

VIRGINIA: AT A ANNUAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JANUARY 10, 2017 AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 108 EAST MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL VIRGINIA 24651

**PRESENT: D. MICHAEL HYMES, CHAIRPERSON
JOHN M. ABSHER, VICE CHAIRPERSON
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER
MAGGIE ASBURY, MEMBER
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ATTORNEY
PATRICIA GREEN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER; WVVA TV - VIDEOGRAPHER**

**ABSENT: TRAVIS HACKWORTH, MEMBER
RUTH GROSECLOSE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
WHITNEY PARSONS, AUDIO/SOUND**

The Chairman, D. Michael Hymes, called the meeting to order. Supervisor Hackworth was absent. Supervisor Absher gave the invocation with Supervisor Stacy leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Now, the Chairman stated for the record that "Due to a scheduling conflict, the Board of Supervisors' regularly scheduled meeting for January 10, 2017 will convene at 7:15 PM on January 10th, instead of 6 PM. The Board will hold the two scheduled public hearings and then recess until Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 PM to take up the remaining matters on the agenda for the regular January meeting. However, the Board may take up some additional matters on this date as may be necessary."

PUBLIC HEARING

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION

The Chairman, then called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law entitled, a " **PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CONCERNS REGARDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENT TO AMEND THE EXISTING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT THEIR FORMS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION EXEMPTION FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH 31.** A copy of the proposed ordinance as advertised according to law is on file in the office of the County Administrator and posted on the bulletin board in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office for public inspection.

The County Attorney, Eric Young, stated that he had spoken to the Commissioner of Revenue and Mr. Anderson said that several volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members that were eligible for the personal property taxation exemption had missed the filing deadline. He said extending the deadline would give those individuals time to submit their forms to the Commissioner for consideration of the exemption.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor, and there being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

The Chairman stated that a vote on the ordinance would be considered at the January 12, 2017 recessed meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - HICKORY STREET

The Chairman, then called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law entitled a **TO HEAR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING A PORTION OF HICKORY STREET INTO TAZEWELL COUNTY'S ORPHAN ROAD SYSTEM. HICKORY STREET IS LOCATED EAST OF THE WARDELL AREA OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, INTERSECTING ON THE EAST WITH KENNEDY DRIVE AND FOLLOWING A PORTION OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ROADWAY.** A copy of the resolution as

advertised according to law is on file in the office of the County Administrator and posted on the bulletin Board in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office for public inspection.

The County Attorney, Eric Young, stated that Tazewell County Planning Commission would formally need to review the road in question and refer the proposal for acceptance of the road to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Young stated that the Hickory Street was on the Planning Commission's January 12 agenda and the Planning Commission would most likely consider the road at that time.

Supervisor Absher commented on the deplorable condition of the road and the need for repairs. He said it used to be a half-decent road, but over the years it has become neglected. He said the road has three foot ruts, along with poor drainage issues. Mr. Absher said the road was almost impassable. The County Attorney said the road was a dedicated public right-of-way, but the road was not officially the county's unless the county chooses to accept it.

Now, the Chairman then called for comments from the floor three times and there being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Consideration of accepting a portion of Hickory Street into the Tazewell County's Orphan Road Program was deferred to the January 12, 2017 recessed meeting.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Absher gave a brief tribute to the late Tom Childress from Pocahontas, Virginia who passed away unexpectedly in early December. He spoke of his sadness in the loss of Mr. Childress and how quickly life can change because just last month Mr. Childress was in attendance in this room. He said Mr. Childress was passionate about the town of Pocahontas and Tazewell County and knew every aspect about its history as well as other topics. He said Mr. Childress's intelligence always outweighed his, and he would be dearly missed. Supervisor Absher said that he had called the Historic Pocahontas office many times since Mr. Childress passing just to hear his voice. He said he would never forget Mr. Childress because he was a great man, a historian, a man of honor and most importantly, a good friend.

Supervisor Hymes agreed that the Town of Pocahontas and Tazewell County had lost a great man, and concurred that Mr. Childress would be truly missed.

RECESS

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, 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 recesses this meeting to Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

D. Michael Hymes, Chairman

By: RG

7:45 p.m.