bid
Clean Images/Sylvia Wynn	YES	\$5,200.00 per month \$40.00 per occurrence at Castle Rock

