

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 16, 2021 AT SIX 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 (present by phone)  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
TRAVIS HACKWORTH, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER

**ABSENT:** WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Chairman Lester called the recessed 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 Asbury.

#### **APPROVED SUPERVISOR STACY'S MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA PHONE**

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

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

#### **AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Supervisor Hymes added an item to Executive Session: A(1) Personnel matter regarding a Board of Supervisor Member. Executive Session will follow Unscheduled Citizen Comments on the agenda.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adds to the Consent Calendar the ratification of a poll appointing Andy Hrovatic, 228 Matney Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 to the Airport Authority Board with a term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023.

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 approves the March 16, 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 Supervisor Stacy abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the February 2, 2021 and February 23, 2021 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby 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. Ratify poll approving the Deed of Trust regarding Project Claw and authorizing Chairman Lester to execute the same on behalf of the Board
- B. Sheriff's Department - Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff Department Accounts as follows:
  - \$5,013.00 to Account No. 31020-6010 (received from Stelio and Betty Tracy Corte Charitable Foundation)
- C. Ratify a poll authorizing the amount of \$500.00 from the Southern District, payable to Boy Scout Troop #92. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.
- D. Ratify a poll authorizing \$1,500.00 from the Western District and \$1,500.00 from the Northwestern District for a total amount of \$3,000.00 payable to Richlands High School, 138 Tornado Alley, Richlands, VA 24651. Said warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.
- E. Ratify a poll appointing Andy Hrovatic, 228 Matney Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 to the Airport Authority Board with a term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023.

## **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING**

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 enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- A(1) Personnel matter regarding a Board of Supervisor Member

## **RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION**

### CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

Ayes: Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: None (0)

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## **LANDFILL FINANCING PLAN**

The County Administrator presented an update regarding the landfill financing plan. The County is in the process of starting a new phase at the landfill and is working on options to finance the construction. Mr. Young recalled hiring Davenport in 2018 as the County's financial analyst. In January Davenport suggested that the County refinance the courthouse loan and borrow new money for the landfill construction. Administrator Young explained that if the

County took Davenport's advice the overall payment would be less and that it would stagger the payments in such a manner that the annual payment for both together would become budget neutral.

Mr. Young continued to break the two loans down explaining one of the loans as new money intended for the landfill construction and the other loan as refinancing courthouse debt. He stated there are two possible ways of achieving this. The County could do this through a private bank or through a state bank for localities called the Virginia Resource Authority. At the request of the County, Davenport solicited from banks a loan of \$3,500,000.00 for the remaining balance of courthouse bonds and \$3,200,000.00 of new money for landfill debt. Mr. Young explains that they believe landfill construction will come in less than this amount and that there is money included in this figure to hopefully get a new scale house and compactor. He believes there also could be contingency leftover that they may use for other capital projects in the County. The County's goal is to minimize or eliminate budgetary impact of landfill financing.

County Administrator Young said that they went out on the private market and advertised to private banks. He commented that long term interest rates are at record lows nationally with rates as low as 1.0% to 1.5%. Mr. Young discussed receiving a bid from National Bank of Blacksburg for 1.26% regarding the new money for landfill debt. Davenport had projected it would be 2.5% so this was a significantly lower bid than expected. He explained that they will not loan us money in the landfill phase with a term any longer than the life of the landfill phase. If the phase lasts eight years then the term of the loan lasts eight years. Meaning it is fixed through the term of the loan and held without penalty at anytime. Mr. Young then discussed the impact that the new money will have on the County's debt, explaining in FY26 it drops off sharply and then drops off again in 2032. Mr. Young referenced a graph he had displayed showing the additional debt for the landfill construction in FY22-FY23. He said this represented interest only payments that the County makes while doing construction and that the real payments would kick in around FY24-FY25. The goal is to keep the total debt payment between the courthouse and landfill in the range of what the County is spending currently on debt per year. He said that the County has to find a way to overcome those four years. Mr. Young said in 2022 the County will have to come up with \$70,000.00 in an interest only payment and in 2023 an interest only payment as well. Then the County can start paying interest in principal. After doing the math, the County will need approximately \$1,000,000.00 over the next four years in addition to what we are already paying. Mr. Young discussed a plan to come up with the amount. He explained that the County received a little over \$400,000.00 this year from the Wythe/Bland Joint Public Service Authority for trash disposal. Due to COVID-19 they received far more waste than typical. Mr. Young said that the County has projected that they will get at least \$250,000.00 from them per year if they continue the arrangement with them. If the arrangement is continued with them then the County will be able to receive \$1,000,000.00 over these four years. He emphasized that it was important to leave that money in the landfill fund from this current year and next three years so it will be there when the County's big payments come due. Ultimately this will neutralize this payment and the County won't feel it as much in their budget while building the new phase of landfill.

