

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD DECEMBER 3, 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 the meeting at 9:29 p.m.*)
TOM A. LESTER, JR., MEMBER
WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER; WVVA, VIDEOGRAPHER

ABSENT: NONE

Chairman, Travis Hackworth called the regular meeting to order and presided, with all members in attendance and a large turnout from the citizens.

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

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the December 3, 2019 agenda as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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 approves the November 7, 2019 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

2ND AMENDMENT STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

Chairman Hackworth gave a statement of support in regards to the Second Amendment Resolutions and assured the crowd that the Board's intent was to indeed accept them that evening. He mentioned that the Resolutions were put together and reviewed by at least three

attorneys and wanted to make clear that the Board's intent was never to water down or weaken the language, as it had been miscommunicated, but to make it different from other counties and something that would stand in court. He mentioned that Buchanan, Russell, and Washington counties had also voted to approve their own Resolutions regarding the 2nd Amendment.

Supervisor Stacy explained that the two Resolutions are a testament to the General Assembly to how the County feels and were designed as a strategy to try and win in the court of law if it ever came to that. He said that the Resolution they were passing was tracking the language of the United States and Virginia Constitutions to outline the rights that each of us receive under those Constitutions. Supervisor Stacy stated that 2nd Amendment rights were fundamental to the safety and security of Tazewell County and that putting the Resolution in those terms gave the County the strongest Constitutional arguments to be made in the event that these have to be defeated in the Virginia or United States Supreme Courts. He explained that the second resolution the Board would be passing was designed to allow them to hire lawyers to defend each and every one of us in the Supreme Courts so that these proposed legislations never last longer than the court can remove them. Supervisor Stacy pointed out that this did not in any way shape or form negate or nullify any law currently on the books in the Commonwealth of Virginia or United States.

Supervisors Lester, Hymes, and Asbury also gave their statements of support.

The County Attorney read aloud to the audience, "A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE ORDER OF MILITIA WITHIN TAZEWEEL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA".

The County Administrator said, "The fundamental question was, do you want to say something or do you want to do something?" He stated the Resolutions gave the Board the right to sue in court and try and get the judge to join in enforcement of these laws and further stated that if the County can do that and get it in the court system then it was playing on a much better field than we are in legislation, he felt like there was a chance that the Supreme Court of Virginia would uphold citizen's gun rights. He explained that was why they drafted the Resolutions in a way that would do something.

The County Attorney read aloud to the audience, "SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION".

Sheriff Brian Hieatt's stance was that as an elected constitutional officer he was sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America along with Federal and State laws and stated that the U.S. Constitution supersedes the state laws that they are proposing. He assured that the Sheriff's Office was not coming to take away anyone's guns and quoted, "Free men not need to ask permission to bear arms". Sheriff Hieatt encourages concealed weapon classes and has for many years.

The newly elected Commonwealth's Attorney, Chris Plaster, thanked the Board for integrity across party lines to do the right thing for citizens in Tazewell County. He also thanked

the Sheriff and Sheriff's Office for their respect, as well as thanking the citizens of Tazewell County for coming out to show their support and concern. He said that fortunately nothing our Governor has proposed has been adopted yet but the Governor contemplates among other things, disarming law abiding citizens of Tazewell County, and stated that we could not stand for that. He mentioned that it was not the Governor's job to decide how Tazewell County may or may not live their lives. He closed with a Patrick Henry quote, "I know of no way of judging the future but by the past," and stated that if history has taught us anything it is that the disarming of the citizenry is the first act of every tyrant. Mr. Plaster promised to honor these Resolutions by the Board.

Chairman Hackworth asked the crowd to show how many citizens were in support of the Resolutions by a show of hands, the majority of them were.

The Chairman then asked the crowd if any were opposed. Mary Lou Mannschreck, 108 King Street, Tazewell, VA 24651 was opposed. She stated that she wasn't against guns but designating Tazewell County as a gun sanctuary misses the mark. She suggested commonsense gun safety laws that would protect citizens from individuals who abuse those rights and cause others harm.

