

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MAY 4, 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
SETH WHITE, MEMBER
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER (left the meeting at 9:39 pm)
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 present.

Supervisor White 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

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 approves the May 4, 2021 agenda as amended.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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 approves the April 6, 2021 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor White 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:

A. **WARRANTS**
April 2021

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145271 through 145286, and direct deposits totaling \$241,159.16 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending March 31, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145288 through 145303, and direct deposits totaling \$249,358.16 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending April 15, 2021, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493041 through 493173, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$567,136.81 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued March 25, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493175 through 493187, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$364,270.08 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending March 31, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493189 through 493298, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$21,091.49 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued April 1, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493300 through 493407, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,647,600.35 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued April 9, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493409 through 493420, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$146,322.72 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending April 15, 2021, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802102 through 802110 for \$28,275.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of March 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:

- \$300.00 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from Cunningham Brothers Auto Parts, LLC)

- \$3,383.91 to Acct. 31020-6009 (received from VACORP for 2014 Ford Taurus Vin#6258)
 - \$427.77 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- C. 911 - Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the 911 Department Accounts as follows:
- \$249.17 to Acct. 35600-5230 (received from Globalstar)
- D. Ratified poll authorizing an additional \$500.00 from the Southern District Fund payable to Tazewell Today, PO Box 406, Tazewell, VA 24651; attn: Amanda Hoops for the Tazewell High School Prom.
- E. Ratified poll authorizing \$100.00 from Acct. 11010-5520 to the Richlands Lions Club, P.O. Box 277, Richlands, VA 24641 in memory of former County Administrator, Mr. Richard “Dick” Farthing”.
- F. Ratified the amount of \$200.00 from the Northern District Fund, paid to Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. These funds went towards the creation of the Tazewell-Co-Histopoly board game and the sponsorship of Property Space & Card for the Pocahontas Opera House & Town Hall.
- G. Ratified the amount of \$400.00 from the Western District Fund, paid to Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. These funds went towards the creation of the Tazewell-Co-Histopoly board game and the sponsorships of Property Space & Card for Paint Lick Mountain and The Old Mill.
- H. Ratified the amount of \$200.00 from the Southern District Fund, paid to Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. These funds went towards the creation of the Tazewell-Co-Histopoly board game and the sponsorship of Property Space & Card for the Historic Crab Orchard Museum.
- I. Ratified the amount of \$200.00 from the Eastern District Fund, paid to Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. These funds went towards the creation of the Tazewell-Co-Histopoly board game and the sponsorship of Property Space & Card for the Sanders House.
- J. Ratified the amount of \$200.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, paid to Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. These funds went towards the creation of the Tazewell-Co-Histopoly board game and the sponsorship of Property Space & Card.
- K. Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the following account as follows:

- \$1,194.69 to Acct. 91500-5699-97 (received from the Town of Bluefield as a 50% reimbursement for the Easter Egg Hunt paid initially from the Eastern District Fund).
 - L. Rescue Squads Department - Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Rescue Squads Department Accounts as follows:
 - \$4,850.00 to Acct. 32020-5309-1 (Four for Life Funds)
 - \$4,850.00 to Acct. 32020-5309-2 (Four for Life Funds)
 - M. Ratified poll authorizing \$5,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Fund, \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund, and \$1,000.00 from the Eastern District Fund. Of the \$7,000.00, \$3,000.00 will go towards stocking the lake at Falls Mills and the remaining \$4,000.00 will be spent on picnic tables.
 - N. Authorized \$140.00 from the Southern District Fund, \$28.00 from the Western District Fund, and \$14.00 from the Eastern District fund for a total amount of \$182.00 payable to Vance Graphics LLC, 175 Green Mountain Road, Pounding Mill, VA 24637. These monies go towards the wrestling award plaques presented on April 6th. 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.
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KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

GUARDRAIL INSTALLATIONS – RT. 671 AND RT. 635, HUBBLE HILL ROAD

VDOT notified Mr. Dunford letting him know of two guardrail installation requests that they received. The proposed guardrail installations would be on Rt. 671 near the Buchanan County line and Rt. 635 on Hubble Hill Road. Mr. Dunford explained that there is approximately \$125,000.00 in revenue sharing funds set aside for the purpose of guardrail installations. VDOT estimated the installations to cost \$42,700.00 on Rt. 671 and \$13,600.00 on Rt. 635, Hubble Hill Road.

The Board discussed the routes. Supervisor White asked to table the proposed guardrail installation on Rt. 671 until he has had a chance to view the road himself.

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 VDOT to install a guardrail on Rt. 635, Hubble Hill Road using \$13,600.00 of the revenue sharing funds.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:15 PM

The County Administrator added agenda item, A(3) Tazewell County Airport.

