

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWell COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD OCTOBER 5, 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
KIM HILBERT; INTERIM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY
NEWS/RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS

ABSENT: NONE

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

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

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

County Administrator, Mr. Young, asked the board to add A (1) Personnel-Two Custodial Vacancies to the executive session.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 October 5, 2021 agenda, with the additions by Mr. Young.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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:

A.

**WARRANTS
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Payroll

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145437 through 145456 and direct deposits totaling \$275,147.18 from the General, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending August 31, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 145458 through 145479, and direct deposits totaling \$271,887.57 from the General Fund, covering payroll for the various County agencies, for the period ending September 15, 2021, be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494657 through 494759, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$475,177.76 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued August 25, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494761 through 494773 and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$352,698.81 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending August 31, 2021 be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494775 through 494877, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$1,799,021.33 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued September 10, 2021, be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 494879 through 494891, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$328,769.69 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending September 15, 2021, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802114 through 802115 for \$202,000.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of August 2021, be approved.

- B. Sheriff's Department – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Sheriff Department Accounts as follows:

- \$400.00 to Account No. 31020-5510 (Received from CARE Center)
 - \$603.36 to Account No. 31020-1150 (Received from Cumberland Mountain Community Services)
 - \$500.00 to Account No. 31020-5520 (Received from Cedar Valley Camp 404)
 - \$5,000.00 to Account No. 31020-6009 (CASH received from Sale of Tow Truck by Lt. McNerlin)
- C. Library – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Library Accounts as follows:
- \$100.00 to Account No. 7301-6012 (Received from Robert Hunter – Anna Ward Memorial)
 - \$100.00 to Account No. 7301-6012 (Received from Thomas George – Anna Ward Memorial)
 - \$250.00 to Account No. 7301-6012 (Received from Tazewell Lions Club for Large Print/Audiobooks)
- D. 911 – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the 911 Accounts as follows:
- \$50.00 to Account No. 035600-8109-15 (Received cash donation)
- E. Circuit Court Clerk’s Office – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Circuit Court Clerk’s Accounts as follows:
- \$500.00 to Account No. 100-21060-5510 (Refund for Travel and Training)
- F. Commissioner of Revenue – Transferred the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to the Commissioner of Revenue Accounts as follows:
- \$250.00 to Account No. 012090-6001 (Received from Corelogic Solutions, LLC; ck#7493446 dtd. 09-23-2021 for expenses involved with request on land values)
 - \$250.00 to Account No. 012090-6001 (Received from Zillow Group, ck#65983 dtd. 09-20-2021 for expenses involved with request on land values.
- G. Authorized the amount of \$500.00 from the Western District Fund and \$500.00 from the Northwestern District Fund, payable to Lady Blues Basketball, PO Box 2045, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609; attn: Coach Aaron Lowe. These monies go towards buying team shoes for JV and Varsity. 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.

- H. Approved a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$141,402.00 Acct No. 4-202-091400-5604-5 (COVID Preparedness Round 2)
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KENNETH DUNFORD – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

CLARESSA STREET TO BE ADDED TO VDOT SECONDARY SYSTEM

Ken Dunford stated that VDOT has requested a resolution to add Claressa Street to their secondary system. He stated this road has been maintained by VDOT since the 70's.

Upon motion of Supervisor 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 a resolution for VDOT to take on Claressa Street on to their secondary system.

CAVITTS CREEK DAM

Ken Dunford stated that he received proposals for Cavitts Creek Dam. He stated that Supervisor Stacy and Supervisor Asbury are on the interview committee for these. Mr. Dunford stated they need to set up a date to do interviews for these proposals.

DEQ TO REVIEW PLANS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS

Ken Dunford stated that DEQ has made him aware that they will now be doing inspections for any solar projects exceeding five (5) megawatts. Mr. Dunford stated that if these were needed, the county would have to pay for it and that the deadline for this was October 15, 2021. Supervisor Stacy asked Mr. Dunford if Tazewell County had any projects that would qualify for this. Mr. Dunford stated no, the county doesn't at the moment. County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that the county needs to opt into this now, even though the county doesn't have any projects for this currently.

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 Tazewell County to enter into DEQ's ESC program.

