

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 29, 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 (PRESENT BY PHONE)  
D. MICHAEL HYMES, VICE CHAIRMAN  
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER (ENTERED THE MEETING AT 4:02 P.M.)  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
SHANNA PLASTER, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
WHITNEY PARSONS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER

**ABSENT:** NONE

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The Vice Chairman, Michael Hymes called the regular meeting to order with Supervisor Stacy arriving later.

#### **APPROVED CHAIRMAN LESTER'S MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA PHONE**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Stacy arriving later, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Chairman Lester's attendance by phone.

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

Supervisor Stacy entered the meeting at 4:02 pm.

The Vice Chairman introduced Shanna Plaster, the new Northwestern District Board of Supervisor member. Supervisor Plaster said she was excited to serve in this position and ready to take care of business.

The Vice 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**

The County Administrator added an item to Executive Session: A(1) Personnel Regarding Engineering Department.

The County Attorney added item: 14(H.) Approval of Amendment to Justice Escrow Agreement.

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 June 29, 2021 agenda as amended.

## **MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 June 10, 2021 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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 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 June 2021**

#### **Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145337 through 145351, and direct deposits totaling \$244,649.46 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending May 28, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145353 through 145366, and direct deposits totaling \$251,609.44 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending June 15, 2021, be approved.

#### **Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493693 through 493798, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$318,853.64 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES

funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued May 25, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493800 through 493811, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$380,744.13 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending May 28, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493813 through 493959, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$440,014.14 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued June 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493961 through 493966, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$546,060.88 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued June 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 493968 through 493979, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$144,118.86 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending June 15, 2021, be approved.

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No Warrants were issued from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library funds, covering operating expenses for the month of May 2021.

- 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:
  - \$720.27 to Acct. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- C. Fire & EMS Department – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Fire & EMS Department Accounts as follows:
  - \$2,232.04 to Acct. 32030-6009 (received from VACORP regarding 2011 Ford Pickup F250XL)
- D. Garage – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Garage Accounts as follows:
  - \$253.40 to Acct. 12210-6009 (received from V H Holmes Sons Inc.)

- E. Ratified the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to the Tannersville Community Center. These funds go towards their walking trail.
  - F. Ratified poll amending the amount donated to the Town of Cedar Bluff from the Western District Fund from \$10,000.00 down to \$8,000.00 for their walking trail. This donation occurred at the June 1, 2021 BOS meeting.
  - G. Approved a resolution adopting the County of Tazewell Cafeteria Plan
  - H. Re-appropriated accounts maintained by the Treasurer's Office: Sheriff Federal Forfeiture: \$1.02; Sheriff State Forfeiture: \$13,125.57; Commonwealth Attorney Perdue Pharma: \$56,329.87 (estimated interest for June \$9.00 not included); Commonwealth Attorney Federal Forfeiture: \$9,590.62 (estimated interest for June .08 cent not included); Abbot Commonwealth Attorney \$6,289.86 (estimated interest for June .82 cent not included). This is the balances of these accounts as of June 28, 2021.
  - I. Ratified poll and authorized \$600.00 from the Western District Fund and \$600.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, for a total amount of \$1,200.00 payable to the Richlands Little League, PO Box 1737, Richlands, VA. 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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#### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:07 PM**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 Regarding Engineering Department
- A(1) Personnel Regarding Emergency Management
- A(5) Project Vision
- A(7) Litigation – Schwarz v. Tazewell County
- A(29) Potential Contract for Broadband Service
- A(29) Project Jonah Water Project
- A(29) Contract Negotiations Regarding MOU with Spearhead Trail
- A(29) Contract Negotiations for Landfill Management
- A(29) Contract Negotiations Project Peak

#### **RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:16 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: Three (3)

**PROJECT VISION – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 Board to issue a Resolution of Support for Project Vision.

**SCHWARZ V. TAZEWELL COUNTY – FINAL ORDER OF SETTLEMENT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Attorney to draft a final order of settlement with John and Jeff Schwarz, LLC to find that parcels 024A8A 0007 and 0008 and 024A7A 0018 have a combined assessed value as agreed upon by the parties and presented in executive session and authorize the Chairman to endorse the same on behalf of the Board, contingent upon the consent of the Tazewell County Commissioner of Revenue and Tazewell County Treasurer.

