

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWell COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT FOUR O'CLOCK 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: WVVA, VIDEOGRAPHER; JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER (present by phone)

ABSENT: NONE

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

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

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and citizens who were participating by conference call. Citizens were able to call in and participate in the meeting by calling (425) 436-6388 and entering the access code 836650.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

The County Attorney asked to add item A(29) Southwest Community College Contract Negotiation to Executive Session.

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 approves the October 6, 2020 agenda as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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

hereby approves the July 21, 2020 and August 18, 2020 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 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 September 2020

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 144978 through 144998, and direct deposits totaling \$242,400.19 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending August 31, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145000 through 145022, and direct deposits totaling \$251,256.16 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending September 15, 2020, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 490859 through 490960, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,094,377.83 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued August 25, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 490962 through 490972, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$345,242.10.40 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending August 31, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 490974 through 491094, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,601,178.42 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library and CARES Act Funds, covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued September 10, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 491096 through 491106, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$142,690.39 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending August 14, 2020, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802095 for \$25,000.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of August 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:

- \$2,463.00 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for repair on 2013 Dodge Ram VIN#1506)
- \$3,159.94 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for repair on 2013 Ford Taurus car no. 562)
- \$3,950.00 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for loss of 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#5696)
- \$2,293.20 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for repair on 2014 Ford Explorer VIN#9841)
- \$630.84 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- \$210.52 to Acct. 31020-5510 (received from Financial Commission for Appalachia HIDTA)
- \$180.00 to Acct. 31020-5520 (received from Wolf Creek Golf & Country Club, Inc.)

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

- \$250.00 to Acct. 12090-6001 (received from Courthouse Retrieval System)
- Ratified email poll and payment in the amount of \$46.94 from the Western District Fund payable to SmartSign, 300 Cadman Plaza West, Suite 1303, Brooklyn, NY 11201, for two children at play signs on Kennedy Road.
- Authorized \$350.00 from the Western District Fund, payable to Four Seasons Grading & Excavating, LLC, P.O. Box 225, North Tazewell, VA 24630. For sign on Kennedy Street. 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.

KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

Mr. Dunford approached the Board recommending that tire fee's at the landfill be increased.

ADJUSTED TIRE FEES AT LANDFILL

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 adjusting the tire fees at the landfill to \$3.00 per tire and \$166.00 per ton to be made effective on January 1, 2021.

The Board asked the County Administrator to advertise these changes accordingly.

SUPERVISOR LESTER**CALEB HOLLOW ROAD**

Supervisor Lester stated that residents of Caleb Hollow Road were in the process of getting a petition signed. He asked that the matter be placed on the Planning Commission agenda for November 12th, if the residents get Mr. Dunford the signed petition.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:17 P.M.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A(1) Personnel matter regarding Economic Development
- A(5) Project Jonah
- A(5) Project Claw
- A(5) Project Hammer
- A(29) Justice Easement
- A(29) Negotiations regarding Bluefield Fire Contract
- A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding Camoin Marketing
- A(29) Southwest Community College Contract Negotiation

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:14 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: Six (6)

APPROVED REGIONAL PROJECT JONAH PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH BUCHANAN AND RUSSELL COUNTIES

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 approves the Regional Project Jonah Participation Agreement with Buchanan County, Virginia and Russell County, Virginia in substantially similar form as presented to the Board in Executive Session and rescind previous versions approved by the Board prior to tonight. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED COMMONWEALTH OPPORTUNITY FUND AGREEMENT FOR INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT JONAH

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 approves the Commonwealth Opportunity Fund agreement for incentives for project Jonah as presented in executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code, communicate that approval to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and at the conclusion of this meeting recess until October 15th at 4:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as we may be convened, when a formal announcement can be made to approve this agreement in final form and make it public.