**BRUSH CUTTING ON FINCASTLE FARMS ROAD
\$2,500 FROM 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 \$2,500.00 from Eastern District fund, payable to Four Seasons Excavating and Paving, LLC. for brush cutting done on Fincastle Farms Road. 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.

FLEA MARKET ROAD

County Attorney, Chase Collins, asked the board to make a motion to hold a public hearing to vacate a portion of Flea Market Road in the Northwestern District.

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 a public hearing to be held to vacate a portion of Flea Market Road.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:24 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(1) Personnel in Economic Development
- A(1) Personnel regarding Two vacant custodian positions
- A(5) The location or expansion of a business in Tazewell County where incentive bargaining is involved, project "Good Day"
- A(5) The location or expansion of a business in Tazewell County where incentive bargaining is involved, project EPC
- A(29) Contract negotiations with Town of Richlands and Tazewell County PSA regarding project Jonah waste and sewer projects.
- A(29) Contract negotiations with City of Bristol regarding Regional Jail Arrangement
- A(7) Consultation regarding ongoing, pending or potential litigation with respect to Notice of Settlements in Tazewell County Opioid Litigation
- A(1) Personnel – Two Custodial Vacancies

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:00 PM

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Hymes read the following certification:

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)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Asbury gave a presentation on Tristen Shupe. Mr. Shupe was the Virginia State Shot Champion.

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 adopts, "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TRISTAN SHUPE AS VIRGINIA STATE SUB-JUNIOR SHOOT CHAMPION". A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CITIZEN COMMENTS SCHEDULED

RACHEL PATTON

Rachel Patton is from Workforce Development. She stated that Workforce Development has made 2 separate requests for ARPA funds. One request was for \$100,000 for cars to work proposal. The other was for \$100,000 for youth. She stated that our area has seen a decline in its population and workforce over the years. She stated also that COVID has made this worse. Miss

Patton stated they have started looking at the labor participation rate for our area. She stated that regionally the labor participation rate was 48%. She stated Workforce Development was trying to figure out what would get more people to participate in the local workforce. Miss Patton stated some issues they have identified are child care and transportation. She stated that the cars to work program proposal would help fix this issue. She stated this program will help youth and adults get to work. Miss Patton said the hope for this program is that for people who are willing to work but have transportation issues will find a solution. She stated that there are several requirements. One being enrollment in a basic financial literacy class. Others requirements are having a legitimate driver's license, also be enrolled in training for a job or have a job.

Mr. Young questioned rather the program could be funded with ARPA funds, how the vehicles were purchased, and what specific outcomes the board would expect from the youth program. The board discussed the value of the programs. Ms. Plaster stated there was a clear need for the services in the youth program. Mr. Stacy and Mr. Lester expressed concerns.

CAPTAIN RANDIANN DAVIS

Captain RandiAnn Davis started her presentation with giving updates for the 911 Center. She stated that the 911 center really needed newer equipment. The most important she stated was improved communication equipment. She stated her goals for the 911 Center are to replace aged field/department radios (mobile & portable), to continue to improve current infrastructure, build toward DMR simulcast radio system, to improve county wide digital channels, to keep current channels, continue tower building and road improvement. Miss Davis asked that the board consider more funding for these goals and improvements in the future. She stated the estimated cost would be about \$1.8 Million.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO PERMIT RUSSELL AND TAZEWELL COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION OFFICIALS AND RUSSELL AND TAZEWELL COUNTY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTION OFFICIALS TO MUTUALLY PERFORM INSPECTIONS UPON PROPERTY OWNED BY PURE SALMON VIRGINIA, LLC IN RUSSELL COUNTY AND TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Attorney, Mr. Collins, stated that Project Jonah are moving a lot of dirt around on the Russell and Tazewell County line. He said this is about 100 times over what would qualify for a erosion and sediment control permit. He stated that each county has their own inspection team. He stated that Tazewell can't cross into Russell County to perform inspections and vice versa. Mr. Collins stated that both counties needed to enter into an agreement to authorize one or the other to have jurisdiction over the site. He further said such agreement requires an ordinance after a public hearing.

