

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 7, 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 (left the meeting at approximately 9:27
p.m.)
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; CONNIE BAILEY, TAZEWELL COUNTY FREE
PRESS
ABSENT: NONE**

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, John M. Absher, called the meeting to order and presided with all members present. He then welcomed all those in attendance and any visitors present. Supervisor Stacy gave the invocation with Supervisor Hymes leading those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

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 March 7, 2017 agenda as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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 February 7, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Debra Mason and Mrs. Christine Kinser to the meeting. They each were presented a resolution, i.e. honoring Ms. Debra Mason, as the 2016 Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (VASWCD) Primary Teacher of the Year Award and Mrs. Christine Kinser as the 2016 VASWCD Secondary Teacher of the Year Award. Supervisor Hymes presented Ms. Debra Mason with a resolution and Supervisor Asbury presented Mrs. Christine Kinser with a resolution. Both resolutions were adopted by unanimous votes with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same.

A copy of the resolutions in a form as adopted is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

COUNTY AUDIT PRESENTED - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES

Corbin Stone, CPA, Managing Director, and Emily Viers, Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates presented the Audit for Tazewell County, year ending June 30, 2016. The county's finances were audited in accordance with USA auditing standards and the audit was classified as "unqualified". Mr. Stone acknowledged that there was nothing major to report to the Board.

Mr. Stone noted matters/recommendations involving internal control, i.e. credit card purchases - documentation/receipts that must be maintained with credit card statements for all county credit card purchases as well as any reimbursement request. Mr. Stone said their auditing firm wants the Tazewell County School Board to request federal funding reimbursements at least quarterly instead of waiting longer periods of time. They also said that the County's VRS Retirement accounts were underfunded. However, they reported that all VRS system accounts were underfunded because the VRS ' investments are not earning enough. A copy of the Independent Auditors' Report in a form as adopted is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

COUNTY ENGINEER UPDATE -

MATT ANDERSON

Matt Anderson, County Engineer gave an update on various engineer and building inspection projects. The following matters were addressed:

CRISIS TRACK - GIS DATA

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 approves an Agreement "Crisis Track" with VDEM (Dept of Emergency Management) contingent upon legal review and approval. The Department of Emergency Management has requested access to all of our GIS Data for use with the new Crisis Track software being implemented by VDEM. Crisis Track will help identify damaged structures and more efficiently provide data to FEMA to obtain disaster monies for Tazewell County. A copy of the agreement once approved by legal counsel will be on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

CLINIC ROAD

Upon motion of 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 approves an addendum to the existing contract with Hurt & Proffit, Inc. for geotechnical testing services for Clinic Road in the amount of \$13,963.00 contingent upon legal review and approval. A copy of the addendum to the agreement in a form as hereby approved will be on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Other matters reported by Matt Anderson, County Engineer:

Buckhorn Street road project is on-going; Bishop Fire Dept - Cavitts Creek will be providing soil for the ramp up to the railroad; will start this project in the next 2 weeks, Norfolk Southern District Engineer to get the project rolling on NS side; Cavitts Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant - revised plans sent to contractor for inclusion in permit addendum request. Supervisor Absher requested Matt to look into the possibility of completing Route 610 (contact person - Larry Davis, 304-952-7018); he would be willing to give additional right-of-way to complete the road - Matt will contact VDOT to see if they might complete the road. Supervisor

Absher requested that Matt Anderson continue to work with Jackie Dye with regard to drainage. Supervisor Absher requested that Matt Anderson also continue to work with Rice Howard regarding his request for a speed limit sign on College Park Road - the County Engineer is trying to verify that the road is in the orphan road system

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE -

MIKE THOMPSON

Mike Thompson - Economic Development/Tourism updated the Board with regard to the following.

