

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 12, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE  
TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 108 EAST MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL VIRGINIA  
24651**

**PRESENT: JOHN M. ABSHER, CHAIR  
MAGGIE ASBURY, VICE CHAIR  
D. MICHAEL HYMES, MEMBER  
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER  
TRAVIS HACKWORTH, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
PATRICIA GREEN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
RUTH GROSECLOSE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
WHITNEY PARSONS, AUDIO/SOUND  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY  
NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE  
VOICE NEWSPAPER**

**ABSENT: NONE**

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The Chairman, John M. Absher, called the regular meeting to order and presided with all members in attendance. He welcomed all those present.

Supervisor Hackworth gave the invocation with Supervisor Hymes leading those present in the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

**AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

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 approves the June 12, 2017 agenda as amended.

In addition to the revised agenda as submitted the Board of Supervisors added one personnel matter VA Code Section 2.2-3711, A-1, to the Executive Session involving the new landfill operations/management position.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

Upon motion of Supervisors 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 approves the May 2, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

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### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Supervisor Hymes stated that the Board of Supervisors have a history of recognizing people after their gone and said that he has tried to change that by recognizing them while they are still with us and with that said he introduced and welcomed to the meeting, Mr. C. Dunford a resident of Tazewell County who has served the citizens of Tazewell County in many capacities spanning over five decades.

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 adopts the following resolution honoring C. Don Dunford for his service to Tazewell County, Virginia:

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF C. DON DUNFORD  
TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNTY OF TAZEWELL VIRGINIA***



**Thank You!**

**WHEREAS**, C. Don Dunford, has served the citizens of Tazewell County, Virginia in many capacities spanning over five (5) decades, generously giving his time to community service endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, C. Don Dunford, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia on June 15, 1936 to Charles William Dunford and Clara Mae Cordle; and

**WHEREAS**, his first home was in Dunfordtown, "appropriately enough"; the town was a mining camp started by Thomas D. Dunford, Don's grandfather around 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, C. Don Dunford and his family moved briefly from Tazewell County in 1948 to Arizona and then back to Tazewell County in 1949 to a farm in Thompson Valley, VA, where his family farmed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1951 C. Don Dunford was an outstanding athlete at Tazewell High School and was part of the 1951 "Undefeated" Bulldogs football team; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1953 he went to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and after that he joined the United States Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1960-61 he attended Concord College; and Graduated December 2015

**WHEREAS**, in 1962 he married Nancy Bowman and they have one daughter, Donna Elaine; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 he operated the Thompson Valley Grocery, and in 1968 he started a wholesale and retail tire business and began real estate development. And, with his high ambitions in business he continued to immerse himself in government involvement and community services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971 he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and served four (4) terms; in 1973 he built the Four-Way Shopping Plaza; in 1976 he established the Tazewell County Free Press; in 1978 he built the Tazewell Cinemas; in 1978 he served on the first Board of Directors for Heritage Hall; in 1979 he obtained funding for the Historic Crab Orchard Museum; in 1988 to 1992 he served as a member of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and throughout the years of 1990 to 2017 he served as a member of the Tazewell County Public Service Authority; in 1994 he served on the Board of Visitors at Virginia Tech and in 2006 he established an endowed scholarship for a Tazewell High School student to attend Southwest Virginia Community College and in July 2013 he was inducted into the THS Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, C. Don Dunford is a man of integrity and honor and is characterized by his friendliness, his delightful humor, his commitment to community development and civic involvement which he demonstrated by his philanthropic giving of land to the town of Tazewell for use as a park, gift of property to the county for economic development and a recent gift of property near Lincolnshire park to the town for economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dunford throughout his career in public service served with a guiding principle of "Do the Right Thing" and challenged all of his fellow public servants to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commend and thank Mr. C. Don Dunford for his dedication and leadership and hereby presents this resolution as an expression of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors appreciation for his long and dedicated service to the citizens of Tazewell County, Virginia and do hereby further extend their best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors. God Bless!

Presented this the 12 day of June 2017

Mr. Dunford thanked the Board of Supervisors for recognizing him and said it was a very nice of the Board to do this. He requested that the Board of Supervisors continue to enhance and encourage economic growth in Tazewell County. Mr. Dunford then received a round of applause from those present.

