

**VIRGINIA:** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

**PRESENT:** SHANNA PLASTER, CHAIRPERSONMAN  
ANDY HROVATIC, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER  
CHARLES A. STACY, MEMBER  
AARON GILLESPIE, MEMBER  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SUSAN JEWELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, CLINCH VALLEY  
NEWS/PRESS; WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

**ABSENT:** NONE

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Chairperson, Shanna Plaster called the regular meeting to order and presided with all other members present.

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

Chairperson Plaster 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 Chairperson called for any additions to the Agenda.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie 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 approved the February 7, 2023 agenda with additions/deletions, a copy of which is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie 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 minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the items listed in the table and the Warrants as presented in the "Consent Calendar. The County Administrator is authorized to issue warrants in accordance with this action and said warrants shall be converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT - Kenneth Dunford, Director of Engineering**

Mr. Dunford explained that the compactors at the Cedar Bluff transfer station are only sporadically operational. Republic will only agree to keep the compactors running the best they can, but declines to be responsible for the expense of purchasing new ones. Mr. Dunford offered two possible solutions: (1) replace the compactors at a cost of \$150,000.00; or (2) replace the compactors with walking floor trailers at a cost of approximately \$300,000.00. Mr. Dunford recommends replacing the compactors.

Eric Young reminded the Board that Republic's contract required that they provide equipment for the landfill/transfer station operation; however, that contract expires at the end of 2023. Republic is willing to "patch up" equipment as it may be necessary but isn't willing to purchase new equipment in the event they aren't awarded the upcoming contract for the landfill operation. Mr. Young does recommend replacing the compactors. The money for the compactors would come from the carryover funds beyond what was budgeted for.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of new compactors for the Cedar Bluff transfer station at a cost of \$150,000.00 with the money coming from the FY2022 carryover funds budgeted in to the landfill fund by supplemental appropriation in November 2022.

Next, Mr. Dunford announced that, at last, the County has an Operational Certificate for Cavitts Creek Dam that isn't a conditional certificate. All the requirements have been met to achieve that status.

The Comprehensive Plan is in progress, according to Mr. Dunford. He reminded everyone that the Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30pm and invited the Board members to attend those meetings.

Mr. Dunford gave an update on the floor and wall damage repair at the Tazewell location of the Tazewell County Public Library. Phase One of the repair is the floor and Phase Two is the wall repair. A bid has been received for Phase One in the amount of \$279,000.00, which is \$70,000.00 over the initial estimate but still within the \$400,000.00 that was previously authorized for both phases.

Mr. Young commented that the high bid amount is an indication of increased construction costs.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the lowest bid in the amount of

\$279,000.00 for Phase One floor repair for the Tazewell County Public Library, Tazewell location.

Mr. Dunford discussed the email issues that the County IT department has experienced over the past several months. He explained that several more modern options have been explored and recommends that Google be used in the future because of the storage capabilities and features. The cost for 300 users is \$70,000.00 per year. For Year 1, with discounts, the cost is \$88,200.00; Year 2 is \$70,200.00; and Year 3 is \$70,300.00.

Eric Young emphasized to the Board the difficulties and dangers of the problems caused by “hackers”, explaining that problems are happening at a pace faster than the IT department can prevent and repair them.

Mr. Dunford continued with information regarding switching the email extension from .org to .gov, for extra security and for a more professional look, which should be done at the same time the switch is made to Google email services.

Mr. Young recommended the Board approve an amount up to \$40,000.00 to come from unallocated ARPA money through the remainder of the current budget year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves up to \$40,000.00 from unallocated ARPA funds through the FY2023 budget year for switching from .org to .gov extension and for using Google as the County’s email provider.

Supervisor Asbury commended Mr. Dunford for the work his department does and for the work done to obtain the Operational Certificate.

Supervisor Stacy also commended Mr. Dunford regarding the Richmond meetings and his relationship with VDOT.

#### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 4:40 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor /Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Board invites all persons necessary to conduct business in this session and enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding potential Cavitts Creek developer
- ▶ A( 5) The potential location of new business regarding Project Gideon
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Davenport Financial Services for five year financial review
- ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition at Cavitts Creek

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION** – 6:15 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Stacy 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: Three (3)

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair asked if there was any action following Executive Session.