Reported that the Cardinal Assistance Review team should be here in April/May. Supervisor Stacy would like a hospitality team from the County to get ready for the groups visit to the County. Pat Green said she would work to develop a plan/itinerary for the Cardinal Assistance Review team. Mr. Thompson said he was very excited about the good talk and optimism about possible economic growth in the county. He said things seem to be coming back and he was thrilled. He will be attending VDEA meetings this spring and plans to join IEDC - both are great outreach and learning groups. Supervisor Absher requested that Mr. Thompson continue to work with Jason Short on the Enterprise Zone areas as addressed by Mr. Short.

DAHMON BALL - TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (PSA) UPDATE

Dahmon Ball, PSA Administrator was present and reported the following PSA activities:

A Public Hearing in regard to the Greater Tazewell Regional WTP to Town of Pocahontas Project (Phase IV) Environmental Assessment was held for the purpose of discussing and receiving comments.

The Tazewell County PSA applied for funding from the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund to construct a new water line, a water storage tank in Tazewell County and replace existing water lines in the Town of Pocahontas.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

A meeting with Virginia Department of Health representatives was held on February 23, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of project schedule, regulatory concerns with the Town's water system and emergency planning.

Tazewell to Divides Sewer Leachate Line Project

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

McFall Excavating, Inc. has 25 men in four crews constructing three individual sections of the sewer line and installing road crossings from the Landfill pump station to the Town of

Tazewell Ramey pump station. Approximately 2,000 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer pipe and seven (7) manholes have been installed and tested. The additional crews have installed 1,000 linear feet of 6-inch sewer force main and approximately 3,000 linear feet of 4-inch sewer force main. The Substantial Completion is scheduled for November 7, 2017.

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

McFall is mobilizing equipment and ordering the materials. Site work will not be performed until the pump station materials are ready for delivery. The Substantial Completion is scheduled for July 10, 2017.

Contract III (Boggs Municipal Services — Witten Mill Sewer Lift Station)

McFall is scheduled to begin excavation for Boggs by mid-March, 2017. Boggs is ordering materials. A Change Order for a potential adjustment to the site is being discussed. This will allow 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. The Substantial Completion is scheduled for July 10, 2017. A Progress Meeting was held on February 28, 2017.

Baptist Valley (West) Sewer Project

The PSA will discuss scheduling an Advisory Committee Meeting sometime in the month of March at the PSA Board Meeting.

Capital Improvements Plan

- A Preliminary Engineering Conference with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in Abingdon was conducted on February 23, 2017.
- The PSA Board will need to consider authorization for the submittal of a VDH funding application by April 1, 2017 for the first phase of the Asset Management/Capital Improvement Plan.
- The PSA Board will need to consider starting the engineering procurement process.

Natural Gas Project

The Natural Gas Committee meeting was held on Thursday, February 23'1. The committee discussed the proposal from Mr. John Ebert, Utility Pipeline Limited, to extend natural gas in Tazewell County. Mr. Young will update the full Board. There is positive movement on natural gas being extended in the County.

PSA ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS

Mr. Ball said he plans to be in Richmond on March 15th and 16th to meet with DHCD, VDH and DEQ representatives. The purpose is to discuss the progress of ongoing PSA projects and any potential funding for prospective projects.

The PSA old Boissevain Shop has been advertised for sale. The bids are due Thursday, March 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at the PSA office in Tazewell.

BARRY BROOKS - PAGERS & ACCESSORIES BID

AWARDED TO TWO (2) WAY RADIO

Barry Brooks, Director of Fire & EMS Operations for Tazewell County presented to the Board a tabulation sheet showing all the bids the County received for 300 pagers and accessories for various county fire and EMS departments. A total of ten (10) bids were received. Two companies tied with bids of \$102,000.00; i.e. Two Way Radio, 173 Jefferson Street, Bluefield, WV and Communications Express, Springfield, VA .