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**RESOLUTION -**

**COURTNEY CLINE**

Supervisor Hymes introduced and welcomed Miss Courtney Cline, Tazewell High School senior and a recent First Place Winner in the 2016-17 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Creative Writing. Miss Cline was accompanied by her parents Ricky and Missi Cline and her coach, Robert McGraw.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 and presents a resolution commending Ms. Courtney Cline a senior at Tazewell High School, for receiving a First Place Award in the 2016-17 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Creative Writing. Miss Cline received a round of applause from those present:

***RESOLUTION COMMENDING  
MISS COURTNEY CLINE - FIRST PLACE AWARD 2016-17 VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL  
LEAGUE (VHSL) CREATIVE WRITING***

**WHEREAS**, Tazewell High School senior, Courtney Cline is a talented young woman, a superb student and shows exemplary talent in writing; and

**WHEREAS**, Courtney is the daughter of Ricky and Missi Cline of Tazewell, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, every year the Virginia High School League (VHSL) sponsors a Creative Writing Contest and each student that participates submits a booklet of two entries from each of three categories: essays, short stories and poems; and

**WHEREAS**, the VHSL Creative Writing Contest involves all schools in the state, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A, as well as magnet schools and Governor's Schools, etc; and

**WHEREAS**, Courtney won first place, the state championship, in the essay category for her essay, "A Letter on God, Tortured Youth, Anxiety and the Kitchen Sink" and

**WHEREAS**, Courtney was competing against the very best from all over the state, from all schools which makes her accomplishment even more impressive; and

**WHEREAS**, with this incredible win, Courtney truly is the *Virginia State Champion*; and

**WHEREAS**, this triumphant performance is a tribute to her talent, her dedication to hard work, as well as the support of her parents and the leadership of her sponsor, Robert McCraw; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia hereby presents this resolution to Miss Courtney Cline as an expression of the Boards congratulations and admiration for her exceptional accomplishment and winning spirit.

**GOOD JOB!**

Presented this the 12th day of June 2017.

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**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. DAVID KOVACH, DDS.**

Supervisor Stacy read the following resolution recognizing Dr. David Kovach, DDS, from Bluefield, Virginia. Mr. Stacy said that Dr. Kovach could not be present to accept the resolution and he would personally deliver the resolution to Dr. Kovach on Tuesday, June 13.

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 adopts the following resolution:

***RESOLUTION  
HONORING DR. DAVID KOVACH, DDS***



***WHEREAS***, Dr. David Kovach a resident of Bluefield, Virginia graduated as valedictorian from Pocahontas High School and is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). He received his medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and served two years in the United States Air Force where he received the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Kovach began the practice of dentistry in Bluefield, Virginia in 1971 and continued in that practice until June 2015; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Kovach and his wife Charlynnne are the parents of three children, Dr. David Kovach, Cheryl Gamble and Ann Marie Whaley; and

***WHEREAS***, during his years as a Bluefield dentist, he was inducted as a fellow of the Virginia State Dental Society, and represents the highest standards of dentistry in our County; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Kovach is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluefield, Virginia where he has held several positions through the years; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Kovach has always been active in his community, serving two terms on the Bluefield, Virginia Town Council, one term on the Tazewell County School Board, serving as Chairman for the School Board for one year. He served on Town of Bluefield's Planning Commission from May 1978 to June 1982 and received the Business of Quarter Award from the Town of Bluefield for the 1st Quarter of 2013; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Kovach served twelve years on the Board of the Virginia State Golf Association; and

***WHEREAS***, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia have a high regard for Dr. David Kovach's hard work as a successful businessman and admire his influential community leadership in addition to his diligence and integrity in the health profession; and especially for his widely known friendliness, and for his compassion to his patients, thus being an exceptionally popular member of his community; and

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors hereby presents this resolution to Dr. David Kovach as a symbol of appreciation and gratitude for his outstanding services and dedication, loyalty and commitment to the people of Tazewell County, Virginia. God Bless!

*Adopted this the 12th day of June, 2017*

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## **MONTHLY UPDATES**

### **MIKE THOMPSON - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM**

Mike Thompson, Economic Development Tourism Director, reported that several companies in Tazewell County have applied for VECDA, C - Capital matching funds - will know this week if funding is approved.. an update will be given at the next meeting; he attended a meeting in Washington, DC on Wed. & Thur. i.e. forum on Data Center and Cloud Services Infrastructures; the Back of the Dragon event was held June 9-11, 2017 with a lot of different activities. The was a good turnout. David Woodard, Tourism Coordinator, will give an update on the event at the last of June BOS meeting . Mr. Thompson reported that 83 motorcycles participated in the Sunday, June 11, Back of the Dragon ride.

### **MATT ANDERSON - COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT**

Notice of Intent to Abandon Old School Roads:

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 a Public Notice of Intent for Abandonment of old school roads in Tazewell County - i.e., Thompson Valley Elementary School, Pocahontas High School and Bandy Elementary and approved renumbering of Falls Mills Elementary and Rivermont Elementary.