## **STARLINK - PURCHASE OF BROADBAND CELL #1**

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 authorizes the purchase of broadband cell #1 from Starlink for provision of broadband internet for unserved and underserved homes.

Supervisor Hymes explained that the County has an opportunity to take advantage of a new type of broadband service that can be used and accessed through Starlink. One of the goals will be to focus on areas where there are underserved children, so that they may be able to gain internet access to assist with and further their education.

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## **STARLINK – INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **AUTHORIZED UP TO \$150,000.00 FROM ARPA FUNDING**

The County Administrator said that by purchasing broadband cell #1 from Starlink essentially provides direct satellite access to the internet for residents. Mr. Young requested the authorization to spend up to \$150,000.00 of ARPA funding to use towards internet infrastructure.

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 spend up to \$150,000.00 from ARPA funds to go towards internet infrastructure for the Starlink project.

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## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

### **CARILION TAZEWEILL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Supervisor Hymes welcomed those from Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital and presented to them a Resolution recognizing them for their vaccination efforts and tireless commitment to confront the challenges that emanated from 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 adopts a RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF CARILION HOSPITAL'S PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Dr. Alicia Bales thanked the Board on behalf of Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital and stated that she appreciated the support of Tazewell County, saying that they could not have accomplished the vaccination efforts without their support. She commended the County Administrator on how instrumental he was throughout the pandemic to check in on them and send help immediately when it was needed. Dr. Bales personally thanked Tazewell County employees, Alise Bailey and Dreama Wren as well as many others who came to assist with vaccination scheduling and paperwork. Dr. Bailey thanked the Carilion team, stating that they had over sixty employees who volunteered to staff their vaccination clinics. She reported that Carilion vaccinated approximately 4,200 people and administered around 8,000 vaccine doses. They worked over 1,700 hours performing vaccinations. She specifically thanked David Vance who led on-site vaccine clinic operations and Karen Mulkey who performed a bulk of the vaccinations. She finished by thanking everyone else who was involved and saying how appreciative she was of their partnership with Tazewell County.

Supervisor Stacy recalled serving in the Chairman role in 2020 and how much he learned throughout the pandemic of what worked and what did not. He commented that VDH threw them all kinds of bounces but Carilion Hospital was the one thing that was always stable and smooth. Supervisor Stacy sees that it was best to operate with our own people opposed to what the state was trying to accomplish, which caused much chaos. Supervisor Stacy thanked Carilion for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Asbury talked about all of the wonderful compliments she has heard about Carilion regarding vaccination scheduling and their willingness and helpfulness to reschedule vaccination appointments when needed. She stated that it meant a lot not only to the County but to all of the communities as well.

The County Administrator said it was a pleasure to work with Carilion. He commended them for how focused they are on helping people and keeping people from getting sick. Mr. Young said the County is happy to work with Carilion and values the partnership that they have with them.

The County Administrator said he would like to recognize Tazewell County employees at a later meeting who also went above and beyond in their efforts to combat COVID-19.

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## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO TAZEWEEL COUNTY BUDGET FY 2021-22**

The County Administrator recalled concerns regarding health insurance spikes. Mr. Young reported that April and May data has been more consistent with what was predicted by USI. He also made the Board aware that the Regional Jail population has returned to the budgeted level and those savings have now ended.

The Director of Finance, Arlene Matney, presented a comprehensive line by line breakdown of the proposed budget as advertised for FY22. She discussed amendments to the

General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Landfill Enterprise Fund, General School Fund, School Textbook Fund, School Cafeteria Fund, and CARES Act Fund. A copy of the TAZEWELL COUNTY FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS as presented is on file in the County Administrator's building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Chairman Lester said that he was proud of the folks who worked so hard on the budget to keep it reasonable and manageable without increasing any burdens on the taxpayers and being able to fund things that are important in the county.