Bobby Parks, Cedar Bluff, VA wanted to show his support of the Resolutions stating the oath he took when he was in Vietnam to defend his country and constitution and he still takes the same oath to defend his country, state, and people.

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE ORDER OF MILITIA WITHIN TAZEWEILL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA

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 PROMOTING THE ORDER OF MILITIA WITHIN TAZEWEILL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA". A copy of the Resolution can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

ADOPTED SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION

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 the "SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION". A copy of the Resolution can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

The Board, elected officials, law enforcement, and many citizens exited the Administration Building to take a photograph outside with a banner that said, "We Support the Second Amendment".

The Board returned a short time later along with several of the remaining citizens who still wished to comment *in favor* of the Resolutions. Those individuals were:

1. John Frye, Pounding Mill, VA 24637
 2. Eric Whitesell, 5254 Thompson Valley Road, Tazewell, VA 24651
 3. Darell Rollen, 103 Vista Street, Bluefield, VA 24605
 4. Kyle Cruey, 115 McGuire Valley Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
 5. Eric Ploss, 862 Johnsons Branch Road, Bandy, VA 24602
 6. Mark S. Smith, 163 Surface Drive, Tazewell, VA 24651
 7. William Travis Bandy, 231 Gillespie Road, Pounding Mill, VA 24637
 8. Don Harris, Mayor of Bluefield, Virginia
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ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY JAMES H. “JIMMY” JONES

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 adopt, “A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY JAMES H. ‘JIMMY’ JONES”. A copy of the Resolution can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 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 November 2019

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144506 through 144528, and direct deposits totaling \$245,762.92 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending October 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144530 through 144550, and direct deposits totaling \$234,419.97 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending November 15, 2019, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488116 through 488227, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$328,922.26 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued October 25, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488229 through 488242, for \$145,569.19 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending October 31, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488244 through 488349, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$816,618.50 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued November 8, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488351 through 488476, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$25,145.19 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued November 14, 2019, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488478 through 488494, for \$131,172.46 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending November 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 October 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:

- \$10,800.00 to Acct. 31020-8105 (received from VACORP for 2014 Ford Police Explorer accident VIN#1FM5K8B82EGA44982)
- \$4,695.77 to Acct. 31020- 6009 received from VACORP for 2013 Ford Taurus accident VIN#1FAHP2L89DG225774)
- \$125.00 to Acct. 31020-6009 received from VACORP for 2014 Ford Police Explorer accident VIN#1FM5K8B82EGA44982

- Declared surplus on 2010 Ford Explorer VIN#1FMEU7DE8AUB07196 (vehicle in excess of 190,000 miles motor is blown)
- Declared surplus on 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAFP74V28X135665 (vehicle is in excess of 250,000 miles)
- Declared surplus on 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FABP7BV58X127746 (vehicle is in excess of 190,000 miles and front end damage from deer accident)

- Ratified \$300.00 (\$150.00 from the Northern District and \$150.00 from the Southern District), paid to Nikki Myers, 6501 Wilderness Road, Bland, VA 24315 for the purpose of purchasing murals for Abbs Valley Elementary School and the Tazewell County Career & Technical Center. Check No. 488433 dated 11/14/2019.

- Authorized change to “Tazewell County Starting Salary Scale As of July 1, 2019” as noted in included email/scale
- Authorized the amount of \$500.00 from the Western District Fund and \$500.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, for a total amount of \$1,000.00 payable to the Richlands Youth Baseball Club, P.O. Box 935, Pounding Mill, VA 24637; attn: Aaron Buchanan. These monies will go towards purchasing cleats and sweatshirts. 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, VA.
- Authorized the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Southern District Fund and \$500.00 from the Northern District Fund, for a total amount of \$1,500.00 payable to the Tazewell Baseball Boosters Inc., P.O. Box 881, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn: Larry Blankenship. 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, VA.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 5:52 P.M.

