

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD APRIL 6, 2021 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: TOM A. LESTER, JR., CHAIRMAN
D. MICHAEL HYMES, VICE CHAIRMAN
CHARLES A. STACY, 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

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

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

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

At the request of the County Attorney the Chairman added the following items to the revised agenda:

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 agenda item, "Facilities Use Agreement for Raven Elementary School", under the Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update section.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 agenda item, "A(29) Contract regarding 2021 Mowing/Trimming Bids", to Executive Session.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 agenda item, "Justice Agreement for Relocation of Trails", under the Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update section.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 April 6, 2021 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 all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the March 2, 2021 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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:

A.

WARRANTS March 2021

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145238 through 145253, and direct deposits totaling \$243,455.75 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 26, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145255 through 145269, and direct deposits totaling \$245,496.63 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending March 15, 2021, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492807 through 492892, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$167,023.02 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 24, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492894 through 492903, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$335,877.25 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 26, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 492905 through 493027, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$724,767.72 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued March 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493029 through 493039, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$142,045.58 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending March 15, 2021, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802100 through 802101 for \$2,797.76 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of February 2021, 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:
 - \$732.59 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
 - \$7,357.25 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from Federated Insurance)
 - 2,800.00 to Acct. 31020-6010 (received from Technifab of VA, Inc.)

- C. Surplussed Sheriff's Office vehicles:
 - 2009 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3KA33V49H539987
 - 2004 Toyota Corolla VIN#2T1BR32E24C247430

- D. Commissioner of Revenue - Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Commissioner of Revenue Accounts as follows:
 - \$65.00 to Acct. 12090-3160 (returned check #921162 from DMV because there were no outstanding invoices from 2018)

- E. Approved poll authorizing the County Administrator to spend up to \$27,000.00 from contingency to purchase a new metal detector for courthouse security.

- F. Southern District Fund – Approved \$300.00 to the Treasurer of Tazewell County to pay for rental and cleaning/sanitizing costs for the Shake Rag Forever event that was held on March 27-28, 2021.

- G. Western District Fund - Ratified poll authorizing \$638.15 to the Care Center (Ultra Health), 13401 Governor G.C. Peery Highway, Pounding Mill, VA. These monies go towards medical equipment to assist children in sexual and physical assault examinations.

- H. Ratified poll approving the Memorandum of Understanding and permitting Mr. Lester and Mr. Young to execute it on behalf of the County. The MoU is in regards to the Town of

Pocahontas being a recipient of a recurring grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

TAZEWELL WRESTLING CLUB – 2021 VAWA KIDS FOLKSTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Supervisor Hymes congratulated and handed out plaques to the Tazewell Wrestling Club for their accomplishments at the 2021 VAWA Kids Folkstyle Championships held on February 27th-28th in Doswell, Virginia. Those congratulated were Reid Stiltner (State Champion), Leland Altizer (State Champion), Bryar Asbury (State Champion), Jesse McGraw (State Champion), Talan Hall (3rd in State), Logan Rose (State Champion), Jaccob Smeltzer (5th in State), Ian Ray (4th in State), and Campbell Catron (State Participant).

JUSTIN FRITZ – 2021 VHSL CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPION

Supervisor Stacy commended Graham High School student, Justin Fritz for his many achievements with his most recent win as being the 2021 BHSL Class 2A State Champion in wrestling; weight division 182 lb. Fritz is a four time wrestling state champion in four different weight classes and has also won a state championship in football. Thus far, Justin Fritz is the most decorated state champion in Graham High School's history. His coach and father Ben Fritz was in attendance.

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY DARLENE BOWERS OF LESLIE ANN'S

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 ACKNOWLEDGING OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY DARLENE BOWERS OF LESLIE ANN'S". A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

AJ ROBINSON – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM

OUTDOOR HEATER GRANT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 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 Outdoor Heater Grant Staff Recommendations". A copy of the staff recommendations is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

ADOPTED RESOLUTION REQUESTING DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF SOUTHERLAND BRANCH ROAD

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 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 REQUESTING DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 778, SOUTHERLAND BRANCH ROAD. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Mr. Dunford clarified that the resolution did not discontinue a portion of Southerland Branch Road yet but that passing this resolution was the first step in the process to do so.

ROAD PAVING SCHEDULE

The Director of Engineering stated that the paving bids came in at a higher price than normal. Including the 5% engineering fee, bids came in at \$344,715.00 but the CST Committee had previously only approved up to \$300,000.00 for the paving schedule. Mr. Dunford presented the Board with two options: 1. Request the additional money from the CST committee and pave all 31 roads; 2. Cut roads from the list starting with the lowest ranking roads and pave only 24 roads.

Mr. Young commented that the price of asphalt often tracks the cost of fuel. He explained that coal and gas prices also normally track the price of fuel too and even though bids come in higher than expected most times if you take the time to look at revenue from coal and gas taxes it will also come in higher than expected. He hopes if Mrs. Matney and Ms. Beckner look into the figures that it will wash out. Mr. Young suggested taking off the roads that are over budget and proceed with the ones that are within the total amount of money and then schedule a CST meeting to seek extra funding for the remaining roads.