Supervisor Hymes stated he was specifically proud that they were able to find a way to fund a 5% increase to County employees who work in public safety positions to make things fairer due to the 5% increase that the state is paying their employees in these types of roles. He mentioned that they were also able to make an adjustment for county deputies and sheriffs beyond the 5% increase. Supervisor Hymes hopes this will put an end to the turnover.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy seconded by Chairman Lester and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Tazewell County Budget Amendments for FY22 as presented by the Director of Budget & Finance and as compiled by the Tazewell County Budget Committee/Finance Office. A complete list of the budget amendments is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **TABLED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CIGARETTE TAX**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 tabled the discussion of, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CIGARETTE TAX IN TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA", until the August meeting. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTED APPROVING THE FY2021-22 BUDGET ORDINANCE, ADOPTING LOCAL TAX LEVIES, AND BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2021 AT 12:01 A.M. AS HEREBY AMENDED:**

Now, after a public hearing on the proposed budget was held in accordance with applicable Codes, on June 1, 2021 and which public hearing was advertised in local newspapers having general circulation within Tazewell County, with said certificate of publication on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia, and following approval of the amendments to the aforementioned budget by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, and upon motion of Supervisor



Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts an “Ordinance Adopting Local Levies and Budget for the County of Tazewell County, Virginia for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022 As Hereby Amended.” A copy of the complete budget ordinance as hereby amended and has hereby adopted in its amended form is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **APPROVAL OF LOCAL TAX LEVIES, FOR CURRENT YEAR, CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

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 adopts the Local Tax Levies for current year, Calendar Year, 2021 as stated in the agenda and on file in the office of the County Administrator.

### **ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR ALL GENERAL COUNTY AGENCY BUDGETS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 an annual appropriation for the operation of all General County Agency budgets, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 effective July 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATIONS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 budget transfers/appropriations as may be necessary from surplus accounts, etc. to close all such accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

### **CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR TAZEWEILL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET, FY21-22**

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 approves Categorical Funding for the Tazewell School Board Budget FY21-22, contingent upon the new breakdown of monies being included in the funding amounts.

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### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE**

The County Administrator mentioned an ARPA draft budget that he had been working on with staff. Mr. Young said after discussing it with the Budget Committee, they would like to

make more revisions before presenting it publically. However, he did have a couple of ARPA funding requests to ask of the Board.

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION ADVERTISING**

#### **AUTHORIZED UP TO \$9,000.00 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND UP TO \$9,000.00 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FROM ARPA FUNDS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to spend an amount up to \$9,000.00 in the month of July and an amount up to \$9,000.00 in the month of August from ARPA funds to go towards COVID-19 vaccination advertisements. 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.

### **SANS UNIT – TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **\$300,000.00 ARPA FUNDS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to pay \$300,000.00 for the SANS Unit with ARPA funds. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

### **MOBILE MEAT PROCESSING UNIT**

Supervisor Stacy mentioned speaking with the agricultural committee regarding the mobile meat processing unit that has been discussed at earlier board meetings. He asked Mr. Young to see if this cause was something that they could use ARPA funds for.

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### **CARES UPDATE**

The County Administrator reported that there was \$23,555.00 remaining in CARES funding. He said that there are still some expenses coming out of the account for virus testing but believes that this will settle out. Mr. Young said that they will be able to use ARPA monies to pay for COVID response later in the year. He said the CARES account will be closed and ARPA will probably start in August.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Jim Boyd to the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency with a term continuing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.

### **COURTHOUSE GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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 appoints Supervisor Shanna Plaster to the Courthouse Grounds Improvement Committee.

Supervisor Stacy deferred the eastern district appointment until a later meeting.

### **ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE**

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 reappoints Supervisor Thomas A. Lester to the Enterprise Zone Committee with a term continuing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Darrell Addison to the Planning Commission with a term continuing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025.

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY ROAD VIEWERS**

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Allen Whited to the Tazewell County Road Viewers with a term continuing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.

### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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 appoints Beth Takach, 279 Richardson Drive,

Tazewell, VA 24651, to the Tourism Development Committee with a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2023. This appointment fills the expired term of Tammy Allison.

The Supervisors tabled appointments to replace Terri Kammer, Roger Scarberry, and Sarah Romeo until a later meeting.

### **WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY**

Upon motion of Chairman Lester, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints George McCall, PO Box 309, Richlands, VA 24641, to the Wireless Service Authority with a term expiring on June 30, 2022. This appointment fills the unexpired term of Marco Warner.

