

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWell COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 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 (entered the meeting at 4:03p.m.)  
TRAVIS HACKWORTH, MEMBER  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY  
NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER

**ABSENT:** NONE

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Chairman, Tom Lester called the regular meeting to order and presided, with Supervisor Stacy arriving later.

Supervisor Hackworth 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**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy not yet in attendance, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the March 2, 2021 agenda as amended.

Supervisor Stacy enters the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

#### **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**  
**February 2021**

**Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145201 through 145218, and direct deposits totaling \$246,845.10 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending January 29, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145220 through 145236, and direct deposits totaling \$250,818.74 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 12, 2021, be approved.

**Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492515 through 492628, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$2,169,965.02 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 26, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492630 through 492639, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$337,282.45 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending January 29, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492641 through 492642, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$119,600.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued January 29, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492644 through 492787, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$687,506.73 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492789 through 492799, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$139,032.47 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 12, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492801 through 492805, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$44,500.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 17, 2021, 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 January 2021.

- B. 911 - Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the 911 Department Accounts as follows:
- \$50.00 to Acct. 35600-8109-15 (CASH donation for Project Lifesaver)
- C. Sheriff's Department - Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff Department Accounts as follows:
- \$13,441.63 to Acct. 31020-5510 (reimbursement for extraditions from July-January)
  - \$112.00 to Acct. 31020-6001 (received from T. Shea Cook, PC)
  - \$62.60 to Acct. 31020-6001 (received from The Production Hive LLC)
  - \$2,390.84 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for Randy Ann's deer accident)
- D. Surplussed Sheriff's Office vehicle: 2010 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FABP7BV6AX121324
- E. Surplussed Sheriff's Office vehicle: 2010 Ford Explorer, VIN#1FMEU7DE2AUA14559 and authorizes the donation of the vehicle to the Pocahontas Police Department
- F. Ratified poll transferring \$350.00 from the Western District Fund, to the Sheriff's Office for post replacement on Limestone Road. 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.
- G. Ratified the amounts of \$2,500.00 from the Northwestern District and \$2,500.00 from the Western District for a total amount of \$5,000.00 paid to the Town of Richlands. These monies went towards Richland's Library.
- H. Ratified donation in the amount of \$2,500.00; payable to the Russell County Ministerial Association, PO Box 792 Lebanon, Virginia 24266 for Texas Ice Storm Relief.
- I. Authorized \$13,412.00 to J & S Transport Inc., P.O. Box 1043, North Tazewell, VA 24630. This amount is due after The Commissioner of Revenue's office processed an

apportioned assessment for the total of miles traveled in VA, it has been determined that J & S Transport Inc has overpaid on the 2020 personal property tax amount.

J. Declared surplus two weapons owned by Sheriff's Department:

- Glock 26 Gen 3 (9mm) Serial Number – EDF949
- Mossberg 410 Serial Number – V0531313

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

### **APPROVED GROUNDWATER MONITORING CONTRACT WITH MARSHALL MILLER & ASSOCIATES**

The Engineering Director asked for the Boards approval regarding the Groundwater Monitoring Contract with Marshall Miller & Associates. Chairman Lester and Supervisor Hymes were a part of this contract review committee. In the contract, groundwater monitoring costs were quoted at \$58,770.00. Mr. Dunford stated this is in line with what the County has been paying for the service.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Groundwater Monitoring Contract with Marshall Miller & Associates contingent upon legal review. A copy of the Contract is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell County, Virginia 24651.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SET REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Solid Waste Management Plan has been on the agenda multiple times in recent years. Mr. Dunford explained that those public hearings and plan approval was to catch the county up, the plan had been overdue for five years. Mr. Dunford asked the Board to schedule a public hearing regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan. This Solid Waste Management Plan is due this year.

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 authorizes the County Attorney to advertise for a public hearing on April 6, 2021 regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan.

