

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWell COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 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  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
SHANNA PLASTER, MEMBER  
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JENNIFER BOROWSKI, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE NEWSPAPER

**ABSENT:** NONE

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

Supervisor Plaster 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**

Supervisor Hymes asked to amend the agenda to add an item to Executive Session: A(5) Potential Location for a medical facility in Tazewell.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the September 7, 2021 agenda with Mr. Hymes requested amendment.

#### **MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, 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 August 3, 2021 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as written.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following items presented as “Consent Calendar”. The matters requiring the issuance of warrants shall be issued by the County Administrator in accordance with this action and converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia:

### **WARRANTS August 2021**

#### **Payroll**

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145403 through 145418, and direct deposits totaling \$259,802.43 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending July 30, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145420 through 145435, and direct deposits totaling \$266,699.76 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending August 15, 2021, be approved.

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

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494375 through 494481, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$942,792.25 from the General Fund, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued July 26, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494483 through 494493, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$725,748.44 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending July 30, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494519 through 49637, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$716,836.00 from the General Fund, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued August 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494639 through 494655, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$155,223.95 from the General Fund, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending August 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 July 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:
  - \$600.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (received Cunningham Brothers Used Auto Parts, LLC)
  - \$1,136.00 to Account No. 31020-5510 (received from TCPS)
  - \$249.99 to Account No. 31020-6011 (money received from Austin Cordle for jacket)
  - \$1,965.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (received from Dominion Auto Auction)
  - \$1,465.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (received from Dominion Auto Auction)
  - \$3,500.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (received from Cunningham Brothers Auto Parts)
  - \$900.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 ( received from Regency Real Estate and Auction)
  - \$250.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (received from Marshall Shrader)
  - \$639.68 to Account No. 31020-1150 (received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
- C. Burkes Garden Fire Department – Declared Surplus:
  - 1976 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe VIN#GKL3381115380
  - D.A.D Fire Department –Declared Surplus:1979 Fire Engine Ser. # N80JVDG7796
- D. Library – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Library Accounts as follows:
  - \$2,618.45 to Account No. 7301-5230 (received from E-rate Program disbursement)
  - \$100.00 to Account No. 7301-3099 (donation received from Delia Kersey)
- E. Authorized the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Contingent Grant Account 4-100-091050-7041 to the Tourism budget line item 4-100-012060-5650-2 Tourism Development-HOA Tourism Grant.
- F. Ratified an authorized transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the contingency fund 4-100-091050-7023 to the Commissioner of Revenue budget line item 4-100-012090-6001 for JAS tables.
- G. 911 – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the 911 Accounts as follows:

- \$35.00 to Account No. 035600-6001 (received from The Charles A. Stacy Law Office)
- H. Authorized the transfer of \$100.00 from the Southern District, payable to the Thompson Valley Community Center, 662 Chinkapin Trail, Tazewell, Virginia 24651; attn: David Larimer, Sr. These funds go towards mowing at the center. 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.
- I. Sheriff's Department-Declare Surplus:
  - J. 1984 Military Rollback Truck

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#### **DAVID LARIMER – TREASURER**

The chair recognized Treasurer, David Larimer who presented his annual report on the financial status of Tazewell County and provided a tax delinquency book for years 2020-2021 to the Board for review. He stated that the County's financial situation was improving and slowly getting better in comparison to last year.

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#### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:18 PM**

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

- A(29) Memorandum of Understanding with SWCC
- A(29) Contract Negotiation for Grant Consultants
- A(5) Potential Location for "Empty Arms"
- A(5) Potential Location of new business in the Bluestone – Project "Sunshine"
- A(29) Contract Negotiation with Russell County regarding Project "Pure Salmon"
- A(29) Contract negotiation with Republic regarding landfill
- A(1) Personnel in Emergency Management
- A(5) Central location for a medical facility in Tazewell

#### **RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:19 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)

#### ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **AMEND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Chairman Lester sustaining, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorized the revision of the definition of "high school graduates" from Tazewell County, Virginia to reflect that such student reside in Tazewell County, Virginia and graduated within the last 2 years, striking the requirement that they must have graduated from a Tazewell County High School.