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

- A(1) Proposed Changes to Personnel Policy
- A(3) Property Disposition regarding the Tazewell County Airport
- A(3) Property Disposition regarding Project Woof
- A(5) Location of a Prospective Business or Industry – Project Frazier
- A(7) Litigation – Schwarz v. Tazewell County
- A(29) Richlands EMS Contract Negotiations
- A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding project Jonah Inter-jurisdictional Building Inspection Agreement
- A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding Wireless Broadband Service
- A(29) Negotiations with PSA and Richlands regarding water capacity agreement for project Jonah

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:24 PM

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: One (1)

The Chairman notified the crowd that the Board would be returning back into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss Executive Session items:

- A(1) Proposed Changes to Personnel Policy
- A(3) Property Disposition regarding the Tazewell County Airport
- A(5) Location of a Prospective Business or Industry – Project Frazier
- A(7) Litigation – Schwarz v. Tazewell County

PROJECT JONAH - ENTERED INTO INTERJURISDICTIONAL BUILDING INSPECTION AND EROSION SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH RUSSELL COUNTY

Upon motion of Supervisor White, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to enter into an interjurisdictional Building Inspection and Erosion Sediment Control Inspection Contract with Russell County regarding Project Jonah.

ROBERTS RULE OF ORDER SUSPENDED

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 suspend Roberts Rules of Order for the purpose of rearranging the May 4, 2021 agenda format as needed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

KID'S COMMUNITY LITTER PICKUP RECOGNITION

Supervisor Asbury highly praised the children who took it upon themselves to go out and pick up litter for the betterment of their communities. On behalf of Virginia Cooperative Extension and Tazewell Soil & Water Conservation District, John Blankenship and Elizabeth Bennett recognized all of the kids for their dedication, service, and commitment to their communities. Each child received an awards certificate and treat bag stuffed with goodies and gift cards for their hard work. Supervisor Asbury thanked the Tazewell County businesses that participated in giving items for the treat bags.

NAMES	CLEANUP AREA
Katie Fisher, Johnny Fisher, Walker Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, and Willow Johnson	Crab Orchard Road & Park & Ride at Pisgah
Stephen Turner and Olivia Turner	Thompson Valley Road/Pleasant Hill Church Road
Kara Belcher and Connor Shrader	Ben Bow/Laurel Bed Road
Julianna Jones	Thompson Valley Road/Pleasant Hill Church Road/Myrtle Road
Baleigh Rash, Braylon Brinnegar, William Lethco, Noah Niswander, and Chase Powell	Pocahontas, Machine Shop Hollow, Peeled Chestnut Mountain
Jackson Duty, Aubree Wimmer, and Jillian Crisp	Witten's Mill & TR Barrett Road
Ryder Lowe	BF Buchanan Hwy. & Wimmer Drive
Vivian Myles	Abbs Valley Boissevain
Landon Price and Owen Price	Frog Level
CJ Niswander	Pocahontas

SERGEANT MAJOR WALTER L. SHUMATE MEMORIAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION

Supervisor Asbury welcomed Vincent Shumate and presented to him a Resolution requesting VDOT to name the bridge across from Pocahontas High School on Route 747, Old River Road in the Pocahontas area of the County as the, "Sergeant Major Walter L. Shumate Memorial Bridge" in honor of his brother. Sergeant Major served in the Korean War and seven tours in Vietnam. SGT. Major Shumate held numerous positions during his military career and was also an original member of the Army's legendary Delta Force who earned a long list of awards and decorations. One of his highest achievements was gaining the approval from the U.S. Navy to allow the Army to utilize their facilities in Key West, Florida in support of Special Forces dive training. This led Shumate to the design and implementation of a program known today as the Special Forces Underwater Operations Course. After retiring in 1982, SGT. Major Shumate continued to serve in Delta Force as a civilian until his death in March 1993 and in 1994 the Free Accent Dive Tower at the Special Forces Underwater Operations School was named in his honor.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the SERGEANT MAJOR WALTER L. SHUMATE MEMORIAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Vincent Shumate thanked the Board, Mayor Gibson, and Ms. Parsons for the Resolution on behalf of Walter Shumate's family stating he will honor it the rest of his life.

EMS APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Hymes presented a Proclamation for EMS Appreciation Week for May 16-22, 2021. The Board complimented the County's emergency medical responders acknowledging the essential services that they provide, especially throughout this past year going above and beyond their call of duty during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 proclaims May 16-22, 2021 as EMS Appreciation Week. A copy of the Proclamation is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021/22 THROUGH 2026/27 IN TAZEVELL COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021/22

Jeff Buchanan introduced William Counts as the new VDOT Residency Administrator. Mr. Counts has worked with VDOT for the last twenty-eight years and is also a volunteer firefighter in Honaker, Virginia.

Mr. Buchanan discussed road projects from the Secondary System Construction Program list. Roads included on the list are: Acme Road in Doran, Wesley Chapel Church Road in Tannersville, Heartland Ridge in Thompson Valley, Buck Hollow Road in Bandy, Woods Street outside of Bluefield Town limits, Alamo Road in Falls Mills area, Indian Paint Road, Belcher Road and Dunn Road in Boissevain, Healing Springs Road near Lake Witten, Atwell Street in Boissevain, Sisters Lane in Bandy, Hunter Lane, and Cove Creek Road.

