

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWell  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 3, 2020  
AT THREE THIRTY P.M. IN THE TAZEWell COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWell  
VIRGINIA 24651

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

**ABSENT:** NONE

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Chairman, Charles Stacy 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.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and those attending by conference phone for a debriefing regarding the recent Richmond legislative visit.

#### **AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

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 March 3, 2020 agenda as amended.

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

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 February 4, 2020 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

**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**  
**February 2020**

**Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144652 through 1446678, and direct deposits totaling \$241,306.03 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending January 31, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144680 through 144703, and direct deposits totaling \$235,206.79 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 15, 2020, be approved.

**Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 488970 through 489072, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$360,113.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 27, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 489074 through 489086, for \$149,727.83 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending January 31, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 489088 through 489209, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$359,702.29 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay and Law Library Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 11, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 489211 through 489224, for \$129,512.17 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 15, 2020, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802083 through 802084 for \$4,584.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of January 2020, be approved.

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

- \$819.03 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for Ray Smith accident)
- \$17,303.95 to Acct. 31020-5510 (reimbursements for extraditions that the Sheriff's Office has gone on)

- \$1,409.71 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- \$200.00 to Acct. 31020-5520 (received from Southern Software, Inc.)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 31020-5520 (received from Carilion Clinic)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 31020-5520 (received from Jenmar)
- \$100.00 to Acct. 31020-5520 (received from Teresa Stiltner)

E911 Account – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the E911 Account as follows:

- \$35.00 to Acct. 35600-6001 (received from Progressive)
- Authorized the amount of \$100.00 from the Southern District Funds to the Treasurer of Tazewell County to pay Nuckolls Hall rental fees for the March 7, 2020 Project Graduation fund-raising event.
- Approved “STOP” Grant MoU. A copy of the MoU is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.
- Authorized the abatement for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$10,272.00 for the year 2019 to Banc of America Leasing & Capital LLC, PO Box 105578, Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5578.

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## **RICHMOND DEBRIEFING CONFERENCE CALL**

Chairman Stacy announced that Bluefield Town Council member, Chuck Presley and Jeff Dissibio, Director of the Chamber of Commerce was participating by conference call.

The Chairman started off the debriefing by asking the Tourism Director how the County should address its lack of lodging and what she learned from Richmond that could assist in these efforts. Mrs. Robinson reported that she spoke with Michelle regarding gap funding and that the information has been provided to them. She explained that if someone was potentially looking to invest in a hotel then they would be able to work with the County to do that and move forward with the application for gap funding. Mrs. Robinson stated that the amount of gap funding would depend on what the requirements were as to how much would be received. County Administrator, Mr. Young, commented that he was happy with the service they received on the legislative trip and that the program has some real potential for the County. Mrs. Robinson mentioned that Michelle was on board to come to the County and give a presentation on how Virginia Tourism may be able to help.

Mr. Young informed that Mrs. Warden was not yet at the meeting because she was visiting with another business with the Virginia Small Business Finance Authority and thinking about financing it and helping them out.

Chairman Stacy asked Mrs. Robinson to elaborate on another topic from Richmond, merging outdoor recreation with outdoor recreation manufacturing. Mrs. Robinson discussed that bringing in someone who manufactures kayaks into the area could potentially be a good fit because of the Clinch River in Tazewell County. Mrs. Robinson mentioned that Clinch Mountain Motor Works was a good example because they opened up a business based on the motorcycle community that was established because of Back of the Dragon.

The Chairman discussed his next topic of interest, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). While in Richmond he learned of quarterly reports stating he had not been familiar with them and found the reports to be very informative. The updates include information about inquiries going on within VEDP and what's going on in the County. He stated that they had sent the quarterly reports out to all of the town managers and requested that it be passed on to the town council members. The County Administrator was intrigued that the reports they gave appeared to be tying their goals to the percentage of the workforce we represented because they were trying to show the VCEDA region was 2% of the state's workforce and the reports were showing 2% of the projects that came in, in our region. He stated he didn't think they should make their efforts correspond to where the population is as much as to where the underemployment is; which is primarily the County's problem.

Chairman Stacy asked to find out what the requirements are for the lead generation team and collectively figure out where to apply and get representatives from the county and towns to see what the VEDP tours are about. Supervisor Lester suggested reaching out to Mr. Kilgore in Scott County to see if he thinks the tours are beneficial. The County Administrator stated that he personally didn't know how much the County would get out of it and he felt it would be better to put the money and effort into researching firms that you know are thinking about expanding that fit with your region and somebody that can get you the end. Mr. Young recalled that the County used its CProp grant funds to hire 310 Marketing, which has now been bought out by a New York firm. The firm gave the County a preliminary report and is waiting on the final one. He stated that they will identify the industries that they feel like the County can target and in the next phase will provide a list of site selector professionals that are employed by those industries to go out and find sites. The Chairman asked how long this will take to materialize; Mr. Young replied that it would probably be a couple of months.

