

**VIRGINIA:** AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JANUARY 8, 2019  
AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL  
VIRGINIA 24651

**PRESENT:** TRAVIS HACKWORTH, CHAIRMAN  
CHARLES A. STACY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
D. MICHAEL HYMES, MEMBER – Left meeting at 10:02 P.M.  
TOM A. LESTER, JR., MEMBER  
WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
C. ERIC YOUNG, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY  
ATTORNEY  
CHASE COLLINS, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY  
NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE  
NEWSPAPER

**ABSENT:** NONE

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Supervisor Asbury called the annual/organizational meeting to order and presided with all members in attendance.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Hackworth with Supervisor Stacy leading those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

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#### **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 January 8, 2019 agenda as amended.

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#### **MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

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 December 4, 2018 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

## **FY18 AUDIT PRESENTATION – EMILY VIERS**

Emily Viers provided the Board with documentation and presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 20, 2018. She stated that they believed the County's financial statements as reported were materially correct. Ms. Viers asked the Board to go to page 157 in their handouts and she explained that there was one finding. She said it was the same finding from last year regarding the School Board.

Supervisor Hymes questioned Ms. Viers about the finding regarding the School Board and as to why the School Board hadn't corrected it. Ms. Viers said that it had been found the previous year and actually goes back several years and the issue was not corrected. She said that the reimbursement request was not filed timely and hopes they have been able to convey the importance of getting it corrected. Supervisor Asbury asked if it was possible to send a letter to the School Board and Mr. Young said it was and to send them a copy of the report. Mr. Young asked Emily about the reimbursements and what wasn't considered timely. Ms. Viers said they would have to be late by several months to end up in the report.

It was agreed by the Board of Supervisors to send a letter addressing the School Board.

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## **SUSAN JEWELL – COUNTY ATTORNEY PARALEGAL**

Ms. Jewell provided handouts of her 2018 Annual Report Tax Collections/Recovery. She said the Attorney's office had collected almost a million and a half dollars since August 2016. Of the total \$1.1 Million was collected in 2018. This required a lot of document drafting and preparation for tax sales. She explained that they would offer the citizens payment plans and if they defaulted they would take it directly to sale. Supervisor Hackworth asked if this included the Jim Justice trucks and Ms. Jewell stated yes. The Board commended those involved on a job well done.

Mr. Collins wanted to explain to the Board that the collection amounts may be significantly lower next year. He said the commitment and determination will not decrease but the amounts may be lower because the larger funds have been collected.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURING 2019**

The Interim County Administrator called for nominations for a Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for a term of one-year or until his successor is duly elected.

The name of Travis Hackworth was placed in nomination by Supervisor Stacy, with Supervisor Hymes seconding the foregoing. The Interim County Administrator then called for

additional nominations of a Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, and there being none he declared nominations closed. Then, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Travis Hackworth as Chair of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019 or until his successor is duly elected.

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### **ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN**

The newly elected Chairperson, Travis Hackworth, then proceeded with the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019.

The name of Charles A. Stacy was placed in nomination by Supervisor Hymes with Supervisor Asbury seconding the foregoing. Chairman Hackworth sought further nominations from the floor for Vice Chair and there being none he declared the nominations closed with Supervisor Hymes moving and with Supervisor Lester seconding the foregoing, and by acclamation, hereby elects Charles A. Stacy as Vice Chair of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019 or until his successor is duly elected, and with all members present voting in favor thereof and no one against the same.

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### **REGULAR MEETINGS, DATE, PLACE AND TIME – CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 designates the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 as the regular meeting date, place, time and location for regular meetings of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019.

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### **NOVEMBER BOS MEETING DATE CHANGED DUE TO ELECTION DAY**

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 schedules the November Board of Supervisors meeting for Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 due to Election Day falling on the usual meeting date.

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### **ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED**

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 Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules of procedure for conducting meetings/business of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019.

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### **CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Lester 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 C. Eric Young, Interim County Administrator as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2019.

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### **DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR TAZEWEILL COUNTY**

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 appoints the Interim County Administrator, C. Eric Young, as the Director of Emergency Management for Tazewell County for calendar year 2019.

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### **LEGISLATIVE CONTACT TO WORTH WITH VACo - 2019**

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 appoints Charles A. Stacy to serve as Tazewell County's legislative contact to work with VACo during the upcoming 2019 General Assembly.

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### **TAZEWEILL COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE FY19-20**

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 appoints Supervisor Stacy and Supervisor Hackworth to the Tazewell County Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 19-20 with the three remaining Supervisors appointed as alternate members, to serve as needed in the absence of Members Stacy and Hackworth.

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### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

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 Supervisor Lester and Supervisor Asbury as the Tazewell County Personnel Committee for calendar year 2019.

