

VIRGINIA: AT THE ANNUAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: TOM A. LESTER, JR., CHAIRMAN
D. MICHAEL HYMES, VICE CHAIRMAN
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER
TRAVIS HACKWORTH, MEMBER (PRESENT BY PHONE STARTING AT 4:52PM)
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER (PRESENT BY PHONE UNTIL 9:01PM)
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

Supervisor Stacy called the annual/organizational meeting to order and presided with Supervisor Asbury attending by phone and Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later by phone.

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

APPROVED SUPERVISOR ASBURY'S MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA PHONE

The County Attorney announced that Supervisor Asbury was in attendance by phone.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Supervisor Asbury's attendance by phone.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the February 2, 2021 agenda as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the November 10, 2020; December 1, 2020; and December 16, 2020 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURING 2021

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

The County Administrator called for nominations for a Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for a term of one-year or until his successor is duly elected.

The name of Thomas Lester was placed in nomination by Supervisor Hymes, with Supervisor Stacy seconding the foregoing. The County Administrator then called for additional nominations of a Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, and there being none he declared nominations closed. Then, upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Thomas A. Lester, Jr. as Chair of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2021 or until his successor is duly elected.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

The newly elected Chairperson, Thomas A. Lester, Jr. then proceeded with the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2021.

The name of D. Michael Hymes was placed in nomination by Supervisor Stacy with Supervisor Asbury seconding the foregoing. Chairman Lester sought further nominations from the floor for Vice Chair and there being none he declared the nominations closed with Supervisor Stacy moving and with Supervisor Asbury seconding the foregoing, and by acclamation, hereby elects D. Michael Hymes as Vice Chair of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2021 or until his successor is duly elected.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules of procedure for conducting meetings/business of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2021.

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints C. Eric Young, County Administrator as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2021.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR TAZEVELL COUNTY

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints the County Administrator, C. Eric Young, as the Director of Emergency Management for Tazewell County for calendar year 2021.

COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Dave White, as the Coordinator of Emergency Management for Tazewell County for calendar year 2021.

DEPUTY COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Barry Brooks, as the Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management for Tazewell County for calendar year 2021.

REGULAR MEETINGS, DATE, PLACE AND TIME – CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the PROPOSED 2021 BOS MEETING DATES list as provided to the Board and upon further motion continues to have the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meetings in the Tazewell County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651 at 4:00 PM for calendar year 2021. The approved regular meeting dates are as below set forth:

February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, June , August 3, September 7, October 5, November 9, December 7.

LEGISLATIVE CONTACT TO WORK WITH VACo – 2021

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Charles Stacy to serve as Tazewell County's legislative contact to work with VACo during the upcoming 2021 General Assembly.

TAZEVELL COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE FY2021-2022

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of

Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Lester and Supervisor Hymes to the Tazewell County Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 21-22.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Asbury and Supervisor Lester as the Tazewell County Personnel Committee for calendar year 2021.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Supervisor Hymes and Supervisor Hackworth to the Tazewell County Emergency Services Committee for calendar year 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Hymes requested that item, “L. Airport Authority Appointment – John David Cruey resigned. Replace him with Adam Cody Harman, PO Box 731 Pounding Mill, VA 24637” be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following items presented as “Consent Calendar” except for item, “L. Airport Authority Appointment – John David Cruey resigned. Replace him with Adam Cody Harman, PO Box 731 Pounding Mill, VA 24637”. 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 December 2020

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 14145116 through 145136, and direct deposits totaling \$366,632.14 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending November 30, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145138 through 145158, and direct deposits totaling \$267,800.49 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending December 15, 2020, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 491840 through 491949, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$876,521.81 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued November 30, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 491828 through 491838, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$340,141.41 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending November 30, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 491951 through 491958, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$482,399.20 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 8, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 491960 through 492061, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$909,617.79 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 8, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492066 through 492076, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$145,554.62 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending December 15, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492063 through 492064, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$4,900.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 9, 2020, be approved.

