VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD APRIL 7, 2015 AT 6:00

P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING, 108 EAST MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL VIRGINIA

24651

PRESENT: SETH R. WHITE, CHAIR

J. GARLAND ROBERTS, VICE CHAIR

CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER

JOHN ABSHER, MEMBER

D. MICHAEL HYMES, MEMBER

C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ATTORNEY

PATRICIA GREEN, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RUTH GROSECLOSE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY

NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE

VOICE NEWSPAPER

ABSENT: JAMES H. SPENCER, III – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Chairman, Seth R. White called the regular meeting to order and presided with all members in attendance. He gave the invocation with Supervisor Hymes leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

The Chairman then welcomed those present.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the April 7, 2015 agenda format as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the March 3, 2015 Regular and the March 17, 2015 Special meeting minutes as written.

MONTHLY UPDATES

County Engineer

Matt Anderson, County Engineer gave the monthly update for the County Engineer's Department. The update included the progress of the FEMA Flood Study, Pocahontas Walking Trail, Building Safety, Orphan Roads, Devin Lane, Buckhorn Street, Transportation Safety Commission, and matters involving the Planning Commission. He reported a pre-construction meeting on April 9 for the Pocahontas Walking Trail; handed out the monthly reports for the January 2015 Construction in Tazewell County; presented a breakdown of the current orphan road projects including Buckhorn Street. Supervisor Hymes requested that the County's budget committee look for funding for the Buckhorn Street road project during the FY2015-16 budget. Mr. Perkins a resident of Buckhorn Street will attend the June 2, 2015 budget hearing with regard to funding for the project. The Transportation Safety Commission minutes were included in supplement agenda. Mr. Anderson said Supervisor Stacy would give a report on Planning Commission matters in during the BOS Liaison Report.

FEMA FLOOD STUDY

Now, upon motion of Supervisor White, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present, and with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Hymes and Supervisor Roberts as the Committee to review the RFP's for the FEMA Flood Study. This study will examine the flood plain along Clear Fork for approximately 3.1 miles and the flood plain along Lynn Hollow for approximately 2.8 miles. Both sites are located in Tazewell County, Virginia. The proposals are due on April 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT - MIKE THOMPSON

Mike Thompson, Interim Economic Development Director gave a brief update on Economic Development activities in Tazewell County. Mr. Thompson said he was very excited and pleased with the two announcement ceremonies held with regard to the Tadano Manis and Simmons Equipment expansions. He announced that he continues to work on a strategic/business plan. With regard to the Enterprise Zone he said he recently attended a workshop in Richmond on the application submittal. He also continues to work on Tourism initiatives for the County.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY UPDATE - JERRY MCREYNOLDS

Jerry McReynolds, Tazewell County Airport Manager, presented a written report on various activities at the County Airport. He said the \$750,000.00 West End Drainage Project has started. It is expected to be a 75 day project. The Annual Fly-In at the Airport is scheduled for the 4th Saturday in August. All hangars are full except for one - there are currently 11 planes at the Airport.

PSA UPDATE - DAHMON BALL

Dahmon Ball, PSA Administrator, gave an update on various PSA Projects. The Claypool Hill Waste Water Treatment Plant (CHWWTP) is on schedule, i.e. 70 % complete in time & 71% complete in value, it should be completed in Aug. or Sept. 2015. The Greater Tazewell Water Treatment Plant to Town of Pocahontas Phase 2 & 3 Project is ongoing; The Greater Tazewell Phase 4 funding applications went out, there may be over \$2M in grants & \$574,000 in loans. The Boissevain Trail Head Water & Sewer is complete and the pump station has been installed and waiting on arrival of power from AEP.

Chairman White questioned amount of revenue the PSA receives from every dollar of a rate increase. Mr. Ball said it equates to approximately \$100,000.00 in funding for the PSA.