The Chairman asked if we are participating in the Business Ready Sites program. Mr. Young responded that they have been here and visited various sites in the County including the

Bluestone and scored them. He pointed out that the score had to be revised because they had misinterpreted the amount of internet available at the Bluestone.

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### **AUTHORIZED SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY**

The County Administrator explained that the County is in the process of refinancing old debt, regarding the Regional Jail Authority, at a lower rate to try and save money.

Steve Clear, SRJA Director, mentioned an email received by DRA explaining that there was a drop in interest rate providing them the opportunity to save a little bit of money. Mr. Clear said since that email the interest rate has dropped down even lower. He referenced a packet that stated the rate was dropping to 2.3%. Mr. Clear explained that at today's market rate they are talking about saving almost 4.7 million dollars over the life of the loan. It would not extend the time to pay off the loan, only lower the interest rate. The savings would be passed on to each locality based on the number of inmates that they have. He said it was a 30 year loan with about 23 years remaining.

*(Approximately 30 minutes into the meeting)*

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 approve a RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TAZEWEEL, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPORT AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUANCE BY SUCH AUTHORITY OF ITS JAIL FACILITY REVENUE REFUNDING BOND OR BONDS. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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### **FLOOD UPDATE**

Pictures regarding the recent flood were displayed.

The County Administrator stated that this was an ongoing disaster and that the emergency status would be continuing until that night. He commented that there are a lot of people to thank who donated their time, efforts, and money to help the County. Mr. Young would like to acknowledge these people at the next Board meeting. He stated he was very impressed with everybody and other localities that came to our aid. Mr. Young narrated over the

pictures explaining that damage costs would develop more over time. The areas that were hit hardest by the flood were Richlands, Raven, and Doran.

Dave White pulled up a website that showed the areas affected by the flood as well as damage cost estimates of various structures. Mr. White explained that the information was uploaded and made available by incident management teams who visit the affected areas and loads them to a map with their equipment. He explained that the program pulls information from the County GIS system and shows information regarding value, owner, and address of the homes. From this information they determine whether the structure was minimally affected or totaled. Mr. White stated the team assessed 379 homes and businesses and were able to gather this information in around 4 hours because of this program. He said that he had three people deployed right now and hopes to have three more in the next budget which would give him six, providing him his own team in the County. Mr. White made clear that the Governor declaring a State of Emergency helped the County out but if it had just been a locally declared emergency the whole problem would have been left up to the County.

The Chairman commended Mr. White and stated that when it comes to our disaster preparedness and our responses he would put our County responses against anybody's. He stated that's what makes Tazewell County, is its people and their willingness to help.

#### **RATIFY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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 ratify the Declaration of Local Emergency on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **END EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

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 end the State of Local Emergency as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 12:00 AM.

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#### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:27 P.M.**

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

- A(3) Property acquisition Claypool Hill area
- A(3) Property disposition Moore Street

- A(3) Regarding Tazewell Visitor's Center lease
- A(6) Investment of public funds involving Tazewell County PSA
- A(5) Discussion of Project Jonah
- A(7) CIFA/Project Hemp
- A(19) Discussion of post disaster security exemption
- A(29) Discussion of contract negotiations about Solid Waste Agreement with Bluefield, West Virginia
- A(29) Negotiation of Richlands EMS Agreement
- A(5) Discussion of Project Jonah
- A(19) Discussion of post disaster security exemption
- A(29) Discussion of contract negotiations about Solid Waste Agreement with Bluefield, West Virginia

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:20 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: Two (2)

## **TOWN OF TAZEWELL LEASE RESCINDED REGARDING THE TAZEWELL VISITOR'S CENTER**

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 rescind the lease with the Town of Tazewell concerning the Tazewell Visitor's Center, contingent upon agreement with the Town of Tazewell.

## **APPROVED REGIONAL PROJECT GROW PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND A MORAL OBLIGATION RESOLUTION**

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 approve the Regional Project Grow Participation Agreement and a Moral Obligation Resolution pursuant thereto, to secure Project Grow's repayment of a VCEDA loan in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and a VTRRC grant in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Such moral obligation shall be in a form substantially similar to the attached Resolution, and subject to legal review. Said agreement and resolution are hereby incorporated into these minutes and copies thereof are on file in the County Administration Office.

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## **SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K-9 PRESENTATION**

K-9 handler, Quentin Harris, brought in their K-9 Chris for a drug detection demonstration. Mr. Shawver stated that the K-9 to date had accounted for approximately half a million dollars in illegal contraband and approximately \$30,000 in cash forfeited from drug deals. The K-9 is trained to detect methamphetamines, heroin, cocaine, and marijuana. During this demonstration Corporal Harris and Major Chuck McNerlin placed and exchanged cocaine under the wooden boxes with the K-9 alerting correctly each time.