***Contract negotiations regarding potential Cavitts Creek developer***

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie 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 \$25,000.00 for a study of potential commercial, recreational development of Cavitts Creek Lake, including the parcels for which the County has purchased an option and other parcels for which the County is negotiating to purchase an option on, contingent upon the County reserving and receiving full proprietary ownership of such study.

Mr. Young asked that the motion be amended to indicate that the funds would come from unbudgeted ARPA money.

Supervisor Asbury so amended her motion and, Supervisor Gillespie amended his second and the amended motion was 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 \$25,000.00 for a study of potential commercial, recreational development of Cavitts Creek Lake, including the parcels for which the County has purchased an option and other parcels for which the County is negotiating to purchase an option on, contingent upon the County reserving and receiving full proprietary ownership of such study. Said funds will come from unbudgeted ARPA money.

***Property acquisition at Cavitts Creek***

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie 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 rescinds the January 2023 motion regarding the purchase of an option to buy property at Cavitts Creek Lake and further move that the Board authorize the County Administrator to purchase for \$5,000.00, a six month option to buy the parcels approved in January for the sum of \$200,000.00, which would be the same property discussed last month, less the ten acres and house located on parcel 074 A 0144.

***Contract negotiations with Davenport Financial Services***

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 County Administrator to spend up to \$50,000.00 to retain Davenport Financial Services to perform a five year review of our financial position, to analyze the County's eligibility to participate in the State's grand and low interest loan program for renovation or construction of public schools and the County's financial capacity to afford such financing. Said funds will come from unallocated ARPA funds.

Mr. Young asked that the motion be amended to indicate that the funds would come from unbudgeted ARPA money.

Supervisor Hrovatic so amended his motion, Supervisor Stacy so amended his second and the amended motion was 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 \$50,000.00 to retain Davenport Financial Services to perform a five year review of our financial position, to analyze the County's eligibility to participate in the State's grand and low interest loan program for renovation or construction of public schools and the County's financial capacity to afford such financing. Said funds will come from unallocated ARPA funds.

**SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Donna Marinus of Tazewell, Virginia spoke at length to the Board regarding damage to a building on Marion Avenue in Tazewell that she and her husband had purchased several years ago. She stated that they feel damage was done to the building when the County replaced a drainage system near the building prior to when they purchased it. Mr. Young explained to Ms. Marinus that the County is prohibited from providing monetary compensation to them because the case they filed in the Circuit Court of Tazewell County was dismissed.

## **UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Harold Marinus spoke briefly regarding the damage situation to the building on Marion Avenue in Tazewell he and his wife purchased several years ago.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Presentation of Resolution in honor of Fire Chief James Brewster***

With many local firefighters in attendance, Supervisor Asbury, on behalf of the Board presented Brandi Brewster and her family with a resolution honoring James Brewster's commitment to his family, community and local fire departments. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### ***TCPL Update***

Erica Hall gave a slide presentation, sharing current happenings at the library and announcing upcoming events.

### ***FBLA Proclamation***

Supervisor Stacy read a proclamation regarding the FBLA as part of FBLA week across the nation.

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 declares the week of February 5, 2023 through February 11, 2023 as FBLA week in Tazewell County, Virginia.

Supervisor Stacy announced that a representative from the Graham High School FBLA will be invited to come and accept the proclamation in person at a later date. A copy of the proclamation is on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### ***Public hearing regarding establishment of the 2023 real estate tax rate***

County Attorney, Chase Collins, gave details regarding the need to establish the real estate tax rate earlier than in past years since the County has moved to twice a year billing. The current tax rate is .58 cents per \$100.00 dollars and no change is being requested.

The Chairperson called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the establishment of the 2023 real estate tax rate.

Now, the Chairperson called for public comments from the floor three times with regard to the public hearing. There being no comments she declared the public hearing closed.

Eric Young explained that employee insurance costs and jail operation costs are expected to rise and recommends that, at this time, it is not necessary to raise real estate taxes because unallocated ARPA money is available to be used for rising expenses.

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 approves the ordinance as advertised, setting the 2023 real estate tax rate at .58 per \$100.00.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

### ***Audit Presentation***

Mr. Young spoke regarding the recent audit conducted by Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates. He pointed out several comments by the auditors, particularly the recommendations made by the audit firm. The audit revealed no “marks” against the County but there were recommendations made.