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District: Bristol
County: Tazewell County
Board Approval Date:

SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (in dollars)

2020-21 through 2024-25

Type of Funds	FROM	TO	Ad Date	SSYP Funding Other Funding Total	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
Type of Project Priority #	Length										
Rt 9999	Scenic Road - Acme Rd	PE	\$0								
115366	9999002913	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Scenic Rd-Acme Rd	CON	\$210,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Route 460										
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Charity Road	Total	\$210,296	\$210,296 (296 From 766)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0.3										
Rt 0766	Wesleys Chapel Church Rd.	PE	\$0								
115367	0766002914	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 766	CON	\$160,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 601 E.	Total	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Rte 601 E.										
	0.4										
Rt 0605	Hearland Ridge	PE	\$0								
115368	0605002915	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 605	CON	\$197,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 602	Total	\$197,000	\$197,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Dead End										
	0.5										
Rt 0630	Buck Hollow Rd.	PE	\$0								
115369	0630002916	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 630	CON	\$210,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 627	Total	\$243,968	\$243,968 (33,968 From 766)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	0.7 Mi. South of Rte 627										
	0.7										
Rt 0677	Woods St.	PE	\$0								
115390	0677002917	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 677	CON	\$137,187	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Bluefield NCL	Total	\$142,187	\$53,668	\$88,519	\$88,519	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Dead End										
	0.4										
Rt 0706	Woods St.	PE	\$0								
115391	0706002918	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 706	CON	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 627	Total	\$150,000	\$2,000	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Rte. 626										
	0.4										
Rt 0769	Alamo Road	PE	\$0								
115392	0769002919	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 769	CON	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 660	Total	\$88,000	\$53,000	\$35,000	\$21,344	\$13,656	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State forces/Hired equip CN Only 9999.99	Dead End			(From 605)							
	0.21 Mile										
Rt 0610	Indian Paint Road	PE	\$0								
105673	0662002920	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
S	RECONSTRUCT & PAVE NON- HARD SURFACE ROAD	CON	\$490,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Migration	Rt 610	Total	\$491,446	\$0	\$491,446	\$269,446	\$202,000				
	Forest Hills Dr to 1.15 Mi S Forest Hills										
Rt 621	Belcher Roads	PE	\$0								
	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 621	RW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Rte. 657	CON	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Dead End			\$27,742			\$27,742				
	0.1 Mile	Total	\$27,742								
Rt 622	Dunn Road	PE	\$0								
	Reconstruct and Pave Non-Hard Surface Road - Rte. 622	RW	\$0								
	Rte. 657	CON	\$40,000								
	Dead End	Total	\$45,000	0	\$45,000	0	\$45,000	0	0	0	0
	0.17 Mile										
Rt 643	Healing Springs Rd	PE	\$0								
	Hamon Farm Rd	RW	\$0								
	Rt 630	CON	\$390,000	0	390,000	0	0	274,742	115,258	0	0
	1	Total	\$390,000								
Rt 625	Rt 644	PE	\$0								
Atwell Street	Dead End	RW	\$0								
	0.34 Mile	CON	\$145,000	0	145,000	0	0	0	145,000	0	0
		Total	\$145,000								
Rt 619	Route 636	PE	\$0								
Sisters Lane	Dead End	RW	\$0								
	0.6 Miles	CON	\$135,000	0	135,000	0	0	0	0	135,000	
		Total	\$135,000								
Rt 761	Rt 782	PE	\$0								
Hunter Lane	Dead End	RW	\$0								
		CON	\$115,000	0	115,000	0	0	0	0	115,000	
	0.25 Mile	Total	\$115,000								
Rt 6652	Rt 61	PE	\$0								
Cove Creek Road	Dead End	RW	\$0								
		CON	\$420,000	0	420,000	0	0	0	43,813	54,071	\$322,116
	1.0 Mile	Total	\$420,000								
					\$257,863	\$303,102	\$274,742	\$274,742	\$304,071	\$304,071	

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding, “PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021/22 THROUGH 2026/27 IN TAZEWell COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021/22”.

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 White and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR PLAN (2021/22 THROUGH 2026/27) AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2021/22) FOR TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

SHERIFF BRIAN HIEATT – COUNTY LITTER UPDATE

Sheriff Hieatt updated the Board on the ongoing litter issues in Tazewell County. The Sheriff’s Office has had numerous phone calls during the past year complaining about litter throughout the County. Hieatt stated that littering has worsened because of the Covid-19 pandemic. He explained that in mid 2019, VDOT asked the Sheriff’s Office to temporarily stop taking inmates out to pick up trash due to budgeting reasons. In March 2020, VDOT notified the Sheriff’s Office that they could start taking inmates back out to pick up litter but there were no inmates they could take out because they were all locked down due to Covid-19 and have been every since. It has been two years since inmates have been brought out to pick up litter. In the meantime, the Sheriff’s Office asked businesses to partner with them to do community cleanups. The first litter pick up was held on March 24, 2021 and to date they’ve collected 1,014 bags of trash. Sheriff Hieatt commended his office, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Thompson Valley Fire Department, Clearfork Fire Department, Pocahontas Correctional Center, the children’s community cleanup groups, and anyone else who participated throughout the County.

