

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 5, 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
TOM A. LESTER, JR., MEMBER
WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHASE D. COLLINS, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER

ABSENT: NONE

Supervisor Hymes called the regular meeting to order and presided with Chairman Hackworth and Supervisor Stacy not yet present due to being in a budget meeting.

Supervisor Lester gave the invocation with Supervisor Hymes leading those in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

At 4:06 P.M. Chairman Hackworth, Supervisor Stacy, and County Administrator Mr. Young enter the meeting. Mr. Hackworth wishes Supervisor Hymes a happy birthday and leads those present in singing happy birthday.

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 March 5, 2019 agenda format as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED

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 January 8, 2019 and February 5, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

MARY COLE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Mary Cole, Executive Director for the past 5 years of the Cumberland Mountain Community Services provided the Board with handouts. Members of the CMCSB were also in attendance. Ms. Cole stated she had met with the finance committee at the request of the Behavioral Health and Disability Services. She explained that for all executive directors who do not meet the 10% match required by code that they are directed to address the issue with their county. Ms. Cole was appreciative that the Board did not cut the CMCSB budget last year knowing what kind of economic situation the County is in.

In closing Ms. Cole explained that the CMCSB was receiving a decrease in funding because Medicaid expanded, which offered them the opportunity to bring in more revenue. So in turn the State took the money away from them. She stated that they lost about \$190,000 this year and that they will lose more than that next year. Supervisor Hymes asked what percentage does the BOS contribute at and Ms. Cole responded that they are requesting around \$300,000.00 this year and last year had asked for around \$280,000.00 but received \$60,000.00. Supervisor Stacy believed that the Board could do better than the previous year.

Chairman Hackworth stated that the CMCSB provides a much needed service to our County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy abstaining, 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 2019****Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144046 through 144070, and direct deposits totaling \$231,399.28 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending January 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144072 through 144096, and direct deposits totaling \$219,991.58 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 15, 2019, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485556 through 485662, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$329,817.35 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 25, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485664 through 485678, for \$150,259.51 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending January 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485680 through 485787, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$413,645.82 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 8, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 485789 through 485804, for \$129,227.65 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 15, 2019, be approved.

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No Warrants were issued from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library funds, covering operating expenses for the month of January 2019.

Approved Coyote Claims:

- \$50.00 to Johnny Horn, 904 Goss Road, Bluefield, VA 24605, for 1 female coyote killed by trapping on 2-11-2019.
- \$50.00 to Jimmy Cornett, 744 Daniels Road, Bandy, VA 24602, for 1 female coyote killed by snare on 2-12-2019.
- \$50.00 to Anthony Scott Rasnick, 1498 Mundy Town Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, for 1 female coyote killed by snare on 2-23-2019.
- \$100.00 to Norman Mullins, P.O. Box 1703, Cedar Bluff, VA, 24609, for 2 female coyotes killed by trapping on 2-9-2019 and 2-21-2019.

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

- \$1,303.88 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services – reimburse overtime for Drug Court Officer).
- \$1,676.22 to Acct. 31020-6010 (received from County of Bedford – reimburse the Sheriff's Office for equipment purchased to help with ICAC)
- \$4,471.75 to Acct. 31020-8105 (repairs to Suburban)
- \$3,662.00 to Acct. 3120-8105 (repairs)

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

- \$800.00 to Acct. 7301-5210 (received from U.S. Postal Service)

Fire & EMS Operations

- Declared surplus on 2003 Chevy Avalanche VIN#3GNEK13T93G250629
- Ratified poll to approve donation of \$39,000.00 to Bandy Fire Department for purchase of a used fire truck

Southern District Funds

- \$75.00 to the Treasurer of Tazewell County to pay Nuckolls Hall rental fees for Tazewell Police Department after funeral gathering that was held on February 15, 2019.