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 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 said ordinance to PERMIT RUSSELL AND TAZEWell COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION OFFICIALS AND RUSSELL AND TAZEWell COUNTY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTION OFFICIALS TO MUTALLY PERFORM INSPECTIONS UPON PROPERTY OWNED BY PURE SALMON VIRGINIA, LLC IN RUSSELL COUNTY AND TAZEWell COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

COVID UPDATE

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that in a conversation in July with VDH that COVID numbers would spike on September 17, 2021. He stated that the counties case numbers are dropping. The daily average COVID numbers two weeks ago was 40. The daily average for October 5, 2021 was 19.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

County Administrator, Eric Young, asked the board to continue Tazewell Counties State of Emergency until October 31, 2021.

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 county administrator to extend the state of emergency to October 31, 2021.

CARES/ARPA UPDATE

ARPA

VACCINATION INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR PSA AND DSS FOR \$175.00 PER VACCINATED EMPLOYEE NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00/PUBLIC HEALTH/WAGE REIMBURSEMENT CATEGORY

UP TO \$20,000.00 ARPA FUNDING (Wage Reimbursement 204-091400-5604-1)

The County Administrator advised that the PSA Administrator had requested ARPA funding from the Board to pay the same vaccination incentive to the PSA employees as the Board had approved for the Board's employees at the September 7th meeting. He further advised that he had asked the Director of Social Services for estimated costs of paying such incentives to DDS's vaccinated employees, because if the Board were to provide the incentive to PSA employees the County Administrator felt it would only be fair to do the same for the DSS employees. Mr. Young estimated that the combined cost of doing so for the PSA and DSS would be no more than \$20,000.00. The Administrator acknowledged that both were local government entities, although each had separate payrolls and funding sources. He recommended providing each with ARPA funding necessary for them to provide the same incentive to their employees.

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 \$20,000.00, a rate of \$175.00 per vaccinated employee to be paid from APRA funding under Wage Reimbursement for PSA and DSS employees.

DIRECT PAYMENT OF \$175.00 TO VACCINATED EMPLOYEES INSTEAD OF HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT

REVISION OF ACTION TAKEN AT SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING

The County Administrator reported that after consultation with the finance Department that there appeared to be no tax advantage to the employee resulting from paying a vaccination incentive to them as a credit to their health insurance premium or as a direct payment. However, the logistic cost in employee time of re-computing each employee's monthly health insurance premium with the incentive included would be significant. He requested that the Board permit him to simply pay them the incentive directly. The Board discussed whether the health insurance credit would benefit the employee for tax purposes. The board observed that giving the employee a health insurance credit would simply increase the employee's taxable gross income by an equal amount, resulting in a proportionate increase in taxes. Therefore, they agreed there was not any tax benefit.

Mr. Hymes said it was his intent in September that the employee receives a net \$150.00 and if it was going to be taxed they would not. He said the budget committee had considered this and recommended increasing the amount of the incentive to \$175.00 to account for the taxes to be withheld such that the employee would net, roughly, \$150.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all member present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a direct payment to vaccinated County employees in the amount of \$175.00 each, in lieu of the \$150.00 credit toward employee health insurance premiums which was approved on September 7th, 2021, to be paid from APRA funding,; with the funds being taken from the APRA Wage Reimbursement category, rather than the Benefits Reimbursement category as previously directed.

FLU SEASON

The County Administrator acknowledged that the public was reluctant to take the COVID-19 vaccine and thought that further efforts to publicize the COVID-19 vaccine were futile. He observed that the primary objective of the vaccination promotion was to reduce the burden on local healthcare facilities by reducing the number of COVID-19 patients. He further observed that with flu season coming on flu patients likely would burden the system as much as COVID-19 patients. He suggested that the vaccination promotion funds from ARPA be redirected to promoting the flu vaccine as it was less controversial and may have a greater impact of reducing the overall burden on the healthcare system.

The Board debated the vaccine issue. Mr. Stacy stated that he thought the Board should continue to promote the COVID-19 vaccine but understood Mr. Young's logic and would be willing to try the approach. Mr. Lester said he believed the County should consider getting out of the business of promoting vaccines. Mrs. Plaster said she believed persons who are unwilling to take the COVID-19 vaccine would also be unwilling to take the flu vaccine. Mr. Young reduced his request for permission to spend only \$2,500.00 promoting the flu vaccine. The Board discussed whether this would be effective at all.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 3 to 2, with Supervisors Lester and Plaster voting against, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes up to \$2,500.00 from the APRA COVID Advertising category to promote the flu vaccine.