RADIO/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

DERRICK RUBLE

Derrick Ruble, 911 Coordinator, updated the Board on the various radio/communication projects in the County. He said work is progressing on the installation of the radio systems for the Pocahontas and Tannersville projects. Two licenses have been received from the City of Bluefield and applications are in the process of being submitted to FCC to move the actual location to the Pocahontas and Double Gates Tower sites. Mr. Ruble said coordination and licensing is underway for new frequencies for John Dash, Jewell Ridge and the Tazewell Tower sites as well as Tannersville. Mr. Ruble presented a review of all radio/communication activities in the County as well as a summary of current expenses for each project. A copy of same is on file in the office of the County Administrator. Mr. Ruble requested full support from the Board of Supervisors in future budgets to implement communication upgrades in the County.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby enters into an Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 as set forth below:

- A(5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made involving Project DC.
- A(5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made involving COE.
- A(7) Legal consultation involving the Clearfork Fire claim
- A(7) Legal consultation regarding Pocahontas Water Agreement
- A(29) Discussion of potential budget for a public contract for Tazewell to Divides Sewer Line
- A(1) Personnel Matter involving evaluation of the Deputy County Administrator

A(1) Personnel Matter involving evaluation of the Interim Economic Development Director

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby returns from the Executive/Closed Meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712:

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

Ayes: Five (5) Supervisor Stacy, Roberts, White, Absher, Hymes

Nays: None Absent: None

Absent during vote: None

REPORT OF ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING M.O.U. - TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND

SOUTHWEST VA ALLIANCE FOR MANUAFACTURING

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tazewell County Public Schools and the Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing to locate a Center of Excellence at the Technical and Career Center in Tazewell,

P.S.A. AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF POCAHONTAS

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Tazewell County PSA Agreement with the Town of Pocahontas for improving the PSA's System to serve the Town's customers, as presented in the Executive Closed Session. A copy of the Agreement in a form as hereby adopted and as executed is attached hereto these minutes and incorporated herein by reference thereto

LEACHATE TREATMENT AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Hymes, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Leachate Treatment Agreement with the Tazewell County PSA on the condition that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors contribute \$375,000.00 from the post closure sinking fund if available for construction of a pretreatment facility at the A copy of the Agreement in a form as hereby adopted and as executed is attached hereto these minutes and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

PUBLIC HEARING

CRESCENTVIEW -

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the Board of Supervisors intent to allow a partial exemption from real estate taxation for the proposed rehabilitated property known as Crescentview (to be henceforth known as Harman Heights) apartment complex, located in Bluefield, Tazewell County, Virginia, from full assessment of taxes. Millennium Housing (MHM) has planned extensive renovations of the property and to rehabilitate, renovate or replace property at this location and is seeking assistance with obtaining partial tax exemption. This Ordinance is authorized by Section 58.1-3221of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The exemption would only be for the amount of tax increase resulting from the improvements made to the property as a result of the rehabilitation, renovations and/or replacements and would only be for a specified period of three (3) years of

tax assessment. A copy of the proposed ordinance in a form as hereby proposed for adoption is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

Ms. Christina Robinson, Cleveland, Ohio, representing Millennia Housing Development, LTD was present to give explanation of Millennia Housing's plan to extensively renovate and rehabilitate the property known as Crescentview/the apartment complex in Bluefield, Tazewell County, Virginia. The Plan is to rehabilitate Crescentview and transform it into a Garden Village known as Harman Heights. The costs for the revitalization project is anticipated at \$6.5 M, contingent upon grant funding from the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VGDA). - A new community building would include a computer lab for people needing to compile resumes or perform other types of computer work is planned. A proposed Security Plan is proposed as well due to the reports of criminal activity on the property known as Crescentview. The new facility will have building/site entry system specifications with gateway entrances, better lighting and security camera surveillance that will result in better safety for residents and the community.

Now, the Chairman called for additional comments from the floor three times and there being none he declared the public hearing closed. The Chairman stated that he met with Ms. Robinson and her associates present this evening and he liked their plans and ideas, but said he wanted to take some time and talk to the Town of Bluefield on the Revitalization Zone segment of the project. The County Attorney will set a meeting with the Town of Bluefield to discuss same. The Chairman thanked them for meeting with the Board today and traveling such a long distance to bring ideas of transformation and enhancement to the County.

This matter/ordinance will placed on the May 5, 2015 agenda for consideration of approval.

TAZEWELL COUNTY AUDIT FY15 -

PRESENTED BY ROBINSON, FARMER, COX

Ms. Deanna Cox, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, presented the Board with a copy of the County of Tazewell, Virginia - Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. She said it was a clean audit, and rated the County's Audit an "A". The County was given an unqualified opinion, with no findings. Ms. Cox commended the County's staff in handling the County's finances.