Northwestern District Fund

- \$147.96 to the Treasurer of Tazewell County to pay tax bill for the Raven Theater and Coal Museum, Inc.
- Authorized a check in the amount of \$20,000 from the Contingency Fund Account No. 91050-7023 to the Tazewell County Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of business recruitment. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:17 P.M.

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:

- A(3) Property Disposition Acquisition regarding T.C. EMS
- A(3) Property Disposition Acquisition regarding the Registrar's Office
- A(29) Contract Negotiations with Santek

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:03 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: All Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: None (0)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

GHS FOOTBALL TEAM – 2018 STATE CHAMPIONS

Supervisor Stacy welcomed Coach Tony Palmer and the Graham High School football team to present a resolution commending the G-Men on winning the 2018 Class 2 State Football Championship.

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 a resolution entitled, "A Resolution commending the Graham High School Football Team as State Champions for the Year 2018". A copy of the resolution in a form as hereby adopted is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Chairman Travis Hackworth then presented a resolution to the Graham High School football team at the request of Virginia Delegate Will Morefield. A copy of House Resolution No. 234 can be found online at: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+ful+HR234>.

MASTER KASEY ADDAIR – 1st PLACE WORLD TITLE

Supervisor Hymes welcomed Kasey Addair to present to her a resolution congratulating her for winning the 1st place world title at the 29th National Blackbelt League Super Grands World Games.

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 a resolution entitled, "A Resolution

Commending Master Kasey Addair for Winning the 1st Place World Title”. A copy of the resolution in a form as hereby adopted is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

KENNETH DUNFORD – INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

Kenneth Dunford started off by reporting that the Richlands School Complex signs and stencils have been ordered and he is expected to receive them in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Young said that it would be a good idea to run newspaper advertisements notifying citizens of VDOT’s recommendation for rerouting traffic during the projects implementation.

The Interim Director of Engineering reported that the Clearfork Flood Study was submitted to FEMA and that there were some comments that he has not addressed yet but will have them addressed by the next BOS meeting.

Mr. Dunford then informed the Board that the advertisement for the paving contracts has been placed in the paper and are due back in time for the April BOS meeting so hopefully they will be approved and paving could potentially start in April and be completed by June.

Next, Mr. Dunford directed the Board to look at the Rogich Road estimate placed in their packets. The County’s construction work was estimated at \$107,800.00. However, the County only has \$50,000.00 in the Orphan Road Fund. The remaining cost to get Rogich Road completed was estimated at \$35,000.00 from Norfolk Sothern and \$16,325.00 from VDOT. Supervisor Hymes noted that there has not been any commitment made from Norfolk Southern or VDOT to assist in this project. Mr. Dunford reminded them that this was the estimate that Mr. Anderson had and that the total project would cost roughly \$159,125.00. Supervisor Hymes questioned if Rogich Road was on the rated list of roads. Mr. Dunford answered that it is on the list for paving repairs. Supervisor Lester asked how much coal severance money the County had. Mr. Young answered that he would need to check on it because the amount varies day to day based on the revenue but he believes we have about \$700,000.00 to \$800,000.00 sitting in the fund. The issue is that quite a bit of the money has been committed to Clinic Road. Supervisor Hackworth suggested getting back in touch with the railroad somehow and that if that tunnel would fail and there were a car in it that they would have some kind of liability for the incident. Mr. Young said that the County needed to get Mr. Rogich to go ahead and sign an easement and get the right-of-way. Supervisor Hymes suggested that Mr. Young get in contact with Senator Ben Chafin and Delegate Will Morefield and see if they can assist us in getting contacts from Norfolk Southern.

Lastly, Mr. Dunford discussed the Landfill Management Plan and Recycling Plan. He said the plans should be prepared and ready for review in the next 30-60 days.

Supervisor Lester asked that Mr. Dunford look into a situation reported by Ms. Collins with a freezing drain pipe on Town Hollow Road.

The Supervisors commended Mr. Dunford on what a good job he is doing.