### **APPROVED RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT 0643-092-P98, M501**

Mr. Dunford spoke on behalf of VDOT regarding Route 643, Johnson Branch Road. VDOT constructed Route 643 on a new alignment under Project 0643-092-P98, M501. A project

sketch was provided, showing the defined adjustments that are required in the secondary systems of state highways as a result of that construction. The Resolution explains the new road will serve the same citizens as served by those portions of old road identified in the project sketch, these portions no longer serve a public need. Mr. Dunford requested that the Board approve the Resolution which would allow VDOT to abandon segment A-B from the secondary system of state highways and add segment A-B to the secondary system of state highways. VDOT has required the necessary right of way and easements for cuts, fills, and drainage.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Chairman 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 a RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT 0643-092-P98, M501. A copy of the Resolution and project sketch is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

### **APPROVED PAVING SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS**

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 paving schedule contingent upon approval by the Coal and Gas Road Improvement Committee and authorizes Mr. Dunford to solicit bids for paving. A copy of the paving schedule is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

### **COUNTY ROAD DISCUSSIONS**

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding drainage issues on Caleb Hollow Road and Turnip Road in the Amonate area of the County.

Supervisor Asbury updated the Board regarding the bridge construction on Rt. 617 in Falls Mills. She received an email stating that the bridge is still closed and advertising is on hold until next year. There was heavy rainfall the night before and people were not able to get out. Jeff Buchanan said there are meetings scheduled later in the month to discuss options regarding the bridge.

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### **ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION IN MEMORY OF BUDDY YOUNG**

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 transfer of \$100.00 from the Board of Supervisors Account No. 11010-5520 to the Animal Shelter Account No. 35070-6004. This is a donation in memory of Buddy Young.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:31PM**

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

- A(29) Contract negotiations with Town of Richlands for EMS Services
- A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA for water service to Jonah
- A(29) Contract negotiations regarding solid waste contracts with Wythe/Bland JPSA

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 5:56PM**

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: Five (5)  
Nays: None (0)  
Absent: None (0)  
Absent during vote: None (0)  
Report of Action: None (0)

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**SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. John Blankenship, Unit Coordinator Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources from the Tazewell County, VA Cooperative Extension Office introduced the new Associate Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Services, Sharon Rice. Ms. Rice

formally worked in the extension district office as a nutritionist. She has 18 years of experience in public health nutrition.

2. John Blankenship – the Food Agriculture Committee met and received an overwhelming amount of requests from farmers to reinstate the Pasture Renovation Program this year. Snow, Ice, and Rain has contributed to the amount of mud and loss of sod that farmers are experiencing especially in heavy use and feeding areas. Mr. Blankenship stated that these areas desperately need seed as a band-aid to reestablish forages. Sod is gone and is contributing to erosion and nutrient loss that farmers experienced back in 2019. The county has 512 registered farms. In 2019, 146 farms participated in this program with many requests coming in after the deadline that they had to decline. The Food Agriculture Committee requested \$17,000.00 from the Board to go towards the Pasture Renovation Program. If approved they plan to distribute the seed to applicants on April 3, 2021 at Southern States Cooperative in Tazewell. He invited the Board to participate in the distribution.

## **PASTURE RENOVATION PROGRAM**

### **\$17,000.00 CARES ACT ROUND ONE FUNDING**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the total amount of \$17,000.00 from Round One CARES Act Funding, payable to the Soil & Water Conservation District; attn.: Karen Brown. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

3. Carolyn Wimmer, Gregory Wimmer, and Ms. Coleman, Salina Road, North Tazewell, VA – residents of Salina Road approached the Board asking for help. Mrs. Wimmer passed pictures out to the Board and stated that there are approximately thirty people who live on the road with two of them being children. The road has had flooding and drainage issues for numerous years and it is worsening. There is only one way in and one way out. These residents mentioned right-of-way problems stating that it has been obstructed by a neighbor. The neighbor put a drainpipe in but takes the tractor over the drainage pipes to get to his cattle and it has crushed the drainpipes. They stated that the neighbor is refusing to fix the problem. The neighbor has been confronted many times. Mr. Collins told the residents he could not offer them legal advice but said they should consult their deeds and a private attorney. Mr. Wimmer is concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to get to his family if it was ever needed. Ms. Coleman has medical problems and is also concerned for her safety. EMS Coordinator, Barry Brooks commented that he believes an ambulance would be able to make it to them but he was not sure if a fire truck would be able to. The Board asked Barry Brooks to contact Fire Chief Scott Cornwell and have him go look at Salina Road to determine if they were able to get fire trucks to the residents if needed. The Board suggested sending the French's a letter from the County about safety concerns regarding emergency vehicle access.

## UNSHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Harold Marinus, 513 Harman Street, North Tazewell, VA 24630 – stated that he and his wife bought Judge Barringer’s old law office building on Marion Avenue in April 2017 to use as rental property. In the fall of 2018, William Gillespie’s construction crew was completing a remodel of the building. When they were working on the last apartment they noticed an enormous crack in the wall. Mr. Marinus stated the crack was so large an arm could reach through. They then had to notify their renters to get out because the building was unsafe. The Marinus’ hired an engineering and consulting firm to evaluate the building. The report concluded that the building became damaged when a storm drain pipe was improperly installed next to the building around the same time the Marinus’ bought it and it caused the building to drop.

The County Administrator discussed the letter received by the Marinus’ attorney, Jim Dudley. The letter stated that an engineer looked at the building before the building was bought. Mr. Marinus stated that he had not seen this letter and that a home inspection was done prior to the purchase but the crack was found after the engineer looked at the building. The County Attorney mentioned the lawsuit the Marinus’ had against the county regarding the building. He stated that Attorney Dudley filed a nonsuit and subsequent to that Mr. Dudley filed a claim before the Board which was considered on December 1, 2020 and rejected. Mr. Marinus believed that the lawsuit was withdrawn because there was an error regarding the language of his claim. Marinus stated that Mr. Dudley had to change the language from sewage pipe to storm drain pipe. Mr. Young commented that the suit was not timely filed and that the allegations contained in the complaint filed by Mr. Dudley and sent to the Board stated that an engineer looked at the building after the county performed its work in the alley and before the Marinus’ renovation work was done and that the building was okay. Mr. Young said Dudley’s letter provided a date for the engineering consultation and the date reflected a year after the county had done the work. Mr. Marinus claims that this is wrong and he will need to go back and review the letter himself.

The lengthy discussion continued between Mr. Marinus and the Board. Supervisor Hymes recommended that he get an estimate on what it would cost to fix the damages to the building. The Chairman concluded by asking him to look deeper into his lawsuit for the errors Mr. Young pointed out and to come back and provide additional information if any comes available.

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Young reported an average of 9 Covid cases per day for the last two weeks; 8-10% of Tazewell County’s population has been vaccinated. The state has opened up vaccination eligibility for people ages 16-64 with certain health conditions. If anyone has questions about what conditions qualify them for the shot they can check them out on the CDC website. There will be a mass vaccination event later in the month with hopes of reaching around 2,000 people.

It is supposed to be the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Mr. Young stated that pandemics historically run approximately 18 months.

### **CARES ACT FUNDING UPDATE**

Mr. Young recalled receiving the first round of CARES Act funding in June 2020 and the second round of funding in August of the same year. The County started out with \$3,541,757.00 in June and has spent all but \$78,476.60 (98%). He explained that the remaining funds were due to circumstances that were not the county's fault. Some items ordered were not available or ended up costing less than anticipated. The government extended the time to spend these funds until December 2021. The remaining funds will go towards advertising, Covid testing employees, and encouraging social distancing. Some of the funding is also going towards Wi-Fi payments for mobile units deployed throughout the county so kids were able to utilize them for school.

Mr. Young discussed Round Two. He reminded the Board that they had decided to buy three ambulances with Round Two funds. But when the deadline to spend CARES funds was extended until December 2021, the Board decided they would use the HVAC project savings to buy the ambulances, instead of using CARES money. This freed up CARES funds to continue COVID-19 response in 2021. Those funds are shown in Round Two. Round Two money also goes towards reimbursement of salaries and helping with large vaccination clinics. The Round Two unencumbered balance for CARES Act as of March was \$364,712.20.

