

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 10 AM in the Giles County General District Courtroom, 120 North Main, Pearisburg, the following were present:

Richard McCoy	Chairman (At-Large Member) - ABSENT
Paul Baker	Vice Chair (At-Large Member)
Howard Spencer	Western District
Eric Gentry	Eastern District
Barbara Hobbs	Central District
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Bryan Reed	Subdivision Agent
Susan Kidd	Board Secretary
Richard Chidester	County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

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

RECOGNITION – STEWART HAZELWOOD

Mr. McKlarney recognized Mr. Stewart Hazelwood for his service to the county for the past 16 ½ years. Mr. Hazelwood has been a loyal and dedicated employee and a great friend. He plans to retire at the end of December. Mr. McKlarney read the resolution recognizing Mr. Hazelwood for his service (attached).

Mr. Spencer moved to approve the resolution in recognition of Stewart Hazelwood and his service as an employee of Giles County. Second by Mr. Gentry. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hobbs moved to approve the minutes of October 22, 2009. Second by Mr. Gentry.

Discussion: Mr. Spencer noted that there seemed to be a discrepancy in the discussion of the vehicle tax on tractor/trailers. Mr. Chidester had noted that the rate could not be less than the rate for machinery/tools tax; however, Mr. Gentry had commented if it did not work out they could lower the tax rate. Mr. Chidester explained that essentially both statements were correct. The rate could be lowered, but only if the board chose to lower the rate for the machinery/tool tax as well.

Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009. Second by Mr. Gentry. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Morgan Millirons: Sheriff Millirons presented a monthly report of November activities. They served 371 civil papers, 31 traffic summons, and 4 DUI arrests were made. There were 42 dogs picked up and 40 cats; this is down a lot from past months. Seven after-hour drug safety programs were given. Sheriff Millirons reported that a search warrant on November 18th resulted in arrests and finding cocaine, crack, marijuana, ecstasy, and other drugs – estimated there were about \$20,000 worth of narcotics that were intercepted before they hit the streets. There was also about \$4,000 in cash and the investigation is on-going. Mr. Gentry asked if they can confiscate real estate if the drug dealing is going on there. Sheriff Millirons said there are cases when that can happen, but many of these are in rental property. Also, there are usually mortgages due against the property that have to be satisfied. If they do find property that is free and clear, they can attach to it.

Ms. Hobbs asked if the problem with break-ins is continuing. Sheriff Millirons said there are not as many but still occurring. Ms. Hobbs said someone called her about Neighborhood Watch signs in the Broad Hollow area. VDOT told them that had to come before the board, but she thought the Sheriff's Office could do that. Mr. Clarke with VDOT said they did not place those signs, but the Sheriff's office can. VDOT can work with them on the location if necessary. Ms. Hobbs will pass the word along for the person to give the Sheriff's office a call.

VDOT REPORT – DAVID CLARKE

Mr. Clarke reported that potholes have been patched on Rocky Hollow and pipe work completed on Orchard Hill. Patching for Blankenship Mountain Road is on the schedule to be done and the "Watch for Children" sign has been moved there as requested. VDOT is still looking at the drainage issue on Hidden Meadows.

Mr. Clarke said the Primary Road Six-Year Plan is undergoing a mid-year review/revision. That plan is on the web-site and one public hearing was held in Richmond yesterday. There is another scheduled for Friday. Mr. McKlarney sent a letter on behalf of the county and mentioned the Route 219 road – which is not in the draft plan. If that plan is adopted, it will not be on it. It was on the old plan – without funding, but on the plan. The signal on Route 460 at Pembroke is still on the plan. Ms. Hobbs asked if there was anything about Route 100. Mr. Clarke said it was still there with no funding. Mr. Gentry asked what was funded. Mr. Clarke said very little – there are a lot of zeros on the plan. The Interstate 81 bridge over the New River is still on the plan with reduced funding, but it wasn't originally scheduled for funding until 2013 or 2015. Mr. Gentry said that bridge is the one in Pulaski and was built in the 80's. Mr. Clarke said he thought this was the other side of it.