REQUEST DEQ TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER AN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN FILED BY PURE SALMON, VIRGINIA, LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR SVCC

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 authorizes the Director of Engineering, Mr. Dunford, to request that the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality, in Richmond exercise jurisdiction over an Erosion and Sediment control plan filed by Pure Salmon, Virginia, LLC, for improvements to be made on certain real property located at or near Southwest Virginia Community College.

APPROVES THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SVCC REGARDING THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Lester abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Virginia Community College regarding the tuition assistance program in substantially similar form as presented to the Board in Executive Session and further move that the Chairman execute all documents to that effect. A copy of the MoU is on file in the County Administration Building located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

AUTHORIZED IDA TO USE \$20,000.00 OF CPROP GRANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO CONTRACT WITH CAMION MARKETING

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 Industrial Development Authority to use \$20,000.00 of the CPROP grant for economic development to contract with Camoin Marketing for lead generation for economic development subject to approval by Cumberland Plateau, the granting agency.

APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA

Upon motion of Chairman Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the fire protection contract with the Town of Bluefield, Virginia for the Eastern District and portions of the Northern District, as presented in executive session and ask that the same be made a part of the minutes. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The County Administrator reported another covid-19 outbreak at Bluefield College with about 23 cases and over 50 people quarantined. Mr. Young stated that this made Tazewell County's risk rate go back up to high for around a week but since then there have been very few cases outside of those persons quarantined. At the time of the meeting the risk rate was at 9.8 with no current hospitalizations and case numbers sharply dropping.

CONTINUES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

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 extends the previously declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 until November 15, 2020.

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER SUSPENDED

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 purpose of rearranging the October 6, 2020 agenda format as needed.

APPROVED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT REGARDING PSA'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN - PHASE II PROJECT

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 approves a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A NON-BINDING UNDERTAKING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO CONSIDER CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TAZEWell COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE AUTHORITY OF REVENUE BOND FOR ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN-PHASE II PROJECT. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED SUPPORT AGREEMENT REGARDING PSA'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN - PHASE II PROJECT

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 approves the SUPPORT AGREEMENT as presented to the Board. A copy of the Support Agreement is on file in the County Administration building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPOINTMENT

TAZEWELL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS – EXTENSION AGENT

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 reappoints John Blankenship, Jr., 202 Campbell Lane, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 to serve as the SWCD Extension Agent on the SWCD Board of Directors with a term continuing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2024 (four (4) year term).

SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES REVISIONS

The County Attorney explained that the Code of Virginia has made revisions to what Boards can authorize regarding the small purchase procedure, increasing the limit from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Though, Mr. Collins understands that our Board is not willing to raise the limit to \$200,000. He mentioned several projects that require an extensive amount of time to handle under our current small purchase procedures. Raising the cap to where the County doesn't have to utilize EVA as often would save a significant amount of time.

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 approves a RESOLUTION TO AMEND SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA. The Resolution is effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 2021. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH POINT BROADBAND FOR POCAHONTAS/BOISSEVAIN

The County Administrator discussed a grant agreement with Point Broadband to extend broadband to Pocahontas by way of Boissevain. Mr. Young commented that was what the Board had previously discussed and approved to pay for with CARES Act funding. Initially the Board budgeted for a cost of \$660,000.00 for broadband but the costs came in less at \$355,827.80.

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 approve the GRANT AGREEMENT with Point Broadband Fiber Holdings, LLC. The Agreement is one file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

APPOINTMENTS

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Stacy tabled his appointment to find a replacement for Michael Brown.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES 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 appoints Marylyn Mustard to serve as a member of the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board with a term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2021. This appointment replaces the unexpired term of Jelicia Reed who resigned from the Board on July 9, 2020.