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

- A(5) Project Jonah
- A(7) Probable Litigation regarding Verizon
- A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Clinic Road
- A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Santek
- A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Courthouse HVAC

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 7:07 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: Three (3)

VERIZON CLAIM DISALLOWED

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 disallow the claim from Verizon in the amount of \$14,238.11 regarding Circuit 32.PLXX.100008 in its entirety and upon further motion, serve a written notice of the disallowance upon Verizon's legal representative within 30 days of today, by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHLAND ENERGY AND IDA APPROVED FOR COURTHOUSE HVAC

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 approve the *Agreement* between Southland Energy and the Tazewell County Industrial Development Authority for HVAC at the Tazewell County Courthouse, contingent upon the following:

- 1) Amending the Agreement to reference the Tazewell County IDA as Owner;
- 2) Amending Section 1.3 to remove arbitration to specify "litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction" instead of "arbitration";
- 3) Requiring that the schedule of work be completed by January 1, 2021, contingent on approval of the final project schedule by the Tazewell County Administrator;
- 4) Permitting Southland Energy to proceed with its scope of work upon review and approval of the Tazewell County Administrator;
- 5) Approval by Tazewell County IDA; and
- 6) Upon confirmation of quoted price of equipment from Trane.

A copy of this Agreement is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATION AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

Upon motion of Chairman 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 approve the *First Amendment to Sanitary Landfill Operation Agreement* between Tazewell County, Virginia and Santek Environmental of Virginia, LLC, as presented to the Board, subject to approval by the County Attorney. A copy of this Agreement and the original Agreement are on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING INTERIM STATUSES OF THE TOURISM AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, AND
COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Administrator announced that the following were no longer on interim status: A.J. Robinson (Tourism and Community Development Director), Kenneth Dunford (Director of Engineering), and Chase Collins (County Attorney).

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 Chase Collins as the Tazewell County Attorney.

KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

**CEDAR BLUFF TRANSFER STATION FEES CHANGED TO \$35.00 FOR A SINGLE AXEL
TRAILER AND \$50.00 FOR A DOUBLE AXEL TRAILER**

Upon motion of Chairman 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 change the Cedar Bluff Transfer Station fees from \$10.00 a trailer to \$35.00 for a single axel trailer and \$50.00 for a double axel trailer effective January 1, 2020.

IBM LETTER

Mr. Dunford summarized a letter he received from IBM stating that they would be discontinuing maintenance on the current equipment, meaning that the County will have to upgrade and invest in new accounting hardware and software equipment. Mr. Young stated that they are currently searching with other firms to interview and see what is available.

TRUCK SOLD TO SANTEK FOR LANDFILL USE ONLY

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 authorize the sale of the 2006 Ford pickup truck, VIN#1FTRF14W16KB90625, for the total amount of \$10.00 to Santek for use at the landfill only, pursuant to the County's existing contract with Santek for management of the landfill.

OTHER UPDATES

Mr. Dunford mentioned attempts to schedule a conference call regarding the Clearfork Flood Study to find out what is needed to finish it up. He hopes to have it completed by the end of the year. He also reported that: the Recycling Plan was submitted to DEQ for review; Clinic Road's final paving was scheduled for December 7, 2019; Revenue Sharing announcements would be made in January/February with funding released in July 2020; that he was working on setting up a meeting with VDOT in December to discuss Smart Scale applications; and that the Enterprise Zone maps were submitted to Pam Warden.

Mr. Dunford then followed up on Freestone Valley Road stating that he had sent all crash information to VDOT for their preliminary review. He requested the Board pass a Resolution for a Speed/Safety Study as part of the process.

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 have VDOT conduct a Speed/Safety Study along Virginia Secondary Route 601 (Freestone Valley Road).

Mr. Dunford mentioned working on letters to send to residences regarding Cordelia Street to let them know that not everybody had signed the petition. He brought up the 2020 Road Ranking list and that they had a plan to start sending letters out to people to let them know the statuses of their petitions and informing them about the steps of the process. Mr. Dunford also plans to have this information available on the website so people can easily track the progress of their road requests.