### **ERICA HALL LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

*(Approximately 1 hour into the meeting)*

Mrs. Erica Hall, Library Director gave the Board a presentation. She mentioned numerous events and programs happening at the library. Some of the programs included: Santa & Christmas, Inspirational Book Club, Dr. Seuss Party, 4-H collaborations, Autism in Libraries, and Spanish Club. Mrs. Hall informed the Board that Richlands and Bluefield had recently gotten new public PCs with Tazewell being next on the list to receive them. All three library locations installed new copier printers. She mentioned that the Library had Staff Training Day on President's Day. Patti Cettin led the workshop with staff where they discussed what the library can do to meet community needs. Mrs. Hall announced that the library was now a voter



registration site. She then stated that the libraries are now using WhoFi to count Wi-Fi usage in the libraries and that since July their Wi-Fi use has frequently equaled or exceeded its public PC use which she found interesting.

Mrs. Hall briefed over the library's annual report from last year that was provided to the Board at the meeting. She mentioned how the 10% budget cut affected library stats last year resulting in having to adjust library operating hours. Mrs. Hall stated the library lost over 1,000 operating hours across the 3 locations. Even though the libraries hours were adjusted she has seen an increase in foot traffic by 5% as well as an increase in PC and Wi-Fi usage.

She announced that the Library of Virginia recently issued a new Standards of Excellence with the Tazewell County Public Library meeting the Exemplary Standard in every category which includes: Administration, Friends of the Library, Collections, Services, Information Services, and Programs.

Mrs. Hall encourages anyone needing technology assistance to visit the Library stating that they would be happy to help with any computer or mobile technology questions.

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#### **ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER SUSPENDED – AGENDA ORDER CHANGED**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby suspend Roberts Rules of Order for the purposes of changing the order of the March 3, 2020 agenda.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ACROSS A PORTION OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE 658, BEING ROSENBAUM ROAD**

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding a PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ACROSS A PORTION OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE 658, BEING ROSENBAUM ROAD.

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

1. Rebecca Miller, Rosenbaum Road, questioned the Board as to why ATV's need access to this portion of road. The County Administrator responded that a developer purchased 90 acres on Bethel Road and has plans to put and build rental cabins in for people who come to ride the ATV trail. This would make it more convenient for his guests to ride from the cabins they rented directly to the trail rather than having to load their ATV's on a trailer and unload them at the trail and then reload them when they wanted to return to the cabin. The County Attorney commented that only 0.4 of a mile section on Bethel Road to

Boissevain Road would be included. Ms. Miller asked if the portion of road on Rt. 644 near the sewer plant was included with the ATV trail. Mr. Young responded yes. Ms. Miller commented that she hoped that a particular section of Rosenbaum Road wouldn't be included in the ATV trail system. Supervisor Asbury responded that she has fought for that and it wouldn't be as long as she is in office. Asbury then expressed her gratitude stating that the developer is doing a service for the community and plans to invest a lot of money into this particular area.

2. Mark Walker, 1997 Rosenbaum Road, had concerns regarding ATV's coming over the hill onto his property because his property adjoins with this section. Supervisor Asbury commented that the riders would be breaking the law if they did. The Chairman stated that signage would be posted where ATV's are permitted. Mr. Walker made clear that he is for economic growth he just did not want riders tearing up the fields on his property. The County Administrator stated that the signage will be on the VDOT road until they get to Bethel Road and asked Mr. Walker if Bethel Road was on his property. Mr. Walker responded no. Mr. Young explained that would be where riders will get off to go onto the developer's property. Mr. Walker had safety concerns regarding the riders and insurance. Mr. Collins responded that the operation of these ATV's along Rosenbaum Roads would be subject to the rules and regulations to Spearhead Trails and Spearhead Trails does require insurance.

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

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATION VEHICLES ACROSS A PORTION OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE 658, BEING ROSENBAUM ROAD. A copy of the Ordinance can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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## **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TAZEVELL COUNTY OFFICE – 4H CAMP EXPENSES**

**\$400.00 WESTERN**

**\$400.00 NORTHWESTERN**

**\$400.00 SOUTHERN**

**\$400.00 NORTHERN**

**\$400.00 EASTERN**

Taylor Estep, 4H Agent and Rhonda Fuller, Program Assistant approached the Board to request a donation for 4H Camp expenses. Ms. Estep stated that transportation expenses were one of the largest costs they incur adding approximately \$12-\$15 extra per camper on their camping price. They have tried hard to keep their camp fees at \$200 or below per camper. They

asked that the Board help cover transportation costs stating that the total cost ranges anywhere from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 each year for their four school buses down and back. Supervisor Hymes asked how many campers they had last year. Ms. Estep responded 175 campers along with 23 teens and 9 adults.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Lester abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$400.00 from the Western District Fund, \$400.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, \$400.00 from the Southern District Fund, \$400.00 from the Northern District Fund, and \$400.00 from the Eastern District Fund for a total amount of \$2,000.00, payable to Virginia Cooperative Extension Tazewell County Office, P.O. Box 229, Tazewell, VA 24651; memo: 4-H camp expenses. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING TAZEVELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA RECYCLING ACTION PLAN**

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING TAZEVELL COUNTY VIRGINIA RECYCLING ACTION PLAN.