NOTE: Supervisor Hymes later changed his mind about this appointment and asked that Ms. Parsons place it on the next agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF TAZEWELL COUNTY BUDGET

6:30PM-6:36PM

By Virginia law the Board is required to advertise budget changes and hold a public hearing if the county receives revenues or makes expenditures in excess of 1% of its total budget. The County Administrator stated that they did not realize that they were going to receive a second round of CARES money when the budget was approved in June.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the AMENDMENT OF TAZEWELL COUNTY BUDGET.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor three times with regard to the public hearing. There being no comments he declared the public hearing closed.

The County Administrator explained the budget changes in great detail.

Revenues:

- (1) CARES Act Fund (Second Payment) - \$3,541,757.00
- (2) General Fund (Machinery & Tools Tax {Collections} Increase) - \$300,000.00

BUDGET LINE TITLE AMENDED

Mrs. Matney requested that Mr. Young ask the Board to amend budget line 2 under Revenues to read, "General Fund (Machinery & Tools Tax Collections Increase)".

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 amend budget line 2 under Revenues to read, "General Fund (Machinery & Tools Tax Collections Increase)"

- (3) General School Fund (TCPS PPE & Computers) - \$700,000.00
- (4) Capital Projects Fund (Increase in Fund Transfer) - \$300,000.00
- (5) General Fund (DCJS-CESF Commonwealth Attorney Grant) - \$47,798.00
- (6) General Fund (Reimbursement of County Wages) - \$350,000.00

Total Change in Revenues: \$5,239,555.00

Expenditures:

- (1) CARES Act Fund (Second Payment) – as follows:
 - (a) Broadband Projects - \$700,000.00
 - (b) TCPS PPE & Computers - \$700,000.00
 - (c) 3 Ambulances for TCEMS - \$660,000.00
 - (d) Rent & Utility Assistance for Citizens - \$40,000.00
 - (e) TCSO COVID-19 Transport Vehicle - \$50,000.00
 - (f) United Way Daycare Assistance Match - \$150,000.00
 - (g) TCEMS COVID-19 Response Support Crew - \$40,000.00
 - (h) Fumigation Machine for Courthouse - \$30,000.00
 - (i) TCEMS De-Contamination Extractors - \$50,000.00
 - (j) Business Assistance in Addition to Round I - \$400,000.00

CARES ACT FUND (SECOND PAYMENT) REVISIONS

Mr. Young explained that the CARES Act fund was advertised before the September 17th meeting. At that meeting the Board revised item, (e) TCSO COVID-19 Transport Vehicle from \$50,000 up to \$200,000 and item (j) Business Assistance in Addition to Round I from \$400,000 down to \$250,000 to make that balance.

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 amends budget line item (e) under the CARES Act Fund for TCSO COVID-19 Transport Vehicle from \$50,000 up to \$200,000 and budget line item (j) Business Assistance in Addition to Round I from \$400,000 down to \$250,000.

- (k) Reimbursement of County Wages - \$350,000.00
- (l) Reserve for Public Health Costs/Preparedness - \$371,757.00
- (2) General Fund (Capital Project Fund Transfer Increase) - \$300,000.00
- (3) Capital Project Fund (RDA/ATV Trails) - \$300,000.00
- (4) General Fund (DCJS-CESF Commonwealth Attorney Grant) - \$47,798.00
- (5) General School Fund (TCPS PPE & Computers) – \$700,000.00
- (6) General Fund (Contingency) - \$350,000.00

Total Change in Expenditures: \$5,239,555.00

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 approves the AMENDMENT OF TAZEWEILL COUNTY BUDGET. A copy of the amended budget is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia, 24651.

