

VIRGINIA: AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2015 AT TEN O'CLOCK A.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 Special Called Meeting to order and presided with all those in attendance.

Chairman White gave the invocation with Supervisor Stacy leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

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

- ◆ Declaration of Local Emergency, Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 - due to heavy snow, extremely low temperatures and hazardous driving situations as a result the February 16, 2015 weather conditions in Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

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 present including the County Attorney and Deputy County Administrator is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY RESOLUTION

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 adopts the following resolution:

VIRGINIA:

AT A SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 108 EAST MAIN STREET AT 10:00 AM, ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 FOLLOWING, A MOTION AND SECOND:

Date: February 25, 2015

The following Resolution was approved at an Emergency Special Meeting of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors held at 108 East Main Street Tazewell, Virginia at 10:00 AM on the 25TH Day of February, 2015, upon notice to the public which was reasonable under the circumstances as required by Sections 15.2-1418 and 2.2-3707, paragraphs, A, C, D & E, of the Code of Virginia.

RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a series of heavy snowfalls in the County, beginning on February 16th, 2015, interrupted electrical services in the County, threatened to interrupt water, transportation,

and other essential services, caused severe travel conditions, caused property damage, hardship and suffering for our residents, and threatened the public's health and safety;

WHEREAS convening a meeting of the Board on the evening of February 16, 2015 during the storm would have been impractical, if not impossible, and time was of the essence, the Local Director of Emergency Management, Patricia K. Green declared a state of emergency pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia;

WHEREAS, this Board concurs that an Emergency existed from that time because successive snow storms, including more than a foot of snow, and extreme cold temperatures, below negative twenty degrees Fahrenheit, have created a hardship upon the residents of the County, the Board ratifies and consents to the local emergency declaration and to its extension to March 3rd, 2015 in all parts of the County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby RESOLVES,

That due to excessive snowfall causing commensurate injury and hardship to persons and damage to property, a Local Emergency existed in the County from on or about February 16, 2015 to date and is expected to continue until March 3rd, 2015;

That pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, and any other sections as may apply to exigent circumstances the Board hereby declares an Emergency, pursuant to Sections 44-146.16 (6) and 44-146.21 of said Code, and conveys all emergency powers as may be permitted by Virginia Law, including but not limited to those set forth in the aforesaid code section, to the County's Local Director of Emergency Management, Patricia K. Green and, in accordance with said Statute, her designee David White, who may exercise such powers in her absence;

That the state of Emergency and authorized exercise of such powers conferred by the Code to the aforesaid persons under such circumstances, including those under Section 44-146.21, shall continue until March 3rd, 2015 at 11:59PM, unless further extended by the Board on said date at its regularly scheduled meeting.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this the 25th day of February, 2015

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Now, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Roberts 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 adjourn this SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

It's Chairman, Seth R. White

by: RG