### **RECREATION AND PARKS FACILITY AUTHORITY**

Supervisor Asbury tabled the appointment of Joey Stiltner.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Daniel Ingram to the RDA with a term continuing and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Billie Roberts to the RDA with a term continuing and expiring on June 30, 2024.

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### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT FOR LOCAL RESPONSIBLE OFFENDERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD**

The County Administrator explained that this Resolution is regarding a program that the County has with Clinch Valley Community Services for monitoring people on bond or on probation. Mr. Young said that the County had enacted this program several years ago but no one has been able to find a copy of the Resolution that had been done. He said that the auditors have requested another copy and rather than spending a whole lot of time digging for it, Mr. Young requested that the Board just readopt and reenact the program.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, 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 adopts a, "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT FOR LOCAL RESPONSIBLE OFFENDERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD”. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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#### **SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER DISCUSSION REGARDING AMTEK COMPANY, INC.**

The County Attorney said that the County has an ordinance that allows the adoption of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. He explained that whenever the County goes to buy something such as goods, computers, or services, etc. it has to follow the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Mr. Collins discussed section 4303-e of this which is regarding sole source procurements. He stated this meant under the Virginia Public Procurement Act that if there is only one source that is practically available for the Board to purchase the service then the County may resort to this code section and bypass formal procurement procedures. Mr. Collins said that the County was in this situation now regarding the company AMTEK, Inc., who offers welding mechatronics and robotics equipment. Mr. Young explained that the County searched the internet for a second provider and AMTEK wrote a letter saying that they were the sole source provider. Pittsylvania County Career and Technical Center as well as New River Valley Community College who uses welding mechatronics and robotics equipment confirmed that AMTEK was indeed the sole source provider. Mr. Young said the quote provided by AMTEK was very reasonable compared to what he thought it would cost. He commented that approving and finding AMTEK as the sole source provider would allow the County to move forward with its advanced welding mechatronics and robotics center at the Tazewell Career and Technical Center.

#### **ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 TO ADOPT SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA”, with the amendment that the Resolution No. be changed to 21-015. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

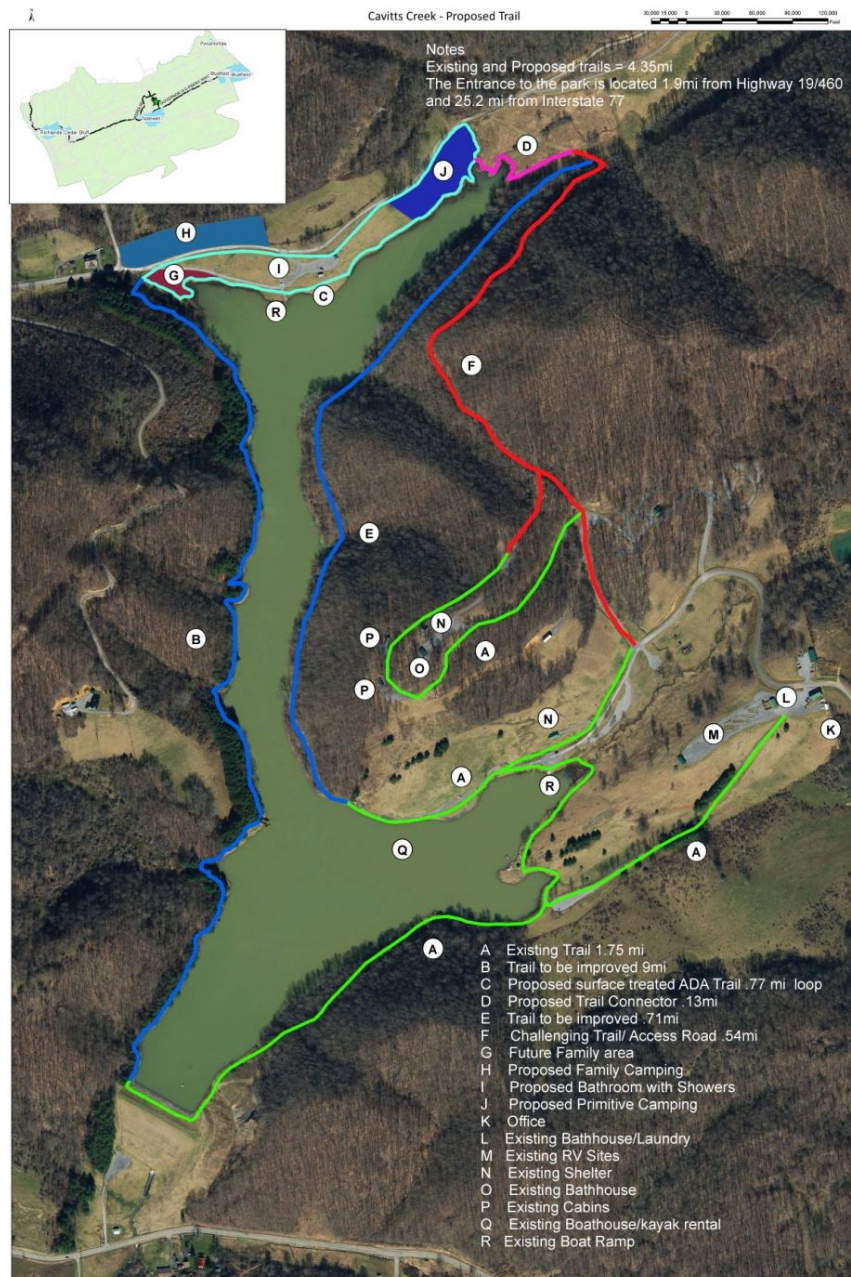
#### **FINDS AMTEK COMPANY, INC TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR WELDING MECHATRONICS EQUIPMENT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 finds that AMTEK Company, Inc. is the sole source provider of welding mechatronics and robotic equipment as indicated under the WORC

