

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MAY 7, 2019 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL 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

Chairman, Travis Hackworth called the regular meeting to order and presided, with all members in attendance.

Supervisor Lester gave the invocation followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag led by Supervisor Hymes.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

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 May 7, 2019 agenda as amended.

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 April 2, 2019 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 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

April 2019

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144150 through 144174, and direct deposits totaling \$230,643.54 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending March 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144176 through 144201, and direct deposits totaling \$235,440.62 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending April 15, 2019, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 486053 through 486184, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$234,383.92 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued March 25, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 486186 through 486200, for \$149,271.25 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending March 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 486202 through 486351, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$2,174,635.82 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued April 10, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 486353 through 486367, for \$129,431.91 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending April 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 March 2019.

Approved Coyote Claim:

- \$50.00 to Jimmy Asbury, P.O. Box 1076, North Tazewell, VA 24630, for 1 female coyote killed by a snare on 4-4-2019.

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

- \$70.00 to Acct. 31020-6001 (received from Michael A. Kernbach PC General Acct)
- \$5,000.00 to Acct. 31020-6010 (donation received from Technifab of VA, Inc. for purchase of a K-9)
- \$3,897.09 to Acct. 31020-6009 (reimbursement received from Erie Insurance for damage to Dodge Durango)

- Declared surplus on 2007 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FMEU73E97UA67687
- Declared surplus 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAHP71W77X155186

Library Account – Transferred 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 Ralph Fluker)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from David Hollar)
- \$70.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Robert Rourke)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Lewis Christian)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Crab Orchard Veterinary Services, Inc.)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Peery & St. Clair, Inc.)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Vernon Barber)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Felicia De Courcy)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Peter Romano)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from United Country Riverside Realty)
- \$25.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Danny & Diana Coulthard)
- \$25.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Steven & Tracy Kitts)
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Lois Angles)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (Elene Combs)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (Maryana James)
- \$125.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (Tazewell County Farm Bureau)

Northwestern District

- Approved \$2,500.00 payable to the Town of Richlands, 200 Washington Square, Richlands, Virginia 24641 for invoice SW11-18 for cutting and chipping brush out of town in the Doran area of RT 67.

EMS

- Declared surplus on a 1994 Freightliner Vin#1FV6HFBA4RL559000 and donate truck to Santek
- Transferred \$3,000.00 from the Contingency Account No. 91050-7023 to the Tazewell Soil and Water Conservation Account No. 022-081010-4017 for hazardous materials for cleanup day and further authorize \$500.00 from each district fund for a total amount of \$2,500.00 for the County cleanup day.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:04 P.M.

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

- A(3) WSA Craig Tower Site Lease Agreement

- A(3) Property Disposition regarding the Fair Grounds
- A(5) Project EEG
- A(7) Marinus vs. Tazewell County
- A(29) Richlands EMS Contract
- A(29) Town of Tazewell EMS Contract
- A(29) Selection of Federal Grant Writing Firm
- A(29) Discussion of Contract for Chamber of Commerce to Operate Visitor's Center

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:04 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING
TAZEVELL 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:**TOWN OF RICHLANDS EMS CONTRACT RENEWED**

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 the *Addendum to Agreement to Renew and Amend Fire and Emergency Medical Services Agreement* for the Town of Richlands, and in making this motion authorize the County Administrator to execute this *Addendum* on behalf of

the Board. A copy is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

TOWN OF TAZEWell EMS CONTRACT RENEWED

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 enter into the *Addendum to Agreement for Emergency Medical Services* for the Town of Tazewell, and in making this motion authorize the County Administrator to execute this *Addendum* on behalf of the Board. A copy is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED CONTRACT FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO OPERATE A SATELLITE VISITOR'S CENTER AT THE DEPOT PROPERTY

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 authorize the County Administrator to execute the *Sublease Agreement* with the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce, as prepared by the Interim County Attorney, for the purposes of operating a satellite visitor's center at the Depot property currently leased by the Town of Tazewell to Tazewell County.

WSA LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT - PATRICIA W. CRAIG

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 authorizes the Interim County Attorney to draft a *Lease Renewal Agreement* for the Tazewell County Wireless Service Authority so that the Authority may continue leasing the property of Patricia W. Craig for provision of wireless broadband service to the Tannersville community. In making this motion, the Board would authorize substantively similar terms and conditions as the previous *Lease Renewal Agreement* executed by Tazewell County and Ms. Craig. The Board would further authorize payment to Ms. Craig up to the amount discussed in executive session for the term of the *Lease Renewal Agreement*. Further, the Board would authorize the County Administrator to execute the *Lease Renewal Agreement* under the terms and conditions stated in this motion.