And further, upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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, contingent upon approval of the County Attorney, that GEOCue Group, Inc. be the "Sole Source Provider" for Lidar software which ties Lidar data into the ESRI Platform - in an amount of \$7,613.40, with said funds hereby approved from the Planning & Engineering Budget, Acct. No. 81100 - 3120, Contractual Services. Mr. Anderson said this is the only firm that can provide the services - A copy of the May 30, 2017 letter presented this date will be incorporated in the June 12, 2017

meeting minutes. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action at which time as may be necessary and appropriate and which warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

FEMA - Clearfork Flood Study is on-going by 3B Consultants. Mr. Anderson said it was very impressive work; the Bishop Fire Dept. paving project is being completed by NS. Additional paving and gate installation is requested at an estimated cost of \$4,000; Cavitts Creek WWTP - construction started on the onsite sewer plant today, 6/12/17.

Road projects: Western District Roads Approved -

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, 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 approve repairs to Cedar Creek; Clinic Road, Blue-Jay Street; Lodge Street; Hickory Drive in the amount of \$33,664.44 from the Western District fund, (leaving \$3,655.82 in the Western District Acct). The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrants in accordance with this action at which time as may be necessary and appropriate and which warrants will be converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Mr. Anderson also reported that Clinic Drive easements are being completed.

#### **DAHMON BALL - PSA REPORT**

Mr. Dahmon Ball, PSA Administrator was present to give an update on various PSA projects. Mr. Ball also thanked Mr. C. Don Dunford for his service to Tazewell County and said because of Mr. Dunford's hard work and perseverance, many projects in Tazewell County were completed. He commended Mr. Dunford for his hard work and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Now, Mr. Ball presented the following PSA updates:

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

##### **Greater Tazewell Regional WTP to Town of Pocahontas Project (Phase IV)**

The PSA is continuing to work through the litigation process in regard to the acquisition of the tank site property.

**Tazewell to Divides Sewer Leachate Line Project**

**Contract I (McFall Excavating, Inc. – Gravity & Force Main Sewer)**

McFall Excavating is currently completing the force main and gravity line connection along Lynn Hollow Road. The construction crew will proceed to complete the gravity line along Route 19/460 and Industry Road. The public is being advised to please continue to use extreme caution while driving through the designated work zone areas.

Substantial Completion is scheduled for November 7, 2017.

**Contract II (McFall Excavating, Inc. – Landfill Leachate Pump Station)**

McFall Excavating has installed the wet well and the storage facility. They are approximately 70% complete. Substantial Completion is scheduled for July 10, 2017.

**Contract III (Boggs Municipal Services – Witten’s Mill Sewer Lift Station)**

McFall Excavating, Subcontractor to Boggs Municipal Services is scheduled to begin excavation for Boggs by mid to end of June. Boggs is ordering materials. Submittals have been approved.

Change Order Number 3 adjusting the site has been approved. This Change Order allowed the current location of Pump Station #2 (Witten Mill) to be moved approximately 25 feet due north to accommodate the landowner’s access to the site. Substantial Completion is scheduled for October 8, 2017.

Also, design is continuing on the Landfill Pretreatment System. Aeration of the leachate is the proposed process.

**Baptist Valley (West) Sewer Project**

The PSA is working to schedule a Community meeting sometime this month, preferably at a Church, in the Western end of Baptist Valley. It will be an informational meeting and to get input from the residents of the area.

**Capital Improvements Plan – Phase I** – Capital Improvement on existing infrastructure - Water line replacement, pump station upgrades, etc.

The PSA received a VDH Funding Offer Letter in the amount of \$3,428,870 (\$3,034,870 loan @ 2.5% for 30 years and \$394,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant). The project debt service is fully funded through the PSA’s recently enacted Infrastructure Rehabilitation Fee restricted fund. Also, there is a new Capacity Building Program reward reduction of 0.25% interest on loans for achieving an annual 2% revenue increase for the next five years. If the PSA qualifies, there would be an interest savings of approximately \$120,000. The PSA voted to accept the funding



package and to move forward with the project. The BOS will need to execute a moral obligation on the debt prior to bond closing.

### **Natural Gas Project**

There were no updates.

### **Petitions for Water Service**

- 1.) Petition for Service in the Wardell area, Cedar Bluff, Virginia.
- 2.) Residents are starting a Petition for Water Service in the Wright's Valley area, Bluefield, Virginia.
- 3.) There is some interest of extending water to the Goose Creek Subdivision, Tazewell, Virginia. No Petition has been generated at this time.
- 4) Also, there is interest in extending Water Service on Big Branch from the Abbs Valley side.

Other: The old Bossievain Maintenance Shop has been sold.

