

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, May 4, 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)
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
Bryan Reed	Subdivision Agent/GIS Coordinator
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Susan Kjidd	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Gentry called the meeting to order. Mr. Spencer offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Mr. McKjarney and board members recognized Clyde Ratcliff. Mr. Ratcliff retired after 23 years with Giles County. He started working in 1988 as a landfill supervisors and was later the Animal Control Officer. In 1999, Mr. Ratcliff joined the Public Works Crew. Mr. McKjarney said the list of projects Mr. Ratcliff has worked on is impressive: Broad Hollow water, Ripplemead water, Route 613, 625, 730 water projects, Brickyard Road, Castle Rock, Hill Top, Kow Kamp Road, Route 460 sewer project, and Bostic site development. He noted that the majority of the Bostic site work was done with inmate labor and Mr. Ratcliff overseeing it and running the heavy equipment. Mr. Ratcliff also worked on Curve Road, Shute Hollow, and Dogwood farms water projects. These combined projects account for over 25 miles of pipeline in the ground. Mr. McKjarney said he appreciated Mr. Ratcliff's friendship and work. Mr. Ratcliff was presented with a plaque and pocket watch honoring his service. He said he has worked for good people and with good people for over 23 years with the county and had enjoyed it.

Mr. Gentry addressed Mr. Ratcliff and the other members of the Public Works Crew who were present. He said he didn't know if the taxpayers really realize how much is asked of the guys on that crew. They do everything from putting water lines in to maintaining them – from one end of the county to the other and work day and night when necessary. He expressed the board's appreciation. Mr. Gentry recognized Mr. Ratcliff's contribution and said his experience would be difficult to replace.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of April 6th with noted corrections. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry, Mr. Spencer, Mr. McCoy.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Commissioner of the Revenue, Anne Chambers: Ms. Chamber reported that tax payers have expressed concerns about the increase in value of vehicles and the method of assessing those. She has been researching information from NADA in order to try to come up with a solution. There is no set percentage in the NADA values and she found drastic changes in the value of older vehicles. In order to have the change in assessment be revenue neutral, the personal property tax rate would have to increase by \$1.05. She said she realized this is not the right time to raise the tax rate. To make this change, the public would have to be educated to know that the values changed when the rates increased, so their payments would remain roughly the same. The only way she would recommend changing the method of assessment, would be by eliminating the decal fee. That would put the amount of tax someone is paying back in with what they had been doing. She said this was not something she recommended jumping into. Ms. Chambers said she received an email this week stating that tax

rates would be advertised so it is too late to address it now. However, these are legitimate concerns and they need to ask taxpayers if they would rather have a value on their vehicle that they agree with or a higher value and pay a lower tax rate.

Ms. Hobbs asked that when Ms. Chambers said there was no set method of assessment, did she mean it was left to the Commissioner's discretion to make the assessment. Ms. Chambers said that was not what she meant. There is no set percentage of increase or decrease from retail to loan value. The vehicles are assessed by VIN and all the extras in the vehicle are included in the value. People look at what they are getting for a vehicle on trade-in, but that is not the same as retail value. Ms. Chambers said a query showed over 200 vehicles assessed for more than was paid for the vehicle. Mr. Baker asked if high mileage made a difference. Ms. Chambers said that is taken into consideration. If the taxpayer brings in a copy of their inspection sticker showing high mileage, that is applied. However, that does not make a lot of different – only a few dollars. On some older vehicles it makes no difference at all.

Mr. Baker asked if there was any way to petition the state to do something about this. Ms. Chambers felt anything would have to go through the General Assembly. Mr. Baker said they need to talk to legislators and do something about this. Ms. Chambers said they were doing this the fairest way they could. State Code says the values have to be from a recognized value guide and that is what they use. They could change from retail to loan but the tax rate would have to be adjusted. Ms. Chambers said she has always tried to work with the board and did not want to go to war with them over a rate change. She said some of the board members commented last year about the assessment being too high. When she spoke to them this year about changing the method, they did not want to change the rate. They can't have it both ways. She is looking to the board to help make this decision.

Mr. Gentry said the board has already said what they are going to do with the rates this year, so it is too late to bring it up. Ms. Chambers said those rates have not been published yet. Mr. Gentry did not think the board would move on a \$1.05 increase.