Supervisor Lester asked about the status of the Rogich Road easement. Mr. Dunford reported that they had not received the easement back from Mr. Rogich and had just been told by one of his neighbors that Mr. Rogich didn't have plans to sign it. The County Administrator mentioned that Mr. Rogich seemed excited and ready to sign it when he and Mr. Dunford met with him. Travis Bandy, 231 Gillespie Road, approached the Board and said that Mr. Rogich would prefer to give land for the road. He didn't want traffic by his house and had some other concerns. Mr. Bandy stated that Mr. Rogich had given them all keys to the gate so they would have access. There was much discussion with the Board. Mr. Bandy suggested a couple of options: finding access through an alternate route near Rainbow Upholstery or the Railroad putting in a 36 inch drain through the tunnel to stop water and ice from building up. Chairman Hackworth mentioned that the only option they have is to get the legislatures involved. Supervisor Lester will have a meeting setup with Morgan Griffith's office.

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION HONORING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

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 adopt “A RESOLUTION HONORING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS”. A copy of the Resolution can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

DONATED JEFFERSONVILLE AMBULANCE TO TOWN OF TAZEWell

The County Administrator explained that Jeffersonville used to be a volunteer organization and that together with the Town they had worked together to purchase an ambulance. He said after Jeffersonville dissolved the County inherited the ambulance and has had it for several years. The Town requested that they wanted it back. Mr. Brooks had told Mr. Young that the ambulance had been stripped and operates as non medical transportation. The Town would like to fix the ambulance up and get it back into operation.

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 authorize the donation of the Jeffersonville ambulance to the Town of Tazewell.

DONATED FIRE TRUCK TO TOWN OF POCAHONTAS

Mayor Ben Gibson asked the Board to donate the 1984 fire truck to the Town of Pocahontas. The fire truck had originally been bought for the town, brand new. They would like to keep it for historical purposes and use it for Town events instead of scrapping it to the landfill.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the donation of the 1984 fire truck to the Town of Pocahontas.

JERRY MCREYNOLDS – AIRPORT MANAGER

The Airport Manager stated that the airport was doing well. He reported on: box hangars, an easement acquisition, that the fuel tank maintenance project was completed on October 9th, equipment storage garage, Buchanan County’s Airport Authority resignation, and the Grundy Airport closed on October 31st.

Mr. McReynolds announced that the airport had a record sale of jet fuel for the month of October, selling a total of \$19,000.00 with \$17,000.00 of that sum being jet fuel. He calculated on average that the airport only sells approximately \$4,000.00 a month in jet fuel; he contributed the spike in sales to more helicopters stopping by.

PAM WARDEN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mrs. Warden announced that the Business Challenge winner announcement had to be postponed on short notice due to the crowd earlier that evening with plans to announce the winner at the next IDA meeting. She reported four VCEDA applications were approved; Coal Town Taps, TP Auto's Repair, PK Fitness, and Red Roof Home. She further reported that the IDA approved a resolution for the Back of the Dragon Welcome Center to apply for an ABC license and that the Enterprise Zone amendment was sent to DHCD.

A.J. ROBINSON – TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Robinson reported attending a VA Tourism conference in Arlington. At the conference she discovered that VA Tourism will be placing their focus on outdoor tourism. At the conference they discussed components such as ATV's, hiking, camping, water sports, biking, food & beverage, hunting, and fishing. She pointed out that Tazewell County's outdoor recreation is low on hiking and food & beverage, which she suggested looking into more in 2020. Mrs. Robinson stated that the County was great on inventorying their assets but struggle moving forward and finding ways to get from an idea to a product. She wants to focus on a product in 2020 and fears if they do not that the County will fall behind from what VA Tourism is accomplishing. She mentioned that VA Tourism will also start having outdoor state conferences to promote outdoor recreation. Mrs. Robinson said she would be attending three major trade shows in January – March to market people to come into the County. She pointed out that the County needed to work on its assets for when people are drawn into the County. She strongly suggested that they County work on a lodging facility that would draw people in, similar to the Western Front and would allow conferences to be held locally.