### **REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARIES**

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 reimbursement of salaries from CARES Act Round Two funds for Eric Young, Dave White, Ginny Dawson, Dreama Wren, Erwin Earnest, and Alise Bailey for January 2021.

### **TOURISM DEPARTMENT – COVID-19 RADIO ADS**

#### **\$1,100.00 CARES ACT ROUND TWO FUND**

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 a transfer in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the CARES Act Round One fund to the Tourism Department Account to go towards radio ads for promoting COVID-19 guidelines; \$600.00 will be used for Bulldog Radio Network and \$500.00 will be used for Kicks Country.

### **CONTINUES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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 extends the prior declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 until April 15, 2021.

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## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Chairman Lester tabled his appointment regarding the Airport Authority.

### **CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING COMMISSION**

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 appoints Joe Blair McGlothlin to serve as a member of the Cumberland Plateau Planning Commission District with a term starting immediately and expiring on December 31, 2024. This appointment replaces the expired term of Timothy Trent.

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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 appoints Mark Mullins, 1725 Baptist Valley Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609 to serve as a medical representation member for the Department of Social Services Board with a term starting immediately and ending on December 31, 2024.

### **REDISTRICTING 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 Steve Lilly, 605 Alexander Circle, Bluefield, VA 24605 to serve as a member of the Redistricting Committee.

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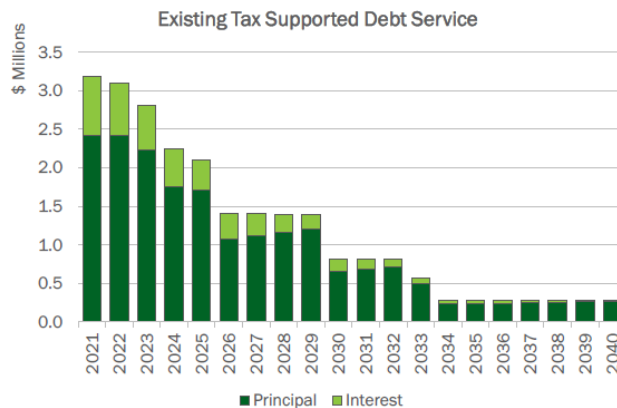
### **TAZEWELL COUNTY UNIFORM POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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 approves the Tazewell County Uniform Policies & Procedures. A copy of the policy is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

## LANDFILL FINANCING PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Young presented the Board with a presentation on proposed landfill financing. The landfill will be full sometime in 2023. A new phase must be built to combat this problem. Santek designed the next phase and it should last for seven to eight years. Financing for the landfill needs to be the same term. The estimated cost is approximately \$2.7 million. Davenport looked at the county's outstanding debt it has on the courthouse. In 2014 the county refinanced the debt at 4% but Davenport thinks the county can refinance it at 2% now. These savings could help pay landfill debt. Mr. Young showed a graph with the financing plan.

### Total Existing County Debt Service



Debt payments will go away in 2040. The payment would be \$1.5 million a year all the way across making it budget neutral but he said the county doesn't get there until the drop off in 2025. This means an increase in debt payments for fiscal years 2022-2025. The plan is to offset this with revenue from Wythe and Bland counties because they pay us \$300,000-\$350,000 a year. The county can leave this revenue in the landfill fund and supplement debt payment out of this amount. If the county does this and gets the anticipated rates it can build the next phase of the landfill without increasing its annual debt payment. Supervisor Hackworth asked if it had to be earmarked for a specific purpose of building the new cell. Mr. Young replied that it can be used for a list of public improvements because there is a contingency in the contract. He said they are borrowing a little more than \$2.7 million in case it goes up, but if it doesn't the county could buy a new scale house for the landfill since the current one is outdated and in poor condition. The county could also purchase a compactor for the transfer station in Claypool Hill, this would compact the trash and save space and time.