Mr. Dunford recalled presenting the Recycling Action Plan to the Board in October stating the County hadn't met its recycling goals. He explained because of this we are required to do extra reporting and education until the County meets the recycling goals. The State has required that the Board hold a public hearing since the County didn't meet its recycling goal last reporting cycle. The County Administrator commented that Mr. Dunford has performed a lot of work lately to try and capture a lot of information on recycling that is done in the County that it doesn't get credit for by colleges, schools, and jails. He believes there is enough recycling going on that the County can meet their requirement they just need to monitor it. Mr. Dunford stated he would have the report finalized by the next meeting because it is due on March 31, 2020 and hopes to bring the Board back good news that they have met their recycling goal this cycle.

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

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 adopts the TAZEVELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA RECYCLING ACTION PLAN. A copy of the said plan can be found on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL – PROJECT GRADUATION****\$1,000.00 NORTHERN****\$500.00 SOUTHERN***(Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes into the meeting)*

President Karen Ross and Secretary Becky Keene of THS Project Graduation approached the Board asking for a donation. Ms. Keene discussed some of the obstacles they have endured while planning Project Graduation this year. She stated that when they went to get the facilities use form there is now a clause in it that requires them to have a million dollar insurance policy that they have to have to do anything in the schools so they ended up having to cancel some of their fundraising events back in the fall and winter. This put them in a predicament because they were not able to find another venue available or affordable at the time to reschedule those events. She mentioned since they have held a couple of Wendy's fundraiser community nights and a few other various fundraising events with additional ones in the works. Ms. Ross told the Board that they needed to raise at least \$15,000.00 to provide for that night. She explained that with these funds they would be able to feed the seniors, provide gifts as well as prizes, and have games and activities. So far, she stated, they have raised a little over \$6,000 not including donations that are flowing in.

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 amount of \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund and \$500.00 from the Southern District Fund, for a total amount of \$1,500.00, payable to THS Project Graduation, 167 Cosby Lane, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn: Rebecca Keene. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF  
FILL STREET BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the CONSIDERATION OF CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF FILL STREET BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

The County Administrator explained that the proposed closure of a portion of Fill Street was a recommendation from the Star Study done circa 2016. The study discovered that the area from Fashion Road on Rt. 19/460 and down 460 to the Claypool Hill Mall intersection is one of the highest accident rated intersections in the State second to Bristol, Exit 7. The County submitted the recommendation from the Star Study in a grant application and submitted it to VDOT. Mr. Young clarified that the recommendation came from a firm hired by the County and that the recommendation did not come from a County or VDOT engineer.

Mr. Dunford displayed a map of Fill Street and surrounding areas. He explained in great detail VDOT's proposal to close a portion of Fill Street. Mr. Dunford explained that traffic on Fill Street would be rerouted along Link Street to its intersection with Thru Street and then along Thru Street to its intersection with U.S. Route 460. The proposal included the removal of one of the red lights to keep traffic in the far right lane continuously moving at all times. The proposal also included the additions of deceleration and acceleration lanes hoping this would fix safety concerns. The County Administrator commented that the County would be responsible for paving the section of Link Street and the rest of it would be State funding.

Supervisor Hackworth questioned if there would be right of way issues on Link Street due to the narrowness of the road. Mr. Dunford responded that it would be widened as much as possible to avoid right-of-way concerns but that they wouldn't be able to widen the whole road because some of the homes were built in the right-of-way. The County Administrator remarked that there were no intentions of making anyone move any structures.

Supervisor Lester was concerned that not having a red light to slow traffic down would cause even more safety risks.

Supervisor Hackworth asked if the entrances were included. Mr. Dunford clarified that the public hearing was regarding Fill Street but that the grant does cover the public entrances. He displayed pictures showing the public entrances near: PM Quick Mart, Exxon station, Bandy Auto, Wash World, and Pizza Plus. The County Administrator commented that the study found a lot of the accidents were a result of having so many entrances and exits from U.S. 460 in such a short distance with people stopping, going, and pulling out in front of others.