COUNTY GARAGE UPDATE

County Administrator, Mr. Young discussed changes that will be taking place at the garage. He mentioned that they have a new strategy for the County's vehicles and that the Sheriff's Office has been instrumental in helping them come up with a fleet plan. The County will now lease vehicles from Enterprise for a period of time and then sell them and replace them with new vehicles. Previously the County would ride the vehicles until they couldn't be used anymore and then scrap them. With this change there will also be a new vehicle maintenance plan. Our fleet will now be covered by that maintenance plan which includes Sheriff's Office and Administration Office vehicles at a better deal. This means there will not be as much demand for the County Garage, so they took the assistant mechanic at the garage and transferred him into maintenance. The head mechanic, Frankie Kitts, remains and will triage county vehicles and be able to judge whether or not our garage is able to fix the problem or whether the vehicle needs to be taken somewhere else. Mr. Kitts will also oversee billing and received invoices at the garage to make sure that they come in at a fair price and work as a consultant with other garages regarding plans of these vehicles. Two days a week the County Garage will still perform certain procedures such as: oil changes, tire changes, fluid refills, etc. The former assistant mechanic may be pulled from maintenance to help perform some of these procedures. Mr. Young hopes to save money with these changes as our fleet gets younger.

APPOINTMENT

TRAILBLAZER'S COMMITTEE

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 appoints Curt Breeding, P.O. Box 494, Richlands, VA 24641 to the Trailblazer's Committee with a term commencing immediately and expiring on June 30, 2022. This appointment replaces the unexpired term of Cody Cordle.

NOTE: This motion was rescinded later in the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZED TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING AUTOMOBILE JUNKYARD'S

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 and directs the County Attorney to advertise for a public hearing in November to hear concerns regarding automobile junkyard's.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO NAME AN UNNAMED PUBLIC STREET CONNECTING INDIAN PAINT ROAD AND THE UNITED STATES ROUTES 19 AND 460 INTERSECTION IN CLAYPOOL HILL AS ADAIR DRIVE

6:45 PM

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding AN ORDINANCE TO NAME AN UNNAMED PUBLIC STREET CONNECTING INDIAN PAINT ROAD AND THE UNITED STATES ROUTES 19 AND 460 INTERSECTION AS ADAIR DRIVE.

Now, the Chairman called for public comments from the floor three times with regard to the public hearing. There being no comments he declared the public hearing closed.

The County Attorney explained that the ordinance allowing the Board to name public streets was created prior to the major 911 changes in Tazewell County circa 2000. The one street that connects Indian Paint Road and Rt. 19/460 intersection in Claypool Hill is the only unnamed street in Tazewell County that is a public thoroughfare. The Board intends to name this road Adair Drive and held this public hearing to satisfy the first step of that ordinance. The Board is also required to allow a certain time period for public comments.

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 end the public comment period regarding the proposed naming of Adair Drive on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - SCHEDULED

1. Derrick Mays, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service – presented the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office with their fourth award for accreditation stating that they have now been accredited for twelve straight years. Mr. Mays spoke very highly of the TCSO.

Sheriff, Brian Hieatt thanked Mr. Mays for traveling all the way from Richmond to present the award in person. The Sheriff said that it was an important presentation so that the citizens of Tazewell County could see the kind of law enforcement agency that they have in the County and that it shows to them that the TCSO has went above and beyond for its citizens. TCSO is one of the very few agencies in southwest Virginia that has achieved this as an accredited agency. It was accomplished by team effort and he thanked all of the men and women that were present from the Sheriff's Office for their hard work and dedication.

Major Harold Heatley spoke saying that he was extremely proud, as the chief deputy working underneath Sheriff Hieatt's leadership, that this was the very first accreditation assessment that they have had with zero deficiencies. He thanked everyone from the TCSO.

Chairman Stacy, addressed the deputies that were present saying that the Board spends an exceptional amount of time with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy discussing deputy pay rates. Mr. Hieatt and Mr. Heatley are constantly advocating for better conditions for their employees, whether it be better equipment or fairer pay. The Chairman asked Mr. Mays if the accreditation carried any weight in the eyes of the Commonwealth that would help pay the deputies anything extra for all the work that that he has witness and required them to do to maintain their status as an accredited agency. Mr. Mays responded that he was not sure but that he did know that accredited agencies get points when it comes to filing for grants. Although he said that grants is such a sticking point that if you even sign in the wrong block you can be denied a grant. The Chairman replied with the joint effort of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service, that the General Assembly has obviously demonstrated that they want to look at police reform to ensure that they have the best professionals serving the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that it seems that Mr. Mays agency has a program that is designed to elevate every member to that level and that status, that you would think that it would not be a hard bridge to gap if

accreditation is achieved, to pay people accordingly. Chairman Stacy ended by encouraging Mr. Mays to take these considerations back to Richmond and see if anything can be done.