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 awards the Pager & Accessories bid to Two Way Radio, 173 Jefferson Street, Bluefield, WV 24701, in the amount of \$102,000.00 for the 300 pagers and accessories for the Tazewell County Department of Emergency Services to be used by various county fire and EMS departments, to wit. A copy of the bid in a form as presented is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651

- Motorola UHF Minitor VI (No Substitute) (Frequency 460-200)
- 1 channel
- 16 minutes of Stored Voice
- Stored Voice buttons: Play - Fast Forward - Rewind

- 2 year factory warranty from Motorola
- 8 position knob - Select channel and modes
- 150ea. Amp Chargers
- 150ea. Standard Chargers
- Large easy to clean charging contacts
- Must be delivered within 60 days of order date.
- Free Programming
- Free Shipping

OTHER EMS CONCERNS:

EMS issues - Blfd. VA. Mr. Brooks requested that the heavy rescue truck at Bluefield Rescue be purchased and moved to a central location, i.e. the County Fairgrounds.

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 to pay off the loan owed by Bluefield Virginia Rescue Squad and move the heavy rescue truck to the county fairgrounds.

Other: The application for 945 and Bluefield has been sent for review (30 day timeframe); Supervisor Hymes requested some of the dispatching be moved from Tazewell to 945 to give Tazewell a little less stress and 945 a little more business - Barry B. was requested to talk to Major Heatley and 911 Coordinator with regard to same.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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 enter into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A- 5 Prospective Business/Industry whose location or expansion in the County has not been publicly announced involving Project Jonah
- A - 5 Prospective Business/Industry whose location or expansion in the County has not been publicly announced involving Project Homestead
- A-5 Prospective Business/Industry whose location or expansion in the County has not been publicly announced involving Project Toothache

- A(7) Legal Consultation regarding potential litigation between BVU and Cumberland Plateau CPPD/Sunset/BVU

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stay 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 and hereby certifies the following:

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, Asbury, Hymes, Absher, Hackworth

Nays: None

Absent: None

Absent during vote: None

REPORT OF ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

There was nothing to report as a result of the Executive/Closed Meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING -
REGIONAL I.D.A. -
ORDINANCE TABLED**

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law entitled, a Public Hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance to Create a Regional Industrial Facilities Authority with Buchanan County and Russell and Dickenson Counties should such counties also elect to join such authority. The Authority would be created to exercise all powers of Regional Industrial Facilities Authorities permitted by Section 15.2-6400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. A copy of the ordinance is a form as proposed for adoption was posted on the front door of the Courthouse on Main Street in Tazewell, Virginia and a copy was on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell Virginia for public inspection.

The Chairman then called for public comments from the floor three (3) times and there being none he declared the public hearing closed.

Supervisor Hackworth explained that the County is wanting to create a greater voice with our neighboring counties that are struggling with the deficit in the coal severance tax. He thinks that the unity of neighboring counties to go after the same goals by adopting the same ordinance to promote and encourage development activity in the four county region is a great thing.

Now, following a public hearing held this date with regard to a Proposed Ordinance to Create a Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, 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 hereby tables the ordinance until the April 4, 2017 regular meeting to allow the Board to coordinate the terms of the proposed ordinance with the other prospective member localities and nevertheless designate Supervisor Mike Hymes and Supervisor Travis Hackworth as the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors initial members of said Authority, with their appointments to be confirmed upon enactment of the final ordinance.

**TAZEWEL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE TAZEWELL COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Now, the Chairman of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, for the purposes of the joint hearing with the Planning Commission, gave the floor to Chairperson Robinson and asked the members of the Planning Commission to join the Board of Supervisors to hear concerns regarding a Joint Public Hearing to consider adopting the 2017 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan.

Then, Planning Commission Chairperson, Ann Robinson called the recessed meeting of the Planning Commission to order. She announced that the joint public hearing was being held with the Board of Supervisors to consider adopting a revised Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan. She then yielded the floor to Board of Supervisor Chairman John Absher and asked that he conduct the hearing on behalf of both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. He then called the Joint Public Hearing to order. A copy of the revised Comprehensive Plan in a form as proposed for adoption was posted at the front door of the County Courthouse on Main Street in Tazewell, Virginia and a complete copy of the Comprehensive Plan was on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia for public inspection.