Mr. Clarke reported that the Route 61 bridge public hearing was held and the project is moving forward. Bids should go out in February and be due back in March. Ms. Hobbs asked if the right-of-way issues had been settled for Clendenin. Mr. Clarke said they were pretty close to a well in someone's front yard and would have to survey that. Something should go out to bid on that next year. Ms. Hobbs asked why that was taking so long. Mr. Clarke said the preliminary engineering work on it only started a few months ago. That was not the next project in line on the six-year plan until the board dropped Turner Road last year.

Ms. Hobbs asked about the Patterson Ford foot bridge. Mr. Clarke said to his knowledge there is no plan to replace that bridge. They probably need to get the crew out there to take down the remainder of the old one. Ms. Hobbs said she didn't like that but there was little that could be done about it.

Mr. Spencer noted that the underpass at Lurich is very rough. Water has eroded the pavement there. Also, brush is growing into the road and blocking site distance on Piney Mountain Road. He asked if they had received any feedback on the safety inspection on the bluffs between Rich Creek and Narrows. Mr. Clarke said he had not. Mr. Spencer asked if the board had received information on Rural Addition funds. Mr. Clarke said he sent that by email – about \$150,000 was the figure he mentioned at the last meeting.

Mr. Gentry noted that pavement is crumbling and has potholes in it on Doe Creek near Carpenter Lane. Mr. Clarke will have someone check that.

Sheriff Millirons said he had been asked by the General District Court judge about putting up more notice to stop for school buses on Route 460 in the Town of Pembroke. Several people have gone on by and received tickets. People often are not aware they need to stop on a four-lane road if it is not divided. The judge is dismissing those cases and has asked for more notice to be posted in that area. Mr. Clarke said there are signs, but they may need to be moved. They would take a look at that.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – TERRY ARBOGAST

Dr. Arbogast reported that enrollment at the end of November was 2,560 – a decrease of 4 from the previous month. It is a decrease of 29 from this time last year. He distributed activity calendars for school events to board members and noted several holiday programs that were planned.

Dr. Arbogast reported that information has gone out to both high schools about the H1N1 vaccine – scheduled for December 7th at Narrows High and December 14th at Giles. The second round of vaccine for younger students will probably not happen until after the Christmas break.

Dr. Arbogast noted that the first move will occur at the VoTech Center in a few weeks ago. He encouraged board members to visit and take a look at the new areas. Office and nursing area inspection should be done about December 8th and they hope to move in a few weeks. He noted these areas are better and are much larger and safer for the students. They were very crowded before and had little space to move around safely. They will also have individual classrooms to take students into. Dr. Arbogast said that Eastern renovations have progressed and there are now no longer Kindergarten pods that have 3-4 classrooms in one area. Each class will have their own individual room. Mr. Gentry said he had heard a lot of positive comments about the windows there and getting natural light into the school.

Ms. Hobbs asked if the new VoTech Center included room for any new or expanded programs. Dr. Arbogast said they were not adding empty classrooms that would not be used – all of the space has something planned for it. They did not build with the anticipation of adding programs, particularly with the budget forecast for the next few years. He also noted that the stadiums have been completed and the contract paid out. There is some asphalt near the tennis courts at Giles that will have to be fixed, but equipment for the other construction is parked there now and they will wait to do those repairs.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REPORT – CHARLES LYTTON

Mr. Lytton said Mr. Atwell was attending training in Blacksburg and unable to make the board meeting today. Mr. Lytton reported that the state is in the process of evaluating where 4H/Extension programs are headed in the next 5-20 years. He said no one really knows what effect this might have on Giles County. There probably will not be any changes in the next year or so, but 3 years or more they are looking at all extension offices and seeing how to better serve the public. He just wanted the board to be aware that things are going to change and no one knows exactly what that means.