AUTHORIZED PAVING THE FIRST TWENTY-FOUR ROADS FROM PAVING SCHEDULE

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 Mr. Dunford to move forward with paving the first twenty-four roads on the paving schedule list.

SCHEDULE CST MEETING TO SEEK EXTRA FUNDING FOR PAVING SCHEDULE

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that a CST Committee meeting be

scheduled and authorizes Mr. Dunford to request the additional \$44,715.00 needed to pave the seven remaining roads on the paving schedule.

TIM DANIELSON – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Young introduced Tim Danielson the new Economic Development Director. Mr. Danielson moved here from Midland, Texas and has previous experience working for VEDP. County Administrator, Young stated that he was very excited to have Mr. Danielson and believes he will be able to bring outside businesses into Tazewell County.

ERICA HALL – LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mrs. Erica Hall, Library Director gave the Board a presentation updating them about numerous events and programs that have happened over the past year as well as future events and projects. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the library has noticed a 30% increase in digital usage. They've added new digital resources to their libraries: Hoopla which streams music, movies, comics, books, audio books, and TV series; magazines have been added to Libby; and patrons can access newspapers digitally by using NewsBank. The library had to reinvent some of their programming due to Covid. The following is a list of in-person programs held by the library: 6-Foot-Apart Book Club, Tailgate Trivia, Sit 'n Stitch, Grab-n-Go craft bags, Grab bags of genre fiction, Flat Santa (Letter-Writing program), and Children's Gardening. Virtual Programming included: Virtual Story Time, Laugh and Learn @ Lunch, Online Book Club, Virtual Field Trips (e.g. TC Animal Shelter), Frontier Christmas with Crab Orchard Museum, unboxing videos, and video game meet-ups.

Mrs. Hall discussed facility updates. The Tazewell branch has a new mural showcasing a mountainous scene with an open book and hot air balloons painted by volunteer Renee Wienecke. Also, a new heat pump has been installed and wooden paneling has been taken down at the Tazewell branch giving the library a more modernized look. The Bluefield branch has new parking lot lights installed. All of the libraries received a new VOIP phone system, touchless toilets, soap dispensers, and hand sanitizer dispensers.

Mrs. Hall reported that she was awaiting approval of the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan from the Library Board. Other updates included: a new logo; STAR Program-access for all of TCPS (everyone in TCPS has a digital public library card); updating Policies & Procedures.

The Library Director announced that they have signed a Bill of Sale and a Lease Agreement to open a new branch in Pocahontas. They are updating the technology and collection of the library. She has hopes that there will be a soft opening in April and a ribbon-cutting in May.

ROBERTS RULE OF ORDER SUSPENDED

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 April 6, 2021 agenda format as needed.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

DAD FIRE DEPARTMENT – 1994 FIRE TRUCK INSURANCE AND TITLE TRANSFER

1. DAD Fire Department – a gentleman from the fire department talked about a 1994 fire truck the department purchased in February on their own. He requested that the Board add the truck to the county's insurance and transfer the title into the county's name so that the truck can be put into service. Mr. Young stated a vote would be needed to do so and requested that in the future DAD Fire Department should contact Barry Brooks before purchasing vehicles. County Mechanic, Frankie Kitts will be taking a look at the truck to determine if there are any issues.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby transfers the 1994 Ford Truck VIN#1FDYK74C5RVA23960 title to the county and authorizes the truck to be placed on the county's insurance.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:50 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A(5) Prospective Business or Industry Project Frazier
- A(29) Contract Negotiations with the Town of Richlands for EMS and Fire Services
- A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding Courthouse Grounds Improvement
- A(29) Contract for Lease – IDEA Park
- A(29) Contract regarding 2021 Mowing/Trimming Bids

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:08 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: Four (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: One (1)

AWARDED 2021 MOWING/TRIMMING CONTRACTS TO PM LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, LLC AND ADAMS LAND IMPROVEMENTS, LLC

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 the Board award a portion of the 2021 mowing/trimming contract to PM Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC for the following properties on the following schedule:

1. Courthouse: \$80.00/week
2. Public Safety Building: \$115.00/week
3. Community Facilities Building: \$130.00/week
4. Fairgrounds: \$385.00/week
5. Tazewell Library: \$10.00/week
6. IDEA Park: \$95.00/biweekly
7. Commonwealth Attorney's Office: \$45.00/biweekly
8. Rescue 945: \$50.00/biweekly
9. Boissevain Miner's Park: \$155.00/monthly

And upon further motion authorize that the Board award the remaining portion of the 2021 mowing/trimming contract to Adams Land Improvements, LLC for the following properties on the following schedule:

1. Bluefield Library: \$60.00/week
 2. Bluestone: \$485.00/biweekly
 3. Lake Witten:\$3,125.00/biweekly
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

JOSH HERNDON – 2021 VHSL CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPION

Supervisor Hymes congratulated Josh Herndon for winning the 2021 VHSL Class 2A State Championship in the 285 lb. weight division. This is the first state wrestling championship in Tazewell High School history. Josh Herndon has had many wrestling achievements with 71 career wins with 55 of these wins by pin. Herndon has also excelled in football and will be attending UVA Wise in the fall on a football scholarship. His coach Deacon Young was in attendance.