Mrs. Robinson discussed updates to the Tazewell County maps that they've been working on.

RDA LIASION – SUPERVISOR MARGARET A. ASBURY

Supervisor Asbury reported a successful Rally in the Valley turnout. Mrs. Robinson stated that the event raised and donated \$1,400.00 to the Emma Yates Library.

She said they are still working on expanding trails.

CPPD LIASIONS – SUPERVISOR STACY AND SUPERVISOR HYMES

Supervisor Stacy reported that CPPD tabled their votes until the next round of Cprop applications.

PSA LIASION – MIKE HYMES

Supervisor Hymes reported that PSA discussed Project Jonah at their last meeting. They'd also discussed the little to no turnout in Baptist Valley, which made PSA wonder if they needed to forget about the project.

UNSHEDULED CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Patricia Martin, Tazewell, VA addressed issues regarding feral cats in the Town of Bluefield stating there was nowhere to take them. Mrs. Martin said that the Animal Shelter does not accept feral cats nor able to adopt them out. She mentioned that a lot of farmers appreciate cats and suggested coordinating with them to help resolve some of the issue and to compensate the farmers with food for the cats.
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ANIMAL FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATE ASSIGNMENT - DOG AND CAT STERILIZATION FUNDS

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 assign the Dog and Cat Sterilization Funds to Crab Orchard Veterinary Services and upon further motion authorize a transfer in the amount of \$585.00 from the Contingent Grant Expenditure Account 91050-7041 to the Animal Shelter Account 35070-3110.

APPOINTMENTS

ASAP'S POLICY BOARD

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 appoints Chris Plaster, 106 Suffolk Avenue, Richlands, Virginia 2464, to the ASAP'S Policy Board, effective January 1, 2020 with a term expiring December 31, 2020. This appointment replaces the expired term of Michael Dennis.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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 reappoints Bruce Remines, 327 Gulfport Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605, to the Airport Authority, with a term continuing on January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022.

COAL AND GAS ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 reappoints Curt Breeding, P.O. Box 494, Richlands, VA 24641 and Bruce Remines, 327 Gulfport Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Coal and Gas Road Improvement Advisory Committee, with terms continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman 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 appoints Jelicia Reed, 164 Blacksburg Street, North Tazewell, VA 24630, to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board, with a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2021. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Melissa Quillen.

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Upon motion of Chairman 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 reappoints Supervisor Charles Stacy, 518 Sable Lane, Bluefield, VA 24605, to serve as the TCBOS Representative on the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

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 reappoints J.R. Absher, P.O. Box 190, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609, to serve as a citizen member on the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA EMERGENCY COUNCIL, INC.

Supervisor Asbury tabled her appointment for the Southwest Virginia Emergency Council, Inc.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Chairman Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Rhudy Keith, Jr., 716 Cresswood Drive, Richlands, VA 24641, to the Emergency Services Committee with a term continuing on January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

HEART OF APPALACHIA BOARD

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Brent Harrison, 432 Big Sky Trail, Blacksburg, VA 24060, to serve as a member on the Heart of Appalachia Board with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021.

NEW RIVER HIGHLANDS – RC&D COUNCIL

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Chairman Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Jack Asbury, P.O. Box 139, Bluefield, VA 24605, to the New River Highlands RC&D Council with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Upon motion of Chairman Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Supervisor Maggie Asbury, P.O. Box 244, Boissevain, VA 24606 to the Planning Commission with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

PSA 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 reappoints Joe Nicholson, 7254 Burkes Garden Road, Tazewell, VA 24651 and J.R. Absher, P.O. Box 190, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 to the PSA Board with a term continuing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

RDA

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 reappoints Supervisor Maggie Asbury, P.O. Box

244, Boissevain, VA 24606 to the RDA with a term continuing on January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

ROAD VIEWERS

Supervisor Asbury tabled her appointment to find a replacement for Ray Howell who resigned.