Mr. Lytton reported they had recently completed in-service training for science teachers at Mt. Lake. He is working to refocus the 4H program more toward math and science and work with the schools. He appreciated the school working with him to allow teachers to attend. He will also be working with Mt. Lake and the Conservancy to do team leader training for Craig, Giles, Montgomery and Floyd counties. He said they will be working more closely with schools this year and taking a new approach to science projects. He has asked both high school guidance departments to identify a few more students who like math and science and will work with them to be science fair leaders themselves.

Mr. Lytton said a program was completed in October on the Virginia Tech campus with all 4th graders in Giles and Craig Counties to focus on eight SOLs that require laboratory experience. This went very well. He said the office is already working on leadership training for 4H camp. Mr. Lytton reported on several other committees he was involved with at the state level.

Mr. Lytton also expressed appreciation for the board's assistance in purchasing a new 4H van. A few weeks ago it was loaded with kids and luggage, and this is the first time they have travelled with a van that had heat in the winter and that the kids in the back could hear what was being said in the front. They have logged about 4,000 miles since it was purchased; it is being used and is greatly appreciated. Board members thanked Mr. Lytton for the work he does in Giles County. Mr. Gentry said Mr. Lytton was an asset to 4H and said it would be very difficult to replace him with all the work he does with children in this county. On a personal note, Mr. Lytton said that he had met with people on campus about retirement and, even though he is eligible to retire, he would not be doing so in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howard Spencer: Mr. Spencer asked to address the board. There have been questions about the Hammering in the Hills Program and things in the paper, and he said he would like to give a brief synopsis of what that

consists of. The Hammering in the Hills was a building trades program designed to give the unemployed or the underemployed and lacking skills the basic knowledge of building trades. Most of the participants have been incarcerated and have virtually little or no opportunity. The training involved on-the-job training with a wage paid, as many of the participants had families. The training was designed to last up to one year. This program cleaned up blighted areas of Giles County, trained youth and adults in building trades, increased our tax base, purchased materials locally, and reduced county expenses in tearing down condemned homes. The county employee was one of three instructors they had for this project. The county was paid for part of his time until grant funds expired. The program offered to do county work in lieu of his time in training the participants. Mr. Spencer said he had a copy of most of the projects completed over the past several years with an estimated labor cost provided. They did the roof and bathrooms for Wolf Creek Ruritan, roof on picnic shelter at Rich Creek, roof on Fairview Homes in Pulaski County, renovations (tear out and rebuild) at the Narrows Incubator to build three office spaces providing materials themselves, removed and refinished courthouse benches, decorations at the courthouse, roof at Ruritan Club at Bane, fire department roof and a shop building at Glen Lyn, a grant for a roof at the Newport Rec Center and assisted with the computer lab, work on the Snidow house and Simpkins houses in Pearisburg, Burton house in Narrows, American Legion building in Pembroke, Simpson landscaping in Pearisburg, set up and worked on shelter in Pearisburg, a lot of the work on homeless shelter in Narrows, tore down and replaced two houses in Glen Lyn, Vest house in White Gate, a maintenance building in the county, the Dowdy house/yard/maintenance, Gaylord house general maintenance, sidewalks, gazebo, lunchroom, maintenance building, flower shop lay out for Riverview Nursing Home, landscaping and walls for maintenance shop in Narrows. Mr. Spencer said he spoke with the contractor on this and estimated the projects mentioned would have a labor cost of \$381,300. This is a low cost and subtracting the wages of the county, it shows there was quite a benefit to the county for the work done. This was in addition to training the participants, purchasing materials locally, and cleaning up blighted areas and increasing the tax base. This estimate does not include grants for the nursing home and homeless shelter. He said he did not know if this cleared up where the money went, but hoped it would. He said he did have many before/after pictures of many of the projects that he could share with the board members. Mr. Spencer said he did not know if this cleared up the questions, but there are two sides to every issue. Mr. Gentry said he did not think the questions came from this board; they were completely from another entity.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. McKlarney presented an amendment to the agreement with the Health Department for 2009-10. The figure does correspond with amount that was budgeted.