Chairman John Absher gave the floor to Matt Anderson, County Engineer, who explained to all those in attendance what the Comprehensive Plan was.

Mr. Anderson presented a power point presentation that outlined the official document that plans and helps to guide growth, development and changes in the locality. He explained that the Comprehensive Plan was mandated by State Code and the Plan identifies existing conditions and trends and helps to guide the locality in making planning decisions for the future. He said the Plan provides ideas of where the Planning Commission and County will be in the next twenty (20) years and it provides strategies to help get there. He said the County could 1) approve the Plan with revisions and then move on to 2018, or 2) approve the plan as it is looking forward to 2018, or 3) remand the Plan back to the Planning Commission for revisions, or to 4) table the

Plan. He also requested that \$50,000 be placed in the FY17-18 County Budget to hire a consultant to help with revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the Power Point Presentation as presented is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia:

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors then called for public comments from the floor regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan for Tazewell County. Speakers at the public hearing this date included Bill Gillespie, Betty Slade, Charles Kitts and Matt Wynn.

1. Mr. Bill Gillespie, 191 Clinch Mt. Road, Tazewell, Virginia and a previous member of the Tazewell County Planning Commission, addressed the following concerns regarding the Revised Plan. He said that he and Barbara French, previous members of the Planning Commission helped to write the Plan as presented and it was out of date. He said that 191 Clinch Mt. Road, Tazewell, Virginia has no public water or sewer service, no cell service and no high speed Internet service. He said other areas not addressed in the Plan include passenger rail transportation and double deck buses that we now see. He said the Tazewell County PSA section only has one paragraph and it should show future growth projections, i.e. future sewer systems. He said the landfill, natural gas service and computer coding classes need to be addressed as well. Mr. Gillespie requested that Tazewell County citizens not be left out of the 21st Century. He recommended that the Plan be revised completely.

2. Ms. Betty Slade, 142 Ashworth Lane, Bluefield, VA 24605, said that her sister Barbara Slade provided each Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission member a letter addressing visionary goals when the County held the Zoning Public Hearing in February 2016.

She provided the Board with a copy of an additional letter this date for the record, which said letter is on file in the office of the County Administrator and incorporated herein by reference.

Ms. Slade addressed the problem of drug addiction in our county and the fact that the county's law enforcement is overloaded which affects the quality of life for everyone. She spoke of her grandfather who once run the county's poor farm, where people could live in order to

survive. She said the County needed a place for people to go to help heal their body, soul and mind and said that Mother Nature was a great healer and that the County needed to have a county-wide meeting to address a vision for a better quality of life.

3. Mr. Charles Kitts, 438 Ebenezer, Bluefield, VA 24605 addressed the seriousness of the drug addiction in our county and the problem needs to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. He spoke of Wythe County's Comprehensive Plan and how it addresses drug addiction from a medical as well as a social perspective. He mentioned his own long-term recovery and how he stays active in the recovery community - and voiced concern that the county could not continue to arrest the way out of the drug problem, which has been the so-called treatment for the last 40 years in Tazewell County. Mr. Kitts said he would like to see treatment before legal action.

4. Mr. Matt Wynn, 128 Lake Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, requested that the Board of Supervisors use caution when designating the use of others people's property. He said he knew the Plan was not zoning, but he wanted to add a word of caution "that everyone has a different vision of where they would like to see the County socially and economically, but it is best not to force people into your vision."