BUDDY BLEVINS -RETIRED CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RECOGNIZED

Mr. Buddy Blevins did not appear to accept the resolution prepared in recognition of his service to Tazewell County for twenty four (24) years as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Virginia - 29th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Mr. Blevins retired effective March 1, 2015.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a Resolution recognizing Buddy Blevins on his retirement. A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the office of the County Administrator, Tazewell, VA 24651.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD - AREA ONE

Ms. Rachel Patton and Darrell Blankenship representing the Southwest Virginia Workforce Investment Board Area One, soon to be Workforce Development Board, effective July 1, gave an update on the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Patton congratulated the County on its recent economic development announcements. Mr. Patton said the WIB works to serve employee workers and existing workers in the service area in Planning Districts 1 & 2. They are working very closely with the Virginia Tourism Corporation to help with training in the hospitality and related businesses. WIA has some monies and resources available to help with the support and implementation of some of the programs. He presented a copy of Skills Gap Study with Ms. Rachel Patton explaining the Study prepared by Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development. She said the study was motivated as a result of the significant layoffs

in the coal producing counties. The report provides an in-depth analysis of over 100 distinct occupations, detailing job descriptions, related job titles, employment trends, geographic distribution, age distribution, top knowledge, skill, and ability competencies, and the top ten compatible occupations along with the earnings and compatibility levels for each occupation. The Skills Gap Study can be found at WIAONE.org. Supervisor Stacy suggested that Mike Thompson, the Interim Economic Development Director do a presentation on the Skills Gap Study with regard to the various workforces in Tazewell County at the May 5, 2015 regular meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS UNSCHEDULED

Connie Bailey, 2268 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, VA 24605 spoke with regard to the proposed Zoning Ordinance for the Eastern District. And, upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor White and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all member present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby request that the following comments be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

"Good evening. My name is Connie Bailey. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. As a resident of the Eastern District who recently became aware of the proposed Zoning Ordinance, I would appeal to you to slow down the process for the sake of citizen involvement. I feel that whatever happens in the Eastern District, and however it happens--that is, by what process it happens--will set a precedent for the future, and will impact all of the other districts.

1. It will set a precedent of procedure

How did this zoning ordinance come to fruition? Was it a collaborative effort that involved public input from the beginning of the process? My first awareness was reading an article about it in the paper, more than a year after the effort began. And during that year, there were no reports of the Zoning Subcommittee to the Planning Commission, according to the minutes.

The recent workshops did open the door to the public to see what has happened over the last year. But the advertisement was only three business days before the meeting, in the back section of the paper many do not receive. At the first meeting, I counted only about 20 or so people who

were not public officials or employees.

When the Planning Commission saw the draft in February and were asked to comment on the spot, the Commissioners response was "give us more time." Well, everyday citizens need even more time...and more related documents, to be able to comment.

A procedure that asks for public input needs to provide a two-way flow of information.

Can you show me, for example, where I can find information, easily, about the watersheds in the county? If I or anyone else, can see a map of locations of streams in the Eastern district and how they flow into West districts, then we can see how what's allowed in a zoning area relates to water for the entire county. Could you make it easy to access a map and descriptions of the Ridgelines, not just East River, that will be protected by the ordinance? Then someone could see how that overlays the zoning districts; we can see relationships.

The Zoning Plan made no mention of how the regulating and permitting would be funded, or how it will be built into the budget. Would the administrator salary, and the zoning board of appeals, etc, be paid from a County-wide tax base or just the tax-base of the Eastern District?

Just out of curiosity, I looked at the Website for Wythe County. County Maps appear on the home page, easy to spot, along with budget information. Although Wythe Co does not have a zoning ordinance, because they are not zoned, I did learn that when they began to work on their Comprehensive plan, they held three well-advertised public input meetings during the summer, then conducted an online survey, and then a survey in the schools, all to get public involvement at least 9 months in advance of a public hearing.

A procedure that built in those kinds of activities would be on my wish-list for this Zoning Plan, even at this stage. It was great to have the computers and the engineers at the workshop but I feel I would have benefited by even a short Q&A time where everyone could hear everyone else's ideas and opinions. It would help prevent misinformation from circulating. For example, I heard --that someone else heard --that someone from the County said --the ordinance would be voted

upon by the citizens. It was difficult to know who was saying what because not all public officials had name tags.