DAHMON BALL - PSA**PSA BOND ISSUANCE AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVED**

Upon motion of Supervisors 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 approve a RESOLUTION AMENDING A PRIOR RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A NON-BINDING UNDERTAKING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO CONSIDER CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE AUTHORITY OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE GREATER TAZEWELL TO POCAHONTAS PROJECT, ADOPTED ON JUNE 28, 2018. A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CIP – PHASE I PROJECT SUPPORT AGREEMENT APPROVED

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 hereby approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A NON-BINDING UNDERTAKING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO CONSIDER CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE AUTHORITY OF REVENUE BONDS FOR ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, PHASE I PROJECT. A copy of the agreement is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

The County Administrator wanted to make the public aware that the Board of Supervisors is not borrowing money but that the Board is essentially a “co-signer” so that the PSA could borrow the money. He said that the PSA will borrow and use their own revenues to pay the payments on it. Mr. Young explained that it is a promise to the State if PSA doesn’t pay that the County will step in.

Supervisor Asbury thanked Mr. Ball for helping Pocahontas over the weekend during the water leak issue. She said PSA staff took quick action and done a very good job. Supervisor Asbury expressed that the people of Pocahontas were very appreciative.

BARRY BROOKS – DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMS OPERATIONS

The Director of Fire and EMS Operations notified the Board that the technology grant he had applied for was approved that day. This would allow the Bandy, Abbs Valley, Clearfork, and Bishop fire departments to get updated computer and technology equipment that they needed to start reporting.

Mr. Brooks briefly discussed a fire that had happened the previous night in Gratton which is located in Supervisor Hymes district. He said the house looked to be from the pre-civil war era and that several departments were dispatched and worked all night to put the fire out. There were approximately 20 firemen working the scene.

Mr. Brooks said at the ESC meeting they had talked about developing a committee that would assist in coming up with ideas to generate funding since the Meals Tax Plan fell through during the November election. He said the ESC had also discussed franchise fees which Supervisor Hymes explained that the ESC board had voted several months ago to recommend the examination of a franchise fee for the outside rescue squads that are coming into the County. Supervisor Hackworth suggested that Mr. Brooks get in contact with other localities and see how those counties are handling the franchise fee situation.

The Board reviewed over the monthly EMS Billing Receivables Detailed Report and Monthly Deposit Record provided by Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Brooks stated that the air packs were underway and that Mr. Collins was writing the bid. He intends to put out the invitation for bids and to hopefully have it ready for the May BOS meeting. Supervisor Lester questioned if the air packs were for all firefighters. Mr. Brooks responded that it would be the Board's discretion but that was his intent.

JERRY MCREYNOLDS – AIRPORT MANAGER

Airport Manager, Jerry McReynolds, said that the Virginia Aviation Board met in February and that the Tazewell County Airport was approved for T-Hangar Site Preparation (Design) for additional hangars. He stated that the Grundy Airport will be needing hangar space soon because their airport will take approximately 5-7 years to rebuild.

Mr. McReynolds reported that the airport is still dealing with sink holes in the drainage ditch near the runway. They used stone that was received from a County road project and made repairs to correct the drainage ditch situation. The airport will continue to monitor this situation but he said that so far the repairs were holding.

The airport manager also announced that the Department of Forestry put the Project out for bid on a garage to house their dozer and expect action in the near future. He also discussed the Virginia Department of Aviation which is involved in a complete upgrade of the Localizer Receiver, Monitor System with complete installation and Flight check at no cost to the airport. He said that the total cost for the project is \$140,000.00 and that the onsite work has been completed and that they are waiting on the FAA to complete their flight check that is required to have the system fully commissioned.

Lastly, Mr. McReynolds discussed the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) meeting that was held at the airport on February 26, 2019. The meeting involved representatives from the FAA (2), DOAV (4), Talbert & Bright (2) and the Airport (3). The plan looks at projects over the next six years which involves funding at all three levels. He reported that the

normal funding is 90% FAA, 8% DOVA and 2% Local. Mr. McReynolds provided the Board in their packet a copy of the projects showing the funding as provided by the FAA.