Mr. McKjarney said he had met with Ms. Chambers several times to discuss this issue and he can appreciate what she is trying to do. She hears from the tax payers more than he does. Ms. Chambers said her number is on the tax ticket; they have to wait until they calm down to look up the board members' numbers. Mr. McKjarney agreed it was too late in the process to look at making a change this year. Even if they did, they would get the same complaints because they are talking about a \$1.05 increase to make up the revenue. There have been a couple million dollars in cuts from the state over the past few years and the county has made a lot of cuts to personnel and other things. There would be no choice but to increase rates and they don't know if there is a real benefit to doing that one way or the other. You will just never be able to explain a \$1.05 tax increase. Ms. Hobbs said she understood where the questions were coming from. It was very confusing how automobiles and even real property are assessed because they use a book. Mr. McKjarney said it was just like residential property – it is a mass appraisal system. An individual vehicle may have a lesser value but there is no possible way to look at each one individually. To do that would cost as much money as it would generate. Ms. Chambers said the Code does not allow for them to do that – they have to use a mass appraisal system.

Mr. Gentry said in that system there are some that it is not fair too. However, going with \$1.05 increase -- he wondered if that would spread the cost more evenly without the highs and lows. Ms. Chambers said it would not. They have studied this and put a lot of time into it. In February, newer vehicles were showing a higher value so people will pay more even if the rates are changed. She said she could not recommend going to that unless they eliminate the decal fee. That fee brings in over \$100,000 annually. She first thought they would have to go to a \$2.95 rate and eliminate the decal. However, at \$2.94 there would be a loss on personal property by changing the rate just on vehicles. Using \$2.95 would cover the loss and include the decal fee. Mr. McKjarney said personal property tax only generates about \$13,000 per .01 of tax rate. Ms. Hobbs said if they eliminate the decal so people with newer cars pay less; that does not seem fair. Ms. Chambers said it would not be fair the first year, but they need to determine what is fairer – leave it as it is or change method and tax rate. Mr. McKjarney said the money in their pocket will not change because you would offset the loss with a rate increase.

Mr. Gentry said he was one of the people complaining about the high mileage. He looked it up on line and when he put in the mileage, it really did not reduce it that much. Ms. Chambers said another problem was the information he was looking at on line was 11 months old. Mr. Gentry said he did not realize they could turn in the inspection sticker – maybe they need to advertise some more. Ms. Chambers said they put an ad in the newspaper about that and encourage people to bring in that information. It is much easier to make that change before the tickets go out. Mr. Gentry suggested putting it in the utility bill newsletter. Ms. Chambers said it would be in the next billing. Mr. Gentry said he was not complaining as much now that he understood things. Maybe a push to make people more aware will help. Mr. Spencer asked who determines the high mileage assessments. He understood it might only make as much as \$12 difference on the tax bills. Ms. Chambers said it is listed in the values they use and there is some value into turning in the high mileage information. This is especially true for newer vehicles with high mileage.

Mr. Gentry asked what the average tax ticket was for a vehicle. Ms. Chambers said some people pay \$700 and some almost nothing. That is another reason not to rush into this. When the values change, more vehicles will qualify for under the \$1,000 limit for personal property tax relief act where all their tax is paid. This is complicated and there are a lot of things to consider that go into it. Ms. Chambers said she felt the issue needed to be addressed but was not sure how. She looked to the board for guidance. If it is too late to get started on it this year, maybe they can start looking at something for next year.

Ms. Chambers also reported that 19 veterans have applied who are 100% qualified for the tax exemption on real estate. She said many more have come in who are being paid at 100% but their total service disability is less than 100%. The Commissioner's group is writing to the Attorney General to get clarification on the law the General Assembly passed. Several people have left Ms. Chamber's office unhappy about that. She took their applications and told them she would let them know about the Attorney General's decision. According to the information the county received, there are 26 veterans eligible in the county. That may be incorrect though as it was based on ZIP codes and we have part of Narrows ZIP in Bland County and part of Newport in Craig. Her office looked at how many vehicle tags they have for disability veterans. They understood they have to have a 100% service connected disability to be eligible for the tags – that number is about 40. There may still be some qualified people out there who have not applied. Mr. Gentry asked Ms. Chamber's if she could just keep the board apprised of that so they can have some exact figures to use with the budget. Mr. Baker said the way he understood it, they have to have been hurt during active service to be eligible. Ms. Chamber's said that is how she understands it also. Mr. Baker said the Veteran's Association sent letters to every veteran about this – not just the disabled ones, but they have to have a service connected disability to qualify.