LUKE MARTIN AND JACOB PUCKETT - 2020 VHSL CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONS

Chairman Lester commended former Richlands High School 2020 graduates Luke Martin and Jacob Puckett for both winning the 2020 VHSL Class 2A State Championships. Jacob Puckett was in the 160 lb. weight division and Luke Martin was in the 195 lb. division. Both graduates are now attending Glenville State College in West Virginia and participate in the wrestling program there. Their former wrestling coach Frank Daugherty was in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIVE-YEAR UPDATE AND AMENDMENT OF TAZEWEILL COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

6:14PM-6:16PM

The County Attorney explained that the landfill is required by the Code of Virginia to have a five year solid waste management plan. He recalled the Board approving one last year that was several years overdue and stated that it was time to approve another one that covers the next five years so everything stays up-to-date. Holding this public hearing regarding the Plan is one of the requirements that has to be met.

Mr. Dunford stated that this Solid Waste Management Plan is about the same as the one adopted last year. Minimal updates were made to make the plan current. The Plan covers the amount of waste that they want to take into the landfill, the type of waste that they want to accept, and the areas in which they want to accept it. This Plan will be a part of the permit process because it is not possible to apply for something in a permit that is not in this Plan.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised regarding, “FIVE-YEAR UPDATE AND AMENDMENT OF TAZEWell COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN”.

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

Supervisor Hymes referenced a page from the Plan and asked Mr. Dunford if he thought the county would be able to meet the plastic recycling goal of around 5,500 tons a year. Mr. Dunford responded he didn’t think that goal would be met and that at this time not all plastic was being recycled but that there would be possible opportunities for this to happen in the future; there is a statewide problem with plastic. Supervisor Hymes asked if we would get penalized for not meeting the 13% recycling goal for plastic. Mr. Dunford answered that we wouldn’t as long as we meet our 15% goal for recycling overall.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 “FIVE-YEAR UPDATE AND AMENDMENT OF TAZEWell COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN”. A copy of the Plan is on file in the County Administrator’s Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO RECONSIDER OR REPEAL THE 1962 ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIAL STAMPS TO HUNT BEAR AND DEER IN TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA

6:17PM-6:22PM

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised regarding the 1962 Ordinance requiring the purchase of special stamps to hunt bear and deer in Tazewell County, Virginia. The notice stated the Board’s intent to reconsider or repeal the Ordinance.

The County Attorney discussed the 1962 Ordinance. In the 60’s when the ordinance was adopted, the courthouse sold hunting licenses and counties were given the authority under the Code of Virginia to be able to charge a \$1.00 fee to be added on a stamp that provides for the damage of livestock, fruit bearing trees, and other such artifacts of property if damaged by a hunter. In the early to mid 90’s the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries opened up the sale of hunting licenses outside of the courthouse; i.e. convenience stores and gas stations. As this change occurred fewer people went to the courthouse to purchase a damage stamp. The courthouse stopped ordering damage stamps in the mid 90’s and over the last couple of decades there was a balance of \$40.00 that remained in that fund. In 2018 a motion was made by the Board of Supervisors to absorb this amount into the General Fund. Recently, Supervisor Hackworth received a claim by a resident of his district to draw from that fund. The Board appropriated an amount of money of what would have been in the fund but now it leaves the fund with a \$0 and there’s an ordinance with no way to enforce it now because hunters have not

been going to the courthouse to get their damage stamps for nearly 30 years. This is why the Board asked to reconsider or repeal the 1962 Ordinance.

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 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby repeals the 1962 Ordinance that required the purchase of special stamps to hunt bear and deer in Tazewell County, Virginia. A copy of the repealed ordinance is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

APPOINTMENTS

CUMBERLAND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 Supervisor Asbury to serve as a member of the Cumberland Industrial Facilities Authority with a term commencing on May 1, 2021 and expiring on April 30, 2025 (four (4) year term). This appointment fills the expired term of Supervisor Hackworth.

ADOPTED POLICY WAIVING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES FOR FIRE VICTIMS

The County Administrator mentioned a county wide issue regarding burned homes and remains not being disposed of and becoming eyesores. A majority of the county's property maintenance cases have been demolishing houses that have burned decades ago. To combat the problem, Mr. Young suggested if there is an occupied home that burns in the county and the family is willing to demolish it and transport it to the landfill, that the county should waive the solid waste fee per ton on that home. This would solve two problems, it helps out the owners who have suffered a tremendous loss by not requiring them to pay a disposal fee and it also saves the county an eyesore.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopted a policy waiving solid waste disposal fees for fire victims. To receive the waiver, the property owner must have a letter from the County Administrator who shall verify that (1) the home was destroyed by fire after January 1, 2021; (2) that insurance is unavailable to pay for the disposal; and (3) that the building was the property owner's residence. The Property owner will need to apply for the waiver at the Department of Building Safety where the County will have forms for such application. A copy of

the policy was included in the agenda packet and is on file in the County Administrators Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