#### **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$108,000.00 TO REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.**

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 authorizes \$108,000.00 from the Landfill Fund pursuant to the Maintenance and Operation Agreement regarding the Tazewell County Landfill, as recommended by the Tazewell County Engineer, to ensure environmental permit compliance.

## **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS TO MERCHANT MCINTYRE AGREEMENT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 renewal of the contract with Merchant McIntyre for an additional 12 Month term pursuant to the contract.

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

### **Marshall Miller – Gas Well Measuring**

#### **\$960.00 INCREASE FROM ORIGINAL CONTRACT**

Mr. Dunford advised the board that Marshall Miller had requested an increase to their contract due to additional work, which was needed at the landfill.

Upon motion 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 amount of \$960.00 for a 1.63% increase on the original contract for groundwater with Marshall Miller.

### **NO ATV SIGNS FOR PEEL CHESNUT**

#### **\$98.64 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion 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 authorizes the amount of \$98.64 from the Northern District Fund for the purchase of “No ATV” signs in the Peel Chesnut area of Tazewell County. 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.

### **LIGHTHOUSE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC – GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**

#### **\$5,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL CONTINGENCY**

Mr. Dunford explained that due to cracks discovered in the wall at the library, a structural engineer had been referred and she recommended certain geotechnical work be performed on site.

Upon motion 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 amount of \$5,500.00 from the capital contingency fund. Payable to Lighthouse Engineering Consultants, LLC PO BOX 282, Pounding Mill, VA 24637 for geotechnical work near the library in Tazewell. 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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## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **TAZEWELL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM**

Supervisor Hymes welcomed the Tazewell Little League Team and presented a resolution commending them for their achievements as the 2021 Virginia District 11 Champions.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes , 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 COMMENDING TAZEWELL VIRGINIA ALL STAR 8,9,10 BOYS BASEBALL TEAM ”. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator’s Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **FBLA NATIONAL CHAMPION FOR ECONOMICS**

Supervisor Stacy presented a resolution commending Joe Tyson for his achievements as the National FBLA Champion for Economics. This will later be presented at the next Bluefield Town Council meeting.

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 adopts, “A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOE TYSON NATIONAL FBLA CHAMPION OF ECONOMICS”. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator’s Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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## **UNSHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1.Mike Adams, 3972 Baptist Valley Road, Cedar Bluff, VA – approached the board to discuss the burning of trash around his residence. He expressed that there is a new landfill and doesn’t feel this should still be a concern in his neighborhood. He also stated there is local trash pickup

as well. The County Attorney, Mr. Collins, expressed that by code section 17-33 A of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances, it shall be unlawful to dump, burn, destroy or otherwise dispose of solid waste within the jurisdictional limits of the county, except at the county approved landfill. County Administrator, Mr. Young, stated that he would make the Litter Control Officers aware of this issue and try to have this resolved.

2. Connie Bailey Kitts, 2268 Virginia Ave., Bluefield, VA – approached the board to discuss Project Pure Salmon and its funding. Ms. Kitts suggested that the board use the funding for Project Pure Salmon for the substance abuse problem in our county instead. Ms. Kitts presented several questions regarding the environmental impacts of this project, who exactly is Pure Salmon, tax money used and when the public will see due diligence on this project, why is the Pure Salmon project still in Executive Session, and questions on lack of stakeholder involvement. Ms. Kitts then goes on to state there should be an appeal for these ARPA funds and they should go towards substance abuse recovery. The County Administrator, Mr. Young, stated that this project has been permitted for the water intake and discharge. The County has been working with the engineers of this project for over a year to make sure they fall within the limits to get this permit. Mr. Young also stated that Pure Salmon provided to VEDP verification that they had secured \$300 Million in funding for this project and construction cost. Mr. Young then goes on to explain how this project has been years in the making.