### **AIRPORT UPDATE**

Jerry McReynolds, Airport Manager, did not attend the meeting, but sent a message to the Board of Supervisors earlier in the week that he did not have anything new to report regarding the County Airport.

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### **EXECUTIVE/ CLOSED MEETING**

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 enters into an Executive/Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711:

- Section 15.2-2907(D) involving "Cedar Bluff Boundary Adjustment Request."
- A (5) Consultation regarding a prospective business or industry involving Project Jonah
- A (29) Consultation regarding the award of a public contract regarding solicitation of proposals for lease for the Tannersville Internet

- A (5) Discussion of the Expansion of an existing business where no announcement has been made, involving Project Toothache
- A (1) Discussion of personnel involving - the new landfill operations/management position.

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION**

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 returns from the Executive/Closed meeting, and hereby certifies the following resolution:

**CERTIFICATION OF  
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING  
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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, Asbury, Hymes, Absher, Hackworth

Nays: None

Absent: None

Absent during vote: None

### **CEDAR BLUFF BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

Supervisor Stacy requested the County Administrator study the economic and financial impact of the Cedar Bluff boundary adjustment to Tazewell County. Ms. Green will compile the information and present same to the Board of Supervisors.

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 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**

**May 2017**

#### **Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 142558 through 142598, and direct deposits totaling \$330,567.98 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending April 30, 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 142600 through 142641, and direct deposits totaling \$353,073.11 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending May 15, 2017, be approved.

#### **Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 478574 through 478737, for \$610,791.83 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and 911 Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies for the month of April 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 478739 through 478751, for \$145,431.93 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending April 30, 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 478753 through 478922, for \$569,279.77 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and 911 Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies for the month of May 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 478924 through 478937, for \$128,557.33 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending May 15, 2017, be approved.

### **Handwritten**

Ordered that Warrant No. 802008 through 802010 for \$15,193.71 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and 911 funds, covering operating expenses for the month of April 2017, be approved.

- Ratified \$2,500.00 paid to the Rescue 945 on 5/9/2017 to assist with taxes due
- Ratified \$1,400.00 paid to the Rescue 945 on 5/26/2017 to cover payroll
- Ratified \$750.00 (\$250.00 from the Western, Northern and Northwestern District Funds) payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation - Kids Fish Day
- SHERIFF'S DEPT.
  - Approved a transfer in the amount of \$100.00 from the Contingent Expenditure and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Sheriff's Account No. 31020-6001 - donation from Brown's Chiropractic
  - Approved a transfer in the amount of \$50.00 from the Contingent Expenditure and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Sheriff's Account No. 31020-6001 -Restitution on an ICAC case

- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$250.00 from the Contingent Expenditure and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 - check from Circuit Court to the Sheriff's Account No. 31020-6001 - Restitution on a case
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$250.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff's Account No. 035600-8109-15 - donation Project Lifesaver
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$100.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff's Acct. 035600-8109-15 donation for Project Lifesaver
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff's Acct. No. 31020-6001 - Dogtown Auto Parts - Explorer & Crown Vic
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$100.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Account No. 31020-6001 - check from SATIRA, Inc.
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$2,070.19 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Account No. 31020-6009 - checks from VACO for repairs to two vehicles resulting from accidents (\$2,070.19 Butler vehicle and \$1,760.97 Stiltner vehicle)
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$2,250.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Account No. 33060-4042 - TRAIID Crime Prevention for Seniors Grant Program
- Approved a transfer in the amount of \$400.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Account No. 31020-6010 - transfer of monies to purchase video
- Eastern District: Approved the amount of \$5,000.00 payable to the Town of Bluefield, VA - allocation to new Visitor Center
- Eastern District: Approve monies from the Eastern District Fund to purchase rockers and tables from Clinch Mountain Amish, Tazewell, VA in the amount of \$2,725.80

- Northwestern District: Approved the amount of \$2,500 to the Jewell Ridge Community Center - purchase of fireworks for the 2017 fireworks celebration, payable to JRCC, PO Box 179, Jewell Ridge, VA 24622
- Northwestern District: Approve the amount of \$1,000 to the Jewell Ridge Community Center, PO Box 179, Jewell Ridge, VA 24622 for the purchase of materials for repairs to bleachers
- Northwestern & Western District: Approve the amount of \$4,000 (\$2,500 N.W. District & \$1,500 Western District) payable to the Town of Richlands for the 2017 Freedom Festival
- Library Account :
  - Approved the amount of \$250.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Account No. 7301-6012 - donation from Tazewell Lions Club
  - Approved the donation amounts as set forth below, totaling \$2,676.00, from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Library Account No. 7301-3099 and 7301-5210 :
    - ◆ \$350 from El Mariachi to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$125 from TC Farm Bureau to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$1,500 from Town of Blfd.VA to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$100 from Kelly Morton Kidd, Inc. to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$350 from Friends of TC Public Library to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$10 from Dr. Abrahams to Acct. 3099
    - ◆ \$100 from Crab Orchard Veterinary Service to Acct 3099
    - ◆ \$41 from Charles Walther to Acct. 5210
  - Approved the donation amounts as set forth below, totaling \$575.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to Library Account No. 7301-3099:
    - ◆ \$100 from Rish Equipment Co.
    - ◆ \$100 from Helping Hands Home HC, Inc.