TOWN OF POCAHONTAS DISCUSSION ON ASSISTANCE REQUEST REGARDING BEAVER DAMS

Mr. Young discussed a letter sent from The Ratliff Law Firm on behalf of the Town Council in Pocahontas. The letter requests assistance from the County to remove several beaver dams due to alleged flooding concerns. The beaver dams are located outside of town limits. Mr. Young has hesitation about the County getting involved until he can affirm that the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries approve of such action. He also suggested looking further into this matter to make sure that the dams are the root of the Town's flooding problem.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

SALINA ROAD

1. Carolyn and Gregory Wimmer, Salina Road, North Tazewell, VA – the Wimmer's asked the Board for an update regarding the road. Mrs. Wimmer mentioned that her mother and neighbors have received a letter from the French's attorney but stated that her and her husband did not receive a letter. The Board acknowledged that they also received a copy of this letter from the French's Attorney, Eric Whitesell. The County Administrator said that Mr. Brooks met with the French's to discuss the importance of fire and rescue crews being able to access the neighborhood. According to Mr. Brooks, Mr. French communicated that he understood the concern and that he didn't mind if the neighbors put down more gravel or put another pipe in as long as the County didn't touch anything. Then following this visit a letter from Attorney Whitesell was sent to the County and several residents of Salina Road. The letter conveyed that the French's were okay with putting the 10th load of gravel down if all nine other property owners put down their shares down first. Mrs. Wimmer commented that they do not have the equipment to go in and do the work themselves and questioned if the French's would have an issue with it if they hired an outside company to come in and do the work. Mr. Young suggested that the residents get an estimate of what the gravel and work would cost. The Wimmer's did not believe that it was fair for the neighbors to have to pay 10% towards fixing the road when the French's equipment is what is causing the damage. She believes that the French's should at bare minimum pay 50% of the costs. Mr. Young suggested that she look at her deed to determine what everyone is obligated to do. Carolyn asked if the County could do anything regarding the drain pipe. Mr. Young explained that the County's hands are tied but he could give her a list of contractors that the County works with if she would like.
2. Alicia Kitts, Salina Road, North Tazewell, VA – Mrs. Kitts announced that she is in the process of selling her home. One of her major reasons for wanting to sell her home was due to the horrible road conditions. Her husband is not well and she fears that emergency vehicles will not be able to get to him in time. She discussed a couple of family medical

emergencies involving her husband and son. In 2015 she stated that her son quit breathing and she had to call 911. When they arrived the ambulance driver commented that he almost didn't make it to them because of how bad their road is. Mrs. Kitts also discussed the letter she received from Attorney Whitesell. She understands that the County's hands are tied and asked if there was something else that the residents could be doing to get the issue resolved. Supervisor Stacy commented that they should look into finding someone who can draft up a Road Maintenance Agreement. The agreement should be written in such a way to obligate all members in this community to pay for the bare minimum. The agreement would be able to make the people who are unwilling to participate obligated to do so. Mr. Young had questions regarding their deeds. Mrs. Kitts left a copy of her deed with the County Attorney.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

AMONATE ALWAYS ORGANIZATION – COMMUNITY CLEANUP

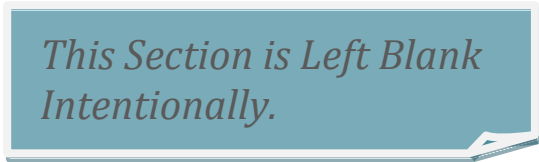
1. Michelle Gravely and Marqueita Hicks, Amonate, VA – approached the Board to let them know that they have formed a nonprofit organization named Amonate Always and are willing to undertake the task of cleaning up their community by clearing lots and getting rid of old dilapidated buildings. Ms. Gravely is aware of the delinquent tax sales that the County holds throughout the year but realizes that this could become costly if they have to purchase all of these properties just to clean them up. They wondered how they may do this legally without having to be owners of the properties. The County Attorney discussed delinquent properties and the numerous heirs that have to be notified before the property is even considered for a delinquent tax sale. He stated it can take months or up to a year before all potential heirs are notified. Mr. Collins stated if a property is under an acre or under \$25,000.00 of assessed value and the structure has no value then it may be possible to handle the property non-judicially by posting a notice in the paper and sending notices to all property owners then sell it which can take as few as three months. Collins advised that if they had a 501 c3 then the organization would be eligible to receive donations from private sources that would allow their organization to defer a lot of the costs. Mr. Young commented that if they get a 501 c3 the Board would also be allowed to donate to them and then they could use the funding to bid on the properties at a delinquent tax sale. Ms. Gravely said she has an appointment on May 19th to get their 501 c3. Chairman Lester commended the ladies for taking initiative and doing something so important for their community. Mr. Lester told them once they get the 501 c3 they should get in touch with Supervisor Asbury so she can be their advocate on the Board. The County Attorney then mentioned that the Board had adopted an ordinance in 2016 for a land bank entity under the Code of Virginia which allows you to bypass offering the property for sale if the organization can accept it and develop the property for community development purposes. There was a brief discussion. Ms. Hicks announced that they were having a community cleanup day on April 17th and invited anyone who wanted to participate. Ms. Gravely asked the Board what could be done for residents in Amonate who did not have a sewer system. There was a discussion and Mr. Young recommended that they contact PSA Administrator, Dahmon Ball.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Young reported an average of 8 to 9 Covid cases per day with an average of 6 cases over the past weekend. These statistics should lower the running average of cases over the next couple of weeks. Thus far 16% of Tazewell County's population has been vaccinated. The second mass vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, April 10th (this is the second shot for people who were vaccinated at the first mass vaccination clinic in March). Approximately 1,250 people were vaccinated at the first mass clinic with the help of 120 volunteers. If everyone returns as planned for their second shot the county's vaccination rate should raise to 18% on that day. With the combined efforts of Clinch Valley Regional Medical Center, Tazewell Community Hospital, and the Health Department the amount of vaccinated citizens are increasing and should continue to accelerate. The Virginia Health Department has a program allowing doctor's offices, pharmacies, and other health treatment facilities to administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is administered with one shot and will hopefully double the pace of vaccinations. Mr. Young stated he was hopeful that 40% of county residents will be vaccinated by Memorial Day. At this time people under the age of 16 cannot take the vaccine because they are still working on creating one for younger age groups.