I know there will be public hearings, but my experience with hearings is that they are usually held as the final step in the public process before decisions are made. Understandably they then become a stage to vent frustrations because there's been no two-way exchange of ideas from the beginning and throughout the process. This is a part of the procedure I hope you can help improve.

2. This Zoning Ordinance will set a precedent of transparency, openness and accessibility of government .

To offer an example of a need for this, on the first page of the Zoning Draft says it is being based on the Comprehensive Plan. So I called to request a copy of the Plan. "The plan is under revision" I was told, so I requested a draft.

When I requested a draft, County employees I spoke with were not sure it was available to the public **because** it was in draft form. (Of course it's frustrating to be asked to comment on one part of the picture--zoning--when I don't have access to the whole picture --the Comprehensive Plan.)

But of more concern, was that not all County employees had access to, or familiarity with, the Local Officials Guide to Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOI), which clearly defines draft documents as public records. Of course there are exceptions and exclusions for very reasons but it's hard to imagine what these would be in a Comprehensive Plan.

I had encountered a similar problem earlier with another request. I understand there's a balance between the public's right to know and the needs of the state, and I am thankful Virginia has such good FOI laws, and that the Virginia FOI Advisory Council is available to me as a citizen to call

or email anytime for guidance and legal opinion if I have a question. And they are available to any public officials to call.

This concludes my comments. Thank you very much for listening and I would request that a copy of these comments be added to the public record. "

CITIZEN COMMENTS UNSCHEDULED TAZEWELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU -\$1,600.00 CHECK RECEIVED FOR COYOTE PAYMENTS

Bill Osborne, Tannersville, Virginia presented a check to the County on behalf of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau in the amount of \$1,600.00 to assist in the payment of coyote claims.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$1,600.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to the Coyote Bounty Account, No. 35010-5803, as a disbursement to the County to assist in the payment of coyote claims for FY14-15. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to transfer these monies in accordance herewith.

Mr. Osborne then spoke about the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries proposal to close the Elk Season in all 31 counties west of the Blue Ridge. He requested that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the State opposing the closure. Mr. Osborne said that the Farm Bureau was against closing the Elk Season because the farmers in the County are apprehension that the population will increase and will travel to Tazewell County and damage property and crops. Eli Jones, Tazewell, Virginia, spoke about a recent newspaper article in the April 6 edition of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph concerning the Elk population and the comments made that Elk pass disease to their cattle. Mr. Jones said he made some calls to Richmond and Marion, VA and found that there are approximately 13,000 Elk in Kentucky and not one case of brucellosis has been found. He said the farmers should worry more about the white tail deer spreading diseases, like chronic wasting disease to cattle. Mr. Jones said

Buchanan County only have 71 Elk and there would not be a large migration. He said he feels the Elk are a great benefit and tourist attraction; people love to hear the Elk bugle and cars line up on some roads in Buchanan County just to hear them. Mr. Jones said he welcomes Elk in Southwest Virginia and the hunters he has talked to welcome Elk. He also spoke about Elk hunts and the fact that some farmers out west are retiring on the money they get from elk hunts on their land.

In other concerns, Mr. Jones said he thinks the money the County puts into the Coyote Bounty is an absolute waste of money. He said it has been proven by biologists several times over that bounties don't pay off.

Supervisor White said he would like to study the matter longer and to hear what the public is saying about the Elk. It was the consensus of the Board not to take action at this time on the proposed amendments regarding the closure of Elk Season in all 31 counties west of the Blue Ridge. The proposed amendments are posted on the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries website and public comments will be taken from April 8 to May 22. Should the Board of Supervisors consider writing an opposition letter to the Game & Inland Fisheries, Mr. Osborne left information with the County Attorney, Eric Young,

CITIZEN COMMENTS UNSCHEUDLED

Mr. Richard Jones, Baptist Valley, Virginia, commented on the brush fire in Clearfork last fall. He said the Dept. of Forestry did not charge the property owners for the fire costs last year. He requested that the fire department be reimbursed for the foam it used on the Clearfork fire.