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No Warrants were issued from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library funds, covering operating expenses for the month of November 2020.

WARRANTS

January 2021

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145160 through 145178, and direct deposits totaling \$284,785.87 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending December 30, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145180 through 145199, and direct deposits totaling \$254,216.66 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending January 15, 2021, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492078 through 492090, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,482,344.72 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 15, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492092 through 492283, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$45,427.50 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 16, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492285 through 492297, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$359,425.72 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 22, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492299 through 492388, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$633,572.46 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued December 28, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492390 through 492400, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$336,534.99 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending December 30, 2020, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492402 through 492497, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$990,032.63 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 12, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492499 through 492510, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$141,845.60 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending January 15, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492512 through 492513, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,050.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 15, 2021, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802099 for \$175.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of December 2020, be approved.

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

- \$211.68 to Acct. 31020-55010 (received from Financial Commission for Appalachia HIDTA)
- \$331.97 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- \$753.24 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for Aaron Doud's deer accident)

C. 911 – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the 911 Accounts as follows:

- \$223.74 to Acct. 35600-5230 (received from Verizon)

- D. Library Account – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Library Accounts as follows:
- \$50.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Linda Gillespie)
 - \$1,500.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from G. Cruise Foundation)
 - \$47.00 to Acct. 7301-3099 (received from Donna J. Bell)
 - \$1.96 to Acct. 7301-5230 (refund from Verizon)
- E. Clerk of Circuit Court – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Clerk of Circuit Court Accounts as follows:
- \$15,014.00 to Acct. 21060-6021 (received from Kofile Technologies)
- F. Ratified the amounts of \$15,000.00 to the Town of Cedar Bluff and \$5,000.00 to the Town of Pocahontas for COVID response funds from the COVID Response Budget line item.
- G. Ratified poll approving paying the Emergency Management Coordinator, Dave White, for 84 hours of unused leave time which accrued in 2020 due to the COVID-19 response effort and Richlands Flooding and permitting him to carry forward the remaining balance of an additional 84 hours of unused accrued leave time, to be used prior to January 1, 2022.
- H. Authorized \$500.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Tazewell Basketball Program; attn.: Sara White. These monies go towards masks. 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.
- I. Surplussed Sheriff's Office vehicles:
1. 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAFP71V78X124925
 2. 2007 Dodge Durango VIN#1D8HB38N37F551918
 3. 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FABP7BV6BX168841
 4. 2008 Chevrolet Impala VIN#2G1WS553889188748
 5. 2011 Chevrolet Impala VIN#2G1WD5EM8B1221966
 6. 2008 Crown Victoria VIN#2FAFP71V88X124934

- J. Surplussed Jewel Ridge 1986 GMC Engine back to Jewel Ridge FD
VIN#1GDM7D1G5GV528657
 - K. Beautification Committee Appointment - Ron Coleman, 182 Easy Street, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
 - ~~L. Airport Authority Appointment - John David Cruey resigned. Replaced him with Adam Cody Harman, PO Box 731 Pounding Mill, VA 24637~~
 - M. Department of Social Services Board – Replaced April Morefield who does not live in the district with Pastor Barry Absher, PO Box 16, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
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AIRPORT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed John David Cruey's resignation from the Airport Authority; Chairman Lester nominated Adam Cody Harman as his replacement. Supervisor Hymes suggested Andy Hrovatic as a replacement stating he has his own plane and has flight experience. He is also active in his community.

Chairman Lester asked for a second on his motion to appoint Adam Cody Harman to the Airport Authority. The motion failed.

The Chair tabled the nominations until the March meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING SET TO CONSIDER RELOCATING THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE CEDAR BLUFF PRECINCT (301)

Registrar, Brian Earls approached the Board speaking on behalf of the Electoral Board. The Electoral Board is once again requesting that the Cedar Bluff polling station be relocated to the Trinity Assembly of God Church, 503 Indian Creek Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609. The space currently used for voting in Town Hall is non-compliant and also inconveniences the police department that has been moved into the building. The Electoral Board was notified due to the inconvenience they would not be able to use the space for the upcoming March 23, 2021 election.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Attorney to advertise for a public hearing on February 23, 2021 to consider relocating the polling place for the Cedar Bluff precinct and

upon further motion request a letter from the State Electoral Board stating their consent of the relocation of the Cedar Bluff polling place before the March 23, 2021 election.

KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Mr. Dunford discussed interviews regarding groundwater monitoring held in December 2020. Supervisors Lester and Hymes were present during these interviews. The ranking list from the interviews was as follows:

1. Marshall Miller and Associates
2. Golder
3. LaBella Associates
4. ECS
5. Thrasher Group
6. Greenbrier Environmental Group

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the groundwater monitoring interview ranking list and committee rankings and authorizes contract negotiations with Marshall Miller once letters have been mailed out to all companies interviewed. Copies of the Engineering – RFP Rating Forms are on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 630

Jeff Buchanan and John Bolling from VDOT discussed Route 630, explaining that from 0.83 mile north of Route 626 to 0.79 mile south of Route 626, a distance of 0.30 miles, appears to no longer serve public convenience warranting its maintenance at public expense. They requested that a portion of Route 630 be discontinued as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a RESOLUTION REQUESTING DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE 630. A copy of the Resolution can be found on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

RAVEN - SOUTHERLAND BRANCH ROAD

The Blankenship's would like VDOT to abandon the right-of-way on Southerland Branch Road to close the road to public use. VDOT disagrees on the course of action and recommends the discontinuance of a portion of Southerland Branch Road. The biggest issue with

abandonment as opposed to discontinuance is that abandoned roads may not be re-added to the VDOT system. Once abandoned, a road is removed completely from the public domain—there is no longer any public right-of-way or a road with any legal standing.

A discontinuance of Southerland Branch road would make finding a new location for turning VDOT snow plows & equipment, as well as school buses, necessary. VDOT also had concerns that the discontinuance may impact properties abutting a road segment which could cause a loss of mail delivery and school bus service. Discontinuance would also make it difficult to bring the road back into VDOT's system if there was ever a request to do so in the future.

The Board requested that VDOT, Mr. Dunford, and Supervisor Hackworth schedule a visit to look at Southerland Branch Road. The Board tabled the discussion until March.

SMART SCALE UPDATE

Mr. Dunford updated the Board regarding the two Smart Scale projects the County applied for. The staff scored the Route 610/460 project but project Route 19/460 intersection project did not score well. VDOT responded that the reason the project didn't score well was because of environmental impact measures. Mr. Dunford is corresponding with VDOT to figure out what went wrong and how to fix the issue.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:52PM

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth joining the meeting later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A(1) Personnel in the Engineering Department
- A(1) County Attorney Annual Evaluation
- A(1) Employee in Economic Development
- A(3) Potential Property Acquisition Regarding Salina Road
- A(5) Project Moose
- A(5) Project LB
- A(7) Potential Litigation regarding Tazewell County Landfill
- A(29) Expansion of Landfill under Santeck Contract

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:01PM

CERTIFICATION OF
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: All Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: Three (3)

APPROVED SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH'S MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA PHONE

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Supervisor Hackworth's attendance by phone.

SANTEK – PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING TIRES AT THE LANDFILL

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the following procedures for Santek to handle tires at the landfill:

1. First they must be placed in above ground bins and not left on the ground.
2. Second, in the event the third party disposal service is interrupted due to government imposed shutdowns, market forces, or some other unforeseen event and the bins become full, then no more than 1,000 tires shall be permitted to lay on the ground without being buried in accordance with DEQ regulations.
3. Third, that the County reimburse Santek for the transportation charges paid to a third party hauler to dispose of said tires from the tire disposal fees collected at the landfill;

such reimbursement shall be on a per ton basis and not exceed the fee per ton collected for tires at the landfill.