- ◆ \$75.00 from DeCourcy, F.
- ◆ \$100 from Dr. G. Catron
- ◆ \$100 from Richlands Funeral Co. Inc.
- ◆ \$100 from Safi, Ihsan

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### **BUDGET PRESENTATION FY17-18**

The County Administrator, Patricia Green, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY17-18 Proposed County Budget Ordinance. She presented a list of the 50 largest employers in the County, the top three are No. 1). Tazewell County School Board; 2) Walmart and 3. Clinch Valley Community Action. The FY 18 Proposed Budget totals, \$108,891,261. This is a \$3.50% decrease or \$3,954,098 from the current year, FY16-17 budget. The School Board's proposed budget totals \$58,400,600, which is a decrease of 2.9 % or \$1,745,564 decrease from the current year budget, FY16-17. The County approved a total of \$13,875,885 for FY17-18, which is 25% more or \$2,775,177 more than required. The budget as proposed has no tax increase. It does provide a two (2) percent pay increase for County employees, effective August 1.

Ms. Green highlighted the FY18 Proposed General Fund Expenses showing that the school funds make up fifty seven (57) percent of the County budget. The County's operating fund is thirty five (35) percent. The WIOA (Workforce Training) funding reimbursements will be with another agency in FY17 and area and not in the County's budget. The County will continue with self insured hospitalization for employees with no increase for the Key Care 200 Plan. There are new vehicles purchases for the Sheriff's Department. Funding for the new EMS Department will be from savings from Landfill management and with insurance reimbursements. In closing, Ms. Green stated that new property reassessments are underway for FY18 with approximately 40% complete to date.

A copy of the complete budget presentation as presented is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

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### **PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2017-18 BUDGET HEARING**

The Chairman, John Absher, called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law, entitled, Tazewell County Proposed Budget Ordinance FY2017-18. The County of Tazewell's recommended budget synopsis is prepared and published for informative

and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget ordinance of any item or items does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors of this County to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. The budget ordinance is presented on the basis of the estimates prepared by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors/Budget Committee, and requests submitted to the County Administrator by other offices and department heads of the County. There is no allocation or designation for that purpose of any funds of the County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia. The budget ordinance is for informative and fiscal planning purposes only and will not be approved, adopted or ratified by the Board of Supervisors until at least seven (7) days after the Public Hearing with an anticipated adoption date of June 28, 2017. This Public Hearing is held pursuant to Section 15.2-2500 - 15.2-2508 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and is for the purpose of allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budgets. A copy of the complete budget ordinance as proposed is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia and posted outside the Circuit Court Clerk's Office door of the County Courthouse on Main Street in Tazewell, Virginia. It is posted on the County's website [ww.tazewellcountyva.org](http://ww.tazewellcountyva.org). All citizens of Tazewell County Virginia have the right to attend and state their views thereon subject to reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor with regard to the scheduled public hearing. The following spoke in reference to the FY2107-18 Budget Hearing:

1. Gary Moore, 544 Moore Mountain Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609, read a prepared statement voicing his concerns about the lack of jobs in the county. He said the jobs available are not capable of providing for a family, unless both family members work two or more jobs to make ends meet. He suggested that the county try to find businesses that are industrial, agricultural and technology based, and recommended that the County consider a large scale meat processing facility that could go hand-in-hand with the Project Jonah business that is being proposed, and suggested the area of Wardell as a potential location for the company. Mr. Moore also suggested the County hire a professional marketing firm with no special ties to anyone in the area. The firm would suggest business locations that would help our area grow. Mr. Moore offered his assistance to the Board to help in any way that he could.



2. Shawn Lindsey, Executive Director, Spearhead Trails, Coeburn, VA requested that the Board of Supervisors fund \$25,000.00 for the Trail system and stated that they are asking each County for the same amount and those who do would receive 50 percent off of the cost of the Trail permit for the upcoming year. Mr. Lindsey encouraged the use of the Trail. He said he wants everyone to enjoy it.