It was reported at a Regional Jail Authority meeting that the vaccines they received for inmates had to be sent back. This delayed plans and the inability to get inmates back out picking up litter. The RJA is hoping to start vaccinating inmates around June. Commonwealth Attorney, Chris Plaster, mentioned working on a program where probationers will be required to do 50 hours of community service in their first six months. The Sheriff thinks this probation program can potentially offer assistance with cleaning up litter in the County.

TRANSFER STATION COMPLAINTS

The Chairman receives numerous complaints about transfer stations closing too early. He recommended asking Santek to keep them open later than 4:30 p.m. for at least one day out of the week. Mr. Young said he would talk with Santek and property owners that the County has leases with for the transfer station sites.

SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL LITTER PROGRAM

Supervisor Asbury asked the Sheriff if it would be possible to have some of their school resource officers to educate children on the impacts of littering. Sheriff Hieatt responded that he has been discussing with the Chairman about adding a component to their DARE Program regarding the importance of not littering and keeping neighborhoods and the County clean.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2021 PROCLAMATION

Supervisor White presented a Proclamation naming May 2021 as Older American's Month in Tazewell County, Virginia.

Upon motion of Supervisor White, 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 proclaims May 2021 as Older American's Month in Tazewell County, Virginia. A copy of the Proclamation is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

UNSHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

OLD ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING

Doug Bowman approached the Board expressing interest in purchasing the old animal shelter building. He aspires to fix up the building and use it in various capacities such as a kenneling business and as a potential location for a veterinarian to open their first practice. Mr. Bowman mentioned the possibility of creating a program with the Sheriff to offer those who have been incarcerated a job and new fresh start in life. Mr. Bowman asked if the County would sell the building to him. The Chairman recommended that his first step should be getting in touch with Margie Douglass to develop a detailed business plan and then appear before the IDA. Supervisor Stacy recommended that he also present his idea to VCEDA and the Cumberland Plateau after he completes his business plan. Mr. Young conveyed that the County would be more willing to sell the building to Mr. Bowman if they had his business plan and knowing that there is a good probability of the plan coming to fruition.

Kyle Hurt of the IDA stood up and stated that they would be discussing this matter at their next meeting.

BURKES GARDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT – PROJECT UPDATES

Fred Lawless updated the Board on a couple of projects involving the Burkes Garden Fire Department. Mr. Lawless first discussed how the fire department crew has outgrown their current building and how they are no longer able to house all of their equipment. Covid also has

had a negative effect on the fire department because it is impossible to social distance within the current building, making participation lower and training more difficult. Mr. Lawless stated a local farmer donated an area of land in Burkes Garden to put a larger building on for the fire department. Mr. Lawless said they plan to build a metal structure on this site and have applied for grants. Building and finishing the structure is estimated to cost \$180,000.00. He expects to know something by June if any of the grants have been awarded. Mr. Lawless said he has already had two people show interest in buying the current Burkes Garden Fire Department. If someone were to buy it he said they could use the proceeds to finish the interior of the newly built fire department.

BURKES GARDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT – MINI PUMPER TRUCK

\$50,000.00 FROM EMS AND FIRE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH REMAINDER OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FUNDS GOING TO SWCC FOR MAINTENANCE

Mr. Lawless stated that his immediate concern was to get their truck back in service. Their current truck is a 1976 Chevrolet that has been out of service for the past several weeks but they have an opportunity to replace this truck with a newer one. During their search, the department has already had two vehicles sold out from under them.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor White 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 donation of a total amount of \$50,000.00 from the anticipated \$85,000 leftover from EMS and Fire contractual agreements to the Burkes Garden Fire Department for the purchase of a mini pumper truck for the Burkes Garden Fire Department subject to the approval of the ESC committee and upon further motion authorizes sending the remainder of these funds to Southwest Community College for maintenance. 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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

County Administrator Young reported Covid case numbers were averaging eight per day for the last ten days. Covid is still a risk because not everyone has been vaccinated. Thirty-three percent of our population has had at least one dose and twenty-five percent of population is fully vaccinated. Twenty-three percent of our residents are 65 years or older, Mr. Young hopes that everyone of this age group who wants the shot has had the opportunity to get it.

Since the end of January, the Virginia Department of Health has been running vaccination clinics three days a week at the fairgrounds. VDH is getting ready to cut down to one day due to lack of people calling in. The hospital is cutting back their clinic hours as well for the same reasons. It's possible that people are waiting on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine so that they will only have to take one shot instead of two. The vaccine is now also available through

other outlets. Advertising will continue and the current theme is, “Take Your Best Shot” to encourage people to take the vaccine. Mr. Young reported VDH is expected to have visited all three County high schools by the end of the week offering the shot to students. VDH is also planned to visit several apartment complexes and densely populated housing areas to offer the vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was interrupted a couple of weeks prior and it slowed down vaccination rates in the County.

Mr. Young said it has been reported that even among hospital workers there is still 40% who do not take the shot. One of the issues being that the vaccine is only a provisionally approved drug from the FDA and people may have reasons for not wanting to take it. He said the advertising campaign will continue to give everyone a chance who wants the vaccine to have the opportunity to do so. Supervisor Hymes asked if the County has offered the vaccine to employers. Mr. Young responded VDH has. Supervisor White commented that the County would probably be able to vaccinate more people if they set it up through the employers.