MERCHANT MCINTYRE ASSOCIATES FEDERAL GRANT WRITING FIRM CONTRACT

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 County Administrator and Interim County Attorney to enter into negotiations with Merchant McIntyre Associates regarding a federal grant writing firm contract.

Chairman Hackworth welcomed Tazewell County School Board members Christine Moir, Donna Whittington, and Irene Mullins to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

KENNETH DUNFORD – INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

The Interim Director of Engineering reported that all Richlands School Complex items had been sent to the school and that the ads had been sent out to the School Board. Mr. Dunford said that VDOT went out and marked the signs for them to be put in place and that they were waiting on the school to pick a day to install the signs.

Mr. Dunford stated that the paving contracts were awarded and that paving was already in progress with around 5 roads already being paved. He said they were on schedule for the contractors to be finished by June 14th.

Mr. Dunford also updated the Board on Clinic Road, the Landfill Management and Recycling Plans, the Sol Smart Solar Program, the Clearfork Flood Study, Lumos, and Rogich Road.

UP TO \$100,000.00 TRANSFER AUTHORIZED FROM CONTINGENCY TO LANDFILL

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a transfer up to \$100,000.00 from the Contingency Account No. 91050-7023 to the Landfill Account No. 42040-3002. These monies would pay for the improvements we made to a monitoring well and two engineering plans that are being prepared.

BARRY BROOKS – DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMS OPERATIONS

DECLARED MAY 19TH-25TH 2019 AS EMS APPRECIATION WEEK

Barry Brooks, Director of Fire and EMS Operations, requested that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 19-25, 2019 as EMS Appreciation Week in Tazewell County, Virginia. Supervisor Hackworth read the proclamation.

Now, upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a resolution proclaiming the week of May 19-25 2019 as EMS Appreciation Week in Tazewell County, Virginia. A copy of the proclamation in a form as hereby adopted is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Brooks began his monthly update and anticipating what the budget was going to be this fiscal year along with looking at fire trucks in preparation. Then Mr. Brooks mentioned bids regarding air packs for the fire departments. The Interim County Attorney explained the bidding process for the air packs and that the bids should be in around the 1st of July which will allow them to make their decision.

The Board reviewed the EMS Monthly Deposit Record and EMS Billing Receivables Detailed Report that was provided to them. Supervisor Lester noted that there was a significant improvement on bad debt.

IDA LIAISON – SUPERVISOR MARGARET A. ASBURY

Supervisor Asbury reported that the IDA would be meeting the next day, May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Supervisor Hymes brought to the attention of the Board that IDA member Monte Rife discussed with him resigning from the IDA due to health reasons. Mr. Young expressed that Mr. Rife needed to provide to the IDA a formal statement regarding his resignation.

A.J. ROBINSON – MARKETING SPECIALIST

Marketing Specialist, A.J. Robinson wished the Board a happy National Travel and Tourism Week. Mrs. Robinson then addressed projects going on in each of the Board's districts. Some of those projects included Love Works, grants received (one of them being the Real McCoy Cabins), the Virginia Love Work website, jeep trail construction, the POW park, 50 Years of Love, rack card swap event, app and website updates, and the Back of the Dragon. The Marketing Specialist also announced that the Chamber would be operating the Train Station as a visitor's center and that they would have an opening ceremony on May 15th at 1:00 p.m.

PAM WARDEN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mrs. Warden informed the Board that the IDA did not take any action at their April meeting but that there was a lot on the agenda for their meeting scheduled for the next day. She then reported The Lost Pearl, American Dirt, and MSS Web's Spa and Boutique were awarded by VCEDA. She stated they would each receive \$10,000.00 starting money. Mrs. Warden went on to announce that on October 3rd they will be starting the Tazewell County Business Challenge and that advertising would be starting soon. She said this would include the IDA and all of the towns and that there would be five sessions throughout the County with one session in each town. Mrs. Warden then discussed working on an Inventory Buildings Plan that would take some time but was desperately needed. Mr. Young explained that the plan would come in handy if a business called and wanted to know what buildings we had available and the details such as square footage.

RDA LIAISON – SUPERVISOR MARGARET A. ASBURY

Supervisor Asbury reported that the RDA is making leeway in Richlands along the Clinch River with ATV and hiking trails. The County Administrator mentioned the ATV trails and that the RDA was working on getting easements through SRRA.