Mr. Osborne spoke about his long-time friendship with Eli Jones and said he didn't mean to argue with Mr. Jones but he wanted to comment on the Elk hunts in the Western part of the United States stating a lot of the big Elk herds are fenced off and have packaged tract pricing. He said the farm acreage out west is huge compared to farm acreage here.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present, and with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following items presented as "Consent Calendar". The matters requiring the issuance of warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia:

WARRANTS

March 2015

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 139885 through 139933 and direct deposits totaling \$366,190.02 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 28, 2015, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 139935 through 139990 and direct deposits totaling \$360,423.29 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending March 15, 2015, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 469256 through 469398, for \$462,269.65 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and 911 Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies for the month of February 2015, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 469400 through 469415, for \$150,198.99 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, and 911 Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 28, 2015, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 469417 through 469543, for \$550,052.52 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and 911 Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies for the month of March 2015, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 469545 through 469559, for \$134,417.48 from the General Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending March 15, 2015, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 801877 through 801880 for \$4,600.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and 911 funds, covering operating expenses for the month of February 2015, be approved

- Approved an erroneous assessment payable to Team 7 Motor Sports Inc., PO Box 1083, Bluefield, VA 24605 for tax year 2012 the amount of \$2,140.00; 2013 the amount of \$2,550.00; 2014 the amount of \$2,282.00
- Authorized a Public Hearing and advertisement for VDOT's Secondary Six Year Plan at the May 5. 2015 regular meeting
- Approved the amount of \$160.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account to the Northern District Fund - this is the \$160.00 check issued to F & R Electric, inc. for 1 door motor for 945 rescue.
- Sheriff's Dept Approved the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to the Sheriff's Account No. 31020-8101 Machinery & Equipment - this is a Sponsor 2016 check from Dept. Calendars, Louisville, Ky.
- Sheriff's Dept Approved the amount of \$350.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to the Sheriff's Account No. 31020-6010 - flow through for weapon purchase

- Sheriff's Dept Approved the amount of \$40.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to the Sheriff's Account No. 31020-6010 - as a restitution on an ICAC Case
- Sheriff's Dept. Approved the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to the Sheriff's Dept. Line Item, 31020-6010 Computer Cop Program (check from Pizza Plus in memory of Harvey & Valerie Looney)
- Cemetery Preservation Seminar- Approved \$200 from Southern, Western, Northwestern & Northern and \$200 from the Tourism - Development Fund for a total, \$1,000.00 payable to VA. Dept. of Historic Resources for Seminar
- Library Account. Approved \$1,750.00 the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account 9105-7041 to Account No. 7301-3120 as a donation from George M. Cruise Foundation and the amount of \$750.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account to Account No. 7301-3099 as a donation from Lawrence Brothers Leasing
- Library Account Approved the amount of \$1,050.00 from the Contingent Expenditures & Grant Account No. 9105-7041 to Library Account No. 7301-3099 as donations received from various sources:
 - \$150.00 United Way of Southwest VA
 - \$250.00 Rish Equipment Co.
 - \$100.00 Kelly Morton Kidd, Inc.
 - \$100.00 Altizer, Walk & White PLLC
 - \$50.00 Crab Orchard Veterinary Services
 - \$300.00 First Sentinel Bank
 - \$100.00 Pyott-Boone Electronics

- Southern District Fund Approved \$1,000.00 to THS Project Graduation 2015 (Supervisor Hymes)
- Southern District Fund Approved \$1,000.00 to THS Project Graduation Gifts RD Personalized Drawings (Supervisor Hymes)
- Ratified the letter of support for the Greater Tazewell WTP to Pocahontas Water Supply Project, Phase IV
- Approved Coyote Claims:
 - \$25.00 to Earl Sylvan White, 166 Comstock Ln. Bluefield, VA 24605 for 1 male coyote killed on Feb. 23, 2015 with a trap
 - \$75.00 to Ronnie Shrader, 287 Mundy Town Rd. North Tazewell, VA 24630 for 1 female killed on Jan. 13, 2015 with a snare
 - \$350.00 to Gary Dixon, 338 Mundytown Rd. North Tazewell, VA 24630 for 6 coyotes (4 female) killed on Feb. 27, 2015 with a snare
 - \$75.00 to Gary Dixon, 338 Mundytown Rd. North Tazewell, VA 24630 for 1 female killed on Feb. 24, 2015 with a rifle
 - \$50.00 to Fred Thompson, 7199 Thompson Valley Rd. Tazewell, VA 24651 for 2 males killed on March 3, 24651 killed with a rifle
 - \$100.00 to Alfred Webb, 244 Beachwood Lane, Tazewell, VA 24651 for 1 male and 1 female killed on March 2, 2015 with a snare
 - \$100.00 to Alfred Webb, 244 Beachwood Lane, Tazewell, VA 24641 for 1 male and 1 female killed on Feb. 9, 2015 with a snare