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**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:51 P.M.**

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

- A(1) Personnel regarding the County Administrator (Scott Farthing, Esq. will be present by phone to advise the Board on selection of a County Administrator)
  - A(3) Property Acquisition regarding TCEMS
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  - A(3) Property Acquisition regarding property in Springville
  - A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding Tazewell County Public Libraries
  - A(29) Evaluation of Bids for Custodial Services
  - A(29) Discussions of Negotiations regarding the award of a public contract regarding Santek
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**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:43 P.M.**

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, 2.2-3711 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.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: All Five (5)  
Nays: None (0)  
Absent: None (0)  
Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: The Chairman said the Board would return into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss items that they were unable to talk about due to time constraint. Those items were:

- A(3) Property Acquisition regarding property in Springville
- A(29) Evaluation of Bids for Custodial Services
- A(29) Discussions of Negotiations regarding the award of a public contract regarding Santek
- A(1) Personnel regarding the County Administrator (Scott Farthing, Esq. will be present by phone to advise the Board on selection of a County Administrator)

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## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, and with all members present 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 December 2018**

#### **Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 143929 through 143956, and direct deposits totaling \$231,332.85 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending November 30, 2018, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 143958 through 143985, and direct deposits totaling \$230,804.68 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending December 15, 2018, be approved.

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

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485027 through 485129, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$757,022.29 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued November 26, 2018, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485131 through 485145, for \$151,258.99 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending November 30, 2018, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485147 through 485252, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$696,330.83 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 12, 2018, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485254 through 485268, for \$128,920.63 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending December 15, 2018, be approved.

### **Handwritten**

Ordered that Warrant No. 802050 for \$1,250.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of November 2018, be approved.

### **Approved Coyote Claims:**

- \$50.00 to Bobby Smith, P.O. Box 242, Pounding Mill, Clifffield, VA 24637, for 1 female coyote killed by rifle on 12-13-2018.
- \$50.00 to George Altizer, 5632 Sinking Waters Road, Bandy, VA 24602, for 1 female coyote killed by trapping on 12-17-2018.
- \$50.00 to Dylan Crockett, 8329 Baptist Valley Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, for 1 female coyote killed by trapping on 12-20-2018

Sheriff's Department – Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff Department Accounts as follows:

- \$ 100.00 to Acct. 31020-6010 (received from Gethsemane Baptist Church) K-9 donation
- \$1,285.58 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP – vehicle repairs)
- \$964.44 to Acct. 31020-5510 (received from TCPS – reimbursement for training)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 31020-6010 (donation received from Clinch Valley Medical Center)

County Garage – Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Garage Account as follows:

- \$95.00 to Acct. 12210-6014 (received from VH Holmes Sons, Inc.)
- \$142.00 to Acct. 12210-6014 (received from VH Holmes Sons, Inc.)

Tourism – Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Tourism Department Account as follows:

- \$68.25 to Acct. 12060-5210 (received from Blue Ridge Travel Association for postage)

Library Account – Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Library Accounts as follows:

- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Linda M. Gillespie)
- \$200.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Charles E. Presley)
- \$500.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Fincastle Garden Club)
- \$1,000.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Cruise Foundation)
- \$1,000.00 to Acct. 7301-6012 (received from Cruise Foundation)

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### **KENNETH DUNFORD – INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING**

The Interim Director of Engineering provided updates on several projects such as Clinic Road, the Richlands School Complex, Rogich Road, Orphan Road Policy, Lumos fiber to fairgrounds, etc.

Mr. Dunford said that all roads have been filmed and provided a ranking list to the Board for approval. He explained that this information would be on file at the Engineering office and that the public would be able to review the videos and documentation if they desired.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 Orphan Road Ranking List. Ms. Parsons is directed to post the ranking list online upon finalization.

Supervisor Asbury commended Mr. Dunford and said she was proud to have him representing Tazewell County.

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### **REBEKAH BREWSTER – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Mrs. Brewster filled in for Barry Brooks who was out of town due to his father's death. She provided the Board with handouts and explained the changes she had made to the EMS billing reports and said she believed this is a more accurate representation than previous month's reports. Supervisor Hackworth commended Ms. Brewster and said that the reports were easier to understand.

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### **JERRY MCREYNOLDS – AIRPORT**

Mr. McReynolds notified the Board that the airport is doing well and provided an update on projects that they have going on. He said the Aviation Board has on their February meeting agenda to discuss getting more hangars. He then discussed that they were monitoring sinkholes on the west end and south side of the airport. Supervisor Hackworth asked if there would be an air show and Mr. McReynolds said there won't be an air show like there has been in the past due to restrictions that has been placed on them but maybe a scaled back version of the show.