Supervisor Hackworth asked Mr. Dunford if he had discussed the proposal with the businesses it would affect. Mr. Dunford responded that he had and some of the businesses were still opposed to the proposal and that others were okay with it. The County Administrator suggested looking into if there were any entrances that people were willing to give up or reconfigure if the Board decided to withdraw the consideration of the proposal.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor with regard to the public hearing. The following people spoke against the proposed closure of a portion of Fill Street:

*(Approximately 2 hours into the meeting)*

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENTS
1. Owen Taylor	Wash World, Inc. 154 Fill Street Pounding Mill, VA	As owner of Wash World, Inc. he was concerned that the proposal would negatively impact his business. He suggested a plan to monitor and slow down traffic.
2. Roger Webb	485 Fill Street Pounding Mill, VA	Mr. Webb, a Fill Street resident of 42 years was opposed to the proposal. He was concerned for the disabled and retired people in the neighborhood and

		the danger the change would put them in. He suggested finding a way to slow traffic down.
<b>3. John Thompson</b>	First Sentinel Bank 12678 Gov G C Peery Hwy Pounding Mill, VA	The President/CEO of First Sentinel Bank was concerned that VDOT's proposed closures would make it more difficult for customers to access their branch and cause their business to suffer.
<b>4. Jennifer Beavers</b>	512 Fill Street Pounding Mill, VA	Fill Street resident, Mrs. Beavers was opposed to the proposal believing it would cause even more safety issues than what there already is.
<b>5. Dahmon Ball</b>	628 Fill Street Pounding Mill, VA	Mr. Ball, a resident of Fill Street, was opposed to the proposal. He discussed additional safety issues the changes would create. Mr. Ball also pointed out that there would be no snow removal on Fill Street because it is not a State maintained road.
<b>6. Richard Smith</b>	207 Terry Drive Richlands, VA	New Peoples Bank employee, Mr. Smith, was concerned about the devastating blow the proposal would have on the bank and its customers. As a suggestion he mentioned that the bank has a couple of grassy areas around their parking lot and that they would be agreeable to putting in a turn lane. Mr. Smith also pastors at the Cedar Bluff Community Church and is concerned about how it would impact local congregations and cause more safety concerns when leaving services.
<b>7. Darrell Addison</b>	502 Lake Park Drive Richlands, VA	Mr. Addison was in attendance representing Clinch Valley Bank who did not agree with the proposal. Mr. Addison discussed safety concerns for employees along this area leaving work. He was also concerned that the closures would affect Claypool Hill Mall, which has already suffered business losses. Mr. Addison mentioned that Freedom Ford was also in disagreement of the proposal.
<b>8. Jonathan Roberts</b>	608 Country Farms Road Cedar Bluff, VA	Mr. Roberts, a member of the Tazewell County Road Committee, discussed a

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comment he received from a Western District citizen stating that Thru Street is not State maintained road.

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

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 do not accept the consideration of closing a portion of Fill Street by the Virginia Department of Transportation as proposed and withdraw their application for the Smart Scale project which closes Fill Street in the manner currently proposed.

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### **SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Bill Bunch, from the Witten Valley section of Tazewell County, mentioned being a few months behind regarding the Tazewell County Militia Ordinance and stated had he realized sooner he would have attended the meeting and spoke against it. He asked the Board if they were seriously considering in becoming a part of West Virginia. The Chairman replied no. Mr. Bunch then expressed frustration with County police officers being on WVVA television and exposing their personal point of view regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.
2. Dahmon Ball, PSA Administrator, briefed the Board on the recent water outage in Pocahontas. Mr. Ball stated that there were issues with leaks when they transferred water through the Town of Tazewell distribution system. During this time they had to switch over to a pump station and the tanks were low going up their eastern quarter. He stated they located a 6 inch main leak in the Town of Pocahontas. Mr. Ball then recalled a night several months before where the temperature dropped down to 17 degrees. He said a lot of people were running their water and before they knew it two tanks in Pocahontas was about half way down and kept dropping. They were trying to put water in so they had to get an emergency pump out of Johnson City to bypass. He said they are building a pump station in Yard's to remedy part of the issue and take water from Bluefield into the Town of Pocahontas. Mr. Ball explained that the Virginia Department of Health requires boil water advisory if any tank in the County goes dry. He commented they were still looking into more solutions to getting the water quicker through the Town of Tazewell distribution system. Mr. Young asked when the Bluefield backup pump was going to be finished. Mr. Ball responded that the capital phase I project is about 50% complete but the Yard's pump station is about 90-95% completed, commenting that they installed phase 3 power that day. Supervisor Asbury asked how many gallons of water Bluefield has to be able to send the Town of Pocahontas. Mr. Ball responded that they were a 1.5 million gallon a day plant but that they were upgrading to a 1.95 million right now and that they are authorized to take about 70 thousand gallons a day for Falls Mills and hopes to update that to around 170 thousand, especially on an emergency basis to move water

when they can. He stated that the new line in Bluefield was upgraded from a 4 inch to an 8 inch with water traveling from 70 gallons a minute to 360 gallons a minute. Supervisor Asbury commented that people were under the impressions that all of the water lines were going to be replaced. Mr. Ball responded that wasn't the case that the town was working on theirs now and they are getting ready to apply for a VDH application for funding to replace lines.