Grant and directs the County Administrator and County Attorney to take the necessary steps to comply with Section 2.2-4303(E).

## CAVITTS CREEK PARK GRANTS

Mr. Young recalled the county applying for two grants pertaining to Cavitts Creek to expand its trails. One application was to DCR in Richmond and the other was to the Cumberland Plateau. Mr. Young displayed a map.



The County Administrator discussed potential updates to the park. He explained that the lines in green are existing hiking trails at Cavitts Creek. The green loop connected to the red is where there is a picnic shelter, rental cabins, and primitive camping grounds with bathrooms and showers. He directed the Boards attention to the lower right where the trail extends and pointing out the office and RV sites with the trail going down the lake where there is a boat house where people can rent kayaks and paddle boats. Then it extends to the dam where along top of it is a trail that fisherman have used over the years to fish overtop of the lake. He commented that it was not a very good hiking trail. Mr. Young then discussed the blue area of the map where there are plans to take the existing foot path and making it a four foot wide hiking trail all the way around to the Healing Springs side of the lake. If it works out they plan to make the bright blue loop section of the map an ADA accessible hiking trail. This would be an easy trail and more accessible for people who have wheelchairs or walkers. Within the same loop they hope to establish another campground with ADA accessible men's and women's bathrooms and showers. Mr. Young said that the showers are an important part because the County could get a permit for the campground from VDH if the park has a restroom and shower within 500 yards of the camping area. The violet section on the left side of the map is a family designated area. He commented that in the future they would like to put in playground equipment there. Across the street is future RV sites but they will remain as camping sites for now until the County has the money later to install electrical hookups. Mr. Young directed everyone's attention to beyond the loop to the right where Part B is a trail connector for a pedestrian foot bridge that will allow access to the red trail that is more difficult and challenging for those up to the task.

Mr. Young reported that Cavitts Creek campgrounds are currently at an 80% occupancy rate and both of the cabins are reserved from now until the end of the season.

Supervisor Hymes discussed talking with Curtis Breeding who is a member of several Boards in the County. Mr. Breeding met with SVCC's cross country coach and they believe that once the updates are made, it would be a great place for their meets. Mr. Young commented that the high schools may be able to utilize it as well.

If the County does not receive the grant funding they are hoping for, they can purchase an attachment for their Bobcat and have staff go ahead and make the easier portion of the trail.