PAM WARDEN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Economic Development Manager reported that the IDA made motions to approve a letter of support for three companies that applied for VCEDA grants, authorized Mr. Young to start the foreclosure process on the Building Inspectors Office, approved a letter of support for Project Blessing, and approved a loan in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Project Shade.

Mrs. Warden announced that there would be a Career Fair the next day, March 6th at Nuckolls Hall from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. She said that there would be 8 companies there and that one of them is from Lebanon. It was reported that there would be approximately 100 jobs available.

Mrs. Warden then briefly mentioned Project Green Acres, Project Dragon, and Project Law. Mr. Young stated that Project Law is an exciting project. Mrs. Warden said altogether she is currently working on 25 projects.

Supervisor Hackworth mentioned he would like there to be a Business to Business Showcase again and that Russell County and other business should be included. Supervisor Lester believes the B2B Showcase should be held at SWCC like in years past.

DAVID WOODARD – TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

David Woodard expressed that February was a busy month for tourism shows. He reported attending the International Motorcycle Show in Washington D.C. along with several other localities from VA and regions. Mr. Woodard then led a regional Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) trip to Richmond. He also met with Heart of Appalachia. He announced that they received a \$10,000.00 grant for the Love Tazewell County Campaign which goes along with the 50 years of love program.

Mr. Woodard notified that after the last HOA Board meeting he stepped down as their chairman and a gentleman from Buchanan County to his place.

Mr. Woodard stated that the next Tourism Committee meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 10:00 a.m. if anyone was interested in attending.

Lastly, Mr. Woodard urged people to stop by the Rocky Gap Welcome Center throughout the month of March which is Women's History Month. The display showcases 6 influential women throughout Tazewell County history. Supervisor Maggie Asbury is one of the women displayed.

CPPD

Supervisor Hymes briefed that they should know something about the broadband extension within the next month.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Supervisor Hackworth reported that the committee had a good meeting earlier that day with Mr. Young, Mrs. Matney, Ms. Cole from the CMCSB, and Dr. Wright from SWCC. He said the budget committee has another meeting scheduled for March.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**ERICA HALL – INTERIM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Interim Library Director, Erica Hall gave the Board a presentation. She stated that there have been 60,961 in person visits to the library in the last 6 months. Since October 2018 the library has added a lot of outreach opportunities. The library hosts many events, game days, book clubs, and they've also partnered with Carilion Clinic for free health screenings.

Mrs. Hall quoted that her philosophy for the library is that, "Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, and great libraries build communities". She explained that the library does build services and growing the community. She gave several examples of community building such as expanding student access.

Mrs. Hall discussed the Girls Who Code program beginning June 2019 for 3rd – 5th graders, which is designed to close the gender gap in technology and build computer science skills. The County Administrator expressed the importance of this program and that it was the building block for essential jobs and a key program for economic development. Mr. Young opened an invitation to Mrs. Hall for the children to take a tour of the I.T. facility at the County if it was something that they wanted to do.

TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – SUMMER READING PERFORMER**\$130.00 EASTERN****\$130.00 WESTERN****\$130.00 SOUTHERN****\$130.00 NORTHWESTERN****\$130.00 NORTHERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, 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 a transfer in the amount of \$130.00 from each Board members district funds for a total of \$650.00 to the Library Account 73010-3099. These monies will be used for the library's Summer Reading Program to get performer Darin Handy, who is based out of Marion and runs a licensed rescue and rehab sanctuary for wildlife and exotic animals.