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## **UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*(Approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes into the meeting)*

1. Roger Scarberry, Abbs Valley, requested that the already approved ATV signage be posted up. He stated that the lack of ATV signage is causing issues with out of town riders from places like West Virginia who is allowed in their state to ride all highways. The residents and Sheriff's Office have to steer riders in the right direction. Mr. White explained that the signage that they had was previously bought by Mr. Woodard and he had only purchased one type of the same sign. Mr. White thought they had them all so they had to turn around and purchase more signage. He explained that Mr. Earnest who usually puts up the signs is injured and he is in the process to find him help and a clear day to post them up.

Mr. Scarberry was in hopes that Spearhead would be in attendance to discuss the upkeep of the trail system. He described the terrible shape the trails are in and how much maintenance is needed on them. The trail system is losing money due to the bad conditions of the trails. Mr. Young stated that the arrangement the County had with Spearhead was that if there was a maintenance issue on the trail that they would first contact Mr. White and if it was something the County could address they would fix it but if we couldn't then Spearhead is to hire someone to come and fix the problem and then they submit to use that bill for reimbursement. Then Mr. White is to go and inspect to make sure the work was completed. Mr. Young stated that they received a bill in December for approximately \$24,000.00 because they thought the County was on a calendar year budget and we didn't approve the bill because the work didn't appear to have been done. There was much discussion among the Board. They would like Mr. Lindsay to attend the next meeting to discuss some of these concerns.

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

The Director of Engineering reported that the Clearfork Flood Study revisions had been sent in and he is waiting on the State to review them.

Mr. Dunford said that VDOT was doing an inspection on Clinic Road to get it into the State system. He mentioned that there were a few minor things that needed to be corrected but they didn't have any major issues with it.



He further reported that: Veteran's Road safety study was in progress; Fincastle Farms bridge construction was scheduled tentatively to start in the late fall or early spring; and that the Planning Commission is starting to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

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#### **IDA LIAISON – SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

Supervisor Asbury reported that Larry Ratliff, the newest IDA member, would be attending his first IDA meeting the following Wednesday.

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

The Economic Development Manager announced that she would be meeting with businesses affected by the flood in Richlands on Thursday to address what their needs are and to see if the County can help.

Mrs. Warden reported that the IDA approved a letters of support for businesses that are applying for a VCEDA grant two of them are Appalachian Treasurers and Grind Coffee Shop both businesses will be located in Bluefield.

Mrs. Warden asked that the Board approve a Moral Obligation for Project Clinch River Forrest Products that was previously discussed in the last executive session. The County Administrator explained that CRFP is refinancing some debt and we are working through the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority. The IDA will be assisting them. The Virginia Small Business Financing Authority requires the Board of Supervisors to essentially cosign the debt. He recalled that the County did this in 2005 for them and they paid it back, Mr. Young feels confident that they will this time as well.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Chairman Stacy abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MORAL OBLIGATION TO THE TAZEVELL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for Project CRFP. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

The County Administrator asked what the status of the business site certification program was. Mrs. Warden responded that she does have the VEDP site ranking results. She commented that VEDP only considered the Bluestone and Leatherwood properties. Mrs. Warden explained that the properties have to be on Virginia Scan to be considered. Property owners are allowed to upload such information into the system and Mrs. Warden said that she is able to update on Virginia Scan as well, people just have to notify her. She mentioned contacting realtors a couple years ago asking for information regarding land and commercial buildings and she received zero response. Supervisor Hackworth also recalled the meetings with realtors stating they would get the information to Mrs. Warden yet they never did even after follow-up calls.

Mrs. Warden notified the Board that she would be traveling to Richmond on Monday to present CRFP to VSBFA Board on Tuesday.

*(Approximately 3 hours into the meeting)*

Supervisor Hymes announced that there was a check presentation in the amount of \$225,000.00 from the Tobacco Commission to the Community Southwest Culture Arts. He explained that this took place of the original movie theatre project at Four-Way.

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#### **A.J. ROBINSON – TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The Tourism and Community Development Director notified the Board that she had been texting Mr. Lindsay from Spearhead during the meeting and he may be out of the Country on April 7<sup>th</sup> and unable to attend that Board meeting. The County Administrator would like a private meeting set up with Mr. Lindsay, Mrs. Robinson, and Dave White.

Mrs. Robinson passed out maps so the Board could see the differences between the Hatfield and McCoy maps compared to the Spearhead ones. She stated that Tourism would be meeting on Thursday with the resorts to come up with an alternative solution until a better map can be made.