3. Bob Buchanan, Chairman of the Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park, INc. Board of Directors, requested an increase in the Museum's budget in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Museum is currently budgeted at \$60,000.00. Mr. Buchanan reported that the visitors have increased and now employ five full-time and nineteen part-time employees. Last year the museum had over 25,000 visitors. He said there were 10,000 visitors to the Corn Maze period alone. The Museum is creating tours for visitors to spend a full day combining the Corn Maze Tour with the Pioneer Life tour. In addition he said school/group tours increased 36% in 2016. Mr. Buchanan thanked the Board for all their support. He provided each board member a Mission Statement that also included visitor statistics, as well as current projects, and a brief outline of the Museum's financial statement from 2011 to 2016.

4. Ms. Michelle Crigger, representing Historic Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Virginia requested that the Board include \$10,500.00 for FY17-18. Ms. Crigger stated that Historic Pocahontas has suffered extensively with the loss of Tom Childress, but they now are ready to revitalize and strengthen the town. Ms. Crigger did not elaborate, but said the town is hopeful that a huge economic project was almost ready to close. Ms. Crigger thanked the Board for all their help and support.

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

Then, upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 approve to hold the last meeting in June on the 28th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of the County Budget.

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**RAJ CHOPRA - PHYSICAL ADDRESS REQUESTED FOR  
VACANT PROPERTY ON INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD**

Raj Chopra, Bluefield VA resident requested a physical address for a vacant property on Industrial Park Road. The matter was deferred to June 28, 2017 recessed meeting. The County Attorney will research the Code of Tazewell County, more particularly, the County's Road Naming Ordinance to determine changes/exceptions to allow the Planning Commission to grant road names/addresses as needed, especially for the enhancement of economic development in Tazewell County.

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**LIAISONS REPORT**

Planning Commission - Supervisor Asbury reported that the Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 2:00 p.m. (Supervisor Stacy, Asbury and citizen Bill Gillespie); IDA nothing to report; RDA - Zip line project - county folks will tour/visit zip-line facilities in neighboring communities/counties- Damascus, VA area, etc. CPPD - negotiations continue to be on-going with VCC Board regarding the Sunset Opti-net project (it is a process with unexpected delays).

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**NEW RIVER HIGHLANDS RC & D COUNCIL -  
FIREWISE PRESENTATION**

Ms. Holly Lesko and Douglas Benson - New River Highlands RC&D Council presented information regarding ways for communities to work together to reduce wildfire risks in their neighborhoods. Mr. Benson gave a brief presentation that showed a five step process that could benefit in reducing wildfires - the process empowers neighbors to work together to decrease wildfires. The steps included obtaining a Wildfire Risk Assessment as a written document from the state forestry agency or fire department; form a board or committee, and create an action plan base on the assessment; conduct a "Firewise Day" Event; Invest in a minimum of \$2.00 per capita in local Firewise Action for the year; submit an application to your state Firewise liaison.

The Board requested that Pat Green contact Barry Brooks, TC Fire & EMS Operations Director and request that he meet with Holly Lesko to discuss "Fire-wise" activities/education programs/ actions for Tazewell County - Holly Lesko - telephone, 540-230-6575.

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### **MATT WYNN - CITIZEN COMMENTS UNSCHEDULED**

Matt Wynn, 128 Lake Witten Road, Tazewell, VA 24651 spoke and again requested that the Board of Supervisors do the right thing and do some soul searching before taking his land to place a water tank on his property. He reiterated that it was never too late for the PSA to make the right decision because there were more appropriate/available sites for a PSA water tank than his.

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### **SPECTRUM (CABLE) NEGOTIATIONS**

Supervisor John Absher would like for the County to reach out to Spectrum to see if they can place a switch for Tazewell County's retrieval of WCYB TV. The County Attorney said a county committee meeting with Spectrum regarding the renewal of the franchise agreement is upcoming and they will discuss the WCYB TV "switch" subject.

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc.**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy 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 reappoints the following individuals to serve on the Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. - Board of Directors with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2018:

- Michael L. Dennis, PO Box 946, Tazewell, VA 24651 or his designated representative from the Commonwealth Attorney's office
- Shane Clem, 117 Lisa Street, Pounding Mill, VA 24637
- David Larimer, 600 Six Farm Road, Tazewell, VA 24651
- Jim Boyd, PO Box 54, Richlands, VA 24651
- Deferred Anglis Trigg, Jr. to the June 28, 2017 recessed meeting

#### **SWCC College Board**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 reappoints Erik Robinson, 125 Carriage Lane,

Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Southwest Virginia Community College Board, with a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2021.

**Cumberland Plateau Planning Commission (CPPD)**

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 reappoints Larry Blankenship, 887 East Fincastle Tpke., Tazewell, VA 24651 to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District (Citizen member - Town of Tazewell), with a term commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 2018 - one year term.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 reappoints Doug Ratliff, 541 Plantation Drive, Richlands, VA 24641 to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District (Citizen member - Town of Richlands), with a term commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 2018 - one year term.

**Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board (CMCS)**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 appoints Ms. Carol Patteson, 280 Peakwood Drive, Tazewell, VA 246451 to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board, with a term effective immediately and expiring December 21, 2017. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Mr. Bobby Mullins who resigned. He moved from the area.

**Tazewell County Fire Rescue, Inc. Board of Directors**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 reappoints D. Michael Hymes, PO Box 7, Tazewell, VA 24651 and Jim Talbert, PO Box 818, Richlands, VA 24641, with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2019 (two-year term).

**Industrial Development Authority (IDA)**

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 reappoints Doyle W. Rasnick, PO Box 556 (Bourne Road), North Tazewell, VA 24630 and Kyle Hurt, 349 Brandon Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605, to the Tazewell County Industrial Development Authority (4 year terms), with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2021.

**Southwest Regional Recreation Authority (SRRA)**

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 appoints Margaret "Maggie" Asbury, PO Box 244, Boissevain, VA 24606, as a member of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority (SRRA), with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020 (three(3) year term).

This appointment fills the expiring term of David Woodard, effective June 30, 2017.

**Tall Structures Appeals Board**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy 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 reappoints Charlie Hart, 499 Dial Rock Road, North Tazewell, Virginia 24630, as a member of the Tazewell County Tall Structures Appeals Board, with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2022 (Five (5) year term), the pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2308(A). This Board was established to hear appeals from the decisions of the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance relating to the County's enforcement of the ordinance.

**Tazewell County Recreation and Parks Facility Authority**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 reappoints 1). Curtis Breeding, PO Box 494, Richlands, Virginia 24641 and 2). Mike Davidson, Swampfox Motor Sports, Inc. 36937 Governor George C. Peery Hwy, Bluefield, Virginia 24605, to the Tazewell County Recreation and Parks Facility Authority, with terms commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020 (three (3) year term).

**Tazewell County Planning Commission**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 reappoints 1). Ann Robinson, PO Box 11, Falls Mills, Virginia 24613, and 2). Darrell Addison, 502 Lakepark Drive, Richlands, Virginia 24641, to the Tazewell County Planning Commission, with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2021 (Four (4) year terms).

#### **Tazewell County Road Viewers**

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, 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 reappoints the following individuals to the Tazewell County Road Viewers for a term of one (1) year, commencing July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Supervisor Hymes deferred an appointment to fill William Osborne's (deceased) term to the June 28, 2017 recessed meeting.

- Ray Howell, Box 1477 Rosenbaum Road, Bluefield, VA 24605
- Steve Slade, 113 Tip Top Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630
- Clyde Sparks, 3850 Indian Creek Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
- Allen Whited, 224 Birch Street, Raven, VA 24639

#### **Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee**

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 reappoints Michael Brown, 410 Mountain Lane, Bluefield, VA 24605, as a member of the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2019 (two (2) year term).

#### **Tazewell County Transportation Safety Commission**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 reappoints 1). Brian Hieatt, PO Box 608, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 and 2). Allen Whited, 224 Birch Street, Raven, Virginia 24639, as members of the Tazewell County Transportation Safety Commission, with term effective July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020 (three (3) year terms).

**Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 reappoints Mike Thompson, Economic Development Tourism Director, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, as a member of the Ninth District Development Financing, Inc. with at term effective July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2019 (two (2) year term).

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**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The County Attorney was directed to draft a policy regarding the use of Face Book by elected officials and County departments. He reiterated that personal information/comments are subject to disclosure pursuant to provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and comments made could not be removed at the officials will and pleasure unless a policy is in place. He said there should be guidelines in place for County Departments such as fire/rescue, ATV/tourism, etc. that have rules/regulations in place that allows how FB posts are handled.

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**FAIRGROUNDS TRACK USE POLICY**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the County Administrator was directed to draft a policy for people who ride horses at the fairgrounds track, more particularly, a Fairgrounds Track Use Policy.

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**SWVA CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy 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 authorizes and approves the Southwest Virginia Chief Local Elected Officials Consortium Agreement - Workforce Development Area. The purpose of the Agreement is to formalize the creation of the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Area and Southwest Virginia Chief Elected Officials Consortium in accordance with Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Section 106

by and between Buchanan County, Dickenson County, Lee County, Russell County, Scott County, Tazewell County, Wise County and the City of Norton. A copy of the Agreement in the form as adopted is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BLUESTONE TECHNOLOGY PARK**

The County Administrator reported that work is still in progress to get the final infrastructure in place . The Board agreed to allow the contractor working on the shell building to open and close the gates for visitor(s) entry.