CPPD LIASIONS – SUPERVISOR STACY AND SUPERVISOR HYMES

Supervisor Stacy mentioned a notification he had received from Cumberland Plateau earlier that day inviting the Town and County officials to an event at Southwest Virginia Community College on May 22nd. He reported that the event involved a rollout program for

disbursing some of the settlement funds out of the Sunset Digital transaction and that the criteria of the application process would also be rolled out.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH AND SUPERVISOR STACY

Supervisor Stacy announced that the following week they would be meeting with the School Board's budget committee representatives to work on bringing the county and school budgets together.

TRAILBLAZERS COMMITTEE AND FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Young explained that the RDA's Trailblazers Committee was a booster organization for the ATV trails. He asked Mrs. Robinson to explain the funding request made by the committee. Mrs. Robinson stated that the request was for \$2,500.00 and that the funds would go towards finding a part-time Executive Director as well as helping to promote the trail and to appoint one person to their board to represent the County. She stated that the RDA's appointee recommendation to the Trailblazer Committee was Cody Cordle. Supervisor Hackworth questioned where the \$2,500.00 would come from and Mr. Young responded that it would come from the Contingency Fund.

APPOINTMENT TO THE TRAILBLAZERS COMMITTEE

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 appoints Cody Cordle, 2808 Witten's Mill Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630 to serve as a member of the Trailblazers Committee.

\$2,500.00 AUTHORIZED FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE RDA

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, 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 \$2,500.00 from the Contingency Account No. 91050-7023, payable to the RDA. These monies will go towards having a part-time executive director and having one person appointed to their board to represent Tazewell County as well as helping promote the trail. 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.

ELIZABETH BENNETT

CLEANUP DAY - TAZEVELL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Elizabeth Bennett the Conservation Education Specialist from the Tazewell Soil and Water Conservation District provided the Board with a map entitled, *Tazewell County Clean Up Locations*. She discussed cleanup sites that have already been completed and sites that are scheduled for cleanup. Mrs. Bennett announced that the hazardous household waste collection would be held on May 18th at the Tazewell County fairgrounds and provided examples of

hazardous household waste which includes microwaves, televisions, printers, insecticides, medications, unknown substances, etc.

Mrs. Bennett then brought up an idea regarding proper tire disposal. She stated she called Patriot Recycling in Bristol, Tennessee which was a recommendation from Ben Gibson of Santek. Patriot Recycling quoted her \$1,560.00 for a 28 ft. enclosed semitrailer that would hold 700 tires or a 53ft enclosed semitrailer \$2,160.00 for a trailer that would hold 1,200 tires. The company said they could set the trailer up on Friday, May 17th and pick it up on Monday, May 20th. Supervisor Hackworth stated that improper tire disposal was an epidemic in our county and that he would be agreeable to them using \$2,160.00 to get the trailer that holds 1,200 tires. Supervisor Asbury also recalled the number of complaints she has received about tire disposal and was also agreeable to them getting the 53ft trailer. The County Administrator's only concern was what would happen if people showed up with more tires than there was room for. Mrs. Bennett suggested setting a limit on the number of tires that can be brought at a time or preregistering tires for their collection. Mr. Young and Mrs. Bennett agreed to discuss this further before cleanup day to determine the best solution.

CHASE STEWART – COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Chase Stewart introduced himself as the Executive Director of Communities in Schools of SWVA. He calculated that he spends 95% of his time trying to find funds that they need to operate. Mr. Stewart explained that the program provides fulltime school base site-coordinators inside a school building and that they do anything and everything to make sure their students are successful. Currently in Tazewell County there are school base site coordinators in Richlands elementary, middle, and high schools. He discussed wishes to expand to Tazewell Middle School next and that they have started the process already through a grant they received that provides 40%. They are working to secure the additional 60% so that they will be able to do so. Mr. Stewart then discussed the many ways this program assists students in being their best self. Chairman Hackworth mentioned that he was on the Communities in Schools of SWVA Board and how many success stories he has witnessed or heard about regarding this program. The Executive Director expressed that Tazewell Middle School was not their only goal that they hope to be in all of Tazewell County's schools. Mr. Stewart then requested \$20,000.00 from the Board of Supervisors that would go towards supporting Richlands schools and expansion into Tazewell schools. Supervisor Stacy questioned what the cost per school was and Mr. Stewart responded that the overall salary of the position is \$42,500.00 which includes school budget, incentives, travel, and training.