4. Fourth, that the County Administrator advise the Department of Environmental Quality of these new procedures and assure them that we will comply with state regulations and permit requirements with respect to the handling of tires at the landfill.

AUTHORIZED COUNTY TO SEEK FINANCING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 5 OF THE LANDFILL

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Tazewell County to seek financing for construction of the next phase of the landfill, namely phase 5 in an amount not to exceed \$3.2 million to also include new scales and a new scale house for the Lynn Hollow site: this financing should also include a new compactor to be used at the Cedar Bluff transfer station to reduce the wait time for residents who use the station as a convenience area and upon further motion authorizes the County Administrator to make application to the Virginia Resource Authority for a loan from the Commonwealth of Virginia and to advertise such loan in the private banking market for a comparison of rates and return to the Board with the competing proposals.

APPROVED APPLICATION TO VA DEQ TO EXPAND OUR PERMIT AT THE LANDFILL TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 5

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to expand our permit at the landfill to include construction of a new phase, namely phase 5 to be constructed on property currently owned by the County adjacent to the west end of the current open phase, located generally at the current location of the brush pile and unsold scrapped surplus vehicle graveyard, as shown on the map which I would like to incorporate in to the minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY DON HARRIS

Now, Supervisor Stacy read and moved to adopt the *Resolution Acknowledging Outstanding Public Service by Don Harris*, with Supervisor Hymes seconding and with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Harris served the citizens of Bluefield, Virginia since 1963 as a successful business man and as one of the longest-serving mayors for the Town of Bluefield, serving for 15 years.

Supervisor Stacy said the Resolution would be presented to Mr. Harris at a later date during a Bluefield Town Council meeting.

AGENDA AMENDED TO ADD A SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Administrator reported that they would need to go back into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss A (1) County Attorney Annual Evaluation and A(1) Employee in Economic Development.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adds a second executive session before Board Concerns to discuss topics, A (1) County Attorney Annual Evaluation and A(1) Employee in Economic Development.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020/21 THROUGH 2025/26 IN TAZEWEEL COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised regarding a PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020/21 THROUGH 2025/26 IN TAZEWEEL COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21.

Jeff Buchanan commented that due to COVID, VDOT was running behind in their schedule. This is something that is normally taken care of sooner. He expects to be discussing this matter again in April or May.

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 Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020/21 THROUGH 2025/26 IN TAZEWEEL COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21. A copy of the Plan may be found at the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT REAL ESTATE TAXATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR PRINCETON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION INC.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised regarding the PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT REAL ESTATE TAXATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR PRINCETON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION INC., LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD BY LOCAL DESIGNATION FROM ASSESSMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

The County Attorney and Supervisor Stacy discussed that it was the Boards intent to see progress from Princeton Community Hospital regarding the Regional Surgical Services Center located in Bluefield, Virginia before the Board would be willing to authorize the exemption. Thus far there has not been any progress.

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 Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby tables any action regarding the proposed Ordinance until further progress has been made to better utilize the Regional Surgical Services Center located in Bluefield, Virginia.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Young reported covid cases dropped to 7 per day. He mentioned the terrible surge in cases after Thanksgiving but the expected surge after Christmas did not materialize. Hospital Administrators in the County have texted that they have capacity available again and are not as taxed as they were in December. Dr. Shelton informed Mr. Young that the percentage positive testing rate has gone back under 20%.

At this point, only 3-4% of county residents have been vaccinated, meaning that the number of vaccinations is not the sole reason for the drop in Covid cases. Immunity has built up in the population. Mr. Young stated that the vaccine rollout is slower than they initially thought and that he expects the process to continue well into summer. He reminded everyone to be diligent with handwashing, keeping their distance, avoiding large groups indoors, and wearing their masks.

AUTHORIZED HAZARD PAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSISTING WITH VACCINATION SCHEDULING

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes from the Covid line item account,

paying the three county employees who have been assisting with vaccination scheduling at Tazewell Community Hospital the same amount of hazard pay that custodians have been receiving during the pandemic.