## **PAM WARDEN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

The Economic Development Manager sent reports to the Board prior to the BOS meeting. She provided a brief update of projects throughout 2018 such as the Tazewell Community Health Building, Animal Shelter, and Bluestone Shell Building. Ms. Warden discussed having numerous visitations with several manufacturers. She said she has 17 projects pending and 7 of them are new projects just from the month of December. Supervisor Hackworth told Mrs. Warden he appreciates her reports and how she simplifies and breaks them down for the Board.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING – CREATING A BACK OF THE DRAGON TOURISM ZONE 7:29PM-7:34PM**

Chairman Hackworth called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law entitled, “An Ordinance to Create a Back of the Dragon Tourism Zone”.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor with regard to the public hearing. The following people commented:

1. Chase Collins, Assistant County Attorney explained that the Code of Virginia allows the Board of Supervisors by ordinance to create tourism zones to spur on economic development in areas that are tourist attractions such as Back of the Dragon for example. He said Mr. Woodard had advised that the area is underused in terms of bringing in industry to support motorcyclists and drivers who come through there which estimates around 10,000 riders a year. This would allow the Board of Supervisors to allow incentives to certain industries that meet the requirements.
2. Aaron Roberts, 261 Cove Rd., Tazewell, asked if this would affect any agriculture in the area or any additional regulations on the farming community there. Mr. Young said there were no restrictions of any kind in the ordinance, simply special tax circumstances for if someone started a tourism business in that area. He also explained that this gives a tax break to people who start tourism businesses in these types of areas. Mr. Young said the county has had a vineyard come and ask to be included. So the county is trying to extend to them as best as possible.

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

Then, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts “An Ordinance to Create the

Back of the Dragon Tourism Zone”. A copy of the Ordinance can be found on file at the County Administration Office.

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#### **DAVID WOODARD – TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

David Woodard discussed that for the past year the Tourism Department has been working with the Virginia Tourism Corporation to draft a new strategic plan. The plan is required for several grants that the county may apply for in the future as a prerequisite. Mr. Woodard then presented the plan to the Board. Supervisor Hackworth requested more time to review over the strategic plan before voting to pass it.

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#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Stacy stated that the Budget Committee had met earlier that day and doesn't have much to report on right now. Mr. Young wants to have a head start on the budget and hopes to avoid another financial crisis.

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#### **DAHMON BALL – PSA**

Mr. Ball updated the Board on PSA's organizational meeting, audit, water treatment plant, and the capital improvement plan.

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#### **SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Curt Breeding passed out documentation and requested approval from the Board for a letter of support regarding building an entry road to the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management area from our Tazewell County side. Mr. Breeding said the management area consists of about 26,000 acres and Tazewell, Russell, Smyth, and Washington counties border it. He believes it would be a great opportunity for the public to see the beauty we have to offer. Mr. Breeding explained to access the property owned you have to drive two hours away from Tazewell just to enter because there is not an entry road on our county side.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Lester 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 Mr. Breeding's request for a letter of support for another entry road to the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area from our Tazewell County side.

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#### **UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Aaron Roberts, 261 Cove Rd., Tazewell questioned Mr. Breeding about his letter of support for the entry road. Mr. Breeding answered him accordingly

2. Erica Hall, 162 Sunnyside, Tazewell, introduced herself as the new Interim Director of the Tazewell County Public Library and expressed her excitement for her new role.
3. Jane Sorensen, 2950 Witten Valley Rd., Tazewell, is a friend of the library and was concerned when she saw that the library was being discussed in executive session and wanted to express her support for our libraries and the importance of them.
  - a. Supervisor Hackworth made clear that the Board of Supervisors was not looking to contract out library services at this time. He thanked the Library of Trustees Board for coming and the citizens who came to support the library.
4. Russell Stowers expressed his concern about the possibility of the county contracting out custodial services. He was opposed to the idea and also wanted the Board to make sure they were considering the security concerns of bringing in a cleaning service and the sensitive information that could get into the wrong hands.
  - a. Mr. Young made clear that a criminal background check on all employees was a requirement in the bids.
5. Connie Bailey, 2268 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield thanked Mr. Stacy for her appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Bailey was also there to show her support for the libraries and how important they are to our communities.

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## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

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 Christine Thompson, 233 Cedar Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 to serve as a member of the Airport Authority Board, with a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2021. This appointment replaces John Flynn.

Supervisor Hymes tabled his nomination of a replacement for Carolyn Barber until the next BOS meeting.

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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 Charlie Hart, 1351 Dial Rock Road,

North Tazewell, Virginia 24630 to serve as the agriculture/farming representative, with a term continuing and ending December 31, 2022.

#### **CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Supervisor Lester tabled his nomination for the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board until the next BOS meeting.

#### **CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING COMMISSION DISTRICT**

Supervisor Hymes tabled his nomination for the Cumberland Plateau Planning Commission District until the next BOS meeting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 reappoints J.R. Absher, P.O. Box 190, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 to serve as a member of the Cumberland Plateau Planning Commission District, with a term continuing and expiring December 31, 2019.