She discussed reaching out to Richlands after the flooding to see if there was anything they could do regarding community development. Her office was able to provide them with two potential opportunities with DHCD regarding grant funding that they may be able to obtain due to the flood as well as providing them with a grant opportunity regarding economic development.

Mrs. Robinson reported meeting with the Tourism Committee and the need to fix their bylaws because their appointment terms and reorganization schedules are not lining up the way they should.

She provided the Board with 2018 data from Virginia Tourism Corporation that gauges how well businesses are doing in Tazewell County. She explained that they typically come out with these numbers every September. The next report she will receive from Virginia Tourism will be 2019 statistical information on businesses.

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#### **RDA LIAISON – SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

Supervisor Asbury urged the importance of getting the ATV road signs posted up in Abbs Valley because some riders have gotten ticketed by the State police even though they are obeying all of the laws.

### **CPPD LIAISONS – CHAIRMAN STACY AND SUPERVISOR HYMES**

Chairman Stacy reported that there would be a recessed meeting the next night for the consideration for the Russell County Project Hemp application. They are asking for a \$500,000.00 grant from CProp rather than the standard \$200,000.00 allocation per county. He commented that he wasn't sure it was going to happen.

Supervisor Hackworth asked for clarification regarding the CProp fund distribution. Supervisor Hymes responded that it was \$200,000.00 per municipality and up to \$200,000.00 for town or county. Supervisor Hackworth suggested that Russell County ask their towns to give up part of their portions to make up for the \$300,000.00 difference.

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### **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The County Administrator announced that the census was now in progress and when it concludes the Board will have to enact an ordinance next spring establishing the boundaries of the County's electoral districts in the County. Mr. Young explained the districts have to be equal in population within the acceptable margin of 5% up or down. The way that is determined is by taking the population number and dividing it by the 5 districts. One issue he brought to the Boards attention was that inmates may not be counted where they are held in this census like they were in the previous one. He anticipates population numbers in SWVA dropping because of this potential change. The last census data showed the Western District as the most populous and the Northern District the least. Mr. Young mentioned if inmates were not going to be counted at the Pocahontas State Prison the Northern District numbers will drop even more dramatically. He suggested the easiest place to balance out the populations across the districts would be to take portions of it from the Western District and move the Northern versus Western boundary line further down Baptist Valley towards Richlands.

Mr. Young said he would like the Board to have the Redistricting Committee appointments figured out by the end of this fiscal.

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### **2020 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR TAZEVELL COUNTY OFFENDER WORKFORCE PROGRAM**

The Commonwealth's Attorney was unable to be in attendance due to an interview with a witness of a case that evening and asked that this matter be deferred to the April Board meeting.

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### **TAZEVELL COUNTY BUSINESS REGISTRATION**

The County Attorney mentioned corresponding with Mr. Anderson regarding the possible implementation of County business registrations. Mr. Collins stated that Virginia Code makes allowance for a business license based upon the tax being upon gross sales from the previous

year and made clear he understood that wasn't the direction the Board wanted to go. He explained if the Board was to incorporate that it would have to set a fee of zero dollars or a nominal fee of \$1.00 for the purpose it is intended.

The Chairman commented that the County wasn't looking into making money they just wanted to capture the information regarding the number of true businesses in Tazewell County.

Supervisor Hackworth asked the County Attorney to provide him with a specific definition as to what constituted as a business. Mr. Collins responded with a definition from the Code of Virginia, 58.1-3700.1: "Business" means a course of dealing which requires the time, attention and labor of the person so engaged for the purpose of earning a livelihood or profit. It implies a continuous and regular course of dealing, rather than an irregular or isolated transaction. A person may be engaged in more than one business. The following acts shall create a rebuttable presumption that a person is engaged in a business: (i) advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as being engaged in a particular business or (ii) filing tax returns, schedules and documents that are required only of persons engaged in a trade or business.

*(Approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes into the meeting)*

After some discussion the Board asked Mr. Collins to continue looking into this matter.

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## **KIDS FISH DAY**

The County Administrator recalled Kids Fish Day being eliminated from the FY19 budget and not included in the one for FY20. Mr. Young explained that the County had received a lot of donations last year and they were able to have a modified Kids Fish Day with the Sheriff's Office and Naturalist Society helping out. He discussed the possibility of using \$2,500.00 from the Park Fund if available to purchase door prizes and food for Kids Fish Day. Mr. Young stated if he was not able to find the funds that he would approach the Board in April to ask for the monies from a contingency account.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF JOINING NACO**

The Chairman asked Mr. Young to find out what the dues and benefits are for joining NACO.

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## **BLUEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT - RECRUITING VIDEO**

### **\$1,000.00 EASTERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same,

the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$1,000.00 from the Eastern District Fund, payable to Brad Deel, 1460 DC Caney Ridge Rd, Clintwood, VA 24228. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

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## **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION**

In a letter received from Charlie J. Perkins of the CPPD he asked that the Board approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. The Resolution explains that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that local governments develop and adopt natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project grants and certain other forms of non-emergency disaster assistance.