Sheriff's Department, Deputy Scott Moyer: Deputy Moyer reported on departmental activities for April, 2011. They served 697 civil papers, issued 26 traffic summons, had 80 felony and 62 misdemeanors warrants, and made 4 DUI arrests. Animal Control picked up 48 dogs and 46 cats. The department had a group from Narrows High graduate from RAD training. There is a lot of interest in these classes and they hope to offer more of them. The new Animal Control vehicle went on the road recently. There is also a new marked deputy vehicle and both of these were purchased with grant funds. They are still applying for grants for training, enforcement and equipment. There were several extra deputies on duty this past week for proms and after-prom parties. There were no problems during those events. The Drug Take Back event that was held recently resulted in 42.6 pounds of prescription medicine being turned in. This covered all types of medication. It was part of a national effort in conjunction with the DEA. Code RED was used for tornado warnings last week and they received good feedback on that. That is a good system and it is working well. Mr. Gentry commented that Code RED worked great. A lot of people in surrounding counties who don't have it are asking about getting it in their area.

Deputy Moyer reported that the Grand Jury met last month. There were over 60 indictments with most involving narcotics or larceny. The larceny was primarily for scrap metal and copper. Ms. Hobbs asked what happened to the medicine that was turned in during the Drug Take Back event. Deputy Moyer said it was destroyed. This was primarily to get it out of the houses so they would not be targets for break-ins and to prevent it from being

flushed and ending up in the water supply. The DEA has very strict protocol and facilities to deal with destroying this.

Mr. Gentry said he noticed that the federal and state government would no longer pay for meth lab clean ups. Deputy Moyer said they hope to have that covered but you never know. Mr. McCoy asked who oversees the clean-up and regulations. Deputy Moyer said the DEA does and they contract with HazMat. HazMat has to bid for a contract with DEA and is licensed through DEA to do the clean-up. After this year, DEA no longer will have funds and it is going to go back on localities to do it. Mr. Gentry asked if the local HazMat is trained to do that. Deputy Moyer said it was probably something they could organize with HazMat – maybe set down and discuss what they need for it. Mr. Gentry said the local HazMat team has always been a leader for others; it would be good to talk to them about it.

VDOT REPORT – JOHN THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson provided updates to previous board concerns. He report that the work on Dry Branch (626) was completed. The potholes on Route 460 near East River Bridge have been filled. VDOT is still working on the problem with the slides near Newport. Addressing concerns about Wilburn Valley Road, Mr. Thompson said they have swept and cleaned up the gravel there. Ms. Hobbs asked if they cleaned it up out of yards as well. Mr. Thompson did not know of any large accumulations in yards. Mr. Baker said he understood the equipment they took out there was not very useful and did not do the job. He said the vacuum truck they took out there was not working; it just went over it and left everything in the driveways, yards, and elsewhere. VDOT needs to get back out there and finish that job. It is fortunate we have had rain so they haven't had to deal with all that dust recently, but they need to finish that job. He said if VDOT goes back to Dry Branch now, the ditch lines were not cleaned effectively to start with. Mr. Baker has been there and the road is not in good shape. Mr. Thompson said he was told the ditches were clean. Mr. Gentry agreed that he had some wrong information. There are some serious base issues that were not taken care of. Mr. Thompson who lives on Bear Springs Road said that any rain there at all, the road washes out bad. Mr. Thompson from VDOT said he would take a look and leave it on the list for repairs.

Mr. Thompson updated the board on upcoming projects. The Route 61 Bridge is on schedule and moving along. Hopefully construction will begin in November. VDOT has scheduled a meeting with WVDOT for a preliminary field review on May 18th at 10:30 at the car wash in Peterstown. Mr. Thompson said the schedule for Clendenin Road says May and it is now May. They will be doing that work with state forces.

Mr. Baker commented again on Dry Branch Road. This is an important road for Giles County. When there are bad accidents on Route 460, cars are re-routed on that road. It definitely needs something done to take care of it. This has happened several times so VDOT needs to go look at it. This road has not been cleaned up yet; someone gave Mr. Thompson bad information when they said it had been. Mr. Thompson who lives on Bear Springs, said there is a lot more traffic on that road. This goes between Big Stoney and Little Stoney.