Supervisor Hackworth addressed Mr. Stewart and told him that the Board is going through its budgeting process for FY20 and that they would keep his funding request into consideration.

JEREMY WEISSMAN - EPC

Chairman Hackworth welcomed Mr. Jeremy Weissman from EPC America, a subsidiary of E.P.C. LTD of Bet Itzhak, Israel and Aaron Roberts, 261 Cove Road, Tazewell. Supervisor Hackworth stated that the Board had met Mr. Weissman on an Economic Development trip in

2015. Supervisor Hackworth mentioned that EPC was working on some other projects and that he saw the benefits firsthand while they were in Israel and that the Board wanted to see EPC get a manufacturing facility in Tazewell County.

Mr. Weissman and Aaron Roberts provided the Board with an update regarding the packaged wastewater treatment plant located at Cavitt's Creek Park and expressed excitement in renewing their commitment with Tazewell County. Mr. Weissman thanked the County for their support and expressed how beneficial the project can continue to be in Tazewell County and how it could become beneficial to other counties and states. Mr. Roberts stated that he was fortunate enough to visit Israel last November and work with Mr. Weissman to try and help him enter the U.S. market. Mr. Roberts stated that they were very excited to move forward with this and to work with Mr. Weissman.

County Administrator, Eric Young, said that he was excited about the project and thanked Mr. Weissman for attending the PSA, BOS, and IDA meetings.

**JOHN BLANKENSHIP – VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
W.E. OSBORNE ANNUAL AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUS TOUR**

John Blankenship, the Agriculture Natural Resources Extension Agent requested the Board of Supervisors support the Annual Agriculture and Natural Resources – Educational Bus Tour, that is being held July 25th – 28th. The group will be going to northern Virginia and visiting wheat, corn, and soybean farmers. They will also be touring apple orchards, livestock operations, oyster farms, and watermen communities.

The Board of Supervisors verbally committed \$500.00 from each district fund for a total of \$2,500.00 to be paid from the FY20 budget in July. The Board requested that Ms. Parsons place this on June's agenda as a reminder.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**ERICA HALL – LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Erica Hall reported that April 18, 2019 she was officially named the Library Director. She thanked the Board and Mr. Young for their help and support. The Library Director also expressed gratitude for the Supervisors appointing wonderful members to the Library of Trustees Board.

Mrs. Hall announced that they have had restructuring within the library and introduced Tammy Powers as the Outreach Services Librarian. She discussed that the Stem Camp and Girls Who Code Programs were great ideas that had come from Ms. Powers.

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING 7:34 P.M. – 7:43 P.M
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF SECONDARY
HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR PLAN 2019/20 THROUGH 2025/26 AND CONSTRUCTION
PRIORITY LIST 2019/20**

The Chairman called to order a joint public hearing that was duly advertised according to law entitled – “VDOT Public Hearing Notice”. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2019/20 through 2025/26 in Tazewell County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

The Chairman then called for public comments from the floor with regard to the public hearing. The following people spoke in reference to the public hearing:

Mr. Jeff Buchanan of VDOT gave a brief summary of the list of roads being considered for the Secondary Six Year Road Plan, and which list is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Now, the Chairman called for further comments from the floor three (3) 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 approves the Secondary Highway Six-Year Plan (2019-20 through 2025-26 and Construction Priority List for 2019-20). A copy of the plan is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

TAZEVELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FY19-20 LOCAL FUNDING APPROVED AT FY19 LEVEL

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$12,188,586.00 as the local funding amount at the FY19 level for the Tazewell County School Board for FY19-20; and further upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the motion to also allow the Tazewell County School Board to keep left over funding from the current year’s budget to the FY19-20 budget.

The County Administrator noted this was \$2,000,000.00 more than the State match requires and that the County will make additional appropriations if possible.