Mr. Gentry moved to approve the 2009-10 contract amendment to the agreement with the local Health Department. Second by Ms. Hobbs.

Discussion: Mr. Gentry said the board has held off on approving this in the past, but the Health Department has worked with the county and with the Building Department very well this year.

Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – GILES COUNTY

Mr. McKlarney noted that board members received a disk in their packet that contained a copy of the revised Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Franklin has worked with state authorities to put this together and had to revise it to meet very stringent guidelines on what it included. Staff recommends that this plan be approved as presented.

Mr. Spencer moved to approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan for Giles County as presented. Second by Mr. Gentry. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

SUBDIVISION OF LAND – WHEATLAND ECO-PARK

Mr. Reed presented information on a 9.24 acre four-lot standard subdivision. This is standard by definition, but is not a conventional subdivision. There are three parcels being cut off the original tract and the parcels will be conveyed to another entity. However, there will not be any structures placed on those. The only structure will be on the five-acre parcel shown on the plat; this is where the current construction is being done for NanoSonic. The Planning Commission does unanimously recommend approval of this subdivision. Mr. Gentry said the two smaller parcels are storm water management areas and the other is a dedicated right of way for the new road.

Mr. Gentry moved to approve the subdivision of Wheatland Eco-Park as presented. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

FCC RULING ON LOCAL ZONING FOR CELL TOWERS

Mr. Gentry noted that FCC has recently changed the terms for local zoning to look at cell tower applications. A NACO article stated that if the applicant gets turned down for it there has to be for a specific reason for that applicant. He just wanted to make sure the county was in line to comply with this. Mr. Chidester said he was aware of this and passed the information to the planning staff. He thought the main thing that would affect the county is the time frames on decisions – 90 days on a co-locate and 150 for new construction. Giles is okay on that. Mr. Gentry asked if the clock stops if the planning commission or board have to wait on information from the applicant. Mr. Chidester said there was something in there about time being extended while gathering information. Most would agree to an extension on time because they do not want to be turned down and have to start over. It does say they have to submit a complete application before the clock starts. However, the concern is that a complete application and the need for more information are not the same thing. Mr. Chidester said he felt eventually the FCC is going to take over this decision making process and localities would not have control over it. Things seem to be moving that way, and that is what cellular companies would prefer. It would be easier to deal with the FCC than with all the separate local and state governments.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Mr. Spencer presented information about an email from Bill Davis and his group (Medical Transport LLC) that does 95% of the ambulance transport for Montgomery County. They were interested in providing service for Giles. Mr. Spencer said he did not know the particulars, but thought it would at least be worth investigating. Mr. McKlarney said in order to do that, the county would need to issue an RFP. They could not deal with just one group. The county has been working with Carilion for some time and trying to get numbers from them. Whenever the board wishes, Mr. McKlarney said he would be happy to put out an RFP for this service. He said he would suggest waiting until after the holidays though. Also, it would probably be best to send Carilion a letter and give them a deadline to respond to our request for figures before an RFP goes out.

Ms. Hobbs felt the board also needs to exam carefully what they are asking for in an RFP. If they want 24/7 coverage, that needs to be in an RFP. Also, they should be aware that going out for proposals may result in much higher costs for service. She said she was not against going out on this, but they need to keep this in mind. Mr. Spencer said he did not know anything about this particular group but did agree to bring the subject up to the board. Mr. McKlarney said there has been a lot of interest from groups who want a chance to bid for this service. Mr. Gentry said the county has asked for Carilion's numbers because they felt there is extra there. The fact they have not responded sort of proves that. Mr. McKlarney said if the board agrees, he will send a letter to Carilion Transport asking for those figures. Ms. Hobbs said the RFP should include that future providers give the board a quarterly report in the future.

WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE

Mr. McKlarney presented information that Ms. Gillespie put together on the Wellness Center. He said they are getting a lot of questions and concerns about overcrowding at the Wellness Center, which is a good problem to have. The average total membership in 2007 was 600; today that number is 850. Ms. Gillespie has compiled

some ideas and suggestions of things that could be done to possibly improve the situation. At one time there was a proposal for a pool and other things, but this is a much smaller proposal than that – 5,000 square feet. This would add a group exercise area, a multi-purpose room, a way to separate free weight training area from weight machines, a track, etc. There are some cost estimates and suggested ways to generate revenue. Mr. McKlarney said he realized this economy is not a good time to discuss this, but there has been no increase there since the county has owned it. Mr. Gentry also mentioned using Castle Rock as a satellite location for the Wellness Center. That is addressed in this proposal also. That would require purchase of additional equipment, which is included in the estimate. Mr. McKlarney said the board did not need to make any decisions now, but he wanted to get them thinking about it. Ms. Hobbs felt this was a bad time to think about it since they may have to consider laying off people when they look at next year's budget. Ms. Hobbs felt the board also needs to differentiate between the fitness center and recreation programs and decide if they are going to provide both. If so, then it is going to take more than what is in this project. As for raising fees to cover the costs, she said it was hard to raise fees on people when a third of them are out of work and unemployment is going to start running out. Mr. Gentry said membership in the Wellness Center is not really affected as much in that laid off segment of the population. Ms. Hobbs noted that many of the members are retired people who are not getting an increase this year. Mr. Gentry said they were not discussing a huge amount of increase. He asked if the board members had a breakdown of usage by district. Ms. Hobbs questioned whether Castle Rock as a satellite center would get used. Mr. Gentry felt it would; people drive from Newport and Mountain Lake area now and it is too crowded to get in to work out. He said if they put something over at Castle Rock, they already have the personnel there six months out of the year and it may add to Castle Rock membership as well. From 6-10 AM and from about 3-8 PM the Wellness Center is packed. Classes are going on in open areas, so the courts are in use and the weight area is very crowded. Mr. Spencer asked where the membership is coming from. There are 380 from the Central District and 260 from the Western. To really alleviate the overcrowding, the alternate facility needs to be in the area the usage is from. Mr. Gentry said people in the far eastern end can't get there. He agreed that the center in the central district serves more of the western and central, but there are people on the eastern end that do not have a facility to serve them. Mr. Spencer said this underlines the need for a county-wide recreation department to coordinate the facilities. Ms. Hobbs said that was not appropriate at this time with the present economy. Mr. Gentry said they have looked down that route and it fell apart pretty quick. He said they just wanted to get everyone to start thinking about this. Mr. McKlarney said one of the difficulties of government-owned facility like this is that there is a real need to expand but this is probably the worst of economic times to do that in. He said he knew that when they presented it, but the numbers are there on the utilization of the facility.