Mr. Baker also noted that the equipment VDOT sent to work on Wilburn Valley Road did not work. The crew worked on it and came back again and it still did not work. Mr. Thompson said he did not know if VDOT would get 100% of that up. Mr. Baker said maybe not, but even 95% of it would help. Mr. Perkins (who lives on Wilburn Valley Road) said for people with breathing problems this is a serious issue. VDOT put this down and caused these problems. He asked if there was some sort of law with the state that they cannot put slurry on a hardtop road. Mr. Thompson said VDOT's policy is to maintain the whole system to a standard that is possible with the budget they have. Mr. Perkins asked if public safety standards included health problems. Mr. Thompson said public safety is a bit different. VDOT tries to maintain to the best standard they can within the budget they have. Mr. Gentry noted that is a road standard, not necessarily a safety standard. He said VDOT would put the same thing down and if it is done right, there should not be an issue because it hardens up just like pavement. It is was not put down properly the last time. Mr. McCoy said Mr. Clarke implied it was not put down correctly. He asked who the contractor was that did this job. Mr. Thompson said he did not know; this was done last fall. Ms. Hobbs asked who ordered that done; Wilburn Valley Road was not in that bad of shape to begin with. Mr.

Thompson said he did not know. All he can do at this point He was not going to go back 6 months and play the blame game. Mr. Baker said VDOT needs to address the problem; they do not want to go back and do anything. Ms. Hobbs said she was not talking about blame, but they should try to figure out what went wrong so the same issue doesn't happen again. Mr. Thompson said a lot of things can happen when they put this down – weather, materials, etc. If VDOT can afford it, they are going to put slurry seal on it. He cannot promise that though, because he does not know if they can afford it. Ms. Hobbs said VDOT messed this up, so VDOT needs to fix it. If they can't get the money, then they need to go to the state and tell them there is a problem. Mr. Thompson said there is no extra money to put on Wilburn Valley. Ms. Hobbs said she understood that under normal operations, but this is not a normal situation. It is a mistake that was made by VDOT that causes this problem and VDOT should either adjust their budget to find funds to fix it or the state will have to come up with more money for it. Mr. Gentry said either the money will have to come out of VDOT's local county money – which he did not agree with – or if it is a quality problem, the contractor who put it down or whoever supplied materials should fix it. Mr. Thompson said it was too late for that. Mr. Gentry said whatever the solution, it is up to VDOT, not Giles County, to fix the problem. He said he understood they have vacuumed the road twice but they need to get out there with equipment that actually works and then put it back down correctly to fix the problem. If VDOT locally is not going to do it, then the county will have to go higher up the ladder to see about getting it fixed. VDOT caused the problem – either themselves or a contractor – so it needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Baker commented that ditches on Gravely Hill Road need to be cleaned – they have never been adequately cleaned. Ms. Hobbs asked about Patterson Ford Bridge. Mr. Thompson said it was underwater. She said she realized with the amount of rainfall recently it was, but she asked Mr. Clarke to have the crews check the bridge and clean out that debris routinely before the rain. The one time they cleaned it, they did it on the lower side of the bridge. That really didn't help things. She asked if they could look at channeling out underneath it to allow more room for debris to get through. Mr. Thompson said he did not think so; they can just make sure the pipe is cleaned out but can't put a bigger pipe in there. Ms. Hobbs said it was sort of a bad engineering problem; it is a low water bridge without enough room under it for debris to flow. Mr. Thompson said it was a cheap way of building a bridge and it works about 90% of the time. It is called a low water bridge because they know at some point it will have water over it. Ms. Hobbs asked Mr. Thompson to please have the local crew check that on a routine basis during dry periods. Ms. Hobbs asked them to take a look at Route 460 near the Giles/Montgomery line; there is a large pothole on the Montgomery County side that needs work.

Mr. Spencer said Route 460 east and west past the East River Bridge to the West Virginia Line is breaking apart. It is not on the bridge; it is the actual roadway that needs work. Mr. Spencer asked about the Rural Addition funds and if there was enough to do Sky Line Drive this year. Mr. Thompson said he did not think so this year. Those are gone until July 1st. Mr. Spencer said he was talking about the calendar year – after July 1st. Mr. McCoy asked if the board ever got a cost estimate on that road. Mr. Thompson said as far as he knew, they had not. They have to acquire right-of-way on that and as far as he knew, no one had acquired any. Mr. Spencer said he would like to see if anything can be done this calendar year. Mr. Thompson asked if anyone in the county had started working on the right-of-way.