By the end of the month, thirty-three percent of our residents should be fully vaccinated if they get their second dose. Mr. Young stated that there was new research reporting that the first dose gives a person 75% immunity against the virus and the second dose raises the immunity up to around ninety-seven percent. By the 4th of July, Mr. Young hopes that at least 40% of our population will be vaccinated.

A doctor at VDH has been tracking a variant of the virus in eastern Tennessee that is more severe and ten times more contagious. Once the variant reaches the County, cases are expected to pick back up again. Approximately seventy people have died from complications related to Covid since the pandemic began.

CONTINUES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby extends the prior declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 until June 30, 2021.

CARES ACT FUNDING UPDATE

The County Administrator presented an update of CARES fund spending.



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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 = \$3,510,102.09
 Round One CARES Act Trail Balance as of 3/31/2021 = \$31,654.91
 Pending Allocation (Smart911 Software) = \$14,300.00
Round One CARE Act Unencumbered Balance = \$17,354.91

Payments for miscellaneous COVID related purchases are still being paid from Round One CARES Act Funding.

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.

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.

**Pending allocation for Smart911 System (includes software and training for 1 year) needs to be approved by BOS at 5/4/21 meeting.*

Remaining unencumbered funds from Round One will be used to continue payments for COVID-19 supplies, testing, clinic needs, pending invoices, etc.

Mr. Young stated that there would be a total amount of \$17,354.91 remaining in CARES Act Round One funds if the Board accepted his recommendations that evening. He explained that Year to Date actually meant since June of 2020 and that they have spent \$3,510,102.09 leaving the County with a trial balance of \$31,654.91 as of March 31, 2021.

911 DEPARTMENT – SMART911 SYSTEM SOFTWARE (MARCUS ALERT ACT)**\$14,300.00 CARES ACT ROUND ONE FUNDS**

The Administrator announced that the County is now required by the Marcus Alert Act (effective July 1, 2021) to update our 911 software to be able to provide mental health information and emergency contact details for a person in need. The cost of this Smart911 Software is \$14,300.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an amount up to \$14,300.00 payable from the CARES Act Round One fund for the purpose of purchasing the Smart911 software for Tazewell County 911 so that they will be in compliance with the Marcus Alert Act that will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

The remaining \$17,354.91 will go towards employee Covid testing, advertising invoices, Wi-Fi payments at the Cove Community Center, PPE, and materials and supplies for Covid vaccination clinics.

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
Pending Allocation (CSA Foster Care Overage) =	\$145,000.00
Round Two CARE Act Unencumbered Balance =	\$32,531.37

*All allocated expenses from Round Two have been made aside from the Broadband Project for Abbs Valley, Boissevain area.
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.*

No expenditures from Round 2 CARES Act funding since last report.

**Pending allocation for CSA Foster Care Overage needs approval by BOS at 5/4/21 meeting.*

Mr. Young stated that there was currently \$32,531.37 remaining in CARES Act Round Two funds after the pending allocations are spent. The County has spent \$2,821,217.00 of these funds leaving a trial balance of \$720,540.00 as of March 31, 2021. He discussed pending allocations.

BROADBAND PROJECTS UPDATE

The Broadband Project has a pending allocation of \$355,827.00. Mr. Young recalled the Board hiring Point Broadband to extend broadband to Pocahontas last September. Point Broadband provided the County with a budget on burying the line but they ended up reaching an agreement with AEP to run the lines on the poles and it cut broadband project costs by two-thirds. Mr. Young stated they needed to find another broadband project to use the remaining funds on.

SALARY REIMBURSEMENTS

Mr. Young mentioned salary reimbursements for EMT's, Dave White, AJ Robinson, Ginny Dawson, and himself for the first six months of this year because the CARES Act allows the reimbursements for any employee who has been substantially dedicated to combating Covid-19.

SOCIAL SERVICES - COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE ACT FUND**\$145,000.00 CARES ACT ROUND TWO FUNDS**

Social Services Director, David Taylor sent a letter to the Board regarding an approximate one-third increase in the number of kids going into foster care due to the negative effects of Covid. Surrounding counties and states are having an increase as well, causing a shortage in available facilities to send the children to. To address the shortage, Mr. Young commented that our Social Services had to send a child all the way to a facility in Massachusetts for \$10,000.00 a month. Mr. Young further explained that the County is required by law to provide psychological therapy to a child if they are assessed and find that it is needed. Costs have gone up approximately \$650,000.00 to \$700,000.00 over budget this year. The State pays three quarters of this cost.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor White 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 \$145,000.00 from CARES Act Round Two funds to the Comprehensive Service Act Fund (CSA) *and upon further motion authorizes the supplemental budget appropriation to the FY21 Expenditures in the amount of \$430,000.00 and the supplemental budget appropriation to the FY21 Revenues in the amount of \$430,000.00. 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.