Now, the Chairman called for further comments, first call, second call and final call. And, there being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Then, following the joint public hearing held this date with regard to revisions to the Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan, 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 table the consideration of adoption of the Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan for 30 to 60 days in order to evaluate and incorporate the citizens input received during the public hearing this date. In addition, Mr. Bill Gillespie (citizen contact) and Charlie Stacy & Maggie Asbury was added as a committee to review the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

FIVE MINUTE RECESS CALLED

The Chairman called for a five (5) minute recess, after which the meeting was duly reconvened.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy abstaining from the vote, 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

February 2017

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 142308 through 142348, and direct deposits totaling \$340,360.93 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending January 31, 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 142350 through 142389, and direct deposits totaling \$344,271.67 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 15, 2017, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 477558 through 477689, for \$281,594.85 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and 911 Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies for the month of January 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 477691 through 477701, for \$145,758.91 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending January 31, 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 477703 through 477860, for \$675,241.17 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 2017, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 477862 through 477873, for \$129,503.81 from the General, and 911 Funds, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 15, 2017, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 801990 through 801997 for \$11,196.23 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and 911 funds, covering operating expenses for the month of January 2017, be approved.

- Ratified \$2,536.46 from the Rescue Squad Acct. to assist Rescue 945 with payroll taxes due 2/16/2017

- Ratified \$4,200.00 from the Rescue Squad Acct. to assist Rescue 945 with their WC Insurance

- Southern District Fund - approved \$100.00 to assist with the 2017 Southwest Virginia Regional "Keep Southwest VA Beautiful Spring Clean-up" on April 13, 2017

- Approved \$500.00 (\$100 from each district fund) payable to the Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. Family Crisis Services, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event scheduled for April 9, 2017

- Approved \$500 from the Northwestern District fund payable to the RHS DECA program and \$500 from the Northwestern District fund payable to the Raven Elementary School for school trips

- Sheriff's Office - Approved the amount of \$50.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050- 7041 to Account No. 31020-6001 - Restitution pay-out

- Tazewell County Public Library - Approved the amounts of \$500.00 from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050- 7041 to Account No. 7301-3099 (donor - Charles Hatt); and the amount of \$50.00 to Account No. 7301-6012 (donor - Jill Voiles)

- Ratified David Larimer, Treasurer, as a member of the Tazewell County Budget Committee

- Ratified \$3,000.00 from the Western District Fund, payable to the Cedar Bluff

Elementary School for morning and evening tutoring

- Approved \$1,365.00 (\$682.50 Northwestern district & \$682.50 Western district) payable to the Raven Elementary School Tutoring Schedule 2016-2017
- Approved \$5,000.00 (second disbursement) for the Bluefield VA - Welcome Center on Walnut Street - from Account No. 9150-5699-97
- Approved the amount of \$702.00 and \$602.00, total \$1304.00, as a result of COR - Corrected Personal Property Assessment of 2015 and 2016 - Vehicle taxes, payable to the Charles A. Stacy Law Office, PO Box 1025, Bluefield, VA 24605

MIKE CLEMONS - WVVA.NET /GIGABEAM NETWORKS

Mike Clemons, WVVA.net /GigaBeam Networks - presented information regarding possible expansion of Internet services to other parts of Tazewell County, i.e. Falls Mills, Abbs Valley, Route 61, Baptist Valley, Thompson Valley) the use of Morris Knob tower facilities would be utilized for coverage in Thompson Valley and other parts of the Southern District - Mr. Clemons was requested to send Ms. Green a proposal for review.

CASEY ADDAIR - MARTIAL ARTS

Master Kasey Addair, Martial Arts gave an update from last year's Martial Arts tournament.

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 \$250.00 from the Southern District Fund to pay janitorial/custodial services for martial arts event at Tazewell High School. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant to the Tazewell County School Board, 209 West Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 and earmarked for this purpose. Said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Ms. Addair also needs a building to use as a Martial Arts class space for at least 20 kids every Friday night. She was using the old Jr. High Bldg, but the Town of Tazewell recently starting charging her for rent as well as insurance and her profits are lost as a result - Supervisor

Hymes said that he would try and help her find a location to hold the class.