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 adopt a resolution regarding the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 2018 for Tazewell County. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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## **BROADBAND TEAM**

Mr. Young talked about the previously formed broadband team that includes: AJ Robinson, Chase Collins, Kenneth Dunford, Whitney Parsons, Randy Mullins, and himself. He discussed that the team would try to work with the WSA to identify areas in the County that are underserved. Mr. Young explained that currently the maps that were given to the County showing where services are available are not conforming to the feedback received from citizens. The Broadband Team plans to prioritize the underserved areas and work with Merchant McIntyre to get grants for those areas. He stated that there was state, federal, and Tobacco Commission money out there the County just needed to see where it was going to deploy it and what partners were going to be able to do it. Mr. Young discussed meeting with Jim Baldwin the day before and they discussed where Point Broadband is planning to go and what they are looking to accomplish in the future. He mentioned working with GigaBeam and plans to talk with Lumos in Bluefield.

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## **MILITIA UPDATE**

The County Attorney asked that Ms. Parsons place an item under Executive Session for April's meeting agenda to discuss the militia and terrorism in the event that an unfortunate event were to ever take place in Tazewell County.

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

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 to extend the original contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates to cover the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. A copy of the contract modification agreement is on file in office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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**ADJUSTED SALARIES FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANT COMMONWEALTH  
ATTORNEYS POSITIONS**

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 authorizes the salary adjustments for certain Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys as set forth in the Commonwealth Attorney's letter to the County Administrator dated March 3, 2020 and eliminate the new Assistant Commonwealth Attorney position approved at our February 2020 meeting, based on the representation from the Commonwealth Attorney that he will satisfy the statutory requirements regarding review of body camera imagery without the position hereby eliminated and upon further motion moves that the March 3<sup>rd</sup> letter be incorporated into the minutes. A copy of said letter is on file in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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**BOARD CONCERNS**

**SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH**

**CLAYPOOL HILL INTERSECTION LOITERING**

Supervisor Hackworth discussed a call received by a citizen regarding loitering in the Claypool Hill intersection. The individual has been standing in the median disrupting traffic flow and approaching people's windows while stopped at the red light. This is causing safety concerns.

The County Attorney analyzed the situation and discovered that the U.S. Supreme Court has given panhandling 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protection. Mr. Collins compared other jurisdictions in the Commonwealth and suggested the Board consider an approach that would prohibit people from standing in the median because it causes safety concerns for pedestrians and drivers. Mr. Collins will draft an ordinance up for the Board's review at the next meeting and possibly have a public hearing in May.

**RICHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL – HISTORY CLUB RICHMOND TRIP**

**\$250.00 WESTERN**

**\$250.00 NORTHWESTERN**

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 \$250.00 from the Western District Fund and \$250.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, for a total amount of \$500.00, payable to the RHS History Club, 138 Tornado Alley, Richlands, VA 24641; attn: Rod Cury. 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 LESTER**

**ADJUSTED SALARY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY**

*(Approximately 4 hours into the meeting)*

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Chairman Stacy and Supervisor Hymes abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjusts the salary of the Commonwealth’s Attorney, J. Christopher Plaster, to the amount allocated for the position in the FY20 Tazewell County budget.

**SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

**TAZEWELL BASEBALL BOOSTERS, INC. –CLEATS FOR TAZEWELL VARSITY, JV, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAMS**

**\$750.00 NORTHERN**

**\$750.00 SOUTHERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 authorizes \$750.00 from the Northern District and \$750.00 from the Southern District, for a total amount of \$1,500.00, payable to Tazewell Baseball Boosters, Inc., PO Box 1393, North Tazewell, VA 24630; attn: Michael Fowler. 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.

## **TOWN OF POCAHONTAS – CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT**

### **\$750.00 NORTHERN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 \$750.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia 24635; attn: Ben Gibson (for Mrs. Lafon). 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.

### **CHAIRMAN STACY**

## **NEW OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL FOR WOMEN**

### **\$500.00 EASTERN**

Upon motion of Chairman Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$500.00 from the Eastern District, payable to the New Opportunity School For Women, 3000 College Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia 24605; attn: Mily Lusk. 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.

## **CONCERN FROM CITIZEN REGARDING TAGGING CATS**

Chairman Stacy was questioned by a citizen as to why dogs were required to be tagged but cats were not. The County Administrator recalled this topic being discussed during a public hearing around 2005. Mr. Young explained that there were safety concerns for cats that they might accidentally hang themselves while jumping about. The Board at that time then decided to exempt cats of a certain age but then there was a dispute on what age was exempt.

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## **ADJOURN**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman 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 adjourns this meeting to April 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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Charles A. Stacy, Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 9:42 p.m.