PSA REQUEST FOR \$35,000.00 FOR POCAHONTAS WATER SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY/LEAK REPAIR OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

Mr. Young advised the Board that the PSA Administrator had requested \$35,000.00 of ARPA funding for repairs to the Pocahontas Water system to increase pressure in Pocahontas and decrease demands on the Tazewell and Bluefield systems which are integrated with Pocahontas' system. The Board discussed the issue that the system had lines in West Virginia and that West Virginia should be called upon to match the County's effort. Mr. Collins advised that he had understood from the PSA meeting the previous evening that West Virginia had already offered \$35,000.00 and this request would actually help the PSA match the West Virginian contribution.

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 \$35,000.00 from APRA funding to PSA for repairs to Pocahontas water system outside of town limits.

ADJUSTMENT OF ARPA FUNDING CATEGORIES

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all member present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$35,000.00 to be removed from the FY22 ARPA funding category PSA Infrastructure (Project Jonah) placed in a new line item for payment to PSA for repairs and maintenance on the Pocahontas water system outside of town limits.

APPROVED PAYMENT FOR NEW HVAC SYSTEM AT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The County Administrator advised the Board that in September it appeared very likely that Nuchols Hall at the Fairgrounds would be used as a field hospital due to overflow at Tazewell Community. In anticipation of that event he had approved improvements to the HVAC system such that the field hospital, if established, would have adequate air conditioning. He asked the Board to ratify the expenditure and approve the cost from ARPA funds from the public health category.

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 \$11,900.00 to be paid from ARPA funding, category Public Health, for improvements to the HVAC system needed at the County Fairgrounds in preparation of using that sight as a field hospital if needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

COURTHOUSE GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Supervisor Plaster reported to the board that Reverend Henry was unable to attend all meetings of the committee and that the committee suggested Melanie Henry be added to the committee to fill in for him.

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 appoints Melanie Henry to the Courthouse Grounds Improvement Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Barry Absher to the Social Services Board.

TIRE EVENT AT TAZEWEILL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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 \$3,500.00 from the landfill fund to be provide 2 tire trucks for the event. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issues said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County.

PROJECT CLAW UPDATE

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated this is the Bruno Bait Company. He says they are still working on their building and within budget. Mr. Young stated they are running behind on project construction due to late arrival of the prefabricated building. He stated that when they are done constructing the building paving will begin.

FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that the maintenance department has been working on improvements to the fairgrounds. He stated that the county saved enough money on the electrical project at the courthouse to fund this project at the fairgrounds. Mr. Young encouraged the board to go by and look at the improvements. Next month's board meeting will begin at the fairgrounds to view the improvements.

EMS STATION 2 TOUR

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that the station had a lot of work done during COVID. He stated that the improvements are excellent. Mr. Young stated that now male and females have their own separate sleep and shower areas. He also stated the electrical had work. Mr. Young stated he would like to do an open house and let the board see the improvements.

STARLINK UPDATE

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that this is a program to help those students that do not have internet. He stated he has been working to get email addresses of students who have identified that their families do not have internet access. He stated the school system is working on sixty (60) different email addresses for these students. Supervisor Lester suggested doing a press release on this program to let the public know. Mr. Young said how they are working on who is responsible for the maintenance of the internet for this program.

HEALTHCARE PLAN UPDATE

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that the budget is performing better than he thought. He stated that the county has spent about 98% of what they figured they would have spent by this time. He also stated that the county had reserved money to fund this so it was good they were lower than budgeted.

CAVITTS CREEK TRAIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

County Administrator, Eric Young, stated that the county was awarded its CPROP grant for the Cavitts Creek Trail. He stated that the county was not allowed to make an official statement at this point, but said it was very likely the county would be receiving \$150,000 from

the state of Virginia. He stated there was \$189,000 budget for this project, so if the state awards this, the county would have about \$250,000 in grant money for this project. Supervisor Hymes said it would be good to let Cross Country teams use this trail as well. Mr. Young said the state grant requires that the county does an environmental assessment around \$8,000-\$10,000, that the county would have to pay for.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO USE BUDGET FUNDING

The board discussed a request by the County Circuit Clerk to use monies from a fund in her custody to give bonuses to her employees. Mr. Stacy questioned whether she could do so without board approval. Mr. Young reminded the board that all expenditures by the constitutional officers, including the clerk, must be approved by the board.