COAL TRUCKS - HORSEPEN ROAD RT. 644 RESIDENTS

Linda Day, 1721 Horsepen Road, Tazewell, VA 24651 approached the Board on behalf of Horsepen residents to discuss their concerns about the coal trucks that travel that road. A

signed petition was previously provided to the Board and photos were displayed on the projector. She stated the issue was with the 18 wheelers 5 axel coal trucks traveling the curvy road. She explained that the trucks are too long and the road isn't wide enough for them. The photos showcased the coal trucks crossing the yellow line to make the turns around the curves. Ms. Day along with many other Horsepen Road travelers has had near accidents with the trucks traveling the road. She explained that there isn't anywhere to pull off without fear of going over the embankment that you just have to stop dead in the road and hope for the best. She expressed that those who have traveled the road are terrified of getting injured or killed on the road. Ms. Day requested that some sort of restriction be placed on Horsepen Road.

Supervisor Hackworth asked J.R. Watson from VDOT to speak on the matter. Mr. Watson informed that as of right now the trucks has a legal right to be on the road that there is nothing that VDOT can do. He explained that if it was the Boards desire then VDOT could start a process in which they would require a traffic study and public hearing but it would only be enforced for through trucks. Mr. Watson says the issue is with enforcement and determining where the truck is coming from and where they are traveling to, closets routes, etc. The trucks have a right to be there unless a restriction is in place and until then there is nothing VDOT can do. Mr. Watson said a public hearing could be scheduled as early as April and approved in June.

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 to discuss restrictions on Rt. 644 Horsepen Road.

Sheriff Hieatt said they would watch and monitor to see if they can witness the coal trucks crossing over lines and try to prevent it from happening until another resolution can happen. Supervisor Stacy suggested getting the name of the coal and trucking companies and sending them a letter to notify them of what is happening and the danger the coal trucks are causing those that travel Horsepen Road.

A copy of the Horsepen Road Rt. 644 community petition is attached hereto these minutes and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

- 1) Ronnie Pinkerton, 1032 Indian Creek Road, Cedar Bluff, VA approached the Board about an incident he said happened sometime in the last 3-5 years. He was upset about coal trucks and plow trucks speeding by his home.

Mr. Watson of VDOT discussed Mr. Pinkerton's issue with the Board.

- 2) Travis Bandy, 231 Gillespie Road, thanked the Board for working so hard to find a solution for Rogich Road. He said it was a small project with a big price tag and he is grateful for all the work the Board has done and is doing. Next, he made the Board aware that he is the District Director for the Trappers Association over district 1 and also a Fur Takers of America representative. He announced that Virginia will be hosting the Fur

Takers National Convention in June this year in Harrisonburg and are estimating an attendance of 6,000 people from states all over. He said his district will be sponsoring Tazewell County storyteller Jerry Vencill and invited the Board and anyone who would like to set up at Mr. Vencill's station. He suggested putting up boards showcasing the Back of the Dragon or the Crab Orchard Museum. He believes this would be a great opportunity to show people what Tazewell County has to offer. Mr. Young thought this was an excellent idea and said he will get in touch with the tourism director and have him contact Mr. Bandy.

- 3) Bob Raines, Cedar Bluff, VA, wanted to make the Board aware of his business, Bar-C Sand Inc., a mining operation in Supervisor Lester's district in Cedar Bluff.

APPOINTMENTS

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

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

BOISSEVAIN CIRCLE – CLARIFICATION ON TRAILHEAD

The Interim County Attorney, Mr. Collins, expressed that he has been researching the question from the previous month's meeting as to whether Boissevain Circle was considered a trailhead or not. Mr. Collins mentioned speaking with the Executive Director of Spearhead Trails, Mr. Lindsey and that he was only aware that there are only 2 trailheads. One trailhead is located in the Town of Pocahontas and the other is located in Boissevain Miners Park. Mr. Collins affirmed that Boissevain Circle is not and has never been a trailhead.

ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES AUDITING AND CONTRACTING SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWED

Mr. Young recapped that at the last BOS meeting the Board requested Mr. Young ask for a cost reduction for the auditing and contracting services contract with Robinson, Farmer, and Cox Associates. He stated that they ended up giving them a \$4,000.00 cost reduction. The price went from \$61,000.00 down to \$57,000.00.

