

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JANUARY 12, 2023 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: SHANNA PLASTER, VICE CHAIRMAN
MARGARET ASBURY, MEMBER
ANDY HROVATIC, MEMBER
CHARLES A. STACY, 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:

Chairman Gillespie left the meeting at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

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

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

Vice 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 Vice-Chairperson called for any additions to the Agenda.

County Administrator, Eric Young explained several items on the consent calendar that required ratification.

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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the January 12, 2023 agenda with additions/deletions.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic seconded by Supervisor Stacy 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 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.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SUSPENDED

Eric Young suggested that, due to Supervisor Gillespie being called away from the meeting, the Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update portion of the agenda be addressed next to allow Supervisor Gillespie to participate in the Organizational Structuring portion of the agenda.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby suspends Robert's Rules of Order, allowing the Board to move through the agenda out of order.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consideration of reimbursement to CA's Office – drug forfeiture funds used to buy K9 officer

Mr. Young explained that the Commonwealth Attorney's office had donated \$10,000.00 from drug forfeiture funds to the County for the purchase of a drug detection dog. Auditors, however, did not believe that was an appropriate use of forfeiture funds. The auditors suggest that the \$10,000.00 be reimbursed to the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Commonwealth Attorney's office previously used to purchase a drug detection K9. Supervisor Plaster abstained, as her husband is the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Consider paying Richlands/Cedar Bluff for trash haul expenses when compactor is down at the Cedar Bluff transfer station

Eric Young described the issues with the compactor at the Cedar Bluff transfer station which requires that the Town of Richlands haul trash to the landfill. The Town of Richlands has asked that the County pay one-half of that cost at \$42.50 per load and Republic to pay one-half at \$42.50 for a period of three months until a decision is made regarding repairs to the compactor.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves paying \$42.50 per load for a period of three months to the Town of Richlands for their trash hauling expense while the compactor is down for repairs at the Cedar Bluff transfer station.

Horse show update

Eric Young reminded everyone about the inquiries regarding horse shows being held regularly at the fairgrounds. He explained that he had spoken with the fair association chairman, who was adamant about the fair holding the demolition derby during the time the fair is being held. Mr. Young stated that the issue with that is glass and debris left in the arena by the derby which will pose possibility of injury to horses. He said the debris can be cleaned up but at a significant cost and the solution would be to schedule the derby at a time which would decrease the number of times the cleanup would need to be done.

Supervisor Stacy expressed the importance of finding a way to accommodate horse shows and the demolition derby.

Mr. Young suggested another meeting with the fair association to include a member of the Board in hopes that a compromise regarding the derby can be reached. Supervisors Plaster and Asbury agreed to do so.

Bluefield University MOU

According to Mr. Young, pursuant to discussions in executive session at previous meetings, a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared regarding free tuition for Tazewell County graduating students who wish to attend Bluefield University. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by Dr. David Olive, President of Bluefield University, who was recognized at the meeting and expressed the University's appreciation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Tazewell County and Bluefield University for free tuition for students of Tazewell County schools who wish to attend Bluefield University.

Proposed district funding request form

Mr. Young presented a proposed form to simplify the process for organizations to request funding from the Board.

Supervisor Stacy expressed concern regarding whether there will be an assumption that all requests will be funded.

Supervisor Hrovatic shared a proposal suggesting that organizations requesting funding be required to donate community service time to receive funds as opposed to just being given taxpayer dollars without having something invested. Supervisor Plaster agreed and said she had heard good feedback about this idea.

Mr. Young suggested that, since the form was Supervisor Gillespie's idea and he had to leave the meeting for court, the matter be taken up later in the agenda.

The Vice-Chair directed that this matter be deferred until after Executive Session.

90% tax ratio tabled from last month's public hearing

Chase Collins, County Attorney, gave explanation regarding the proposed 90% tax ratio. He said that used car values are unknown until mid-March, meaning the information would be available to the Board for the April meeting. He said David Anderson, Commissioner of the Revenue, suggested that the 90% ratio may be the best route.

Mr. Young stated that real estate tax rates are typically decided in February now that tax billing is twice each year and asked for a motion to hold a public hearing to set the real estate tax rate and then set the personal property tax rate once the real estate rate has been decided.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a public hearing to be held in February 2023 to establish the real state tax rate.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to table the issue of the 90% tax ratio to February.