SPOT STEELE- LABOR OF LOVE MISSION

Spot Steele, Labor of Love Mission gave an update on the 2016 activities and thanked the BOS for their support of the Labor of Love Missions many programs. Major Harold Heatley, Tazewell County Sheriff's Department was present and thanked Mr. Steele and his wife for the many services they provide. Mr. Heatley also mentioned the recent vandalism to fans and various refrigerators at the Mission. Supervisor Stacy requested that Major Heatley check with the Commonwealth Attys. office to see if the Mission might be eligible for assistance through the Victims of Crimes fund.

CITIZEN COMMENTS UNSCHEDULED

Matt Wynn, 128 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, Virginia 24630, handed out a copy of a letter from 3E ("Three e") Consulting giving public hearing notice of the environmental assessment for the Phase IV of the Greater Tazewell Water Treatment Plant to the Pocahontas Water Supply Project. He said the notice was given out to various homes in the Drytown area and he felt it was misleading due to the letter indentifying the water storage tank on State Route 645. Mr. Wynn said most residents did not refer to the road as Route 645.

TAZEWELL COUNTY FAIR - FRIDAY NIGHT GATE MONEY

\$400.00 FROM EACH DISTRICT FUND (\$2,000.00)

Irma Mitchell, Chairperson, Main Street Moments Committee, and President, Tazewell Today, was present and requested that the Board of Supervisors support and sponsor the Main Street Moments as well as donating \$400 each (\$2,000) as gate entry money to the Tazewell County Fair, Friday, July 21. The Tazewell County Fair and the Main Street Moments event will be held during the same time frame with Main Street Moments scheduled for July 21 - July 22. Ms. Mitchell duly requested that the Board of Supervisors donate \$2,000.00 to the Tazewell County Fair and earmark the monies as "Gate fee" for Friday, July 21.

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 \$400.00 from each of the five district funds (\$2,000.00), payable to the Tazewell County Fair Association and earmarked for "Gate fee" for the Tazewell County Fair, Friday, July 21, 2017.

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS -
LIAISONS REPORT**

Planning Commission

Supervisor Asbury said the Comprehensive Plan Committee appointed this date will continue to work on revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

Industrial Development Committee (IDA)

Supervisor Hymes said that he did not attend the last IDA meeting but the IDA continues to work on new and existing economic development prospects.

RDA

Supervisor Asbury said that the Recreation Development Authority (RDA) continues to pursue plans for a single motorcycle track in Boissevain.

CPPD

Supervisor Stacy reported that the Cumberland Plateau Planning District continues to negotiate with regard to the Sunset-BVU Project.

County Budget Committee

Supervisor Hackworth and Supervisor Hymes and other budget committee members continue to work on the proposed budget; as always more money is needed to achieve the county's funding goals for the upcoming year.

APPOINTMENTS

Upper Tennessee Round Table

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 appoints Michael Horne, 121 Professional Drive, North Tazewell, 24630, to serve as Tazewell County's representative on the Upper Tennessee

River Roundtable, effective immediately. This appointment fills the position of the late Bill Osborne.

Tazewell County Public Service Authority (PSA)

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 Joe A. Nicholson, P.E., 7254 Burkes Garden Road, Tazewell, VA 24651 as a member of the Tazewell County Public Service Authority (PSA), with a term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2019. This appointment fills the term of Don Dunford who resigned.

HICKORY STREET - RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Pursuant to a public hearing held by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors held January 12, 2017, and following a recommendation by the Tazewell County Planning Commission requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve same at a meeting held February 9, 2017, and upon motion of Supervisor Absher, 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 a **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PORTION OF HICKORY DRIVE** into the County's Road System, to wit:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PORTION OF HICKORY DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "Board") desires to further develop the County's economy and in all ways otherwise enhance the standard of living for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes a transportation infrastructure is the foundation of our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Planning Commission has recommended acceptance of a portion of Hickory Drive into the County Road system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts a portion of Hickory Drive, located near the Wardell area of Tazewell County, intersecting on the east side with Kennedy Drive, bounded by the properties of Jeff and Mary Stratton; Gary and Connie Clevinger; Jeffery Patton and Jonna Chase Meade; Roy