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 Clerk of the Circuit Court to disperse funds from her budget to give her employees a stipend subject to review and approval from the auditors.

BOARD CONCERNS

SUPERVISOR HYMES

COVE COMMUNITY CENTER

\$1,000.00 FROM 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 Cove Community Center; attn: Aaron Roberts. These monies go towards funding for the establishment of a non-profit designation (501(c)3). 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.

THS BAND BOOSTERS

\$1,700.00 FROM SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND

\$800.00 FROM NORTHERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, second 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 amounts of \$1,700.00 from the Southern District fund and \$800.00 from the Northern District fund for a total amount of \$2,500.00 payable to the Tazewell High School Band Boosters, 167 Cosby Lane, Tazewell, Virginia 24651; attn: Caitlin Hutchinson. These monies go towards the funding of new drums for the Tazewell High School Band. 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

\$1,100.00 FROM 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 \$1,100.00 from the Southern District Fund payable to Clearfork Volunteer Fire Department (vendor #39) 7004 Clearfork Road, Bastian, Virginia 24314; attn: Russell Stowers. These monies go towards the funding of new cameras and down payment for credit to purchase fuel. 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.

THS BOYS' BASKETBALL

\$2,000.00 FROM SOUTHERN DISTRICT FUND \$500.00 FROM NORTHERN 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 authorize the amounts of \$2,000.00 from the Southern District fund and \$500.00 from the Northern District fund for a total amount of \$2,500.00 payable to Tazewell High School Boys Basketball, 167 Cosby Lane, Tazewell, Virginia, 24605; attn: Ken Patterson. These monies go towards purchasing new equipment for the Tazewell High School boys' basketball team. 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

ADVERTISING AT MICHELL STADIUM MARQUE FOR GRAHAM FOOTBALL

\$250.00 FROM NOTHERN DISTRICT FUND

\$250.00 FROM EASTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from this portion of the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the amounts of \$250.00 from the Northern District fund and \$250.00 from the Eastern District fund for a total amount of \$500.00 payable to City of Bluefield, 703 College Ave, Bluefield, West Virginia, 24701; attn: Danielle Taylor. These monies go towards an advertising ad on Michell Stadium Marque for Graham Football. 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

R.H.S SOFTBALL

\$2,500.00 FROM NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND

\$2,500.00 FROM WESTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from this portion of the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the amounts of \$2,500.00 from the Northwestern District fund and \$2,500.00 from the Western District fund for a total amount of \$5,000.00 payable to Richlands High School Softball, 138 Tornado Alley, Richlands, Virginia, 24641; attn: James Cochran. These monies go towards finishing the softball 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

TAZEWELL COUNTYOPOLY

\$250.00 FROM NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from this portion of the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the amount of \$250.00 from the Northwestern District fund payable to the Tazewell County Historical Society, 101 Fincastle Turnpike, Tazewell, Virginia 24651; attn: Susan Reeves. These monies go towards the purchase of a space on the Tazewell Countyopoly Board being produced by the Tazewell County Historical Society as a fund-raiser. 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 LESTER

CEDAR BLUFF FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$3,500.00 FROM WESTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Lester, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from this portion of the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the amount of \$3,500.00 from the Western District fund payable to Cedar Bluff Fire Department, 115 Central Ave, Cedar Bluff, Virginia, 24609; attn: John Absher. These monies are for the purchase of new equipment for the Cedar Bluff Fire Department. 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

BABY BIRDS AND BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA LITTLE LEAGUE (AED UNIT)

\$2,400.00 FROM EASTERN DISTRICT FUND

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Lester and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Hymes absent from this portion of the meeting, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00/each for a total amount not to exceed \$2,400.00 from the Eastern District fund. These monies are for the purchase of an AED (automated external defibrillator) unit to be placed at Bowen Field and a unit to be placed with the Bluefield Virginia Little League. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas A. Lester, Jr., Chair

By: JB

Adjourn time: 8:30 p.m.