

At the recess meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present:

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

## GILES ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP

Mr. Gentry called the meeting to order. Sheriff Millirons and Office Dalton were present, as well as Marilyn Hollie, shelter volunteer, and members of Giles County Animal Rescue (Melanie Giberdon, Jo Thomason, Pat Goodrich and Christine Link-Owens).

Mr. McJarney said the Board of Supervisors needs volunteers at the Animal Shelter; it is operated by the Sheriff's Department but the volunteers are essential to its operation. It has come to the board's attention that there are issues with volunteers getting along and unfortunately, it has come to the point they have to get involved. The board wants to know what the issues are and get everything on the table and try to resolve it. The Sheriff requested having everyone come together and get a resolution to the issues.

Sheriff Millirons said there are three people on the payroll in his department who work at the Shelter. Chastity takes care of the kennel and Melvin Dalton and Frank Gough are Animal Control Officers. Then the volunteers come in and take care of getting the animals adopted and taken care of. He really appreciates all that they do. The biggest problem is arguing among the volunteers and things like that going on.

The people present discussed issues with working together and personality conflicts. Mr. Gentry said he felt they had put all the issues out on the table and hoped that helped with things. He asked that all volunteers try to work together; the county needs everyone who can help. Ms. Owen-Link will also be discussing some proposed changes to the animal control ordinance with the Sheriff. The group recessed the meeting and the board meeting was continued at the General District Court, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg at 6:30 PM.

## CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Gentry called the meeting to back order. Mr. Baker had the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of June 30, 2011. Second by Mr. Baker. Minutes were approved 4-0 with one abstention. Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Spencer; Mr. Gentry abstained as he was not present at that meeting.***

## REGIONAL JAIL UPDATE – TODD MARTIN

Mr. Martin is the board's representative to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority. He thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to serve on the authority. Mr. Martin serves on the Personnel Committee at the jail also. He said most of the discussion in that committee was about employee turnover. Three people have

already resigned in July, 7 in June and a total of 25 this year. The group suggested purchasing officers clothing and shoes using grant funds to try to improve morale. Mr. Martin spoke with some officers and did not think this would really help morale. He noted that of the three people who quit this month, one was a nurse who decided to stay home with her child, one moved to Texas where his wife's job transferred and the third went to the state police. All seven last month were recalled to Volvo.

Mr. Martin reported from the regular jail authority meeting. The jail currently houses 755 inmates; 100 more than the state facility at Bland has. There are 378 state responsible inmates and they have to keep those in order to keep the per diem down. If they start filling up beds, they can cut some of the state prisoners loose. Mr. Martin said there is no chance for the jail to be full; the capacity is 1,200. Mr. Martin has been assured they will do something to take care of that problem. Ms. Hobbs asked if Mr. Martin had discovered why the jail invoices the county for state prisoners and they also get reimbursed from the state for those same prisoners. Mr. Martin said he would find out. Mr. McCoy said the board has been told that this keeps the per diem down. However, the jail is taking the \$12 or whatever from the state and keeping it and also charging the localities the full per diem. They should at least take the state payment off the per diem the localities have to pay. Ms. Hobbs said if it is a state prisoner, they should take all the per diem off of the county. Mr. McCoy agreed but said they probably would not until the prisoner actually leaves that facility. Mr. Gentry said the county sees the same names over and over for months; they are state inmates but they never leave. The state is just not picking them up. These people are convicted and then stay over there 2 years or more. Mr. Martin said the inmates can sign a contract to stay over there for a certain amount of time. Mr. Gentry asked why they would even have a choice. Ms. Hobbs said the state can leave them wherever they want but she did not want to pay for them twice. Mr. Martin said state facilities are full so they have nowhere to go. Of course, they have a brand new prison in Grayson County that is not open because they lack the personnel.