CONTINUES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 May 31, 2021.



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CARES ACT FUNDING UPDATE

The County Administrator presented an update of CARES fund spending. Mr. Young announced that the County would be receiving approximately \$7.9 - \$8.0 million in recovery act funds from the federal government and a list of items that the money can be spent on. However, there are still funds left over from last year.

ROUND ONE FUNDING

Tazewell County, Virginia CARES Act Funding Balance ROUND ONE	
Beginning Balance for Round One CARES Act Funding =	\$3,541,757.00
YTD Expenditures for Round One CARES Act Funding =	\$3,490,843.17
Round One CARES Act Trail Balance as of 3/31/2021 =	\$50,913.83
Round One CARE Act Unencumbered Balance =	\$50,913.83
<i>Payments for miscellaneous COVID related purchases are still being paid from Round One CARES Act Funding.</i>	
<i>These payments include but are not limited to: COVID testing for County Employees, Advertising invoices, payments for the WIFI at Cove community Center, materials or supplies for COVID Vaccination clinics, etc.</i>	
<i>The Department of Accounts has requested that localities fully expend the amount of money from ROUND ONE CARES Act Funding before expending ROUND TWO's funds so all misc. payments are being made from Round One at this time.</i>	
Purchases over 5k made since last report:	
\$15,000.00 - Outdoor Heating grant for restaurants (previously approved by BOS)	
\$23,000.00 - Soil and Water Conservation Pasture Renovation Project (previously approved by BOS)	

In June 2020 the County received its first round of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$3,541,757.00. Mr. Young explained that the, "YTD Expenditures for Round On CARES Act Funding" in the amount of \$3,490,843.17 was funds spent in June 2020. By the end of December 2020 the unencumbered balance of \$50,913.83 remained unspent because some of the items the County was authorized to buy were no longer available or pricing on the item fluctuated drastically. Mr. Young said that they would like to wipe out the balance and close this account out.

Since the last CARES Act funding update \$15,000.00 was spent and used on the Outdoor Heating Grant for restaurants and a total of \$23,000.00 was sent to the Soil and Water Conservation for their Pasture Renovation Program. Due to Covid and its shutdowns, it caused many problems for local farmers and they were unable to deliver their livestock to markets as expected which in turn placed a burden on their land. They needed funding to reseed their farms. Initially the Board approved \$17,000.00 for the cause but based on the amount of applications received the Board approved an additional \$6,000.00 for the Pasture Renovation Program.

RATIFIED POLL AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$6,000.00 FROM CARES ACT ROUND ONE FUNDS FOR THE PASTURE RENOVATION PROGRAM

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratify a poll approving an additional \$6,000.00 from Account No. 91400-5604-3 paid to the Soil & Water Conservation District for the Pasture Renovation Program.

ROUND TWO FUNDING

Tazewell County, Virginia CARES Act Funding Balance ROUND TWO	
Beginning Balance for Round Two CARES Act Funding =	\$3,541,757.00
YTD Expenditures for Round Two CARES Act Funding =	\$2,821,217.00
Round Two CARES Act Trail Balance as of 3/31/2021 =	\$720,540.00
Pending Allocation (Broadband Project) =	\$355,827.80
Pending Allocation (Salary Reimbursement) =	\$187,180.83
Round Two CARE Act Unencumbered Balance =	\$177,531.37
<p><i>All allocated expenses from Round Two have been made aside from the Broadband Project for Abbs Valley, Boissevain area.</i></p> <p><i>Reimbursements for County Employees salaries that are substantially dedicated to mitigation and response to COVID-19 may be recovered from Round Two funding up to December 30, 2021.</i></p>	
<p>No expenditures from Round 2 CARES Act funding since last report.</p> <p>Salary Reimbursement is for employees substantially dedicated to COVID from January 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021.</p>	

In August 2020 the County received its second round of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$3,541,757.00. Mr. Young explained that the, "YTD Expenditures for Round Two CARES Act Funding" in the amount of \$2,821,217.00. As of March 31, 2021 the Round Two CARES Act trial balance was \$720,540.00 with pending allocations towards broadband projects in the total amount of \$355,827.80 and pending allocations of salary reimbursements of county employees, which is allowed by the act for personnel that have been substantially dedicated to combat the virus, in the total amount of \$187,180.83. For example, the county has three full-time employees working at Carilion Hospital to help schedule vaccination appointments for the clinic over the last few months. There are other employees whose salaries qualify for reimbursements as well. The unencumbered balance for CARES Act round two funding is \$177,531.37 and there has not been any expenditure made from this account since the last funding report.

REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARIES**AUTHORIZED \$187,180.83 CARES ACT ROUND TWO**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 of employees who have been substantially dedicated to combating Covid from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 from CARES Act Round Two funds in the total amount of \$187,180.83.

AUTHORIZED HAZARD PAY STIPENDS – COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**UP TO \$1,100.00 CARES ACT ROUND TWO**

Hazard Pay Stipend COVID Vaccine Clinic March 20 th , 2021 to be paid April 15 th , 2021		
<i>Employees Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Stipend Amount</i>
Eric Young	County Admin	\$25.00
David White	Director of Operations	\$25.00
AJ Robinson	Communications	\$25.00
Barry Brooks	Fire/EMS Director	\$25.00
Ginny Dawson	CARES Act Admin	\$25.00
Kayla Mills	Animal Shelter	\$25.00
Rex Davis	Maintenance	\$25.00
John Richardson	Maintenance	\$25.00
Walter Melvin	Maintenance	\$25.00
Jonathan White	Maintenance	\$25.00
Seth Gearhart	EMS	\$25.00
Chris Briley	EMS	\$25.00
Byron Rose	EMS	\$25.00
Kayla Nelson	EMS	\$25.00
Rebecca Brewster	EMS	\$25.00
Brandon Blankton	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Joan Sargent	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Johnny Smith	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Kara Surratt	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Brain Triplett	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Chris Turner	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Rodney Whited	Sheriff's Office	\$25.00
Total Amount of Hazard Stipend Payout		\$550.00

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 up to \$1,100.00 from CARES Act Round Two funds for hazard pay to employees who worked at the vaccination clinic on March 20, 2021 and will work at the vaccination clinic on April 10, 2021.

AUTHORIZED OVERTIME PAY – COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**UP TO \$7,500.00 CARES ACT ROUND TWO**

Projected Overtime Pay for COVID Vaccine Clinics March 20, 2021 and April 10, 2021			
Employee Name	First Clinic	Second Clinic (based on first clinic hours)	Total
Rex Davis	\$326.70	\$326.70	\$653.40
John Richardson	\$311.90	\$311.90	\$623.80
Walter Melvin	\$289.30	\$289.30	\$578.60
Jonathan White	\$269.30	\$269.30	\$538.60
Seth Gearhart	\$222.30	\$222.30	\$444.60
Chris Briley **	\$97.90	\$97.90	\$195.80
Byron Rose	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
Kayla Nelson **	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$192.00
Rebecca Brewster	\$176.40	\$176.40	\$352.80
Joan Sargent	\$256.83	\$256.83	\$513.66
Johnny Smith	\$224.56	\$224.56	\$449.12
Kara Surratt	\$176.68	\$176.68	\$353.36
Brian Triplett	\$243.81	\$243.81	\$487.62
Chris Turner	\$176.68	\$176.68	\$353.36
Rodney Whited	\$176.68	\$176.68	\$353.36
Ginny Dawson	\$265.50	\$265.50	\$531.00
Kayla Mills	\$166.65	\$166.65	\$333.30
Total ESTIMATED Overtime/Straight Pay for Vaccine Clinics			\$7,254.38
**indicates a part-time employee. Pay is calculated as straight time			
<i>Not all employees will be working at both clinics but for estimation purposes were included in this table...</i>			
Town of Tazewell Hazard Pay and Overtime Pay estimate = \$1,200.00			

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 up to \$7,500.00 from CARES Act Round Two funds for overtime pay to employees who worked at the vaccination clinic on March 20, 2021 and will work at the vaccination clinic on April 10, 2021.

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AUTHORIZED OVERTIME PAY FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TRAFFIC CONTROL AT VACCINATION CLINIC

UP TO \$3,000.00 CARES ACT ROUND TWO

Tazewell County Sheriff's Office				
CARES ACT FUNDS				
Month: March 20, 2021		TMS Covid traffic Control		
Name	Social #	Rate	hrs	Pay
Blankton Brandon		\$25.24	7.00	\$176.68
Sargent, Joan		\$36.69	7.00	\$256.83
Smith, Johnny		\$32.08	7.00	\$224.56
Surratt, Kara		\$25.24	7.00	\$176.68
Triplett, Brian		\$34.83	7.00	\$243.81
Turner, Chris		\$25.24	7.00	\$176.68
Whited, Rodney		\$25.24	7.00	\$176.68
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Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 up to \$3,000.00 from CARES Act Round Two funds for overtime pay to sheriff's office employees who helped with traffic control at the vaccination clinic on March 20, 2021 and will be helping again on April 10, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM ADDED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

SALINA ROAD

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 agenda item, "A(3) Potential Property Acquisition on Salina Road", at the request of the County Administrator.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 7:38 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 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 regarding appointment of an interim member of the Board for the Northwestern District
- A(3) Potential Property Acquisition on Salina Road

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 9:35 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: Four (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: Two (2)

PETITION CIRCUIT COURT FOR SPECIAL CALLED ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Attorney and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to petition the Circuit Court for a special called election to be scheduled at the earliest possible date for the election of a Northwestern District Supervisor.