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

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 appoints Kim Allen 118 Pleasant View Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Social Services Board with a term effective January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023. This appointment fills the expired term of Karen Rich.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

Scott Rasnick, 1498 Mundy Town Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630 was appointed by electronic poll prior to the BOS meeting to the Transportation Safety Commission with a term commencing immediately and expiring on June 30, 2021. This appointment replaced the unexpired term of Ray Howell.

IDA BOARD

The Supervisors tabled the appointments for the IDA Board

ELDERLY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The County Attorney updated the Board on his findings regarding the Elderly Tax Deferral Program. He mentioned that the Supervisors would need to request a Public Hearing at the January meeting if the Board wanted to amend the numbers. The Board plans to revisit this discussion in January/February after they've had a chance to speak to the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer.

ACCEPTED BLUESTONE ROADS AS PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The County Administrator recalled the Board's recent decision to reopen the Bluestone Park to the public. He discussed the decision with the IDA since it is their property and they had concerns regarding vandalism to the building and liability issues. Mr. Young suggested to them to dedicate the streets there as public to resolve all liability concerns. They've also put in internet connections to install several cameras on the property. He requested that the Board accept Bluestone roads as public rights of ways.

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 accept Bluestone roads as public rights of way.

The County Attorney mentioned that he would have this recorded with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

BURKES GARDEN ARTISAN GUILD REQUEST

The Board decided to review the Burkes Garden Artisan Guild request during their budget planning. The Chairman asked Mrs. Robinson to verify 501(c)(3) status and to obtain a copy.

BACK OF THE DRAGON WELCOME CENTER BREWERY SUPPORT LETTER

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 1, with Chairman Hackworth objecting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve to write a letter of support to Back of the Dragon to support putting in a brewery in the BOTD Welcome Center.

VIRGINIA COAL AND ENERGY ALLIANCE, INC. – MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$500.00 FROM CONTINGENCY FUND

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 \$500.00 from the Contingency Fund Account No. 91050-7023, payable to the Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 339, Lebanon, Virginia 24366. 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.

BOARD CONCERNS

SUPERVISOR STACY

Supervisor Stacy asked about the status of live streaming the BOS meetings. The County Administrator stated that they were working on it.

SUPERVISOR HYMES

Supervisor Hymes suggested getting rid of the County decal. The Board decided they wanted to discuss this further in January or February.

Supervisor Hymes left the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

SUPERVISOR ASBURY

ABB'S VALLEY-BOISSEVAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS SANTA SHOP

\$850.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Chairman Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$850.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to Abb's Valley – Boissevain Elementary School; attn: Principal Wendy Barringer. 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. Check was written 12/4/2019.

FALLS MILLS FISHING CLUB – STOCKING DAM

\$1,000.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Chairman Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to Falls Mills Fishing Club; attn: Tom Scott. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

SUPERVISOR LESTER

TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF – TOWN HALL POLICE DEPARTMENT

\$1,200.00 WESTERN DISTRICT

\$1,200.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

\$400.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT

\$400.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT

\$400.00 EASTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,200.00 from the Western District, \$1,200.00 from the Northwestern District, \$400.00 from the Southern District, \$400.00 from the Northern

District, and \$400.00 from the Eastern District, for a total amount of \$3,600.00, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff, P.O. Box 807, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609; attn: John Absher. These monies will assist in relocating the Police Department closer to the school system. 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.

RAVEN THEATRE

\$1,200.00 WESTERN DISTRICT

\$1,300.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Chairman Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,200.00 from the Western District, \$1,300.00 from the Northwestern District, for a total amount of \$2,500.00, payable to the Raven Theatre, 240 Raven Road, Raven, Virginia 24639. 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. Check was written 12/4/2019.

CHAIRMAN HACKWORTH

JJ'S TRASH SERVICE

The Chairman wanted to make people aware that there was a new residential service named JJ's Trash Service that has been serving Claypool Hill residents as well as other sections of the northwestern and western districts for a \$28.00 monthly fee.

RECESS TO DECEMBER 18, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.

Upon motion of Chairman Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby recesses this meeting to December 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss future planning of Tazewell County.

Travis Hackworth, Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 9:34 p.m.