Mr. Young said the bond council has to prepare a series of resolutions that have to be passed by the Board to issue the debt. They believe they can have them ready by the third week of March. Supervisor Hymes commented that the Board should have a recessed meeting to consider approving these resolutions.

## **CONSIDERATION OF CLARYIFYING SVCC SCHOLARSHIP WITH REGARD TO RESIDENTS OF OTHER COUNTIES WHO GRADUATE FROM TAZEWell COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Southwest Virginia Community College sent Mr. Young a request regarding three students who lived in Russell County but graduated from Tazewell County Public Schools. Russell County's scholarship only covers students who graduate from Russell County schools and the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors scholarship states that they do not cover students who do not live in Tazewell County. SVCC asked if Tazewell County would pay for the three students. Mr. Young sent emails to the county administrators of Russell and Buchanan to see if they would divide the costs with Tazewell County. He has yet to receive a response from either administrators. Supervisor Hymes asked that this be placed on the agenda for the recessed meeting.

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## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH**

#### **RAVEN THEATRE DONATION – DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES**

##### **\$226.17 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

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 \$226.17 from the Northwestern District fund, payable to the Raven Theater. These monies go to help the theatre pay their delinquent real estate taxes for 2019-2020. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING SET TO REVIEW AN ORDINANCE FROM 1962 REGARDING DAMAGE STAMPS**

Supervisor Hackworth mentioned Ms. Tommy Harman's bull who was accidentally shot by a hunter. Ms. Harman inquired about damage stamps, which are supposed to be paid to the State of Virginia in your county and you get \$1 for such incidents. The Board was not aware of this ordinance. The County Attorney, Treasurer, and Clerk researched to see what they could find out about damage stamps. Mr. Collins explained that an ordinance was enacted in 1962 regarding damage stamps and people used to purchase their hunting licenses at the courthouse and would at that time pick up \$1 damage stamps. Most people these days purchase their hunting licenses online or at places like convenience stores and therefore people have stopped going to the courthouse to pick up damage stamps. In the mid 1990's is when people slowly stopped coming to the courthouse for hunting licenses and damage stamps. Mr. Collins stated \$41.00 remained in the damage stamp fund for about 22 years and the auditors asked the county to place the small

amount into a different account. The county rolled it over into the general fund and there has not been any funding or enforcement since. Mr. Young suggested finding out how many hunting licenses there were in Tazewell County and having the Board fund it by putting in a dollar for each one of those. The Board agreed that they should find a way to compensate Ms. Harman for the bull. After compensating Ms. Harman a majority of the Board believes that they should repeal the ordinance.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hackworth opposing, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Attorney to advertise for a public hearing to review the 1962 ordinance regarding damage stamps.

#### SUPERVISOR HYMES

Supervisor Hymes announced that it was Restaurant Week in Tazewell County. He mentioned a grants that were available for restaurants, bars, shops, and outdoor heating and encouraged people to apply.

#### SUPERVISOR ASBURY

##### **FALLS MILLS FISHING CLUB UPDATE**

Supervisor Asbury and the County Attorney have been in touch with the Department of Wildlife Resources they have leased the Falls Mills Volunteer Fishing Club from the owner. Mrs. Asbury says she plans to speak with him on Friday and is excited that they will have fishing and wildlife there. They received a grant for this. The golf cart Supervisor Asbury purchased for them was sent to Cavitt's Creek but Falls Mills will be getting it back. The club had also donated the playground equipment that past Supervisor Tom Brewster purchased to the Falls Mills Daycare Center. AASC is purchasing their three outdoor buildings. There are concerned landowners around the lake but the county will do a press release notifying the public of the coming changes.

#### CHAIRMAN LESTER

##### **OVERGROWN TREES CONCERN NEAR CUZ'S RESTAURANT**

The Chairman asked Mr. Young to contact VDOT and see if they would trim the overgrown trees near Cuz's. He's concerned that the overgrowth may cause car accidents near the restaurant.

**RECESS**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted the Board of Supervisors hereby recesses this meeting to March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 8:20 p.m.