The Interim County Attorney mentioned that November 2022 is when the Meals Tax Plan could be revisited.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CLINCH RIVER IN TAZEVELL COUNTY BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VA’S DESIGNATION OF THE CLINCH STATE SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM

Mr. Chase Collins recollected that in 2017 the Board passed a resolution to request the General Assembly to take in 30.3 miles of the Clinch River inside the Tazewell County border as

a state scenic river. He noted this was contingent upon Mr. Young making a request to the Attorney General to determine whether or not it regulated the use of the land adjoining the river. He stated that confirmation was received from the Attorney General's office in December 2017 that it did not. Due to the timing of the correspondence being so late in December it had been overlooked and not relayed to the General Assembly in the 2018-2019 sessions. Mr. Collins knowing the importance of this resolution, which would be helpful in enhancing tourism along the Clinch River in the Western and Northwestern districts, contacted Delegate Morefield's office and requested that another resolution be done for this year. He stated that he would be working on the statutory language to submit to Delegate Morefield for introduction into the General Assembly for the 2020 session.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 adopt the Resolution Requesting that the Clinch River in Tazewell County be Included in the Commonwealth of Virginia's Designation of the "Clinch State Scenic River System", and in making this motion direct the Interim County Attorney to draft appropriate legislative language for presentation to the Virginia General Assembly for its 2020 session.

MAY PROCLAIMED BUILDING SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

The County Administrator explained that the county's Building and Safety Department was working in conjunction with Lowe's to hold an event for contractors in Claypool Hill on May 17th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. At the event they would be distributing information as well as fliers to contractors and the public. He also stated that Lowe's donated some home smoke detectors that they would be giving away.

Mr. Young then recalled that the Board voted sometime ago in the Consent Calendar to appropriate funds to purchase radon tests to be distributed and that Virginia Tech conducted a study as to why Tazewell County's cancer rate seemed to be higher than most places. Their studies showed that it was due to smoking and radon. Supervisor Hymes then told a story about a child who was diagnosed with lung cancer and it was founded that the family had high levels of radon in their newly built home. Chairman Hackworth stated that the county didn't have a lot of participation in the last cancer study and that this issue needed to be revisited and better advertised. Mr. Young mentioned that it would be a good idea to talk to the health insurance company and see if they had any educational programs that they could offer and get their participation. Chairman Hackworth discussed a solution, in which he was in favor of, that required homes being built with a basement to install about a four inch PVC pipe that goes into the gravel. Then if the home ever tests positive for radon they hookup the pipe and a fan sucks the air out of the slab. The County Administrator and Board thought this was a great idea and requested this to be placed on the next month's agenda.

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 adopts a resolution proclaiming the month of May 2019 as Building Safety Month in Tazewell County, Virginia. A copy of the proclamation in a

form as hereby adopted is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED RESOLUTION**ACCEPTING ELM AVENUE AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Interim County Attorney gave a brief history regarding Elm Avenue. He stated that in 1967 a lady named Eulah E. Dickenson owned the property behind the Raven school, and she came into possession of the property because it was a part of a 160 acre plat that was subdivided by the Tazewell County Circuit Court Clerk's office, and that it was part of a partition suit. Mrs. Dickenson then subdivided that lot and sold portions. Birch Street and Elm Avenue were noted in the plat. Mr. Collins explained that based on procedure at that time in order to have a public right-of-way set one had to have a subdivision plat come before the BOS or Planning Commission and that he was unable to find any evidence that ever happened. He said in the manner Mrs. Dickenson established the plat it was intended to be some sort of right-of-way. Mr. Collins advised that the Board could accept it because it had never been withdrawn but made clear that Elm Avenue could not be accepted as an Orphan Road. He pointed out that excepting Elm Avenue as a public right-of-way would allow buses to turn in that area and move without having to obstruct citizen's driveways.

Chairman Hackworth directed Kenneth Dunford to put stone down to make Elm Avenue look like a public right-of-way.

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 adopt the Resolution Accepting Elm Avenue as a Public Right-of-Way and upon further motion accept Elm Avenue as a public right-of-way, as shown on "Exhibit A" attached to the Resolution. A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

TABLED FAIRGROUND RODEO FUNDING REQUEST

Supervisor Stacy mentioned he spoke with Viola Asbury that week and tabled the rodeo funding request until the June meeting.

AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATIONS TO GET LEACHATE TANK DRAINED AND CLEANED

The County Administrator gave a presentation regarding leachate which is the fluid that drains from trash to the bottom of the landfill onto the liner beneath, into pipes, and into a large open tank. He explained that leachate must be treated at a waste water plant and that it was previously trucked but now flows through a sewer line. There was a lengthy discussion amongst the Board about their options. The Board mentioned that it would be a good idea to work together with Santek on this issue.

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 the County Administrator to negotiate as needed to get the tank drained and cleaned as well as getting the trees cut.

Supervisor Lester questioned if this was something the County would have to budget for or if this would tie into the County's line of credit. Mr. Young stated that it was in the proposed budget for FY20.