Mr. Spencer also asked about the 11 speed limit changes between Glen Lyn and Newport. He has heard a lot of complaints. This creates a situation that some people perceive as a speed trap. Mr. Thompson said the limits were raised on a state-wide basis. Mr. Gentry said some areas though do not make sense – like the lower speed limit near Pandapas Pond. Mr. McCoy agreed. He said they got it right at Narrows at 40 MPH because there are businesses, but through Rich Creek and Glen Lyn there are not businesses on Route 460. Mr. Chidester said according to state troopers the number of tickets is down substantially. Mr. Gentry and Mr. McCoy said they still see a lot of cars pulled over on Route 460.

Mr. McCoy asked VDOT to take a look at Green Valley Road; it needs a lot of work. Mr. Gentry said every gravel road in the Eastern District needs works. Mr. Thompson said they would get to them as they could. Mr. Gentry said Celestial heights, Kow Kamp Road on the back side from McCall Tire, Elder Hollow Road and Lyda Lane. He said there are probably two truckloads of gravel in the ditches there. Mr. Thompson said there is a lot of damage from the rains and the crew will be busy for a few weeks cleaning up. He will add those to the list. Mr.

Gentry also asked to add Old Furnace Road – check the low water bridge. He said Darnell Mountain Road has washed out really bad. They did some turns out a few years ago, but those are filling up. Olean Road is the other that needs attention. Mr. Gentry asked if VDOT has found anything on Chapman Road. He said he knew he was involved in the engineering on that road, so he would dig into that some more.

Mr. McKJarney said he had another call about guardrail west bound near Patrick Enterprises. Another vehicle went over the bank there. Mr. Gentry said Mr. Clarke told them he was not sure there was money in the budget for that. He said it had been approved but was not sure it was in the budget. Two months before that he said it was approved and could be done as soon as they get a contractor. Mr. Thompson said he knew they did a study and it did meet the requirements for guardrail. He will check on that. Mr. McKJarney asked if the cables across roadways throughout the county were routine. Mr. Thompson said they were for routine traffic counts.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST

Dr. Arbogast said the enrollment at the end of April was 2,441 – down 9 since the last report. During February, March and April 41 students have left the school system – most going to out of state or other schools in state. There were a few transferring to private school and some to home school. The majority of those are families who move. Ms. Hobbs asked if the economy is pushing that. Dr. Arbogast said that is the only reason he can think of. They really do not have the information to explain it.

Dr. Arbogast passed out copies of the activities calendar for May. The schools are now entering the last six weeks. SOL testing will begin May 16th and last about 2 weeks. He reported that 2 students qualified for National Skills USA competition and 4 students will attend the National HOSA Conference.

Mr. Spencer asked if Dr. Arbogast had found any information about the disparity in funding for counties in Virginia. Dr. Arbogast said he would get that information to Mr. McKJarney.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REPORT – MELISSA CHASE

Melissa Chase, Cooperative Extension, provided board members with a report highlighting the activities they have been involved in and events they are planning. She noted that they have registered 41 campers and have 22 counselors-in-training and 5 adult counselors for 4-H Camp this summer. That is only about 6 weeks away.

Two apple grafting classes were held with good response. Amanda Sarver, FCS agent, is working on the family garden project again this year. That has seen good participation and local vendors have been great with donations for it. They will also be offering fair judging classes for people who will be judging at the Newport Fair. Mr. Gentry asked about the OneFit program. Ms. Chase said that was a physical activity and nutrition program. It was not advertised as much as they would have liked. However, there was a group of teachers at Giles High who participated last year and contacted the office about doing that again.

Mr. McCoy said it seemed the reorganization planning was scraped and charged to go back and start again. He thought they were supposed to work with local governments to get more of their desires and needs before starting back on that. Ms. Chase said that seems to be in a “holding pattern”. There is a new director and he is traveling around the state right now. No one seems to have much information on the reorganization right now. Ms. Chase said she felt it would be handled differently this time and she would keep the board updated.

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION – DON CLARK

Don Clark is Giles County’s representative to the New River Community Action Board of Directors. Mr. Clark thanked the board for their past support. NRCA is supported by a Federal Community Service Block Grant. He provided material for the board on how this block grant funds NRCA, and he also outlined the programs operated by NRCA. That grant is being proposed to be cut by 50% and to become a competitive bid process, making it

much more difficult for rural areas to gain funding through it. Mr. Clark, on behalf of the Board of Directors, asked the Board of Supervisors to write letters to legislators asking for their support in keeping this grant.