Mr. Gentry said he would like to know how much it costs to train a new officer at the jail. If they are having that kind of turnover – 25 already this year – and people want jobs there, maybe they could be more selective in hiring process. Don't just hire anyone because they need a job for 3 months. They should hire more people who want to be there instead of just anyone who wants a job. Mr. Martin said the policy is someone they hire has to be smart enough to pass the Nelson-Denny test. He said when he went through training, he finished last in his class but he worked there 9 years until he had to take disability. He said some of the best employees who stayed are not college educated, but the jail wants to hire higher educated people for these jobs. Mr. Baker said maybe they could put in a policy if they get paid to train, they have to stay there and work for at least 1-2 years. Mr. Chidester said some police departments put something like that in place. You cannot force someone to stay and work for you, but they can have agreements that they work a certain amount of time after training or they have to reimburse the training costs. Mr. Martin said on the current track, they are looking at 50 officers leaving this year – that is about the same as last year.

Mr. Gentry said the county is looking at about \$1 million in jail costs this year. Mr. Martin said he would find out about the training costs. Mr. McCoy said he spent quite a bit of time recently talking to a gentleman who is a guard there and he was complaining about how the facility was run. He actually asked Mr. McCoy who he could talk with to tell some of the things they are doing. Mr. McCoy told him possibly the Sheriff or Mr. Martin. Basically, he was just talking about how the place is run from the top down. The gentleman doesn't want his name to get back to them because of reprisal. He said things are getting worse; it is management, people treated poorly, etc. Mr. McCoy said 50 people leaving a year is too many from anywhere and that doesn't take into account the cost of training. They are losing 35% of the total workforce every year.

Mr. Martin reported that the solar energy project is going on. The cost for that is \$740,000. About \$370,000 of the total was grant and the other portion was paid out of the \$2 million extra in the building fund. That money was supposed to be dispersed back to localities but they changed their minds. Mr. McCoy asked how the garden was doing. Mr. Martin said they reported that they would have vegetables from it. Mr. McCoy said he did not think they would have \$70,000 worth of vegetables.

Mr. Martin said there are some new people coming on the board – he is new, a new person in Bland and possibly in Pulaski. If they can get some new people on the board and make an alliance between Giles, Bland, Grayson, Carroll, and Radford, they may be able to make some changes. Mr. Gentry complimented Mr. Martin on the job he was doing; the board really appreciates it.

## **REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

Mr. Gentry said he appreciated the board holding on making a decision on this. He just wanted to make sure there were no mandates in it that the county might be agreeing to. He did not find any but said there was some good data in this plan. Mr. McKJarney said he had been asked by Bill Holt if the board would consider holding up on a decision until some statistical errors are changed. Mr. Gentry asked if that changed the plan. Mr. McKJarney said not essentially, but there were data errors. Mr. Spencer said if PSA has a problem with the well and they don't have river withdrawal in place, he would like language saying in case of severe drought they would allow the systems in place before to be used – spring in Glen Lyn, well in Narrows, etc. Mr. McKJarney said they already have the right to bring those back on but it would be under a boil notice.

Mr. Gentry said the plan talks about a secondary source throughout it. Giles does not have a true secondary source; they are working on it with river withdrawal. When they go through the drought response document the second phase is to begin considering alternate water sources. He asked if PSA is following the drought indicator in this plan. Mr. Huck said the plan got that information from the PSA; they are doing that. Ms. Hobbs said she had no issue with holding this until the statistical changes are made. Mr. Gentry said there was some language about limiting development of present water sources. He did not want to get into that with this; it is not for this document to dictate. It doesn't do that, but it does mention it. They board said it will be voted on at the first meeting in August. Mr. McKJarney said he would let Mr. Holt know.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY**

Mr. McKJarney requested the board's approval to utilize Castle Rock for a 'fun day' for emergency services volunteers and their families and to provide a meal. This would be on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve the use of Castle Rock on September 10<sup>th</sup> for Emergency Services Family Fun Day. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Stock Pen Mountain Water Project**

Mr. McKJarney reported that the county has started moving equipment to Stock Pen Mountain and should begin working on laying pipe next week.

### **Castle Rock Storm Water Retention Ponds**

They have completed two storm water retention ponds at Castle Rock and there is one more to be done. The crew is now working on Stock Pen and will complete the work at Castle Rock as they have time.