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON REPORT

Planning Commission

Supervisor Stacy spoke about the two community meetings held in the Eastern District on the proposed Zoning Ordinance. He commended County staff and thanked them for their hard work and organization efforts to see that the meetings went smooth without disruption.

Supervisor Stacy said citizen comments and feedback were placed on comment cards and the comments will go back to the Planning Commission for review. He also wanted to clarify that the proposed ordinance was not an annexation, but zoning.

Supervisor White said that the County has discovered various areas of inconsistencies with the precincts/maps of the Eastern and Southern Districts. The County Attorney said there will be public hearings held to adjust the precinct boundaries.

Supervisor White also said he has received numerous comments and concerns about the proposed zoning ordinance. He encouraged the Planning Commission to continue taking comments from the public on the proposed zoning.

Industrial Development Authority

Supervisor White said things are going good in the Economic Development Department. He praised staff on the recent Economic Department announcements.

CPPD

Supervisor White said the County is working on regionalization efforts and ways to share services. Supervisor Hymes mentioned the recent indictments with BVU and questioned if the Optinet line would be affected. Supervisor White said that the charges were related to things that went on at BVU and their public side, not the CPC Optinet.

RDA

Supervisor Roberts reported the RDA continues to pursue refurbishing of the 31 miles of the original Pocahontas Trail as a result of the 2015 bad winter. He said 25 more miles of the Trail will be pursued this year with a VECEDA grant that is being applied for.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Supervisor Stacy said the County Budget Committee is on track and a budget meeting with the School Board is scheduled for April 22, 2015. Supervisor White requested that the School Board be reminded to make preparations for level funding this year and the funding would not include the previous year's one-time funding contribution.

RECESS

The Chairman called for a recess of seven (7) minutes after which the meeting was duly reconvened.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Ms. Patricia Green as Interim County Administrator for Tazewell County, Virginia effective April 16, 2015.

PRECINCT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS -

PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZED

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Deputy County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing to make various precinct boundary adjustments to the maps and descriptions with regard to the Tazewell County Redistricting Ordinance.

ROYAL OAK ROAD - PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZED

The County Attorney, Eric Young, reported that the property owners of Royal Oak Road have agreed to a right-of-way exchange for an amount of \$3,000.00 and a public hearing will need to be held accordingly.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Southern District Fund for a right-of-way exchange for entrances on Royal Oak Road, and further hereby authorizes and directs the Deputy County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing to consider inclusion of Royal Oak Road into the County's Orphan Road Program. Said warrants will be issued in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

BARN AVENUE - PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZED

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Deputy County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing to hear concerns with regard to the Tazewell County Planning Commission's recommendation for the County to accept Barn Avenue into the County's Orphan Road Program.

EMPLOYEE HOSPITALIZATION RATES

FY16 APPROVED

Following presentation by the Deputy County Administrator, Patricia Green and upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following Tazewell County Employee Hospitalization Rates for FY16 as set forth below in a letter as presented by Ms. Green this date:

"The renewal rates for hospitalization for FY16 have been received. The rates did go up 6.6% this year for our coverage. These rates are based on our continued participation in our present plan, Key Advantage with Expanded Benefits and offering a new plan Key Advantage \$250. Key Advantage Expanded Benefits will be offered at 80% for single and 70% of difference for dual or family plan. Key Advantage \$250 will be offered 90% for single and 70% of difference for dual

or family plan. Also we must now offer comprehensive or preventive dental care with either plan.