### ***Consideration of 90% tax ratio***

Chase Collins advised that the Commissioner of the Revenue will have new NADA values for used automobiles in mid-March and suggested this matter be deferred.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 agrees to table consideration of the 90% tax rate until the April meeting.

### ***Consideration of Resolution for VJCCCA***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 approves the VJCCCA resolution as drafted by Mr. Collins.

### ***Consideration of revised Grant Application Form for district funding requests***

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 approves the use of the Grant Application Form to be used for district funding requests.

### ***Consider formation of a Tazewell County Housing Authority***

Mr. Young asked the Board to consider the formation of a housing authority because of a shortage of public housing in the County. He said having a housing authority opens up grant opportunities for housing.

Mr. Collins advised that the IDA can act as a housing authority in lieu of the creation of an authority and that creating a housing authority requires the passing of a referendum on the regular election ballot.

Supervisor Stacy asked if a public hearing would be beneficial to educate the public about the subject rather than presenting a referendum on the ballot.

Mr. Young asked that the matter be deferred until later.

***Consider appointment BOS liaison to Animal Shelter Board***

Mr. Collins spoke regarding the appointment of a Board liaison to the Animal Shelter Board.

Warren Hinkle expressed concern that most of the animals taken in by the shelter go almost immediately to a rescue rather than being offered to the citizens of the County first.

Mr. Collins explained that the Animal Shelter Board was created by resolution and must be disbanded in the same fashion. Jim Talbert expressed his desire to disband the Board; however, Warren Hinkle disagreed and stated she doesn't wish it to be disbanded. Mr. Collins further explained that the Board is in an oversight position and is limited somewhat in its functions. He stated the Board can be transitioned into a "Friends of" 501©3 organization, which would allow tax deductible donations.

Mr. Young suggested the current Board meet and formulating a mission statement and drafting some by-laws before any new organization is formed or disbanded.

***Opioid settlement approval***

Chase Collins spoke regarding the Opioid settlement approval stating that five (5) additional Opioid distributors and retail outlets have reached settlements. It is suggested by nationwide counsel that all Virginia localities join together in accepting the proposed settled and presented a settlement agreement he just received today.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 approves the resolution as drafted to join other Virginia localities in the Opioid settlement. A copy is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***Richmond trip report***

Mr. Young shared information regarding the recent trip to Richmond and the CPPDC reception. In attendance were Eric Young, Ken Dunford, Barry Brooks, AJ Robinson, Andy Hrovatic and Charlie Stacy. They met with the governor and various state agencies.

Supervisor Hrovatic stated he found the meetings interesting and beneficial.

Supervisor Stacy commended the County employees in attendance on their professionalism.

***Volunteer fire fighter personal property tax credit amendment***

Eric Yong reminded the Board that this topic was previously discussed last year. Mr. Young suggested abolishing the tax credit and use that money to increase the stipend they get per call, assuring that people who actually ran the calls got the stipend rather than everyone on the roster whether they ran a call or not. At the time of the discussion, the Board passed on that amendment. Mr. Young suggested the ordinance be amended to allow County volunteer fire fighters to get both.

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 approves holding a public hearing regarding a volunteer fire fighter personal property tax credit.

***Budget update***

Eric Young gave an update on the progress of the budget committee while working its way through approximately 75% of the budget request.

***Earmark update***

Mr. Young reminded the Board that the County applied for congressionally directed funds for improvement at Cavitts Creek, but were denied; however, funds were awarded for the fire station. Merchant McIntyre recommended applying 911 communications project for which the sheriff had requested funding in 2021 and Mr. Young asked for approval to make the application for those funds.

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 approves making an application for congressionally directed funds for the 911 communication project of \$1.8m.

***Fairground rental request – Old Time Revival/4H horse show***

Mr. Young announced positive outcome from the meeting with JBarJ regarding use of the fairgrounds arena for monthly horse shows. The fair association agrees to clean up as well as they can following the demolition derby events so that the arena can safely be used after the derby events. Mr. Young plans to recommend that JBarJ donate the proceeds from the concessions at one horse show to the fair association, but hold the funds until after the derby to determine if the arena is suitably cleaned up. If cleanup isn't suitable, that donation would be used to pay for the arena cleanup.