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## **REDISTRICTING UPDATE**

The County Administrator said that they needed to go ahead and hold an orientation with the Redistricting Committee even though they have not received 2020 census data. Mr. Young said at their local government attorney seminar they said that the Assembly may try to address this issue at their August session. He stated this would be challenging considering that most ballots are set by the end of August and the data will not be received until September. The County Administrator commented that the County should not have to make any adjustments to any districts on the ballot this year.

Mr. Young discussed two statutes. One of them says that the County has to redistrict with the most recently available census by June 15, 2021. The County missed the deadline because the census wasn't available to them, with the most recent data being from 2010. The other concern Mr. Young discussed was regarding a statute from Richmond that the County had to follow from 1964 until 2011. The US Supreme Court required that southern states file all of their districting information with the US Department of Justice who would then verify whether or not if they were racially gerrymandering. Mr. Young explained that in 2013 the Supreme Court said that they couldn't make just southern states do this and that all states should be required to do so. Congress then met and immediately took away this requirement. All of the regulation from the Justice Department was swept away until Virginia's General Assembly decided that they would go ahead and voluntarily offer this information anyway. So now the County has to comply with all of these rules and get numbers in September and have it compiled, approved, and voted on in November.

Supervisor Hymes recalled the 2010 census and how prisoners were accounted for by where they were incarcerated at. He said for the 2020 census prisoners will be counted differently and will be marked for where they were living prior to their incarceration. This has the potential to impact the Northern District where the prison is located.

The County Administrator talked about the projected 10% decline in population, stating that it is not a healthy sign. The County is losing its workforce and children. Supervisor Hymes and Mr. Young are hopeful that this can be turned around.

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## **EMS STATION 2 UPDATE**

Mr. Young reported that all work except for some IT installations is completed at EMS Station 2, which is located in Boissevain. So far the project is \$2,000.00 under budget. Mr. Young was happy about this considering how the prices of building materials have skyrocketed during the pandemic. Supervisor Asbury commented that the station looked phenomenal with all of the updates that have been performed.

Supervisor Asbury announced that the community room would be available to rent again, beginning on July 1. The Trailhead Resort will be helping the County out by taking care of the reservations.

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## **ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY NAMING OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 61, FROM THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BORDER TO THE BLAND COUNTY BORDER IN THE COUNTY OF TAZEVELL, AS "TWIN DEOPT PARKWAY"**

Supervisor Hymes commented that Mr. Terry Mullins who serves on the Tourism Committee and is a member of the Tazewell Town Council has been promoting this Resolution.



Hymes explained that the depot in North Tazewell and the depot in Narrows are identical in architecture and that they want to tie these all together by naming Route 61 as the Twin Depot Parkway. Supervisor Hymes explained that the Resolution would need to be passed by the Board in order to gain approval from the Commonwealth's Transportation Board, so that signage can be put up.

The County Attorney recognized and thanked Mrs. Robinson for providing him the language and sending the Resolution to him, stating she had worked almost until noon getting him all of the information needed for the 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 adopts a, **RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY NAMING OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 61, FROM THE TAZEWEEL COUNTY BORDER TO THE BLAND COUNTY BORDER IN THE COUNTY OF TAZEWEEL, AS "TWIN DEOPT PARKWAY"**.

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#### **APPROVED AMENDMENT TO JUSTICE ESCROW AGREEMENT**

The County Attorney and County Administrator discussed the proposed amendment to the Justice Escrow Agreement. Mr. Collins said that the County's agreements with Justice have been set up so that he is paying tax penalties and interest to Tazewell County. The money that the County receives from this satisfies the litigation between the County and Justice. Mr. Collins said that the RDA gives money to Justice to operate a twenty-five foot wide motorized vehicle trail over a significant portion of Justice's land. He explained that the agreement is structured in such a way that they pay money into escrow and the County pays money into escrow and it goes in separate directions. Mr. Collins said the best way to speed this process up is to have an agreement with Justice where the RDA pays its money into escrow instead of Justice. The money would then go straight to the Tazewell County Treasurer's Office, then Justice acknowledges that this is satisfaction for their recreational trail easement and the County acknowledges that this is satisfaction for taxes and the transaction zeros out.