#### **COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

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 appoints Crystal Crouse, 135 Court Street, Suite 300, Tazewell, Virginia 224651 to serve as a member of the Community Criminal Justice Board of Southwest Virginia Community Corrections, with a term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2020. This appointment fills the expired term of Michael Dennis.

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

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 appoints Debra White, 3008 Clear Fork Road, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 to serve as a member of the Social Services Board, with a term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2022. This appointment replaces Christine Thompson's expired term.

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 reappoints Amanda B. Buskell, 208 Sandy Lane, Richlands, Virginia 24641, with a term continuing and expiring December 31, 2022.

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**VIDEO TRANSMISSION OF BOS MEETINGS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Lester 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 recording audio of the Board of Supervisor meetings and posting it on the county website while the Board continues to research whether or not they want to video stream Board of Supervisor meetings.

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**SRRA'S REQUEST TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION APPROVED**

Mr. Young recommended that the Board approve the letter in support of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority's request to support legislation that was provided in their packets. He said that SRRA is in search of a revenue stream and there is a proposal by delegate Kilgore and Senator Ben Chafin to use the proceeds of cheated gas royalties through a court settlement to fund the AASC and SRRA.

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 authorizes SRRA's request to support legislation.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZED TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF AN ATV ROUTE ALONG RT. 644 IN ABBS VALLEY**

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 authorizes and directs the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing in February 2019, to consider the extension of an ATV route along Rt. 644 in Abbs Valley.

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**\$8,810.40 ABATEMENT - J&S TRANSPORT, INC.**

A letter from the Commissioner of Revenue was provided to the Board requesting a refund to J&S Transport. Mr. Young summarized the letter and explained that the Commissioner has the right to refund anyone who has overpaid their taxes. The County Attorney is authorized to sign off on any amount under \$2,500.00 and then the Treasurer refunds the money. However, the County Attorney is not authorized to approve anything over that amount.

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 abatement amount of \$8,810.40 to J & S Transport Inc., PO Box 1043, North Tazewell, VA 24630-1043. Said 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.

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**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 8:40 P.M.**

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

- A(1) Personnel regarding the County Administrator
- A(3) Property Acquisition regarding property in Springville
- A(29) Evaluation of Bids for Custodial Services
- A(29) Discussions of Negotiations regarding the award of a public contract regarding Santeek

\* (Supervisor Hymes left the meeting at 10:02 P.M.)

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 10:03 P.M.**

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, 2.2-3711 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.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: Four (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Supervisor Hymes (1)  
Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: None

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## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **SUPERVISOR STACY**

Due to the late hour Supervisor Stacy tabled the following items from his board concerns:

- Land Use Exemption Revaluation
- Business Registration
- Fee for Late Filing of Machinery & Tools Tax Returns

### **GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL – WRESTLING TEAM \$750.00 EASTERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$750.00 from the Eastern District Fund, payable to Graham High School (Wrestling Team), 210 Valleydale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605, attn: Tim Woodward. Said 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.

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### **SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

#### **LETTER OF SUPPORT – THOMAS BURNS CHILDRESS BRIDGE**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a letter of support requesting that the bridge between the intersection of Virginia State Route 102 and Virginia Secondary Route 644 in the Pocahontas area of Tazewell County, Virginia be named as the “Thomas Burns Childress Bridge” in memory of him.

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### **SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH**

#### **RAVEN THEATRE \$1,000.00 NORTHWESTERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby

approves the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Raven Theatre, P.O. Box 922, Raven, VA 24639, attn: Jack Ray. Said 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.

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## **C. ERIC YOUNG – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **SOUTHLAND ENERGY UPDATE**

Mr. Young stated that Southland concluded their energy audit and prospected how much debt the county could pay for with the energy savings to replace the HVAC system. He notified the Board that Southland Energy plans to come to the February 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting and make a presentation.

### **DAVENPORT FINANCIAL**

Mr. Young said Mrs. Matney and him had been provided with a preliminary presentation on the estimate of the county's financial position. They went over what the county could do to build its reserves and what kind of long term strategy could be adopted to recover from its financial position.

Mr. Young says Davenport will give a presentation to the Board and will contact them to get some February meeting dates.

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## **EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 515 FAIRGROUND ROAD**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the easement agreement for 515 Fairground Road and authorizes the Chairman and a designee to sign the easement. This agreement will allow Lumos to lay fiber and cable at the fairgrounds which will provide internet for our staff and facilities.

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## **ADJOURN**

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent, this meeting is hereby adjourned.

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Travis Hackworth, Chair

By: WP

ADJOURN TIME: 10:17 P.M.