Mr. Young also announced the County has been contacted by Back of the Dragon regarding a biker event at the fairgrounds which would involve a derby; however, the 4H Horse Club has a horse show schedule for the following day, which presents a safety issue due to glass and automobile debris in the arena as a hazard to the animals' safety. Following discussion, Mr. Young plans to contact the Old Time Revival group to see if they can choose a different weekend that doesn't conflict with the 4H horse event. He also said he will determine how to organize the calendar for booking the horse arena for individuals wishing to practice their horses.

***Consideration of releasing Burkes Garden Telephone Company and cable franchise bond***

Mr. Young explained that the company doesn't have enough customers to warrant continuation of their services since there are other, more modern avenues of accessing television and they wish to be released from their television franchise.

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 approves releasing the Burkes Garden Telephone Company from the cable bond as they no longer plan to offer television cable services.

***Appointments:***

***SRRA***

The Chair directed that the appointment to SRRA be tabled until March 2023.

***Opioid Settlement Committee***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 Laura Thompson to serve on the Opioid Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 Scott Cole to serve on the Opioid Committee.

The Chair directed that the Eastern District, Northwestern District and Northern District appointments to the Opioid Committee be tabled until March 2023.

***Flood Committee***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 Steve McClanahan to serve on the Flood Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 Matt Whited to serve on the Flood Committee.

The Chair directed that the Southern District appointment for the flood committee be deferred until March 2023.

***RDA***

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 appoints Kim Palivec to serve on the Flood Committee.

***Airport Authority***

The Chair directed that appointments to the Airport Authority be tabled until the March 2023 meeting.

***Wireless Service Authority***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 Jordan Bales to serve on the Wireless Service Authority.

***Tourism Committee***

The Chair directed that the Northwestern District appointment be deferred until March 2023.

***Planning Commission***

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 appoints Anthony Romella to serve on the Planning Commission.

**BOARD CONCERNS**

**Supervisor Gillespie**

***Donation to Son Shine Preschool/Learning Center for Nucholls Hall rental***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 a \$100.00 donation from Southern District funds to the SonShine Preschool/Learning Center rental of Nucholls Hall. 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 Basketball Boosters***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 a \$1500.00 donation from Southern District funds to the THS Basketball Booster for the purchase of shoes and miscellaneous items for the children. 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 Prom***

Supervisor Gillespie asked to defer the topic of the THS Prom until the March 2023 meeting.

**Supervisor Stacy**

***Bluefield Virginia Police Department***

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 a \$2,620.49 donation from Eastern District funds to the Bluefield Virginia Police Department for the purchase of thirty (30) L-FAK medical kits. 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.

***EMS Endowment***

The Chair directed that this matter be tabled until the March 2023 meeting.

**Supervisor Asbury**

***Clean Up Tazewell County***

Supervisor Asbury spoke about her interest in cleaning up derelict structures and littered properties in the county. She has made contact with Lori Mills, the individual who works with the City of Bluefield, West Virginia in a similar capacity and invited her to speak at the March 2023 meeting.

**Supervisor Hrovatic**

***Donation to RHS Softball***

Supervisor Hrovatic asked that this matter be deferred to the March 2023 meeting, pending the performance of public service by the students in exchange for the district funding.

**Supervisor Plaster**

***Donation to RHS Softball***

Supervisor Plaster asked that this matter be deferred to the March 2023 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 8:55 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Board invites all persons necessary to conduct business in this session and enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

- ▶ A( 1) Personnel regarding County Administrator annual review

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION** – 9:40 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Stacy 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)

### **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair asked if there was any action following Executive Session. There was none.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Eric Young informed the Board about TCSO's need for better radio communication, which would allow TCSO deputies and Richlands town officers to talk directly to one another without going through dispatch.

Supervisor Stacy asked if these radios would be compatible with the ones we were planning to buy next fiscal year with ARPA money. Mr. Young advised that Captain Davis assured him that they are.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 amount of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of ten (10) radios, two (2) of which will stay at the Jewell Ridge Fire Department. Funds for the purchase will come from ARPA money allocated in FY2024 for the E911 telecommunications line item.

### **ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie 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 until the March 7, 2023 meeting.

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Shanna Plaster, Chairperson

by: SJ

cc: Arlene Matney, Kim Beckner, David Larimer, Ginny Dawson