Ms. Hobbs moved to send letters of support for not cutting the Community Service Block Grant and for not making it competitive. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

Mr. Gentry thanked Mr. Clark for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the county.

SUBDIVISION PLAT – ALFRED AND MARY KNIERMIEM

Mr. Reed present a plat showing one new parcel totaling 18.124 acres to be acquire by Alfred and Mary Kniermiem. The property is in the Rye Hollow area. By ordinance, Mr. Reed can sign off on three or fewer lots. However, over the years this property has been divided a few times and this will be the 4th tract. The remainder of the property is about 50 acres. The Planning Commission has unanimously recommended approval of this plat. This property does have access to State Route 623 through a 40-foot wide access easement known as Green Valley Lane. Ms. Hobbs asked if meets the intent of the subdivision ordinance. Mr. Reed said it does.

Ms. Hobbs moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the plat for Alfred and Mary Kniermiem. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

CARILION PATIENT TRANSPORT REPORTS

Mr. Gentry noted that the board has received copies of information on the number of calls and other data from Carilion Patient Transport. Mr. McKjarney said it took a few phone calls to get the information, but the board should begin receiving reports on a monthly basis as stated in the contract.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS AND TRANSFERS (FY 10)

Ms. Tickle stated that the supplements to the FY10 budget only include money that has actually been received. The \$17,000 was a license plate grant for reimbursement. The Library of Virginia grant was received last year, but the work in the Clerk's office was not completed until this fiscal year. Ripplemead water was not in the budget because they anticipated completion last fiscal year. They did have expenses and those were reimbursed in this year. The Four for Life and Fire Program money is always in question whether the state will continue it, so it is not placed in the revenues until it is received. Those funds have already been disbursed. Mr. McCoy asked if the money for DMV stops was all in this fiscal year. Ms. Tickle said that was for year to date. Mr. Spencer asked if the Litter Control Grant still went to the PSA. Ms. Tickle said that is in the Sheriff's budget as a line item, but PSA (George Caldwell) uses that money for cell phone charges, clean-up activities, etc. Part of the money is used for enforcement as well as clean up. This is also money that the towns send to the county for Litter Control also. Mr. McCoy said Narrows and Pearisburg do not send their funds to the county. Rich Creek, Pembroke and Glen Lyn do send theirs to the county.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve supplements to the FY10 budget as presented in the amount of \$460,069.45. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

Mr. McCoy moved to approve FY10 budget transfers as presented in the total amount of \$26,224,044.13. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Mr. Spencer moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$511,017.54 for payment of warrants as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gentry asked why there were so many handwritten checks. Ms. Tickle said there were a lot of requests that came in and also utilities that were due before the next board meeting. Mr. Gentry asked if that cost more than processing with the batch. Ms. Tickle said it did not other than a little time involved. Mr. Gentry asked if J. M. Turner had completed their job. Mr. McKJarney said these warrants reflect the final payment on that, and they have completed the job. Mr. McCoy asked if the payment to the Town of Pembroke was for sewer. Mr. McKJarney said it was. The county has agreed to \$7.44 per 1,000. They agreed to that as opposed to having a sewer meter. Now it is based on the county's water reading and using 85% of that for sewer. This is a much more accurate way to figure that. Ms. Hobbs asked about paying Kendall for an indigent burial. She did not think there were funds available. Mr. McKJarney said this is the last of it. There are no other funds. In the future, the county would only take bodies that are not claimed by anyone. Mr. McKJarney said there are some options for lower cost if that should occur.

Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

AUDIT CONTRACT – RENEWAL

Mr. McKJarney presented a request for renewal of our audit contract with Robertson, Farmer, Cox and Associates. The cost is \$40,000 for school and county combined.

Ms. Hobbs moved to approve renewal of the audit contract with Robertson, Farmer, Cox and Associates in the amount of \$40,000 for the FY 2010-11 budget year. Second by Mr. McCoy. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy moved to go into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A(30) Contracts concerning buildings. Second by Ms. Spencer. Approved unanimously (5-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer.

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: Mr. Gentry, Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Spencer.

ADJOURN

No further business was introduced. Mr. Gentry adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Timberlake Building, General District Courtroom.

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

May 4, 2011

