

**VIRGINIA: AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JULY 30, 2015 AT 7:00
P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 108 EAST MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL VIRGINIA
24651**

**PRESENT: SETH R. WHITE, CHAIR (REMOTE ATTENDANCE)
J. GARLAND ROBERTS, VICE CHAIR
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER
JOHN ABSHER, MEMBER
D. MICHAEL HYMES, MEMBER (REMOTE ATTENDANCE)
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ATTORNEY
PATRICIA GREEN, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MIKE THOMPSON, INTERIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY
NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE
VOICE NEWSPAPER**

ABSENT: NONE

The Vice Chair, Garland Roberts, Jr. called to order a Special Called Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1418. Supervisor Stacy gave the invocation with Supervisor Absher leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Special Called Meeting was held pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1418 and Virginia Code Section 2.2-3707, paragraphs, A,C,D & E for the following matters.

For the purposes of holding a public hearing to hear concerns regarding an application for designation of a Virginia Enterprise Zone in Tazewell county and to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for designation of a Virginia Enterprise Zone in Tazewell County, Virginia.

A copy of the Request for Special Meeting and a copy of the Special Meeting Waiver of Notice of the meeting signed by all members, including the County Attorney and Interim County Administrator is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

All those individuals required to be notified of the Special Called Meeting were so informed.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY TWO (2) MEMBERS APPROVED

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the participation by remote attendance to this meeting by Supervisor White and Supervisor Hymes. Supervisor White was at a scheduled called meeting of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District meeting in Lebanon, Virginia and Supervisor Hymes was in remote attendance due to an out of town family business matter in Radford, VA.

AGENDA APPROVED

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, 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, with Supervisor White and Supervisor Hymes participating by remote attendance, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Special Called Meeting Agenda as written.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE ZONE IN TAZEWELL COUNTY

The Vice Chair, Garland Roberts, called to order a PUBLIC HEARING, at a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors to hear concerns regarding the County's consideration of approving an application to the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for an award of a Virginia Enterprise Zone. The County Attorney explained if awarded to Tazewell County, the Board of Supervisors would be authorized by the Commonwealth to later enact an ordinance providing local tax incentives to new and expanding businesses who invest in real property improvements and hire additional employees in Tazewell County. The incentives would include but not be limited to

grants equal to the businesses' increase in local real and personal property taxes resulting from their expansion. The incentives would only be available to businesses located in designated areas of the County, called the Enterprise Zone. The application includes a proposal that the Board of Supervisors will enact a future ordinance to redefine the current enterprise zone by adding additional properties and removing others currently in the zone. A copy of the proposed incentives for the Virginia Enterprise Zone Businesses were provided to the Board and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as well as the Proposed Tazewell County Enterprise Zone Maps for the Tazewell/Richlands/Cedar Bluff/Bluefield areas is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

The Vice Chair thanked Mike Thompson, Interim Economic Development Director for his hard work on the application process in order to promote and expand local business incentives in Tazewell County. Other Board members echoed the Vice Chair's comments.

Now, the Vice Chair called for further comments from the floor three times and there being none, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Eric Young, County Attorney then presented to the Board a resolution authorizing the application for designation of a Virginia Enterprise Zone in Tazewell County.

And, then, 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 adopts the following resolution:

**“A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF
A VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE ZONE IN TAZEWELL COUNTY”**

WHEREAS the Board has established by previous ordinances an Enterprise Zone for Tazewell County;

WHEREAS to further encourage the economic development of the County the Board desires to apply for authorization from the Commonwealth to participate in the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program and, if permitted, to establish local incentives, as described on the attached Exhibit, and establish zone boundaries, as shown on the attached map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Interim County Administrator to submit an application for Tazewell

County's inclusion in the Virginia Enterprise Zone program and, hereby, expresses its intent to enact such future ordinances as may be necessary to establish Zone incentives and establish the Zone boundaries as proposed in the application as described on the attached Exhibit and Maps. The Board also resolves that the attached Exhibit and Maps hereby are incorporated into this resolution. The Board further resolves to authorize the Interim County Administrator, or her designee, to submit any documentation necessary to support said application.

RECORDED VOTE: 5 to 0

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberts, Stacy, Absher White, Hymes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None - Two (2) by remote attendance, White & Hymes

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Eric Young, County Attorney requested permission from the Chair, Seth R. White, to allow the Vice Chairman, Garland Roberts, Jr. to sign all documents approved at this Special Called Meeting due to the physical absence of the Chair. Supervisor White concurred.

ADJOURN

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this Special Called Meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Seth R. White, Its Chair

7:10 p.m.

by: RG