### **Pembroke Water Line Replacement/Tank Project**

This project is now with Rural Development. The county has been told they should have a decision before October. Ms. Hobbs said the board needs to start looking at this because there are mandates with it that rates will have to be changed. Mr. McKJarney said that is correct. They are also looking at other alternatives.

## **NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTRACT – FY 2012**

Mr. McKjarney presented the Performance Contract for NRV Community Services for FY 2012. This is the standard document that the county gets annually. Mr. Gentry asked what this contract included – if Fairview was part of it. Mr. McKjarney said that was separate from this. This is offering services to Giles County for mental health and substance abuse. They are doing the best they can with the funds they get. Ms. Hobbs said there are new mandates for them that seem to continue to go up, while at the same time their funds go down.

***Ms. Hobbs moved to approve the NRV Community Services Performance Contract with the county for FY 2012. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## **GILES COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER**

Adam Harman, Wellness Center Director, stated that he has been approached by a representative of Healthways (a provider for Humana) about offering a program for seniors called Senior Sneakers. This would benefit anyone with Humana Healthcare who is over age 62. They could come to the facility and provide some of the staff with specialized training for seniors and will also pay for membership for the people who have that as a benefit. Mr. Harman said one of the possible problems is that Humana pays per visit for participants and that amount is less than what is charged for a daily rate. He asked if the board would be willing to consider working with them. Mr. McCoy asked how much less it was. Humana pays \$3 per visit and the charge for a day pass at the Wellness Center is \$6. Mr. Gentry asked how many people would utilize Humana. Mr. Harman said he did not know but he has been fielding calls for several years from people trying to use this program. He said this would not involve any expense for the center. Mr. McCoy said there may be people who are paying a daily rate now who would take advantage of this program. Mr. McKjarney said there are not a lot of day rate folks now in that age group; it mainly involves kids out of school in the winter. Ms. Hobbs said some of the people who have joined monthly or annually could fall out and now go with this program on a daily rate. Mr. Harman said they could or there could be a segment of people who are just not coming to the gym or are going somewhere else. Mr. Gentry said he thought it was a great idea but would like to know how many current members might take advantage of this. Ms. Hobbs said she knew of several but still felt they need to offer this to the seniors. Mr. Harman said the membership rate for seniors now is \$22 and that is unlimited visits. If someone comes under this program and uses the 10 visits, it would increase the revenue. Mr. Gentry said he wouldn't mind seeing some numbers. Mr. McCoy said he was okay with it but just didn't want to see anything hurt the bottom line. Mr. Chidester has reviewed the contract. VACO did have an issue with the insurance requirements and they will see if that can be amended. The problem was with an indemnity clause and the county cannot provide that. Mr. Chidester said he did not know how much of a problem that would be for the program but will check and see.

***Mr. Baker moved to move forward with the Silver Sneakers Program at the Wellness Center. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

Mr. McKjarney complimented Mr. Harman on the excellent job he has been doing at the Wellness Center. For the first time since the county has been involved with the facility, it is in the black. There was a roof unit that has to be replaced, but overall they are operating in the black.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – GLEN LYN BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Gentry opened the public hearing and announced that this was being held jointly with the Town of Glen Lyn. Glen Lyn Town Council members were present and had a quorum.

Mr. Chidester stated that this public hearing was to consider the adoption of a boundary adjustment agreement pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-3106 and 3107 to incorporate a parcel containing .090 acres at the current location of the Glen Lyn Wastewater Treatment Plant into the corporate limits of the Town of Glen Lyn. The purpose of the adjustment is to locate within the corporate limits of the Town all of the property owned by the Town at the existing wastewater treatment plant including the proposed expansion of the plant. This acreage is less than the amount in the advertisement because the original survey had an approximate location

and the surveyor found it was smaller than originally anticipated. This does not affect any privately owned property. If the agreement is approved, the next step would be to submit to court for the judge to approve the agreement. Ms. Hobbs asked if the Town of Glen Lyn owned the entire piece of property. Mr. Chidester said they did but the .090 acres is currently located in outside the town limits.