Supervisor Hymes stated that this was the type of job that you do it because you love it but you also have to feed your family and that the County's starting rates are lower than other's. He stated that the Board is trying to figure out what they can do to get pay levels where it needs to be so that they can maintain the professional level of the people they have and be able to replace retirees with someone highly qualified that will be able to move up the ranks. The answer is to raise base pay.

Captain Johnathon Hankins thanked Sheriff Hieatt, Major Heatley, and all TCSO employees for their hard work and devotion.

RECESS 7:17 PM – 7:28 PM

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

TAZEWELL COUNTY CARES UPDATE

The County Administrator discussed the CARES Round One and CARES Round Two handouts. Mr. Young pointed out that the \$316,274.58 is the funds that the Board initially gave to the COVID Public Health Committee but still have remaining. The committee used the funds to address the Bluefield College outbreak and other public health issues as they arose. These funds remaining need to be assigned.

For Round Two, the Board sent money to United Way, Clinch Valley Community Action, made down payments on three ambulances, and the Sheriff's Office placed orders on transport vehicles. They have been following up with these agencies to make sure they are spending this money. At the time of the meeting they were taking in business assistance applications for these grants. The IDA is scheduled to meet on October 14th to discuss how they want to distribute the funds that they want to give to largest employers.

Chairman Stacy asked that they consider county employees who have also suffered and worked exceptionally well and asked if they could create a category before funds go back to identify what that reserve looks like and begin to recognize that group of people who have performed valiantly through this effort. The County Administrator discussed investigating hero pay for non-medical response personnel and he believes an article from Roanoke influenced those who have inquired about the extra pay. Mr. Young stated that if one looks carefully at the

articles, they reimbursed themselves from CARES funds and then payed their people a bonus from their own coffer. He recommended that when our county gets close to the end of the year that they reimburse itself for as many costs as it can, further recommending that they put in a line item called COVID, which would give the County more money the next calendar year to do things like that with it.

CARES FUNDING REQUESTS

TEST PROCESSING FEES

AUTHORIZED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM CARES ACT ROUND ONE FUNDS FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING TEST PROCESSING FEES

\$20,000.00 TAZEVELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES

\$10,000.00 TAZEVELL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

For Round One, the CARES Public Health Committee approved \$15,000.00 to pay testing fees for public employees. Testing machines and testing supplies were purchased with CARES funds for Clinch Valley Medical Center, Bluefield College, and Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (which hadn't arrived yet). To process the test CVMC have been charging our people a fee of \$57.00 a person as a labor cost. Mr. Young stated he did not have a problem with this but it was brought to his attention when they were having the issue with Bluefield area schools that they had many teachers needing to be tested before they could come back to work and they were sent to Bluefield College. They were not charging those getting tested but there were only so many people they could test and when they were hit with an outbreak they were swamped, causing people to leave and go to Clinch Valley Medical Center which charged them the fee. He explained that our insurance pays 100% for the employee but our insurance is self-funded which means in the end the County still pays for it. The County Administrator requested the Board to set aside \$15,000.00 to help with this issue. They have made agreements with these facilities that when an employee shows up with their ID and that their potential exposure was through our workplace then the County pays for it with the \$15,000.00 set aside and that they will bill us directly.

Supervisor Hymes recommended that they set aside \$30,000.00 instead and see how it goes. Mr. Young thought this was a good idea and said that he would like to have 75% of the funds going to the school system and 25% of it to us because they have more employees and profound interests.