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## **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2017 TAZEWEILL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Vice-Chairman Moss called the meeting of the Planning Committee to order. He then turned the floor over to County Attorney, Chase Collins, to explain the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Director of Engineering, Ken Dunford, informed the board that the application had been made to VDOT and been pre-approved for VDOT Revenue Sharing but the Comprehensive Plan had to be amended and language submitted to cover the improvements.

County Attorney, Mr. Collins, then informed both boards that coordination needs to be made with VDOT to address safety issues at the intersection of Pounding Mill Branch Road and Limestone Road. Tazewell County plans to work with VDOT to install traffic warning signals, improve/delete turning lanes, install new guard rail, and update existing guardrail. The estimated cost to fix these safety issues would be approximately \$200,000.00. The county would like to consider VDOT funding such as VDOT Revenue Sharing to help fund these safety issues.

Upon motion by Member Hart, seconded by Member Herndon and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with Members: Robinson and Pauley absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby approve certain language pertaining to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan to include the projected cost for VDOT Revenue Sharing Projects at Pounding Mill Branch Road and Limestone Road.

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 adopts said ordinance to amend the 2017 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan.



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**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO NAME STREETS INTERSECTING JIM BOYD BOULEVARD IN THE BLUESTONE REGIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK AS EAST SHANNONDALE DRIVE AND WEST SHANNONDALE DRIVE**

County Attorney, Mr. Collins, states that the ordinances the county uses to name roads gives the opportunity to hold a public hearing on the issue of naming the roads and gives the public a chance to speak on the issue. Mr. Collins states this ordinance is to name two streets in the Bluestone Regional Business and Technology Park. He states naming these 2 streets will help the current business that is located in the Bluestone Regional Business and Technology Park. The proposed ordinance is to name two streets off of Shannondale Drive as East Shannondale Drive and West Shannondale Drive.

Chairman Lester called the hearing to order. Lester asks for any public comments. There were no public comments . Chairman Lester then closes the hearing.

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 said ordinance of the naming of East Shannondale and West Shannondale streets located inside the Bluestone Regional Business and Technology Park.

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**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 September 7, 2021 agenda format as needed.

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**SENATOR HACKWORTH**

Senator Hackworth gave an update of the Hurley, VA flooding. He states that he spoke with County Administrator, Mr. Young, and that within hours Tazewell County was able to send multiple resources to Hurley, VA. The Tazewell County Sheriff's office assisted in the evacuation of residents. Senator Hackworth asks the board to consider a donation of supplies to help in the effort to get residents back a water supply. Senator Hackworth also asks for any monetary donations to go to the Red Cross.

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**COVID UPDATE**

### **CASE NUMBER UPDATE**

County Administrator Eric Young states that the Virginia Department of Health reported to Tazewell County that there are 99 COVID cases diagnosed over the previous weekend. He stated the rolling seven day average is 33 COVID cases a day. Mr. Young states there were a couple of high number days into the 40s and 60s the previous week. Mr. Young states they are continuing to watch these numbers. He states he spoke with local hospital administrators who state that their emergency room services are stressed. Mr. Young states that staffing issues are still a major concern at local hospital facilities.

### **CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

County Administrator Eric Young asks the Board to consider extending the State of Emergency to October 15, 2021. Mr. Young stated he has spoken with the Virginia Department of Health and they report that our COVID numbers should peak around September 15 and then should decline after. He stated hospitalization will peak two weeks later.

Upon motion of Supervisor 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 authorizes to extend the current State of Emergency out to October 15, 2021.

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### **CARES ACT FUNDING UPDATE/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE**

#### **CARES BUDGET UPDATE**

County Administrator Eric Young stated that CARES funds are down to about \$40,000.00. He stated the county will be spending some of those funds on COVID testing for county employees as well as working with Bluefield College to test Tazewell County School Board employees. Mr. Young stated the county is also working with Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens on a temporary testing site.

#### **COVE COMMUNITY CENTER GIGABEAM BILL**

Mr. Young proposed payment for the remainder of the year on the Cove Community Center Gigabeam bill. This bill is \$40.00 a month for a total of \$160.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, 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 \$160.00 from the ARPA fund for the Cove Community Center Gigabeam bill.