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, **"JUSTICE AMENDMENT TO AN ESCROW AGREEMENT"** as presented by the County Attorney. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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#### **SHERIFF BRIAN HIEATT COMMENTS**

The Sheriff thanked the Board and Budget Committee for their hard work on the budget and what they have done for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hieatt said it was good that we have a

Board and County Administrator that is working so hard to make sure that they have the best law enforcement in Tazewell County compared to other areas in the nation who have been attacking law enforcement.

The Sheriff then discussed a school safety program that their office had started working on a few years prior. Hieatt said he was contacted recently by the Department of Criminal Justice Services and they told him that they were doing training in Abingdon for school resource officers around SWVA. They asked that the Tazewell County Sheriff Office come and present what they have been doing in Tazewell County. The Sheriff said that they were really impressed with the programs that their office has added. Mr. Hieatt also notified them about their idea with 911 to help with school safety and the lady he was speaking to said that Tazewell County is the only place she has heard of that does this. After the initial presentation the Sheriff's Office was contacted again and they want to interview them in a couple of days so that they may learn more about their programs and use parts of their presentation to use next month at their state wide school safety conference. Sheriff Hieatt commended the Board stating that without their help the schools wouldn't be as safe as they are. He hopes that other agencies will see what Tazewell County is doing and get ideas from it.

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## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **SUPERVISOR STACY**

#### **COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING ARPA FUNDING**

Supervisor Stacy brought up an idea he had to hold public hearings in his community to get folks input on ARPA funding and how they think the funds would be best spent. He understands though that the Board must first put together a framework on how and what the County is allowed to spend the funds on.

If community hearings are held, Mr. Young suggested talking to the public about telemedicine, because this is one of the categories the County would be able to spend ARPA funds on. The County Administrator believes that telemedicine will be the future of medicine in rural areas and would be a great benefit to Tazewell County. He explained that people would no longer have to travel three hours to see a specialist if they did not want to. A person would be able to go to a local telemedicine clinic and have all tests performed by a medical professional at the direction of the specialist who may be many miles and states away. The specialist would be able to see the patient's charts in real time to give diagnoses and direct that further tests be performed if needed.

## **CUMBERLAND PLATEAU UPDATE**

Supervisor Stacy discussed the most recent Cumberland Plateau meeting. He was asked by that board to notify them if the County ever has any broadband projects that they are working on. By doing this, this allows the projects to be inventoried and used as leverage for additional funding.

Supervisor Stacy mentioned that the build out has been completed in Abbs Valley, using funding from the VATI grant. He reported that the backbone is in place and that there is 1,700 passing's, meaning that there is a possibility for 1,700 potential customers that would be in proximity to potentially receive internet services.

## **SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

### **SERGEANT MAJOR WALTER SHUMATE BRIDGE NAMING EVENT**

Supervisor Asbury thanked all of those who helped make the Sergeant Major Walter Shumate Bridge naming event a success. She said the Shumate family was really impressed with Tazewell County and was appreciative of everyone who contributed. The event was held on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Pocahontas.

## **SUPERVISOR HYMES**

### **LISTENING SESSIONS REGARDING VCEDA**

Supervisor Hymes reminded the Board about the listening sessions regarding VCEDA. One of the meetings will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> at Richlands High School. Chairman Lester, Supervisor Hymes, and Supervisor Plaster said that they would be attending. Supervisor Hymes said it was important that the Board be there and to also get businesses to come and speak about how their business has grown and benefitted because of VCEDA. He said that there is a significant risk that the money that comes from coal and gas severance will be sent elsewhere if they do not see how important VCEDA is to everyone. Mr. Young said he asked that Mrs. Warden notify businesses within the County that received money for grants from VCEDA to please attend to express their support.

### **TOWN OF TAZEWELL – SUPPORT TAZEWELL TRIATHLON**

#### **\$500.00 SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$500.00 from the Southern District funds, payable to the Town of Tazewell; attn: Todd Day. These monies go towards support their

Tazewell Triathlon 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.

CHAIRMAN LESTER

Chairman Lester just wanted to comment on how proud he was of the Board and how well they have worked together to do their best for the citizens of Tazewell County.

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**ADJOURN**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 adjourns this meeting to August 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

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D. Michael Hymes, Vice Chair

By: WP

Adjourn time: 8:12 p.m.