RATIFIED POLL AUTHORIZING TO USE UNUSED TOWN EMT'S HAZARD BONUS FUNDS FOR TOWN POLICE OFFICER HAZARD BONUS FUNDS

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll authorizing and directing the Towns to divert unused proceeds from CARES funds the County sent them for EMT bonuses to police officer bonuses.

APPOINTMENTS

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Curtis Gillespie, 2013 Kimball Avenue, Bluefield, VA 24605, with a term continuing and expiring December 31, 2023.

COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Crystal Crouse, 135 Court Street, Suite 300, Tazewell, VA 24651 to the Community Criminal Justice Board of SWVA Community Corrections with a term continuing and expiring on December 31, 2021.

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING COMMISSION DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Larry Blankenship, with a term continuing and expiring on December 31, 2021.

Chairman Lester tabled his appointment until he finds an elected official to replace Timothy Trent.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Mayor Donnie Linkous, 234

Wintercreek Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605, with a term effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2024. This appointment replaces the expired term of Mayor Don Harris.

Supervisor Hackworth tabled his reappointment until he is able to discuss with Seth White.

DISSOLVED CARES BUSINESS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE AND CARES PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Young suggested dissolving the CARES Act Committees since the County is now in the treatment and vaccination stages.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby dissolves the CARES Business Assistance Committee and CARES Preparedness Committee.

ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Chuck Presley, 40 College Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Enterprise Zone Committee with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2021. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Mike Watson who resigned.

WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Rick Holman, 555 White Oak Avenue, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Wireless Service Authority with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Mike Watson who resigned.

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Gregory DeGray, 207 Bluestone Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Public Service Authority Board, with a term continuing and expiring on December 31, 2024.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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 appoints Lee Riffe, 215 Hockman Pike, Bluefield, VA 24605 to the Tourism Development Committee with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2022. This appointment fills the expired term of Michael Brown who resigned.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Jeff Hurst, 870 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, to the Tourism Development Committee with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2022. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Nick Koontz who resigned.

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Sarah Romeo, PO Box 1101, Richlands, VA 24641 to the Tourism Development Committee with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2021. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Linda Singleton who resigned.

TAZEWELL COUNTY CARES UPDATE

The original CARES Act required the County to spend all CARES Act funding by December 30, 2020. Mr. Young stated on December 29, 2020 a law was enacted that allowed CARES Act funding to remain open until December 2021, so the county now has until the end of this calendar year to spend the remaining funds. He explained that there will be some small amounts of money that may remain in the fund. For instance, contractors who are unable to deliver certain products or pricing on the products may come in lower than procured.

Mr. Young brought to the Board's attention an issue. In 2019 the County borrowed money to replace the HVAC and to renovate an EMT station (initially borrowed to buy an ambulance but later found out the county had to rebuild the 945 station). The HVAC repairs came in less than expected, so some of that money was used to fix the courthouse roof and yet some money was still left over. With the leftover bond money, Mr. Young requested purchasing the ambulances the Board previously approved, with CARES Act funding. There's approximately \$439,000.00 remaining in the fund. He explained that the county reimbursed itself with about half of a million in CARES money and put it into a Covid line item dedicated to covid response. Given that the County now had more CARES funds to spend in 2021, he requested moving some of the "COVID response" money into the Capital Projects fund, which would allow the county to pay for the remainder of the items that we had that we had intended to pay for with bond money out of Capital Projects. This would free up money from the Covid line item that the county may use for other projects that weren't listed in the bond application.

AUTHORIZED \$439,812.66 OF BOND PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS TWO AMBULANCES FOR COVID RESPONSE

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 a payment of \$439,812.66 of the bond proceeds to go towards the two remaining ambulances that have been ordered for Covid response. 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.

AUTHORIZED \$200,000.00 TRANSFER FROM COVID RESPONSE TO CAPITAL CONTINGENCY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a transfer in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Covid Response Account to the Capital Contingency Account.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CARE REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman Lester expressed how lucky the community was to have a child advocacy center. He reiterated the idea of having the Executive Director from the Child Advocacy Center to be a representative on the DSS Board. The DSS Board is in favor of this but requested that the Supervisors appoint an additional person so that their voting wouldn't be thrown off. With these added appointees the DSS Board would have seven voting members.