Mr. Young discussed the old money and stated that they received a very good proposal from National Bank as well. He said that they went down to 1.92% and once it is taxed it is

2.22%. The County would be going from a 4.4% interest rate that they are currently paying down to a lower interest rate of 2.22% for the amount of \$3,500,000.00. Mr. Young said it was a fixed rate and without penalty. He reported that National Bank is willing to give up the lien on the courthouse in exchange for a lien on the County Administration building. Mr. Young explained that fire insurance insures the courthouse for \$11,000,000.00 for the courthouse building and a little under \$2,000,000.00 for the County Administration building. The bank is thinking that the Administration building is more sellable than the courthouse. If they were to repossess the courthouse they would have a much harder time finding a buyer. Mr. Young explained that this meant if the County ever needed to borrow a large sum of money in the future they would have over \$10,000,000.00 in equity in the courthouse that it can borrow against. He reported by 2030 the County will have paid off this phase of the landfill and its debt payment will drop in 2030 by \$700,000.00. He said if the County wanted to make a large capital investment at that time in some construction that this could be the time to do so.

Mr. Young briefly discussed bids they received from other banks. He said Davenport solicited ten banks and received bids from four. Sterling Bank bid 2.99%, First Community 2.65%, Truist 2.71%, and National Bank 1.92%. Mr. Young said that there were two routes that the County could take and that they do not know yet what the state will offer the County interest wise. He said that Davenport does not believe the state will be able to beat National Bank's bid. Mr. Young said that Davenport requested that the Board approve two resolutions allowing the County to pursue either route. He explained that it will authorize him to accept the low bid between VRA and National Bank. Mr. Young clarified that if the Board goes the private bank route and uses the County Administration building as security rather than the courthouse there are leases that will have to be constructed with the IDA because the IDA owns the County Administration building.

The County Attorney explained the two Resolutions to be considered by the Board. The first is, "A Resolution Approving a Plan of Lease Financing with the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia Approving the Form of Certain Documents Prepared in Connection Therewith and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Same". Mr. Collins explained that both the IDA and Board of Supervisors will require votes to approve this resolution. This resolution authorizes the County Administrator, Chairman, or Vice Chairman to execute documents to be able to go with either the private bank (National Bank) or the Virginia Resource Authority. He clarified that these types of Resolutions customarily do not grant such broad power to the County Administrator but given the timing the County is under with rates being locking in through only April 30<sup>th</sup>, Davenport suggested that we go ahead and authorize the County Administrator to execute on behalf of the County to lock in these rates given the savings that will accrue over time.

The second resolution is, "A Resolution Authorizing the County to Amend and Restate the Existing Lease Financing with the Virginia Resources Authority for the Financing of Various Capital Improvements for Solid Waste Management and Other Governmental Purposes and to Provide for the Refinancing of Certain Outstanding Indebtedness and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Documents Prepared in Connection Therewith". Mr. Collins stated this was regarding new debt for the landfill with an eight year term given that the phase of landfill itself will be for

eight years and not to extend past this so the County doesn't have to pay for a landfill that has since closed and not able to be utilized.