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 authorizes the amount of \$30,000.00 out of \$316,274.58 committed to pay test processing fees for County employees and upon further

motion authorizes the amount of \$20,000.00 to go towards school system employees and the remainder amount of \$10,000.00 for county employees.

BROADBAND PROJECTS

CARES FUNDS ROUND TWO

AUTHORIZED TO MOVE \$25,000.00 FROM BROADBAND FUNDS PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR POINT BROADBAND AND SPECTRUM TO THE BROADBAND PROJECT WITH COMCAST FOR ROSENBAUM ROAD

Mr. Young discussed CARES Round Two. There is \$650,000.00 for broadband funding with \$50,000.00 set aside for mobile hotspots. The Point Broadband Agreement ended up coming in far less than anticipated so there is some room leftover in this amount. He commented he would still like to see if Spectrum is able to do anything. Mr. Young requested to move these monies around. He has a letter from Comcast stating that they can serve half of the homes on Rosenbaum Road for \$11,000.00 and would provide the County another letter when they figure out what the other half would be.

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 authorize moving \$25,000.00 from the broadband funds previously set aside for Point Broadband and Spectrum to the broadband project with Comcast on Rosenbaum Road. A copy of the letter from Comcast is on file in the County Administration building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

AUTHORIZED \$500.00 TRANSFER FROM ROUND ONE CARES FUNDS TO PHASE II PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDS - TREASURER'S OFFICE DROP BOXES

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 authorize a transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from CARES Round One funds to Phase II Public Health funds to pay for two drop boxes to limit public exposures due to COVID.

REPURPOSING FUNDS PREVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR COURTHOUSE FACE SHIELDS

REPURPOSED \$10,000.00 FROM CARES ROUND ONE – THERMAL DETECTORS

Previously the Board approved up to \$20,000.00 for face shields for the courthouse in round one as part of the \$404,000.00 request made by emergency management. Prices of these

face shields are fluctuating and are now half the cost of what they were. Cheaper ones were found and are now only expected to cost approximately \$8,000.00.

The Sheriff's Office requested thermal detectors to be placed at courthouse and sheriff's office entrances. Currently officers are checking temperatures when citizens come in. Thermal detecting devices cost \$2,000.00 apiece and if someone is over a certain temperature when they walk through the device will ding you.

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 repurpose the funds previously approved for face shields at the courthouse; \$10,000.00 to be used for purchasing thermal detectors for entrances of the courthouse, sheriff's office, and magistrate's office at the regional jail.

CVCA UTILITY AND RENT ASSISTANCE

The County Administrator discussed that they were having difficulties pushing out this money. Previously the Board approved \$40,000.00 to CVCA for utility assistance for people who lost their jobs during the pandemic. He requested that the Board expand that to utility and rent assistance because not a lot of people are calling for that help.

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 expand purposes of which the CVCA grant can be used to include rent payments for persons who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 crisis.

TAZEWELL FOUR SEASONS YMCA

As part of the human services assistance the Board, previously in Phase II, gave \$5,000.00 to Four Seasons YMCA in Tazewell, to buy a UV bulb to go into their pool. The YMCA discovered while trying to service the fixture in the pool that it was in poor shape and hadn't been used and was going to cost them \$3,000.00 to fix it. They requested to repurpose the funds given to them by the Board and use them towards water bottle refilling stations and a fumigation team. Mr. Young then asked that any remaining funds be used for PPE.

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 approve Tazewell Four Seasons YMCA's request to repurpose their funds previously intended to purchase a UV bulb for their pool to now go towards water bottle refilling stations and a fumigation team with any remaining funds to be used for PPE.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Board at a previous meeting approved monies to go to A Child Shall Lead Them food pantry. Mrs. Matney contacted them and they reported that they closed in March for some time and have recently reopened but are only open two days a week. She asked them if they needed any assistance and the food pantry felt like they were okay for now.