* 5/14/2021 email poll approved by the Board regarding inclusion of CSA payment

AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN (ARP)

The County Administrator expects the American Recovery Plan (ARP) federal money to arrive by the end of May. The County will receive approximately \$7.95 million from this rollout of funding. He asked the Board to consider creating a whole different budgeting process and committee for these funds. Mr. Young made clear that these funds have specific rules for how the County can spend them but that the terms were broader than CARES funds. Unlike CARES, the County would have up to 3 years to spend ARP funding

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - CODE RED EMERGENCY TEXTING PROGRAM**\$15,000.00 PREAUTHORIZATION TO COME FROM CARES FUNDS OR ARP FUNDS**

The County Administrator asked for preauthorization to pay \$15,000.00 from either CARES Act Funding or American Recovery Plan Funding for the Code Red Program. Mr. Young recalled the County did a one year contract on the Code Red Texting Program for the Sheriff's Office. The program allows the Sheriff's Office to quickly send out important alerts. The contract expires soon and they are seeking renewal.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor White 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 preauthorizes the \$15,000.00 from either CARES Act funding or American Recovery Plan funding for the renewal of the Code Red Emergency Texting Program. 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 COUNTY BUDGET UPDATE

The County Administrator commended the Budget Committee for working so diligently to put together a budget that they can feel proud of and feel more comfortable with. Mr. Young said that there were a couple of circumstances that helped the budgeting process for this year. He explained that the County budgeted for a catastrophe because of the dire predictions from the State regarding the shutdown with a projected \$400,000.00 loss in sales tax revenues. However, sales tax revenues increased upwards of \$500,000.00 for the County, machinery and tools tax increased slightly, and merchant capital tax also increased. Personal property taxes lagged behind approximately \$30,000.00, mainly due to the DMV shutdown which is our primary tool of taking people's drivers license to get them to pay their taxes. Court fines and costs were also down due to courthouse closures. There was also a decline in late fees and interest on property taxes because of moratorium during shutdown. Gas severance taxes were down because the price of gas went down. Mr. Young stated that the Regional Jail bill went down due to fewer people being incarcerated which saved the County \$567,000.00 and the Juvenile Detention bill also decreased by \$77,000.00.

Mr. Young reported that the health insurance plan performed well and that the County was three-tenths of a percent below where they thought it would be. It's predicted that the County's health insurance rates should stay about the same or go down half of a percent. Mr. Young is concerned that the rates may spike at some point due to the employees and doctors who have put off procedures and tests during the pandemic. The Administrator recommended that the Board fund a 2% increase on the premiums paid from the employer share as a contingency in case there is a rise in rates. The 2% has already been built into the budget for this purpose.

The State is funding a 5% pay increase for school teachers in standard of quality positions funded by the State. Mr. Young explained that all of the other positions would have to be funded locally, not by the State. With the \$900,000.00 increase in the County's revenue

projections from sales taxes, Mr. Young feels like that will give the County plenty of room to make an adjustment and ability to recommend a \$1,150,000.00 increase for the school system. The school system estimated it would cost them \$1,079,000.00 to give the 5% pay increase to local funded positions. This figure amount includes an additional two counseling positions that will be added by State mandate.

Supervisor White asked what Tazewell County Public School's plan was for the next school year. At the very least he believes that the teachers should be required to teach the students by virtual means (such as Zoom) every single school day. He is worried about the kids in our County and how the pandemic has put a strain on their education. Supervisor Hymes had heard that kids would have an option of being able to go back to school full time or continue with classes online.

The State also offered a 5% pay raise for Sheriff's Office deputies, deputy clerks, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and others. The County is expected to fund positions that are locally funded. Mr. Young stated that this budget includes a 5% increase for locally funded positions as well as administrative employees. This fiscal year the County will be funding the increase from the \$567,000.00 proceeds from the Regional Jail decrease.

Supervisor Hymes stated that the Board has it in the County budget to deal with the deputy underpayment issue. Mr. Young stated that the Budget Committee chose to give Sheriff Deputies 5% or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. The Board also plans to make entry level positions more competitive to hopefully put an end to the turnover.

PUBLIC HEARING SET -BUDGET HEARING FY21-22

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 and directs the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing, June 1st at a time to be determined to hear concerns regarding a proposed FY2021-22 Tazewell County Budget Ordinance to be considered for adoption on June 29, 2021 adopting local tax levies and budget for the County of Tazewell, Virginia for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING SET TO CONSIDER IMPOSING A COUNTY CIGARETTE TAX

The County Administrator stated that the budget includes a \$250,000.00 in revenue from a cigarette tax. The Assembly authorized counties two years ago to impose a cigarette tax on taxes sold within their County, towns already have this tax. Mr. Young stated that this could be an excellent funding mechanism for our EMS services. He explained that the reimbursements the County has received from Medicaid and Medicare have been in decline for a decade and the percentage of Tazewell County's population on these insurances have been increasing during this time and these departments are no longer able to fund themselves. Mr. Young recommended going through with the cigarette tax this year and advertising it at the maximum \$0.40 cents and have the Board discuss at the hearing at what price they want to set the tax at.

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 and directs the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on June 1, 2021 to consider the implementation of a \$0.40 County Cigarette Tax.