Upon motion of Chairman 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 creation of two seats on the DSS Board. The Executive Director of the Cares Advocacy Center will fill one of these seats and the other appointee to be determined must be a representative from the medical field.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Census figures are not yet available. Mr. Young discussed plans to schedule a first meeting of the Redistricting Committee to go over the process with the members so they are prepared and know what to do before the census figures come in.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING A 911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Lester, Supervisor Hackworth, and Mr. Young met with the Town of Richlands to discuss dispatching issues. The town conveyed that they would feel more comfortable in transitioning if they knew more about how 911 operated and also knowing that

their input would be taken into consideration if the town decided to hand their dispatch over. They requested forming a 911 advisory committee to deal with the transition.

Mr. Young suggested that he meet with the Sheriff and come up with a short list of guidelines for the committee.

CONTINUES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby extends the previously declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 until March 31, 2021.

SWCC USING THE RAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A PRACTICE FACILITY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Chairman Lester abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizing the County Administrator to authorize the use of the Raven Elementary School by Southwest Virginia Community College as a practice facility.

AUTHORIZED \$50,000.00 FROM CAPITAL CONTINGENCY FUND TO PAY FOR SWCC SPRING 2020 SCHOLARSHIP INVOICE

Mr. Young said during the last fiscal year the SVCC scholarship program exceeded the budgeted amount by \$50,000.00. He explained when the budget was done they budgeted to pay for summer 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021. They did not budget for the \$50,000.00 arrearage because the county anticipated that the State was going to help and pay scholarships for certain trades in 2020 and 2021 and hopefully save money on this year's scholarship program. Then the county planned to pay the remaining unpaid balance from last year using saving from this fiscal year's budget. Unfortunately the state had a budget crisis in the summer and decided not to do this and deferred it for another year. Dr. Wright has heard from certain individuals in Richmond that the state will be picking this back up next year. This would cut the county's cost by one third but Mr. Young said the count must still address the \$50,000.00 from the spring of 2020.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the total amount of \$50,000.00 from the Capital Contingency Account, payable to Southwest Virginia Community College, 635 Community College Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609. These monies go towards paying the Tazewell County Connect Spring 2020 Scholarships invoice. 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.

\$60,000.00 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SWCC DISCUSSION

The County typically sends SWCC an annual contribution of \$60,000.00 and has done so for the past several years. Originally the Board thought they would be able to make the annual contribution from the scholarship fund but it has become clear that it is not going to work out assuming that enrollment stays the same. Mr. Young stated that they are \$75,000.00 over on this fund by the end of this fiscal year. He reminded the Board that the County is not legally obligated to make the annual contributions.

Chairman Lester commented that the annual contributions received goes into the general fund for operational expenses.

Supervisor Stacy recommended holding off on the annual contributions and work towards stabilizing the scholarship program.

APPALACHIAN POWER RATE ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS

The County Attorney, discussed a notice he received from Appalachian Power regarding potential rate increases. The proposed increases are as follows:

1. An increase of \$2.50 per 1000 KWH, or 2.4% on a monthly bill, for environmental upgrades to two coal ash repositories for required state and federal environmental upgrades deemed necessary for 2021.
2. An increase of \$0.23 per 1000 KWH, or 0.21% on a monthly bill, for peak energy shaving adjustments due to increased electrical demand in 2020 onward.
3. An increase of \$0.39 per 1000 KWH, or 0.37% on a monthly bill, for a cost recovery on energy efficiency and demand response losses.

Three hearings are scheduled in Richmond between March and May 2021 to discuss the potential increases.

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 direct the County Attorney to object the Appalachian Power rate adjustments requests in the most fiscally responsible way.