The County Administrator also reported that plans are being made for the Bluestone - Shell Building Ground Breaking for July 21, 2017. A time hasn't been set as of this date.

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### **RADON TEST KITS**

The County Administrator reported that Radon Test Kits are now available through the County Building Inspectors Office.

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### **FALLS MILLS ADULT DAY CARE PROJECT**

The County Administrator reported that an ARC Grant in the amount of \$500,000 was approved and announced by the Governor's office today, June 12, 2017 for the Falls Mills Adult Day Care Center Project.

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### **FEDERAL BUDGET'S IMPACT ON LOCAL LIBRARY RESOURCES**

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 authorizes and directs the County Administrator to write a letter to Congressmen and Senators regarding the Federal Budget's impact on local library resources. Supervisor Hymes stated that he would forward Ms. Green some information regarding this matter.

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### **DONALD R. RASH BRIDGE - ROUTE 1103**

Per request of Supervisor Asbury and upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 adopted a resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to dedicate Center Street Bridge, Route 1103, in Pocahontas as the "Donald R. Rash Bridge" in memorial of Donald R. Rash who was killed in the line of duty on March 30, 1968 in Vietnam. A copy of the resolution in a form as adopted is on file in the office of the County Administrator and a copy of same will be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for consideration thereof.

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**BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA LITTLE LEAGUE**

**\$4,000.00 (\$2,000 Eastern & \$2,000 Northern)**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 \$2,000.00 from the Eastern District and \$2,000.00 from the Northern District, and contingent upon legal review, payable to the. Bluefield Virginia Little League, PO Box 661, Bluefield, VA 24605, attn: Thomas A. Wimmer, II. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia

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**ABBS VALLY FIRE DEPARTMENT -**

**\$1,000.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUNDS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Abbs Valley Fire Department, attn: Don Payne, 945-2731, for maintenance and engine truck repair. This request is a result of a telephone request from Abbs Valley Fire Dept. President, Don Payne and approved by Fire and EMS Director, Barry Brooks. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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**\$700.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND  
TO TOWN OF POCAHONTAS, VA - 4TH OF JULY EVENTS  
ATTN: BEN GIBSON**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 \$700.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia, attn: Ben Gibson, telephone, 304-887-5387, for the Pocahontas Fire Dept's 4th of July, 2017 Celebration. This request is from Chief Kenneth Buchanan and approved by Mayor Gibson. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia. Supervisor Asbury requested that the check be issued before June 25, 2017.

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**\$1,000.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND TO THE TOWN OF  
POCAHONTAS, VA - 4TH OF JULY EVENTS  
ATTN: BEN GIBSON**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia, attn: Ben Gibson, telephone, 304-887-5387, for the Town of Pocahontas - July 4, 2017 Fireworks Celebration. This request is from Mayor Ben Gibson. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia. Supervisor Asbury requested that the check be issued before June 25, 2017.

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**\$1,155.82 FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT FUND -  
TO TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF, VIRGINIA**

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 \$1,155.82 from the Western District Fund, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, attn: Lee Dye, to assist with Town of Cedar Bluff maintenance issues. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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**\$2,500.00 FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT FUND AND \$2,500.00 FROM THE  
NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND - TOTAL \$5,000.00  
PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth 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 \$2,500.00 from the Western District Fund and \$2,500.00 from the Northwestern District, \$5,000 total, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609, for the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival, scheduled for September 16, 2017. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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**OTHER CONCERNS**

The County Attorney, Eric Young, acknowledged his admiration for Mr. Don Dunford, who was recognized early in the meeting. Mr. Young said that he has known Mr. Dunford since his youth and he has always respected Mr. Dunford for his hard-work and his perseverance to move Tazewell County forward. He said the went to Mr. Dunford's theater growing up and is a witness to the many good things Mr. Dunford has done and what he continues to do for this County.

The County Attorney also commented on the resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to dedicate Center Street Bridge, Route 1103, in Pocahontas as the "Donald R. Rash Bridge" in memorial of Donald R. Rash who was killed in the line of duty on March 30, 1968 in Vietnam. Mr. Young said in reviewing the resolution he thought about the many movies that have been made about soldiers giving their life for our country, but said Mr. Rash was a real-life, home-town hero, whose infantry accounted for killing 115 North

Vietnamese soldiers, and with US Marine Private Rash killing five enemy positions in the defense of our Country. The County Attorney agreed that Mr. Rash's memory and service to our Country should never go unnoticed.

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**RECESS**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted, and 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 June 28, 2017 (Wednesday) at 4:00 p.m.

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John M. Absher, Chair

By:RG

Recess time 9:50 p.m.