APPOINTED SETH WHITE – INTERIM NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 Seth White to serve as the Northwestern

District Supervisor on an interim basis until a Northwestern District Supervisor is elected to fill the seat.

Supervisor Hymes discussed Mr. White's appointment, explaining that Mr. White has stated publically and in a letter addressed to the Board that he does not intend to run for the nomination. Hymes sees Mr. White as the only viable option as an interim considering his former experience as the Northwestern District Supervisor. Mr. Hymes alluded to political conflicts between the two of them in the past but hopes that they both have matured enough since then to move forward.

Supervisor Stacy said Mr. White holds value in that the recent Board has been able to work together no matter what each other's political differences may be. He stated his support for Mr. White but also disappointment in losing Travis Hackworth as a board member because they were able to work together on any issue even though they do not share the same political beliefs. Stacy commented that the Board was apprehensive that the cohesion may be disrupted. The Board is hopeful that Mr. White will be excited to work towards the County's continued goals and to serve as the best representation of the Northwestern District as he can during this allotted amount of time. Supervisor Stacy said that Mr. White was the perfect fit as interim and commented that he has big shoes to fill with Travis Hackworth being gone.

Chairman Lester stated how much of an honor it has been serving on the Board. Announcing that he would be finishing out his term and later joining Travis Hackworth to assist him with his work in the Senate. Mr. Lester commented that one of the proudest things that he has ever done was to be a part of this Board who has put the County before any other interests. He commended this Board for being honest with each other and standing up for one another. Mr. Lester stated that the County was lucky to have the Board members that they do and they will be lucky to have Mr. White onboard as well.

9:45 p.m. - Supervisor Asbury congratulated Mr. White with a hug and exited the meeting.

BLUESTONE SHELL BUILDING

The County Attorney explained that the IDA had taken out a Deed of Trust with VCEDA for the construction of the shell building at the Bluestone. Included in this was a title search performed by Mr. Allen McGraw that resolved all issues of title to Mr. Belcher's satisfaction with VCEDA. In doing the title search for Project Claw, Mr. McGraw uncovered a leaseback with the Bluestone Industrial Park dated 2012 upon the IDA's acquisition of the property they executed a leaseback with the Board of Supervisors which grants the Board of Supervisors property interest in the Bluestone. This discovery led to Mr. Belcher's request to do a corrected credit line deed of trust that reflects that the Board of Supervisors has a leasehold interest in the Bluestone.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the, "CREDIT LINE DEED OF TRUST" and authorizes Chairman Lester to

execute the document. A copy is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

AMENDMENT OF MOU WITH SVCC REGARDING G3 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

In the State's budget the governor's G3 Scholarship funding program is being funded for community college students in certain fields of study to pay for their tuition. This helps the County because we have a program with Southwest Community College that pays the tuition of high school graduates of Tazewell County Public Schools who decide to attend SWCC. Mr. Young stated that the Board needed to amend the MoU with SWCC to make clear that the County will not pay for tuition of students whose tuition is funded by the G3 Scholarship Program.

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the MoU with Southwest Virginia Community College to provide that the County will not pay for the tuition of students whose tuition is funded by the G3 program.

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

Mr. Young stated that the County has a 5-year retainer agreement with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates to perform County audits. He commented that this was the fifth year and requested approval of this agreement to the audit for the upcoming audit of FY21 which will be paid for in FY22. Mr. Young explained that next year the County will have to re-advertise and reprocur it.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to extend the original contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates to cover the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. A copy of the contract modification agreement is one file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED LOCAL ALLOCATION FOR TAZEWEEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$12,615,281.00 or up to the amount required by the State, as the local funding amount at the FY21 level for the Tazewell County School Board for FY21-22.

AUTHORIZED TAZEVELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO KEEP THEIR FY21 CARRY-OVER

The School Board made Mr. Young aware of a lot of contracts that they would like to get underway for construction in the summer. A lot of facilities work in the school system takes place during the summer so they need to know now whether or not they can keep their carryover. Mr. Young mentioned that the School Board plans to have roof repairs done on all three high schools this year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Tazewell County School Board to keep left over funding from the current year's budget to the FY22 budget.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

The County Administrator mentioned that they held a steering committee meeting regarding redistricting. They met to go over maps, projections, and to do preliminary math. Mr. Young says they do not yet have the 2020 census and are not expected to have it until September. He requested that redistricting update be placed on the second June meeting agenda. Mr. Young wishes to have an orientation with the committee members in August and prepare to prepare them for the tasks ahead.