	Single	Dual	Family
Exp. Benefits C-Dental	Total \$746.00	\$1,380.00	\$2,014.00
80%/70%	ER \$596.80	\$1,040.60	\$1,484.40
	EE \$149.20	\$ 339.40	\$ 529.60
Exp. Benefits P-Dental	Total \$733.00	\$1,356.00	\$1,979.00
80%/70%	ER \$596.80	\$1,040.60	\$1,484.40
	EE \$136.20	\$ 315.40	\$ 494.60
Key \$250 C-Dental	Total \$678.00	\$1,254.00	\$1,831.00
90%/70%	ER \$610.20	\$1,013.40	\$1,417.30
	EE \$ 67.80	\$ 240.60	\$ 413.70
Key \$250 P-Dental	Total \$665.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,796.00
90%/70%	ER \$610.20	\$1,013.40	\$1,417.30
	EE \$54.80	\$ 216.60	\$ 378.70

The Advantage 65 Medicare supplement rate remains the same at \$160. The cost of this coverage is the responsibility of the participant and as a standalone plan is not used in the experience rating when determining the rates for the active group. We also have a feature that allows us to continue coverage for survivors of deceased employees until the end of the month following the employee's death. The full premium with continued employer contribution is required based on the employee's coverage at time of death. We did offer this feature last year and will continue to do so with your approval. I request that you approve the rates for active employees, Advantage 65 and the one month death benefit for the upcoming fiscal year. These rates were reviewed and approved by the Budget Committee and now must be approved by the Board of Supervisors at their April meeting to meet Local Choice deadlines."

COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE CONSULTANT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Hymes and Patricia Green, along with Jim Kade (School Board), Carol Karnes (DSS), to review the four (4) proposals received for the County Employee Insurance Consultant. As a result of same, the Committee will look at the best option for all County groups for employee hospitalization in the FY17 fiscal year.

MOWING BIDS - CROSSROAD LAWN

The Deputy County Administrator reported that the County solicited bids for mowing various County properties. The bids were due on April 3 at 2:00 p.m. and eight bids were

received. Now, upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby awards the apparent lowest responsive mowing bid to Crossroads Lawn Care, Attn: Chris Parks, 318 Crossroads Place, Lebanon, VA 24266. The Deputy County Administrator said a meeting would be held with the prospective low bidder to ascertain that the low bidder meets all the county's mowing criteria - as well as all other legal aspects of the bid.

Once approved by the County Attorney the Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a mowing contract in accordance with this action.

THOMPSON VALLEY FIRE TRUCK BIDS

REJECTED - AUTHORIZED TO REBID

The Deputy County Administrator reported that the County solicited bids for a 2014 - 2000 gallon freightliner fire truck for the Thompson Valley Fire Department. Ms. Green said bids were due on Friday at 2:00 p.m. and opened shortly thereafter. There was some variation in the bids received; the year of the truck was inconsistent with the advertisement.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby rejects all bids and authorizes the readvertisement for a 2014 or newer 2000 gallon freightliner fire truck for the Thompson Valley Fire Truck. The USDA previously agreed to give an the department an extension on the grant.

TOURISM COMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON THE LOCATION OF THE KIOSK AT THE HISTORIC CRAB ORCHARD MUSEUM

The Deputy County Administrator reported the new Diva Donuts Bakery in the Town of Tazewell requested the placement of the Information Center - Kiosk located at the Crab Orchard Museum on their business site. The Board of Supervisors previously donated the Kiosk to the Cavitts Creek Park, however the Kiosk was never moved to the Park. It was consensus of the Board for Ms. Green, Deputy County Administrator to take the matter before the Tourism Committee and let them decide what to do with the Kiosk.

AASC - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Upon request of Patricia Green, Interim County Administrator, and as ask for by Regina Sayers, AASC Executive Director, and upon motion of Supervisor Roberts seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby PROCLAIMS the month of May 2015 as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH in Tazewell County, VA. A copy of the Proclamation is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

SUPERVISOR WHITE -

PRESENTATION - LEACHATE LINE

Supervisor White gave a presentation with regard to County tax dollars in the amount of approximately \$1.1 M to subsidize the PSA even if tax payers do not receive PSA services. He questioned the County Attorney about PSA loan documents that require the PSA to be self sufficient. Supervisor White feels that taking money from the tax base to subsidize the PSA is wrong. He said if the PSA would charge their customers what they should be charged for services there would not be a need for tax dollar subsidies. He explained how the Supervisors came to the decision to proceed with the leachate line. He said the Board believes the line will save the County money in the long run and will be a safer more economical way to transport the leachate than by truck. The Board approved the amount of \$375,000 towards the pre-treatment facility and the holding tank for the leachate and an additional \$200,000 towards the line. He said he feels the new line will open opportunities for growth along the 460 corridor and would benefit the whole County as well as being a huge tax savings. He said the forefront of his presentation this evening was due to a PSA member insinuating that the County Board of Supervisors wanted to make it harder on the under privileged and poor by not helping to fund the project.