Mr. Gentry said they are holding this as a true line. Mr. Chidester said the surveyor had approximated it on the map but he did get copies of the town charter and an older survey by Tom Conley. He incorporated all of those into this plat. Mr. Gentry said with the rods on the line, this will delineate that from now on. He asked if Mr. Chidester was comfortable that this was correct. Mr. Chidester said as comfortable as he can get with any survey. It is fair to say that the surveyor looked at Mr. Conley's survey and to the extent that is accurate, this is also accurate.

Mr. Spencer said the reason for this request is they are \$218,000 short on their part of the sewer plant and had \$154,000 left over from another grant. They were told they could use it if all the construction and property is within the corporate limits.

There were no other comments from the board, town council or public. Mr. Gentry closed the public hearing.

***Mr. Baker moved to approve the agreement moving .090 acres into the Glen Lyn Corporate limits as indicated in the public hearing. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## **SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS**

***Mr. McCoy moved to appropriate \$160,000 for Social Services and \$100,000 for CSA for August, 2011. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## **WARRANTS**

***Ms. Hobbs moved to appropriate \$451,618.09 for payment of warrants dated July 1, 2011. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

***Mr. Spencer moved to appropriate \$586,912.47 for payment of warrants dated July 21, 2011. Second by Ms. Hobbs.***

**Discussion:** Ms. Hobbs asked about payment of \$2,627 to Newport Rec Center. Ms. Tickle said this was separate from the Eastern District recreation money. This is higher than other parks because it is their total amount for the year; the other parks request theirs on a quarterly basis. Ms. Hobbs asked what the "programming expenses" were to Greenbrier at the Wellness Center. Ms. Tickle said those were for instructors for various exercise classes. Also, the cleaning to Greenbrier is for the person who cleans only at the center. They are not included in the county contract; that was changed several years ago. Ms. Hobbs said at one time the board discussed taking the cleaning services out of the budget. Ms. Tickle said they did not remove that this year. Mr. McKJorney said that service and others went out for bid and those should come to the board soon for approval.

Ms. Hobbs asked about inspection of frames under Maintenance of Buildings. Mr. McKJorney said that was for mechanical equipment inspection by outside firm. That is for all of the county buildings and schools. It is for the first series of inspections and they are now on a schedule. Our people are well trained to maintain equipment, but this is preventive inspection. These inspections can detect problems before they occur and they also do the work with our filters. It costs less for them to come than to buy filters and do it with our people. Ms. Hobbs said that was not a problem; we need to maintain what we have.

***The motion was approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## **SUPPLEMENTS/TRANSFERS**

Ms. Tickle explained that most of the transfers were within the same department – just reallocating to different lines. The largest one is moving things within the school budget.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve transfers through June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$806,698.66 as presented (copy attached). Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve supplements to the Treasurer's budget through June 30, 2011, for DMV stops, Judicial Sales, and PSA Fees in the amount of \$10,735.57. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

Ms. Tickle noted that the supplements to the budget through June 30<sup>th</sup> were detailed also. The CSA supplement is something that is out of the board's control. These are mandated by the courts and the county is obligated to pay even over the budgeted amount. The supplement for CSA is \$223,322.00. Ms. Tickle also noted that the water supplement of \$7,942.73 did have some fees that were received to offset a portion of it.

The Wellness Center supplement is \$24,531.06. There is additional revenue of about \$7,000 to offset part of this. Ms. Tickle said if you consider the additional revenue, the actual supplement is \$14,000 and the roof unit was \$18,000. There was also about two and one-half months of Ms. Gillespie's salary and benefits included in last year's budget.

A large portion of the supplement for Castle Rock is the pool (\$58,947.95). Ms. Hobbs said that still leaves about \$90,000. Mr. McKjarney said with the resignation of the director, they are not planning to replace him and to use part-time staff and existing full-time staff to run Castle Rock. The facility did lose roughly \$90,000 this year.