The Board deferred the following agenda topics:

- C. GigaBeam Agreement Renewal Discussion
 - F. Cedar Bluff Business and Professional Association Request
 - G. Town of Pocahontas – Assistance Request with Beaver Dams
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RATIFIED POLL APPROVING THE RAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Mr. Collins explained Southwest Virginia Community College's wishes to lease the facilities of Raven Elementary School to use for their baseball and softball teams to practice during the season. He asked that the Board ratify a poll approving the Facility Use Agreement regarding Raven Elementary School.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll approving the, "Facilities Use Agreement" regarding Raven Elementary School. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

JIM JUSTICE AGREEMENT FOR RELOCATION OF TRAILS

The County Attorney discussed the Justice Agreement regarding the relocation of trails. He stated that all documents have been signed. However, in the deed for recreational trails there isn't a paragraph or provision to govern Mr. Justice from deciding to utilize his property for mining or gas purposes. Mr. Collins mentioned speaking with Justice's attorney and he stated that they have no intentions of doing this in the shorter term but if the coal industry picks back up years down the road they wanted to know how they could do this with the recreational trails spread out on his property and the agreement that they have with the County. Mr. Justice proposed that if this were to happen that the Board work in good faith with him to relocate the trails and for the inconvenience any expense would be paid by Mr. Justice. Mr. Collins stated that he attached a letter addressed to him from Jim Justice to the memorandum he sent out to the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Attorney to make a deal with Jim Justice regarding the agreement for potential future need to relocate trails.

BOARD CONCERNS**SUPERVISOR HYMES****RATIFIED POLL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1899 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1252 AS OFFERED IN THE REGULAR SESSION AND SPECIAL SESSION 1 OF THE 2021 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Supervisor Hymes made the public aware that the Board voted by poll to adopt a Resolution that stated the Boards opposition to House Bill No. 1899 and Senate Bill No. 1252. A section of the Resolution reads that, "...the Board finds that HB 1899 and SB 1252 would impose substantial, devastating impacts upon Tazewell County by removing the Coal Employment and Production Incentive Tax Credit and Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit, which would serve to Tazewell County's coal industry and the multitude of business that rely upon the coal industry...". The Resolution further states that the Board opposes the allocation of the annual projected revenues of the Coal Employment and Production Incentive Tax Credit and Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit to the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll adopting a, "RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1899 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1252 AS OFFERED IN THE REGULAR SESSION AND SPECIAL SESSION 1 OF THE 2021 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY". A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Count Administrator's office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – SGT. MAJOR WALTER L. SHUMATE BRIDGE

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a letter of support requesting that the bridge across from Pocahontas High School on Route 747, Old River Road be named as the “Sgt. Major Walter L. Shumate Bridge” in memory of him.

TOWN OF POCAHONTAS – POCAHONTAS HISTORIC CEMETERY

\$600.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the total amount of \$600.00 from the Northern District Fund payable to the Town of Pocahontas; attn: Mayor Ben Gibson. These funds go towards the Pocahontas Historic Cemetery. 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.

BANDY COMMUNITY CENTER

\$3,000.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the total amount of \$3,000.00 from the Northern District Fund payable to the Bandy Community Center, PO Box 52, Bandy, VA 24602; attn: James Altizer. These monies go towards helping the deficit during Covid due to not being able to do fundraising over the past year. 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.

TAZEWELL TODAY - TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL PROM

\$250.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND

\$250.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$250.00 from the Southern District Fund and the amount of \$250.00 from the Northern District Fund for a total amount of \$500.00 payable to Tazewell Today, PO Box 406, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn: Amanda Hoops. 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.

CHAIRMAN LESTER

CARILION HOSPITAL – THANK YOU RESOLUTION

Chairman Lester suggested Ms. Parsons prepare a Resolution thanking Carilion Hospital staff for being a great partner during the vaccination process. Mr. Young agreed and asked this to be placed on the June 29th meeting agenda.

SUPERVISOR STACY

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOUNDATION

\$1,500.00 EASTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the total amount of \$1,500.00 from the Eastern District Fund payable to Graham High School Educational Support Foundation, 210 Valleydale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605; attn: Joyce Johnston. 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.

MOBILE MEAT PROCESSING UNIT

Supervisor Stacy mentioned discussions he had with members of the agriculture committee throughout the pandemic about the shortages meat processing plants were experiencing. He wondered if Tazewell County may be able to utilize grants and funding from CARES to possibly purchase a mobile meat processing unit to be maintained by the County but potentially rented out by farmers. The unit would be able to allow farmers to locally process around ten to fifteen animals per day. Mr. Young asked for a figure on what the unit may cost. Stacy responded that a higher-end unit would cost approximately \$300,000.00. Supervisor Stacy requested that the Board create an ad hoc committee from members of the agricultural committee with their purpose being to consider if a mobile meat processing unit would be an appropriate use of potential CARES funding. The committee should then report to the Board of Supervisors to present their findings.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby creates the Food Security Committee for the purpose of considering if a mobile meat processing unit would be an appropriate use of potential CARES funding and upon further motion appoints John Blankenship, Greg Meade, and John Rhudy to serve on the committee.

ADJOURN

Now, there being no further business to be transacted the Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting to May 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 10:13 p.m.