ACCEPTED \$102,000.00 GRANT FROM STATE EMS COUNCIL FOR AMBULANCE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

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

Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby accept a \$102,000.00 grant from the State EMS Council for ambulance monitoring equipment.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INCREASE IN THE JAIL PER DIEM PAYMENTS

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a Resolution supporting House Budget Amendment and Senate Budget Amendment (Item 69#3h) which provides 10.6 million the second year from the general fund to increase the per diem payments for local-responsible and state-responsible inmates held in local and regional jails. The amount reflects the 18.75% increase and the Consumer Price Index since the current rates were set by the 2010 session of the General Assembly and upon further motion supports House Budget Amendment and Senate Budget Amendment Item 68#2h which provides 90.0 million from the general fund in physical year 2022 to increase the starting pay and implement a career progression program for deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 7:22 P.M.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A(1) County Attorney Annual Evaluation
- A(1) Employee in Economic Development

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 8:58 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public

business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: All Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: None (0)

Supervisor Asbury left the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

BOARD CONCERNS

SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH

RAVEN THEATRE – DONATION TO PAY REAL PROPERTY TAXES

\$300.00 FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCY FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$300.00 from the General Contingency Fund Account No. 100-91050-7023, payable to the Raven Theatre. This donation pays for the theatres real property taxes. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

RAVEN THEATRE – INSURANCE COVERAGE ASSISTANCE

\$600.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$600.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Raven Theatre. These monies go towards insurance coverage assistance. 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 STACY**COUNTY FUEL CONTRACT**

Supervisor Stacy asked for an update on the county fuel contract. Mr. Young responded that the company hasn't yet responded and that we've put their invoices on hold for the last two months as a way to get their attention. They are still bringing fuel. The financial department is not comfortable with holding invoices because the typical process is to either pay them or deny them. Mr. Young stated that he has been exchanging emails but plans to send the Company a formal letter notifying them that the County considers the matter to be a breach of contract and they have failed to respond and explain how they arrived at this rate per gallon that is not consistent with the bid.

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL - WRESTLING TEAM**\$1,500.00 EASTERN DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Eastern District Fund, payable to the Graham High School Wrestling, 210 Valleydale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605; attn.: Tim Woodward. These monies go towards equipment. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

SUPERVISOR HYMES**TAZEWELL BASEBALL BOOSTERS – BATTING CAGE****\$2,500.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT****\$2,500.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Northern District Fund and \$2,500.00 from the Southern District Fund, for a total amount of \$5,000.00, payable to Tazewell Baseball Boosters, PO Box 262, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn.: Larry Blankenship. These monies go towards purchasing an additional batting cage due to COVID-19. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL – PROJECT GRADUATION PEN AND INK DRAWING OF SCHOOL FOR GRADUATES**\$1,000.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to Project Graduation, PO Box 174, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn.: Judy Starling. These monies go towards a pen and ink drawing of Tazewell High School for graduates. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL – PROJECT GRADUATION SUPPORT

\$1,000.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT

\$1,000.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$1,000.00 from the Southern District Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund, for a total amount of \$2,000.00 payable to Project Graduation, PO Box 174, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn.: Judy Starling. 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 LESTER

AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGNS BY TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGNS BY TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the County Administrator’s Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION AMENDING SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a RESOLUTION TO AMEND SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA to permit the procurement of professional services by small purchase procedures when the expected cost of such services is

less than \$80,000.00. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

SUPERVISOR HYMES

PROPOSED BILL PERTAINING TO QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Supervisor Hymes spoke in disfavor of a proposed bill that would ban qualified immunity for police officers. He asked Mr. Collins to contact David Bailey to ask for an update regarding the legislation and to draft a resolution if one was needed.

PROPOSED BILL PERTAINING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING

Supervisor Hymes also spoke against a proposed bill that would impact school resource officer funding.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Attorney to send resolutions from the Board stating their disapproval against the proposed bills pertaining to qualified immunity for police officers and school resource officer funding.

RECESS

Now, there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby recesses this meeting to February 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 9:20 p.m.