RECESS 8:37 P.M. – 8:51 P.M.

The Chair called for a brief recess and the meeting was reconvened shortly after.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED – PERMANENT PUMP AND HAUL FACILITIES
PERMITTED UNDER GENERAL PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEWAGE
HANDLING AND DISPOSAL REGULATIONS**

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 authorize the County Administrator to execute the *Resolution* presented to the Board by the Interim County Attorney regarding pump and haul facilities at Laurel Meadows Park in the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia, on behalf of the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia. A copy of the resolution as approved is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

**AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PPEA FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE
HVAC, ELECTRICAL, AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN THE COURTHOUSE AND
APPOINTED AN ADVERTISEMENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The County Administrator recalled Southland Energy speaking at a recent BOS meeting in which they asked if the County was interested in having them design a more energy efficient courthouse. He explained that Southland Energy then came and very thoroughly looked through the courthouse to find areas that could be changed to be more energy efficient. Mr. Young stated he recently received their unsolicited proposal from this review and that he recommended going ahead and advertising for other proposals. He said that he would use portions of Southland Energy's proposal and make it public so that other companies can advertise or not whether they can meet or beat that offer. Mr. Young noted that Mr. Spencer from Southland Energy stated that the offer included all the bells and whistles but that they could choose to do as little or as much as they would like from the proposal. Southland Energy believes if the County takes their recommendations that in 20 years the energy savings would be equal to one-third of the cost of the project.

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 advertisement of the PPEA for replacement of the HVAC, electrical, and lighting systems at the courthouse and upon further

motion appoint Chairman Hackworth and Supervisor Hymes to a committee to evaluate the advertisement before making it public.

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR TAZEVELL COUNTY EMPLOYEES APPROVED

The County Administrator stated that there was an increase in health insurance costs this year. He said that Anthem thus far had proven very good at projecting what our costs would be and that currently the costs are about 99% of what they were projected as at this point. Mr. Young noted that the projection could be thrown off at any time due to someone having major medical event.

Mr. Young explained that if they use the current projections and offer the same plans, assuming that they keep the same people, and assuming that they will all choose the same coverage then they would need to increase what they are paying by 6.8% to cover what they anticipate costs to be. He stated the reason for this was increases in rates charged by the healthcare provider. Mr. Young explained that the healthcare provider recommends a 2% margin so that if a major event were to happen that the county would not go over.

Supervisor Hymes recommended reexamining everyone's eligibility every couple of years. He mentioned various scenarios in which this would be helpful in determining who was eligible. One example he used was someone who may forget to take their ex-spouse off of their insurance and discover that their ex-spouse was still being carried on their plan due to not notifying the benefits coordinator about their divorce.

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 *Proposed FY 2020 Tazewell County Hospitalization Rates* (effective July 1, 2019). A copy of the proposed rates is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS VETERANS EVENT

\$150.00 EASTERN

\$50.00 WESTERN

\$50.00 NORTHWESTERN

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 authorizes \$150.00 from the Eastern District Fund, \$50.00 from the Western District Fund, and \$50.00 from the Northwestern Fund, for a total of \$250.00 payable to Virginia Career Works, 1928 Front Street, Richlands 24641, attn: Tiffanie Goff. These funds will go towards an event to be held on May 25, 2019 at the Appalachian One-Stop in Richlands, VA. The event is to celebrate the hard work and sacrifice of our Veterans and their families. 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.

NOTE: The Northern District Fund is in a deficit and will transfer \$50.00 to the Eastern District Fund from the reimbursement to be received from the PSA settlement – Pocahontas Water Project.

The Southern District Fund is in a deficit and will transfer \$50.00 to the Eastern District Fund from FY20 Southern District Funds after July 1, 2019.

SUPERVISOR ASBURY

TOWN OF POCAHONTAS – HISTORIC POCAHONTAS CEMETERY MOWING

\$1,700.00 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 authorizes \$1,700.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia 24635, attn: Ben Gibson. 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.

NOTE: The Northern District Fund is in a deficit and will utilize the money that will be received from Supervisor Asbury's reimbursement from the PSA settlement - Pocahontas Water Project.

TOWN OF POCAHONTAS – WALKING TRAIL MOWING

\$600.00 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

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 authorizes \$600.00 from the Contingency Account No. 91050-7023, payable to the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia 24635, attn: Ben Gibson. 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, upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, this meeting is hereby adjourned.

Travis Hackworth, Chair

by: WP

Adjourn time: 9:17 p.m.