Mr. Collins said Davenport also prepared a prime lease to incorporate the Board of Supervisors and IDA since the County Administration building would be the building used to secure the Deed of Trust. If this option came to pass, the IDA would lease the County Administration building to the Board of Supervisors who would in turn do a lease back arrangement with the IDA in order to secure financing so that the County does not incur debt.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a, "RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAN OF LEASE FINANCING WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA APPROVING THE FORM OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE SAME". A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE EXISTING LEASE FINANCING WITH THE VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH". A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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## **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - PASTURE RENOVATION PROGRAM**

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

Mr. Young recalled at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting that the Board authorized \$17,000.00 to go towards the Pasture Renovation Program but was unsure of which account the funds would come from and wondered if it would be possible to use CARES funding for this purpose. After that meeting VA Cooperative Extension Agent, John Blankenship sent a letter to the County Administrator explaining the negative impact that Covid has had on local farms. The Board decided that they would be able to authorize the previously allocated \$17,000.00 from CARES Act Round One funds.

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 the previously approved amount of \$17,000.00 to come from Round One CARES Act Funding, payable to the Soil & Water Conservation District; attn.: Karen Brown. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia. A copy of Mr. Blankenship's letter is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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## **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – TELEWORKING OFFICE SUPPLIES**

### **\$1,000.00 CARES ACT ROUND ONE FUNDING**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 from Round One CARES Act Funding, payable to the Virginia Cooperative Extension, 2860 Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, VA 24630; attn. John Blankenship. These funds are to be used towards office supplies for teleworking employees because of the pandemic. 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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## **SALINA ROAD UPDATE**

The County Administrator stated that Barry Brooks was gracious enough to meet with Mr. French to discuss need for access of Salina Road for fire and EMS services. Mr. Young explained that if the road is not going to be a public road the County would like Mr. French to allow people who live on his property to make improvements. According to Mr. Brooks visit, Mr. French was fine with those individuals making the improvements but didn't want the County themselves to make them. Mr. Young clarified that the County couldn't pave Salina Road with public money to make improvements to private property. He mentioned that the County has a list of contractors that they do business with and that they would provide the residents the list of them. Mr. Brooks advised Mr. Young that morning that Mrs. French would like to attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting to explain and give her side of the story.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF CLARIFYING SWCC SCHOLARSHIP WITH REGARD TO RESIDENTS OF OTHER COUNTIES WHO GRADUATE FROM TAZEWEILL COUNTY SCHOOLS**

The County Administrator mentioned an issue regarding some students at SWCC being residents in Russell County that graduated from Richlands High School. Mr. Young explained that the County's scholarship program specifically states that one must be a resident and graduate from a Tazewell County high school. He said Russell County has the same requirement in their

scholarship program. This creates a problem for these students. Mr. Young recalled that it was the Boards consent to fund education of our residents and see if the other counties would be willing to split it with us or agree to reciprocate. He said he has sent out emails and has not heard back from the Russell County Administrator.

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### **DAMAGE STAMPS UPDATE**

The County Attorney updated the Board on the damage stamp program. John Blankenship emailed data regarding the number of hunters who have registered in Tazewell County in the last three years. Mr. Collins said each year the number of registered hunters averaged between 430 and 470. According to the dated Ordinance in question regarding damage stamps, these are the amount of hunters who should have been paying money to the courthouse to get their damage stamp. If hunters had been doing this, approximately \$1,275.00 would have accrued into this fund.

To Mr. Collins understanding, it is the Boards desire to pay a certain amount to Ms. Harman for the loss of her shot bull. The County Attorney said that they had also checked on the price of cattle at livestock market auctions recently and a 1,000 pound steer was going for about \$0.80-\$0.90 per pound. Mr. Young recommended that the County advertise for a public hearing to repeal the Ordinance. The County Attorney responded that the advertisement will be running on March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **TOMMIE HARMAN – LOSS OF HER SHOT BULL**

#### **\$1,275.00 CONTINGENCY FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,275.00 from the Contingency Account, payable to Tommie Harman, to pay for the loss of her shot bull. 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 Stacy left the meeting.