Mr. Young recalled the Board voting last year to start twice a year tax billing in FY22. He explained that taxpayers would receive a bill in spring for half of their taxes and a bill in fall for the other half. This transition is expected to help the County's cash flow tremendously. Davenport previously recommended that the County build up \$8,000,000.00 in its reserves. At the time of their recommendation there was only \$75,000.00 in the County's reserve fund. The Board later set aside \$500,000.00 into the reserve fund in 2019. The County's budget assumes that in June 2022 that the first half of taxes received will be placed into the County's reserve fund. It is projected that the County will receive \$7.98 million in tax payments, helping the County to almost reach its \$8,000,000.00 goal.

I.T. DEPARTMENT - SANS UNIT

\$350,000.00 RESERVE FUND

The Administrator asked for permission to spend \$350,000.00 of the \$500,000.00 Reserve Fund for a SANS unit requested by the I.T. Department. The current unit is fifteen years old. Mr. Young stated that this has been put off for at least four years and explained that if the SANS unit were to fail the County would not be able to access any of its data. The lead time for replacing the unit has gone from two weeks to five months. I.T. explained that if the unit were to fail, County computer services would be down for five months.

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor White 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 up to \$350,000.00 from the Reserve Fund to purchase a SANS unit.

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor White 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 AJ Robinson to the Southwest Virginia Community College Board, with a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025 (four year term). This appointment fills the expiring term of Erik Robinson.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Kenneth Dunford to the newly formed Southwest Virginia Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. Bylaws and term limits are to be determined.

APPROVED ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SWCC

The County Attorney discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with SWCC regarding the tuition assistance program that the Board of Supervisors has funded. Governor Northam signed the Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back G3 Program into law this year. This program opened up \$36,000,000.00 in State funding to make tuition free and available to low and middle income students at community colleges. This program wasn't something contemplated while drafting the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and SWCC. The G3 Program can help ease part of the County's financial obligation. Mr. Collins mentioned speaking with SWCC representatives and they have come to an agreement that students who are eligible for the G3 Program shall not be eligible for the Board of Supervisors tuition assistance program.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor White 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 Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Virginia Community College and upon further motion directs Vice Chairman Hymes to execute the addendum to Memorandum of Understanding. A copy of the document is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

SPEARHEAD TRAILS ANNUAL PAYMENT REQUEST

Chairman Lester mentioned meeting with Spearhead Trails Director, Shawn Lindsey. According to Mr. Lindsey's letter the County owes \$35,000.00 annually to Spearhead Trails for the work and services they provide on the trails and the County has not paid the invoice. Mr. Lindsey explained how difficult it was to break down the costs of maintenance and services for each County considering they cover a large region, stating that Tazewell County was the only County who wanted invoices with specific costs. However, the Director was easily able to breakdown costs for the two rangers that were hired and assigned to Tazewell County with their salaries being at least \$35,000.00 each.

Supervisor Hymes recalled issues with getting Spearhead Trails to perform maintenance and repairs on Tazewell County trails. County Administrator Young stated that the Board started receiving complaints a few years ago from RDA that Spearhead was not performing maintenance and that their trail rangers were never seen. The trails were reported to be in bad shape. Due to

the issues the Board allocated money to the RDA instead of Spearhead and directed the RDA to pay Spearhead what they thought they deserved. Mr. Young mentioned meeting with Spearhead and coming to an agreement that the County pay half towards trail ranger salaries and the other half towards trail maintenance and then Spearhead would invoice the County for it, providing that before Spearhead did the work that they notified the County and if the County could perform the work themselves then it would save them money. The RDA still feels that Spearhead has not done their work on the trails. The RDA doesn't view the Jawbone Trail as a part of Tazewell County because there is no access to the trail in our County. The access is located in the County of Buchanan. There has been an ongoing dispute whether or not they have fulfilled their obligations.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby makes a request to the Spearhead Trails Director, Shawn Lindsey to invoice the County for their trail rangers in the amount of \$1,250.00 and for any other maintenance work performed on Tazewell County trails by Spearhead.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that next year's payment to Spearhead Trails will be contingent upon there being an entrance created in Tazewell County for the Jawbone Trail.

APPROVED TAZEVELL COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FY 2022

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor White 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 proposed TAZEVELL COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION RATES FY 2022 (Effective July 1, 2021). A copy of the proposed rates is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPROVED FISH STOCKING AUTHORIZATION PLAN

Mr. Young explained that fish stocking had been approved in the budget and that the County planned to help pay for stocking in Falls Mills Lake. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources requested that the County agree to this fish stocking authorization plan. The County must contract a private stocking agency but has to have authorization from the State first.

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 approves the VIRGINIA FISH STOCKING AUTHORIZATION plan. A copy of the document is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

FAIRGROUNDS UPDATES

The County Administrator proposed changes at the fairgrounds to make it look more like a recreational facility. Fuel tanks at the fairgrounds will be shut down in July and the County Garage will be closing at the end of the calendar year. This will allow getting rid of any broken down vehicles and equipment. Mr. Young would like to get rid of the barb wire and chain link fences on the property and replace it with more inviting and appealing fencing. He would also like to renovate the restrooms.