and Kathy Hagy; Victorian Lawson, Keith B. Richardson, Gary and Terri Elswick; Jerry and Lisa Street; Timothy and Cindy Bruckner; Joshua and Jessica Whitt; and Allen and Emily Vandyke, to extend a distance of approximately two thousand three hundred fifty (2350) feet from said intersection, along the course as shown on the attached map.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's acceptance is conditioned upon approval of the right of way by the County Attorney and all other qualifications set forth in Tazewell County's Orphan Road Ordinance.

GROUP CARES - WORKCAMP

\$4,500.00 (\$500 Northwestern; \$500 Western; \$500 Eastern; \$500 Southern \$2,500 Northern)

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 \$4,500.00, i.e. (\$500 Northwestern District; \$500 Western District; \$500 Eastern District; \$500 Southern District and \$2,500 Northern District) payable to Group Cares, Attn: Jeff Thompson, 1515 Cascade Ave Loveland, CO 80538. This money will be used to assist with home repairs for people identified by the Group Cares team. The group will utilize Graham High School as their home base for the third consecutive summer. 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.

FALLS MILLS SCHOOL PROPERTY

- CONVEY TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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 convey the Falls Mills School property on Angel Lane in Falls Mills to the Tazewell County Industrial Development Authority and ask that the IDA work with Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC) proposed adult daycare center.

And further, 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 authorizes the County

Administrator to use county forces and, if necessary, contract with private firms to demolish and remove the structure currently located on the Falls Mills School, if requested by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), as a grant from the Board to the IDA.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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

- A-5 Prospective Business/Industry whose location or expansion in the County has not been publicly announced involving Project Jonah.
- A-7 Legal Consultation regarding potential litigation between BVU and Cumberland Plateau Planning District (CPPD) /Sunset/BVU.

Supervisor Hackworth left the meeting due to a family emergency at approximately 9:27 p.m.

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby returns from the Executive/Closed meeting and hereby certifies the following Certification/Resolution read by Supervisor Hymes:

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: Supervisor Stacy, Asbury, Absher, Hymes

Nays: None

Absent: Supervisor Hackworth

Absent during vote: Supervisor Hackworth

Report of Action: There was no action to report as a result of the Executive/Closed Meeting

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION

\$2,500.00 (\$2,000 SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND \$500 NORTHERN DISTRICT)

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, and with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$2,500.00 (\$2,000 Southern District and \$500 Northern District) payable to the Tazewell High School Project Graduation, 167 Cosby Lane, Tazewell, VA 24651. Note on check memo - This amount also includes assistance with the THS Graduates, Duff - Pen & Ink Project. 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.

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

\$1,000.00 (\$750 SOUTHERN DISTRICT & \$250 NORTHERN DISTRICT)

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, and with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$750 Southern District & \$250 Northern District),

payable to the Tazewell High School Baseball, attn: Aaron Buchanan, PO Box 1393, North Tazewell, VA 24630, Memo: for Cleats. 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.

**TAZEWELL TODAY - MAIN STREET MOMENTS \$3,000.00 FROM THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Tazewell Today - Main Street Moments - 2017, c/o Town of Tazewell, PO Box 608, Tazewell, VA 24651. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

**GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
\$500.00 EASTERN DISTRICT FUND**

\$500.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500 from the Eastern District fund and \$500 from the Northern District fund) payable to the Graham High School Baseball, attn: Glen Carlock, 210 Valley Dale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605 to assist with baseball field cage and screen. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION

\$1,000.00 EASTERN DISTRICT FUND

\$ 500.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$1,000 Eastern District fund and \$500

Northern District fund) payable to the Graham High School Project Graduation, attn: Cynthia Beavers/Karen Kelly, 210 Valley Dale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605 to assist with 2017 GHS Project Graduation activities. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