### **EMT TRAINING PROGRAM**

The chair recognized Barry Brooks Director of the Fire and EMS regarding his request support students in SVCC's EMT training program. Mr. Young recommended the support plan and expressed the need for more EMT's.

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 \$15,500.00 from the ARPA fund for the EMT Training Program as follows: \$50.00 for uniforms, \$122.99 for books, \$150.00 for NR test, and a \$525.00 stipend per student totaling \$8,500.00 for the College Recruiting Plan, \$3,000.00 for Advertising of said plan, and \$4,000.00 for Recruitment video.

### **THE BOARD THEN DEFERRED WORKFORCE TRAINING DISCUSSION UNTIL OCTOBER**

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT**

#### **\$25,000.00 FROM ARPA FUNDING**

The county administrator provided a brief update on CARES ACT spending. Mr. Young proposed a \$150.00 credit towards health insurance premiums for all County Employees who have received their COVID Vaccine by November 15, 2021. He also asked to pay employees who are not in the Health Insurance Plan a onetime \$150.00 payment.

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 reimbursing \$25,000.00 of ARPA funds from the Benefit Reimbursement Category.

### **APPROVAL OF UP TO \$200,000.00 HOTEL IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN OF TAZEWELL**

The Board discussed the impact COVID has had on the Tourism and Restaurant Industry in Tazewell County. Mr. Young suggested that increasing lodging opportunities in the county seat would help tourism, restaurants and retail.

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 up to \$200,000.00 from the ARPA fund for hotel improvements and renovations in the Town of Tazewell, from the Business Recovery Category.

### **HERO PAY**

Mr. Young stated he understood the Board wanted to follow the states lead and give Sheriff's Deputies hero pay.

Mr. Young explained that the hero pay will be a payment to each Sheriff's Deputy who is not paid by the state in the amount of \$3,000. Tazewell County will have to pay employer taxes too. This amounts up to \$70,000.00 in taxes to come from the Wage Reimbursement fund.

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 authorizes up to \$70,000.00 from the ARPA funding under the Wage Reimbursement Category for Sheriff's Department hero pay in the amount of \$3,000.00 each.

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### **APOINTMENTS**

#### **CLINCH RIVER VALELY INITIATIVE**

Upon motion of Supervisor 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 appoints John Absher to the Clinch River Valley Initiative to serve as a representative of Tazewell County.

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### **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ASSESSMENT**

County Administrator, Mr. Young stated that due to the COVID shut down, the production of new cars was stalled globally. He stated this has made the value of used cars go up. Mr. Young said that since this spike in NADA Value, has increased the tax assessment on used vehicles located in the county. He wanted the Board to be aware of this issue.

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### **PSA ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES HAZARD PAY REQUEST**

County Administrator, Mr. Young stated that he received a request from Mr. Ball of the PSA, that the PSA employees get the same Hazard pay that other public service employees in the county had received. No motion was made.

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## **JUNKYARD DISCUSSION**

County Attorney, Mr. Collins stated the county is working on letter to issue to people who are operating a junkyard that are breaking county ordinances, to give them several days to remedy the conditions or otherwise proceed with a formal charge under the codes of Virginia and Tazewell County. Mr. Collins said he has been working with code enforcement to work in other ordinances as well.

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## **PUMP AND HAUL PERMIT REQUEST**

County Administrator, Mr. Young stated that Clinch River Farms is requesting a pump and haul permit. Mr. Young recommended that Clinch River Farms post a bond for the amount of the pumping costs, to receive this permit. Under the terms if Clinch River Farms doesn't pump, Tazewell County will, with the bond covering the cost. Chairman Lester suggested of the bond amount be determined by the County Administrator and based upon 2 hauls, totaling \$1,000.00 for the term of 1 year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster , seconded by Supervisor 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 bond amount to be based on 2 hauls, totaling \$1,000.00 and for a term of 1 year.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES BID**

County Attorney, Mr. Collins stated that there was a need for custodial services in 4 county buildings. Those buildings being the County Administration Building, the Registrar's Offices, the County Extension Office, and the Building Inspectors building. Mr. Collins states one company attended the pre bid conference. This company was Sparkle and Shine. This company was the only one to submit a bid. Mr. Collins states the bid was for \$600.00 a week for two workers to work 40 hours a week. County Administrator, Mr. Young, stated that this will eliminate 1 ½ custodial employee positions that are currently vacant. Mr. Young stated this will save the county money.