Mr. Gentry asked how much they spent on the ponds at Castle Rock. Mr. McKjarney said they used pipe from an old job so the only expense was labor – which is a fixed cost anyway. The design and equipment is about \$5,000/10,000. Ms. Tickle said the actual loss for Castle Rock was about \$107,000. The reason the supplement is so high is they budgeted a little bit more. Ms. Hobbs said there is really no choice on approving it; the money is already spent. Mr. McCoy agreed but said he thought they should talk later in the year about closing Castle Rock in the winter.

***Mr. McCoy moved to approve supplements for June 30, 2011 budget year in the amount of \$399,840.34. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

Mr. Gentry stated there was pipe and things lying around at the Huges Chapel tank. Mr. Houck said they use that area to store things. Mr. Gentry said there are people riding four-wheelers there and he wondered if they might damage the pipe. Mr. Houck said he had not heard about that but would check on it.

## **EXTENSION SERVICE UPDATE**

Mr. Gentry said he spoke with Mr. Martin and Extension Service will be advertising for a 4-H agent in Giles on August 1<sup>st</sup>. They should have someone by October. They are not sure on the FOS agent right now because this was a shared position with Bland. Mr. Atwell will be the interim local unit director for Giles. Ms. Hobbs asked what would happen to the current part-time 4-H person when they hire a full-time position. She asked if the county gets a full-time person, it would be paid by Virginia Tech and then the county would no longer have a

supplement in the budget to pay for Mr. Lytton. Ms. Tickle said they have not officially put the supplement in their budget. The budget they have now is the same one they have always had. The supplement for Mr. Lytton's part-time position is not shown in that budget. Mr. Gentry suggested they wait and see what is happening with the positions. Ms. Hobbs said as long as they understand the county cannot pay for one full-time and a part-time position.

## APPOINTMENTS

***Mr. Baker moved to appoint Mark Givens as alternate to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority for a four-year term ending June 30, 2015. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker.***

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

***Ms. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A(1) Personnel. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Mr. Baker.***

***Mr. Spencer 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. McCoy. Approved unanimously by roll call vote – Voting YES: Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Baker.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gentry noted that Riverfest was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and was very successful. There was good coverage of the race and fishing tournament in local media. River Clean Up is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up will be that morning at Camp Success in Narrows. Teams will cover three sections of the river and have one land clean up team. The clean up will end with lunch at Glen Lyn Park.

## PETERSTOWN CEMETERY ROAD

Mr. Spencer reported that a group maintaining Peterstown Cemetery Road. The county did a revenue sharing project in the past where the cemetery group put up the match. They would like to meet with VDOT regarding guardrail on that road. He asked if Mr. McKJorney could follow up with VDOT on that. Mr. McKJorney said he met with VDOT yesterday and they talked about closing out that project. He would follow up with them and see if it could remain open.

No further business was introduced. Mr. Gentry adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 10 AM in the General District Courtroom, 120 North Main Street, Pearisburg, Virginia.

APPROVED:

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk





FINAL JUNE 30 2011  
SUPPLEMENTS

<b>CASTLE ROCK</b>	
4-100-71300-1300	\$12,659.24
4-100-71300-5110	\$5,727.14
4-100-71300-5230	\$1,336.00
4-100-71300-6007	\$1,606.60
4-100-71300-6015	\$3,533.84
4-100-71300-3310	\$4,679.26
4-100-71320-1300	\$13,457.74
4-100-71320-3310	\$58,947.95
4-100-71320-5540	\$500.00
4-100-71330-1300	\$23,236.21
4-100-71330-1300	\$3,331.13
4-100-71500-1300	\$6,065.27
4-100-71500-1300	\$8,964.17
	<b>\$144,044.55</b>
<b>WELLNESS CENTER</b>	
4-100-71310-3315	\$18,582.00
4-100-71310-5110	\$2,469.95
4-100-71310-1100	\$3,479.11
	<b>\$24,531.06</b>
<b>CSA</b>	
4-120-53500-3100	<b>\$223,322.00</b>
<b>WATER</b>	
4-501-41500-5130	<b>\$7,942.73</b>
	<b>\$399,840.34</b>