RUSSELL STOWERS - CLEARFORK FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Fire Chief, Russell Stowers approached the Board asking them to consider using CARES Act funding to purchase a pickup truck for the Clearfork Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Stowers stated that the truck would be used to respond and assist with EMS calls and help with the decontamination of their fire personnel as well as other first responders. He said that the department already has purchased its own PPE but that the truck would be able to enhance their capabilities by transporting more members for EMS assistance as well as carrying the equipment needed for responding to emergencies that may involve someone that has Covid-19. He requested \$45,000.00.

The Board decided to send Mr. Stowers request to the CARES Act committee.

RESCINDED TRAILBLAZER'S COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The County Attorney revisited the motion made earlier to appoint Curt Breeding to the Trailblazer's Committee. Mr. Collins explained that procedurally they would first need to remove the current representative Cody Cordle from the committee. The Board had questions whether Mr. Cordle had moved or resigned.

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 rescind their motion made earlier in the meeting appointing Curt Breeding to the Trailblazers Board.

BOARD CONCERNS

SUPERVISOR HYMES

COVE COMMUNITY CENTER HOTSPOT- GIGABEAM

AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 FROM CARES ACT FUNDS

Broadband is now throughout the Cove but there are still some residents that are unable to get internet to their homes due to line of sight issues. GigaBeam offered to put in a hotspot at the Cove Community Center for those residents who are unable to receive their internet services.

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 an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the CARES Fund payable to GigaBeam Networks, upon receiving an invoice. These funds will go towards the installation of a hotspot at the Cove Community Center.

SUPERVISOR LESTER

RICHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL – BASKETBALL SHOES

\$500.00 WESTERN

\$500.00 NORTHWESTERN

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 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 Richlands High School Girls Basketball, 138 Tornado Alley, Richlands, Virginia 24641; attn: Aaron Lowe. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action at such time as may be necessary and appropriate and which warrants will be converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

CEDAR BLUFF TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Lester mentioned that he was still receiving numerous calls from frustrated citizens regarding the Cedar Bluff transfer station. He asked if it was feasible to put up a sign at the transfer station with Santek's contact information so that citizens would be able to voice their complaints to them.

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 that a sign be put up at the transfer stations with Santek's contact information so that citizens would be able to voice any complaints or concerns that they may have regarding the operation of these sites.

SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH

CENSUS CONCERNS

Supervisor Hackworth discussed the census report stating that only fifty-five percent of Tazewell County residents have completed and turned in their forms. Census forms must be completed and turned in by October 31, 2020.

TOURISM IN BURKE'S GARDEN

The previous day, Supervisor Hackworth visited Burke's Garden and saw many out of town tourists while visiting Mattie's Place and the General Store. He mentioned seeing tourists from North Carolina who were riding motorcycles and shopping at the Amish stores. Supervisor Hackworth was very impressed with the number of out of town and out of state tourists he saw that day.

SUPERVISOR ASBURY

HISTORIC POCAHONTAS INC. - REGARDING EMMA YATES LIBRARY AND JOSHUA MARCIANO INSURANCE AGENCY

\$1,500.00 NORTHERN

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 the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Northern District Fund, payable to Historic Pocahontas Inc. These monies will go towards a one-time payment to help pay Emma Yates Library's building insurance for 2020-2021. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action at such time as may be necessary and appropriate and which warrants will be converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

TAZEWELL COUNTY EMS – BISHOP F.D. ENGINE #33 MOTOR REPLACEMENT

\$2,000.00 NORTHERN

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a transfer to Tazewell County EMS in the amount the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Northern District Fund to replace a motor in engine #33 that belongs to the Bishop Fire Department.

RECESS

Now, there being no further business to be transacted, and 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 recess this meeting to Tuesday, October 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Charles A. Stacy, Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 8:36 p.m.