According to Mr. Young: Dave White requested that the Board consider altering the arena to make it better suited for horseshows. Our largest crowds and biggest draw to Tazewell County is because of these shows. However, most places that do horseshows are not coming to the fairgrounds because of the size of the arena. Our arena has been used for derbies and horseshows. Mr. Young mentioned the idea of getting a synthetic liner for the arena and removing the stone. He would also like to replace the block wall that is around the arena with fencing.

The Board tabled this discussion until the June meeting.

GRANTS CAVITTS BLUESTONE GRANT

The County Administrator reported that Merchant McIntyre contacted the County regarding a federal grant that is available up to \$300,000.00 for hiking trails. The application is due at the end of June. Mr. Young mentioned completing the trail around Cavitts Creek as one of the potential candidates for the application. He displayed an aerial view of the lake and explained what it would take to complete the trail. It would cost approximately up to \$30,000.00 for this project and the County would include in the grant an application for outdoor restrooms and public showers.

Mr. Young discussed a second option for the grant application. He said they could use grant funding at the Bluestone for trails, public restrooms, and a picnic pavilion at the Bluestone.

Upon motion of Supervisor White, 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 and directs the County Administrator to apply for federal grant funding for Cavitt's Creek Trail.

PARKS AND RECREATION - DISC GOLF COURSES

AUTHORIZED \$25,000.00 TO GO INTO PARKS & RECREATION FY 22 BUDGET

Supervisor White introduced the idea of placing disc golf courses throughout Tazewell County to provide residents and visitors with more outdoor activities. Disc golf is becoming popular throughout the United States with tournaments being held in various locations. He

mentioned that there are disc golf courses at Bluefield College, Bluefield City Park, Abingdon, and Bristol. Supervisor White believes that putting a disc golf course in each district would be beneficial for tourism. Mr. White mentioned a gentleman by the name of Ben who is a professional disc golfer. Ben has designed a 13-hole course for Critterville and at the request of Mr. White went and assessed Cavitts Creek Park and the Bluestone to see if they could be used as potential courses. He concluded that these areas would be wonderful for the activity.

Upon motion of Supervisor White, 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 addition of \$25,000.00 to the Parks and Recreation FY 22 budget for the purpose of creating disc golf courses throughout the County.

STAFFING ISSUES AT CAVITT'S CREEK PARK

Mr. Young disclosed that they were having issues filling part-time summer positions at Cavitt's Creek Park. Chairman Lester suggested that Mr. Young reach out to the career coach service at SWCC to see if they could find any applicants through their program.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 9:39 PM

Supervisor Asbury exited the meeting at 9:39 p.m. and was not present during Executive Session.

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

- A(1) Proposed Changes to Personnel Policy
- A(3) Property Disposition regarding the Tazewell County Airport
- A(5) Location of a Prospective Business or Industry – Project Frazier
- A(7) Litigation – Schwarz v. Tazewell County

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 10:37 PM

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: One (1)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: None (0)

BOARD CONCERNS

SUPERVISOR HYMES

On behalf of Supervisor Asbury, Mr. Hymes announced the following events in the Northern District:

- Ribbon Cutting at Falls Mills Lake: May 6th at 2:00 p.m. with the Department of Wildlife Resources
- Ribbon Cutting at Falls Mills Adult Daycare Center: May 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- Ribbon Cutting at the Historic Emma Yates Library in Pocahontas: June 1st at 12:00 p.m.

TAZEWELL TODAY – MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

\$1,000.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$1,000.00 from the Southern District, payable to Tazewell Today, PO Box 406, Tazewell, Virginia 24651; attn. Irma Mitchell. These monies go towards helping with entertainment for the Main Street Festival. 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.

TOWN OF TAZEVELL – 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$1,000.00 from the Southern District, payable to the Town of Tazewell; attn. Todd Day. These monies go towards their July 4th event. 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.

TANNERSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER – 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$3,000.00 from the Southern District, payable to the Tannersville Community Center; attn. Bob Osborne. These monies go towards their July 4th celebration. 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.

SUPERVISOR WHITE

CHASING THE WILD BOAR – CYCLING EVENT

Supervisor White invited everyone to attend the Chasing the Wild Boar, a U.S. sanctioned cycling event, which will be held on May 31st in the Town of Richlands. Fifty pro-cyclers have already registered for the event and the three times Women's National U.S. Champion is coming from California to race. Supervisor White has talked to the Shott's and they may have a Welcome to Tazewell County event at Back of the Dragon if there is enough attendance. The economic impact just from this one weekend is projected to be approximately \$100,000.00-\$200,000.00 coming into the County.

CHAIRMAN LESTER

RICHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL – RICHLANDS LADY BLUES SOFTBALL

\$1,000.00 WESTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$1,000.00 from the Western District, payable to the Richlands Lady Blues Softball, 507 Brown Ave., Richlands, VA 24641. These monies will go towards field maintenance. 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.

TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF – CEDAR BLUFF WALKING TRAIL PAVING

\$10,000.00 WESTERN DISTRICT

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor White and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$10,000.00 from the Western District, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff. These monies go towards paving the Cedar Bluff walking trail. 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.

ADJOURN

Now, there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting to June 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 10:48 p.m.