Mr. Spencer asked about the subsidy for the Wellness Center and for Castle Rock. Mr. McKlarney said it was approximately \$18,000 to the Wellness Center; that is down from about \$90,000 when the county first took it over. There has been no increase in that budget but there has been an increase in membership that increased the revenue. The Castle Rock subsidy last year was \$150,000. Ms. Hobbs said that is one area this board needs to look at very hard in the upcoming budget. Mr. Gentry asked if they had to transfer money to Castle Rock's budget last year. Mr. McKlarney said in government, the budgets have to balance – the revenues with the expenses – and at Castle Rock, the revenues are just not there. As long as the county owns the golf course, there will be expenses to keep it up. Mr. Gentry said the other option is sell it and get out of that business. Ms. Hobbs said they thought about that, but once the land is gone the county cannot get it back. Mr. Gentry said he didn't think it was a good option right now. Mr. McKlarney said it was true that a \$150,000 subsidy is hard to justify for a golf course, but they need to look at overall recreation in the county -- \$168,000 is not bad compared to what they used to spend. Mr. Gentry said if they put a satellite of the Wellness Center out there, they would have more of the use spread out. He said he didn't know about the cost, but the idea of having it would work. It's just something to consider. Mr. Spencer said there are facilities that are underused in the county – both high schools have weight rooms that are used during football season. Maybe they should look at using those and other facilities that already exist. Mr. Gentry said there are a lot of free weights being used at the gym and police officers working out. That is good; something they need to be doing. Since they are county employees, maybe they could be allowed to use the school weight rooms. Ms. Hobbs said she thought the weight rooms at the schools are used year round. It was noted that the police officers have a weight room at Pearisburg Community Center also. Mr. Gentry said they use that too, but there are just a lot of people using that at the Wellness Center. Ms. Hobbs said the board has some time to think about this. The next step would be to hold some type of public meeting to see what people say about it. Mr. McKlarney said they would like to do a direct survey to current members of the Wellness Center.

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Ms. Hobbs moved to appropriate \$160,000 for Social Services for December, 2009 and \$65,000 for CSA for December, 2009. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS

Ms. Hobbs moved to appropriate \$4,517,273.03 in funds for the School Board for December, 2009; this includes \$2,216,869.86 in construction funding. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Gentry moved to reappoint Barbara Hobbs to a one-year term on the Social Services Board. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Gentry asked Mr. Spencer about reappointment as the CLEO representative to the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Gentry said he knew Mr. Spencer had a lot of other boards he was working on and he would be willing to do this one. Mr. Spencer said he had been on it since it started and he would like to be reappointed on the Executive Committee and help bring resources here. Mr. Gentry asked if there was competition between the local program and this. Mr. Spencer said there was not. There are a lot of meetings with this.

Mr. Gentry moved to appoint Howard Spencer as the CLEO (Chief Local Elected Official) to the Workforce Investment Board for a one-year term through December 31, 2010. Second by Mr. Baker. Approved unanimously (3-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gentry; Mr. Spencer-abstain; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to reappoint Linda Boggs and Jim Topping to represent Giles on the WIA board for a one-year term. Second by Mr. Gentry. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to appoint John Lovely to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Eric Gentry to the Planning Commission representing the board. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Gentry moved to reappoint Jay Williams to the Giles County PSA Board as a board representative for a one-year term, contingent upon his acceptance. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to reappoint Randall Fletcher as the Western District representative on the Board of Road Viewers for a one-year term. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Steve Davis to the Western Virginia EMS Council. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to reappoint Mr. William (Billy) McCroskey as coordinator for the Giles County Haz Mat Team. Second by Ms. Hobbs. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Gentry moved to reappoint Kevin Belcher and Roger (Butch) Mullins to the Fairview Homes Board. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Ms. Hobbs moved to reappoint Paul "Chappy" Baker to the New River Highlands RC&D. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

Mr. Spencer moved to reappoint Paul "Chappy" Baker as an alternate to the Giles County PSA Board. Second by Mr. Gentry. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Ms. Hobbs moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$868,514.79 for payment of warrants as presented dated November 19th. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gentry moved to go into Executive Session for the purposes indicated on the attached form. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Gentry moved to advertise for public hearing on December 17th to dispose of property concerning the school board and Julian McCroskey. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

NEW HIRE

Mr. Gentry moved to approve moving Adam Harman from a temporary Greenbrier employee to a full-time county position effective January 1, 2010. Second by Mr. Spencer. Approved unanimously (4-0). Voting YES: Ms. Hobbs, Mr. Baker, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gentry; Mr. McCoy-Absent.

No further business was introduced. Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting until the recess meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

December 2, 2009