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### **SPARKLE N SHINE – POST ELECTION CLEANING OF PRECINCT LOCATIONS**

#### **AUTHORIZED UP TO \$5,000.00 FROM ROUND TWO CARES ACT FUNDS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an amount up to \$5,000.00 from the Round Two CARES Act Fund, payable to Sparkle n Shine. These funds will be used for post election cleaning of precinct

locations. 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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## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

#### **GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL – PROJECT GRADUATION**

**\$1,000.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT**

**\$1,000.00 EASTERN DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amounts of \$1,000.00 from the Northern District Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Eastern District Fund, for a total amount of \$2,000.00, payable to Graham High School; attn: Patty Douthat. These monies go towards Project Graduation. 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 BASEBALL BOOSTERS, INC. - CLEATS**

**\$750.00 NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

**\$750.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amounts of \$750.00 from the Northern District Fund and \$750.00 from the Southern District Fund, for a total amount of \$1,500.00 payable to the Tazewell Baseball Boosters, Inc., PO Box 1393, North Tazewell, Virginia 24630; attn: Michael Fowler. These monies go towards purchasing cleats for the Tazewell Varsity, JV, and Middle School baseball teams for the 2021 baseball season. 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.

#### **LITTER IN TAZEWELL COUNTY**

Supervisor Asbury mentioned speaking with the Sheriff the day before regarding litter throughout the County. The Sheriff told her that the primary reason for litter along the roads is that inmates have not been allowed to pick up waste due to COVID-19. The regional jail will not let them in and out of jail for fear of bringing the virus into the jail system. She said the Sheriff has contacted VDOT and regional jail to ask them when inmates would be able to get back out

and cleanup the roads. She said that Russell County looks better than Tazewell because of their extensive probation program. The County started their program this year but it only has 15-20 participants while Russell County has over 100 participants. Supervisor Hackworth said he would speak with the Commonwealth Attorney, Chris Plaster regarding the problem. Supervisor Asbury said she had a resident in the Northern District recommend a County wide cleanup on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is Earth Day.

#### SUPERVISOR HYMES

#### **TANNERSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER – WALKING TRAIL**

#### **\$4,000.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Tannersville Community Center. These monies go towards helping them complete their 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.

#### **CLEARFORK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **\$4,646.32 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Hackworth and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$4,646.32 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Clearfork Volunteer Fire Department. These monies go towards purchasing parts for their fire truck. 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 HACKWORTH

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER – FRIENDS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

#### **\$1,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to Friends of the Animal Shelter. 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.

**CART****\$1,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to CART. 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.

**RAVEN THEATRE****\$2,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Raven Theatre. 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 – 2021 HERITAGE FESTIVAL****\$2,500.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Town of Cedar Bluff. These monies go towards the 2021 Heritage Festival in September. 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.

**JEWELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER – 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION****\$2,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Jewell Ridge Community Center. These monies go towards their 4<sup>th</sup> of July 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.

**TOWN OF RICHLANDS – 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

**\$5,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Town of Richlands. These monies go towards their 4<sup>th</sup> of July 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.

**TOWN OF RICHLANDS – RICHLANDS LIBRARY EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS**

**\$10,000.00 NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hackworth, seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to the Town of Richlands. These monies go towards exterior renovations at the Richlands Library. 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.

**SENATE RACE DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Hackworth said that if he was successful in the bid for his Senate race and sworn in before the next Board of Supervisors meeting, he wanted the Board to know that he appreciates them and has had a wonderful time serving on it.

**CHAIRMAN LESTER**

**SWCC USER AGREEMENT WITH RAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Chairman Lester asked the County Attorney for an update regarding the SWCC user agreement with Raven Elementary School. Mr. Collins responded that he sent a draft to Chris Lewis and Laura Lynch of SWCC that day for their review. He requested that they send any comments or concerns that they may have. Mr. Collins hopes that they will have a lease that the Board can approve at their meeting in April.

**THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HACKWORTH**

The Chairman said he has a lot of confidence that the people will choose Travis Hackworth to serve as a State Senator. He believes the Board will always look fondly on Supervisor Hackworth's participation and contributions to Tazewell County as a supervisor. The Chairman wished Mr. Hackworth well and said he looked forward to what he will accomplish in Richmond.

**ADJOURN**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted the Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting to April 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: WP