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 a one year contract for custodial services by Sparkle and Shine for \$600.00 a week for two workers to work 40 hours a week.

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## **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

County Attorney, Mr. Collins, stated that Mr. Dunford received data from the state trying to determine what the county's actual population is. County Administrator, Mr. Young, then stated how the county has a 10% population loss. Mr. Young stated that most of this loss was from working aged people. He states this makes it difficult to maintain our school systems and larger employers. Mr. Young stated how the county could experience profound cuts in state funding. Mr. Young goes on to state that all districts in the county except for the Southern District have experienced population decreases. Mr. Young stated the county is required to have at least 8,080 residents in each of the 5 districts. Mr. Young stated that the Southern District is over this number by about 150 people. Mr. Young says that this is where the redistricting will occur. The county is looking into Wardell Road and County Farm Road to make these changes.

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## **BURKES GARDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **\$900.00 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND**

### **\$50.00 FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$900.00 from the contingency fund and \$50.00 from the Southern District fund for drinking water issues at the community center. 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.

### **\$240.00 FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

The chair recognized Fred Lawless who spoke about funding issues for the needed bathroom cleaning supplies used at the Burkes Garden Community Center. He requested assistance with paying for these cleaning supplies.

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 amount of \$240.00 from the Southern District fund, payable to the Burkes Garden Community Association. These monies go towards needed bathroom cleaning supplies. 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**

### **CHAIRMAN LESTER**

#### **HURLEY FLOODING**

##### **\$5,000.00 FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 amount of \$5,000 from the Emergency Management fund. These monies go to The Red Cross assisting with the efforts to help flood victims in Hurley, 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.

### **SUPERVISOR ASBURY**

#### **LADY RED DEVILS SOFTBALL TEAM**

##### **\$2,500.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 amount of \$2,500.00 from the Northern District fund, payable to the Lady Red Devils, PO Box 805, Bluefield, WV 24701; attn: Thomas Wimmer. These monies go towards needed improvements to Joe Hill ball field in Pocahontas, 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.

### **SUPERVISOR PLASTER**

#### **RICHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL BATTING CAGES**

##### **\$2,500.00 FROM THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

##### **\$2,500.00 FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor 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 \$2,500.00 from the Northwestern District fund and \$2,500.00 from the Western District Fund, payable to Richlands High School. These monies go towards needed upgrades to the batting cages. 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 HYMES**

**TAZEWELL LIONS CLUB**

**\$500.00 FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

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 authorizes the amount of \$500.00 from the Southern District fund, payable to Tazewell Lions Club, PO Box 24 Tazewell, VA 24651; attn: Tearesa Clifton. These monies go towards eye glasses for the needy. 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.

**COVE COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUED ROOF WORK**

**\$1,000.00 FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Southern District fund, payable to the Cove Community Center; attn: Aaron Roberts, for continued work to their roof. 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**

**GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

**\$500.00 FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT FUN**

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 the amount of \$500.00 from the Eastern District fund, payable to the GHS Marching Band, 210 Valley Dale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605. These monies go towards competing in the Richlands Band Competition. 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.

**GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**\$1,000.00 FROM THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND**

**\$1,500.00 FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT FUND**

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 the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Northern District fund and \$1,500.00 from the Eastern District Fund, payable to the GHS Football Boosters, 210 Valleydale Street, Bluefield, VA 24605; attn: Tony Palmer. These monies go towards funding replacement. 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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**ADJOURN**

Now, there being no further business to be transacted the Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns this meeting to October 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: JB

Adjourn time: 9:37 p.m.