In other PSA matters, upon motion of Supervisor White seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Attorney to draft a letter to the PSA Chairman asking that respect be shown to the BOS

representative on the PSA Board. The County Attorney was requested to circulate the letter to all BOS members prior to sending same.

D.E.C.A. - RICHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL \$500.00 NORTHWESTERN \$2000.00 WESTERN

Upon motion of Supervisor White, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$500.00 from the Northwestern District Fund and the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Western District Fund, payable to the Richlands High School DECA, Richlands, VA 24641, attn: Ms. Paula Bandy.

The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

BACK OF THE DRAGON -

\$7,000.00 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$7,000.00 from Account No. 91050-7023 Contingency Fund, payable to the Back of the Dragon, Drag a Knee - 497 Myrtle Road, Tazewell, VA 24651 for the FY15 Sponsorship contribution.

The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

TRI-CITY RAMS - BASKETBALL \$250.00 FROM EASTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$250.00 from the Eastern District fund, payable to the Tri-Cities Rams Basketball Organization, 218 Fairfax Street, Bluefield, VA 24605, Attn: Dusty Gray, as a sponsorship contribution for the Tri-City Rams.

The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA YOUTH REC LEAGUE "JUNIOR RAMS" \$500.00 EASTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Roberts and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$500.00, subject to legal review, from the Eastern District Fund, payable to the Bluefield Virginia Youth REC League, Junior Rams Football and Cheerleading, PO Box 1354, Bluefield, VA 24605, attn: Jason Roberts, as a sponsorship contribution.

The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL - PROJECT GRADUATION \$250.00

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Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$250.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Graham High School - Project Graduation, Bluefield, VA 24605. The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL - PROJECT GRADUATION \$250.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$250.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Tazewell High School - Project Graduation, Tazewell, VA

24651. The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia

FALLS MILLS FISH CLUB \$3,000.00 FALLS MILLS, VA

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following amounts from District Funds as set forth below, payable to the Falls Mills Fish Club to assist with expenses for Kids Fish Day Insurance costs. The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia

•	Northern District	\$1,000.00
•	Eastern District	500.00
•	Western District	600.00
•	Northwestern District	500.00
•	Southern	400.00
	Total	\$3,000.00

SECOND CHANCE'S DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652.77 DEFERRED TO MAY, 2015

A request for \$652.77 from the Eastern District Fund to assist the payment of County taxes for the Second Chance's Learning Center was deferred to the May 5, 2014 regular meeting.

\$5,000.00 FROM THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND TO THE FREEDOM FESTIVAL - TOWN OF RICHLANDS, VIRGINIA

Upon motion of Supervisor White, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund to the Freedom Festival, Town of Richlands, Virginia 24641.

The Deputy County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this matter and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia

ARBOR DAY

Supervisor Hymes suggested that the Arbor Day funding request be considered in the next budget year. He said the Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance (VCEA) and the Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) are partnering with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to develop a statewide 4-H project and educational activities in Virginia schools related to fossil fuels.

VDOT-

COMMENDATION LETTER TO CONRAD HILL FOR ROUTE 644 REPAIRS

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Interim County Administrator to send a letter of thanks to VDOT, Mr. Conrad Hill & Staff, for their work to repair Route 644 in the Northern District.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby enters into an executive/closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A- 1 - Two (2) Personnel matters involving the evaluations of the Deputy County Administrator and the Interim Economic Development Director.

RETURN/CERFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION

Upon motion of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby returns from the Executive/Closed Meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711 A(1) Personnel Matter involving evaluation of the Interim Economic Development Director and the evaluation of the Deputy County Administrator.

TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

Ayes: Supervisor Stacy, Roberts, White, Absher and Hymes

Nays: None
Absent: None
Absent during vote: None
Action: None to Report

ADJOURN

Now there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Supervisor Roberts seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Seth R. White, Chairman Adjourn time: 10:50 p.m.

by: RG