\$750.00 FROM SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND TO TAZEWELL THUNDER YOUTH ATHLETICS, INC. SOFTBALL CLUB

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$750.00 from the Southern District Fund payable to the Tazewell Thunder Youth Athletics, Inc. - Softball Club, attn: Jamie Hayes, 320 Walker Street, North Tazewell, VA 24630. These monies will be used to cover league fees, team equipment and tournament expenses. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

TAZEWELL COUNTY TOURISM - AD HOC MEMBER

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Rick Barton, 367 Drews Lane, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609, as a member of the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee (Ad-hoc member). This appointment fills the term of John Blankenship, AD hoc member, who resigned. AD hoc members are permitted to vote on local issues only.

**\$500.00 FROM NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND TO
ABBS VALLEY BOISSEVAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -
4TH & 5TH GRADE EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$500.00 from the Northern District Fund to the Abbs Valley Boissevain Elementary School, attn: Chad Brown, Principal, 7030 Abbs Valley Road, Bluefield, VA 24605 telephone, 276-945-5969 - Check Memo: 4th and 5th Grade

Educational Field Trip. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

**\$560.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND TO
TAZEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL - ATTN: AARON BUCHANAN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$560.00 from the Northern District Fund, (baseball pants \$400.00 and 1/2 cost of batting mat, \$160.00) payable to the Tazewell Middle School Baseball, attn: Aaron Buchanan, PO Box 1393, North Tazewell, VA 24630. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

**\$300.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND TO
TOWN OF POCAHONTAS - ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$300.00 from the Northern District Fund payable to the Town of Pocahontas, VA Easter Egg Hunt, PO Box 704, Pocahontas, VA 24635, attn: Karen LaFon, Coordinator. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

**\$1,300.00 TO TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF, VA FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT
FUND- CROSSING GUARD AT CEDAR BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Western District Fund, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff, VA, 115 Central Ave, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 - (276) 964-4889 Attn: Lee Dye, Memo: to place a crossing guard at the Cedar Bluff Elementary School.

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

FIRE/EMS COVERAGE - TOWN OF RICHLANDS

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Absher and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Fire/EMS coverage contract with the Town of Richlands, VA. A copy of the contract in a form as approved will be attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

VARIOUS OTHER BOARD CONCERNS

Per Supervisor Hymes: The Board of Supervisors concurred and requested that the County Administrator and the County Attorney come up with a plan to allow public access to the Bluestone Technology Park - i.e. matters to address will be liability, posting of speed signs, guardrails at the bottom of park, etc. This will be addressed at the April 4, 2017 BOS meeting.

Per Supervisor Stacy: The County Administrator will talk to Todd Day, Town of Tazewell regarding the new restaurant Seven blocking the alley way beside their restaurant (see if they could mark an area for loading/unloading zones). The trucks are blocking the Judges entryways to the courthouse garages.

Per Supervisor Stacy: The County Administrator was requested to see if the IDA would allow Young Life to use the Bluestone Technology Park for a 5-K.

Per Supervisor Stacy: The County Administrator was requested to contact VDOT regarding the VFW facility in Bluefield - vehicles are traversing the eastbound lane when existing the VFW building. She will see if warning signs can be erected indicating "divided highway."

Per Supervisor Absher: The County Administrator will talk to Quinto F. regarding employees not offering to help disabled/elderly with their garbage at the Cedar Bluff transfer station.

Per Supervisor Absher: The County Administrator will delegate to Matt Anderson a request to place a VFW location sign up at the entrance of the VFW facility on Pounding Mill Road. Ms. Green said this request might possibly need to be addressed through the VA LOGO's

Dept.

Per Supervisor Absher: Brought to the County Budget Committee's attention the need for new sheriff vehicles as previously promised.

ADJOURN

Now, there being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion of Supervisor Absher, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth absent, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

John M. Absher, Chairperson

by: RG

Adjourn time: 10:55 p.m