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 extend the original contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates to cover the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. A copy of the contract modification agreement is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE FEDERAL GRANT WRITER BIDS

Mr. Young explained that the County solicited a proposal for companies that would write grants for us and that we had one company who was interested and turned a bid in. The bidder responded with a proposal that they would come to the County and assess the needs and get an idea of what the County is looking for. Then they would let us know what grants that we were eligible for. Then the County would pick which grants to apply for and then they would administer the grants. Mr. Young stated if the company was selected we would pay them a monthly fee.

Supervisor Hymes and Supervisor Lester volunteered to serve on the committee. Mr. Young said he would send the committee a copy of the proposal and then they would schedule a time to phone conference with the bidder to discuss the proposal with them.

COURTHOUSE JURY ROOM CHANGES AND OTHER OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS

The County Administrator said that the circuit court judges have requested that the jury room be expanded and that they also requested that a couple of witness rooms be added. Mr. Young says he believes this can be done with the funds that the County has. He explained they previously had \$50,000.00 set aside to improve the upstairs of the Building Inspectors Building down the street but that they will not be improving it this year so he would like to use some of those funds to make the requested changes and to also make other outside improvements around the courthouse.

BOARD CONCERNS**SUPERVISOR STACY**

Supervisor Stacy thanked County Administrator Mr. Young and Ms. Parsons for putting together the dinner for the Graham High School football team that evening. Supervisor Hymes thanked Ms. Parsons for including Kasey Addair and her team in the invite as well.

SUPERVISOR LESTER**IRON TITANS – POW MEMORIAL****\$300.00 WESTERN****\$300.00 NORTHWESTERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 the amount of \$300.00 from the Western District Fund and \$300.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, for a total of \$600.00 payable to the Iron Titans, P.O. Box 877, Pounding Mill, VA 24637, attn: Jim 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.

SUPERVISOR HYMES**TAZEWELL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL, INC.****\$1,000.00 SOUTHERN****\$500.00 NORTHERN**

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 the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Southern District Fund and \$500.00 from the Northern District Fund, for a total of \$1,500.00 payable to Tazewell Little League Baseball and Softball, Inc., P.O. Box 988, North Tazewell, VA 24630. 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.

TAZEWELL TKD ‘DAWG POUND’**\$250.00 SOUTHERN**

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 the amount of \$250.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Tazewell TKD ‘Dawg Pound’, 117 Altizer Street, North Tazewell, VA 24630, attn: Kasey Addair. 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. These monies will be used to pay custodial fees at Tazewell High School for a martial arts event being held on April 6, 2019.

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL – TRACK & FIELD TEAM**\$500.00 SOUTHERN****\$250.00 NORTHERN**

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 the amount of \$500.00 from the Southern District Fund and \$250.00 from the Northern District Fund, for a total of \$750.00 payable to the THS Track and Field Team, 167 Cosby Lane, Tazewell, VA 24651, attn: Zachlyn Blackburn. 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.

SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH**DECLARED MARCH AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Supervisor Hackworth received a letter from Lisa Brown from Old Dominion requesting that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Chairman Hackworth deemed this as appropriate and said his own brother had recently just gotten through this and is now cancer free.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 declares the month of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

LANDFILL CLEAN-UP

Supervisor Hackworth expressed that he would like to see something be done with all of the junk around the landfill. Sheriff Hieatt spoke up and said that they are working on that project currently.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

\$500.00 NORTHWESTERN

\$500.00 WESTERN

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 the amount of \$500.00 from the Northwestern District Fund and \$500.00 from the North Western District Fund, for a total of \$1,000.00 payable to the Communities in Schools, 220 Lee Street, Bristol, VA 24201, attn: Chase Collins. 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.

ADJOURN

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 voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting to April 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Travis Hackworth, Chair

by: WP

Adjourn time 8:57 p.m.