Consider surplus of 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN 1C6RD7FT7CS308353)

Supervisor Hrovatic asked about the condition of the vehicles proposed for surplus, stating the Airport is in need of a truck for snow removal use. Mr. Young advised that the vehicles are in poor condition.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of a 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN 1C6RD7FT7CS308353).

Consider surplus of 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN 1C6RR7FT0DS621506)

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of a 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN 1C6RR7FT0DS621506)).

Consider surplus of 2004 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FMDU62K04UB28398)

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of a 2004 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FMDU62K04UB28398)).

Outdoor Recreation Grant Allocation (\$2,400.00)

The Vice-Chair directed that this matter be deferred until after Executive Session.

Part-time pay for dispatchers

Mr. Young explained that the hourly pay increase voted on at the December 2022 meeting was based on full time dispatchers, which excluded part time dispatchers. He said that Sheriff Hieatt requests that consideration be given for a \$1.00 per hour raise be granted to part time dispatchers as well.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to increase the pay for part time dispatchers by \$1.00 per hour.

Consider approving grand administration agreement w/ DPPDC for Project Jonah Water/Waste Water \$4.3m EDA grant

The Vice-Chair directed that this matter be deferred until after Executive Session.

Gob pile reclamation resolution

Mr. Collins described a legislative effort in Richmond to exempt gob pile reclamation from coal severance taxes. Mr. Collins has drafted a support resolution to be presented to the representatives in Richmond.

Supervisor Hrovatic announced that he will abstain from voting on the resolution due to his interests in the coal industry.

Anticipating Supervisors Gillespie's return, the Vice-Chair directed that this matter and other matters be deferred until after Executive Session.

Consider authorizing solicitation of proposals for landfill management/operation

The Vice-Chair directed that this matter be deferred until after Executive Session.

Consider authorizing solicitation for bids for Phase 5 construction at landfill

The Vice-Chair directed that this matter be deferred until after Executive Session.

Consider ratifying poll to provide personal property tax relief to July 2022 Bandy flood victims

Mr. Young advised that CVCA has agreed to administer this program with a customary fee of 10%. He said the tax relief amount will be approximately \$4,500.00 with an additional amount of \$500.00 for the CVCA fees and he asked for a motion for the same, with the money to come from the flood relief fund previously voted on by the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the amount of \$4,500.00 for personal property tax relief for the July 2022 Bandy flood victims and an additional amount of \$500.00 for CVCA fees to administer the program.

Mr. Young asked to move into Executive Session before appointments are made. He also asked that the Audit Report be deferred to February.

The Vice-Chair directed that Board/Committee/Authority appointments be deferred until after Executive Session.

FY22 AUDIT REPORT

The Vice-Chair directed that the FY22 Audit Report be tabled until the February 2023 meeting.

Chairman Gillespie returned to the meeting at approximately 5:00 o'clock p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURING

Election of Chairman

County Administrator, Eric Young, took the floor and asked for nominations for a Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for a term of one year or until his/her successor is duly elected.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Shanna Plaster to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

The County Administrator called for additional nominations. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Young asked Supervisor Stacy to amend his motion to indicate that Supervisor Plaster was chosen by acclamation.

Upon amended motion of Supervisor Stacy, and amended seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Shanna Plaster by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Election of a Vice-Chairman

Chairperson Plaster called for nominations for a Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Andy Hrovatic to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order

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 adopts Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules for conducting county business.

Appointment of Clerk

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Eric Young to serve as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Appointment of Director of Emergency Management

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Eric Young, County Administrator as the Director of Emergency Management for Tazewell County.

Appointment of Deputy Director of Emergency Management

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 designates Dave White as Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

Appointment of Coordinator of Emergency Management

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby designates Barry Brooks as Coordinator of Emergency Management.

Appointment of VaCo representative

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 designates Supervisor Aaron Gillespie to serve as Tazewell County's legislative contact with VaCo during the upcoming 2023 General Assembly.

Supervisor Stacy pointed out that Senator Hackworth has obtained Michael Letson, a local attorney, as an aide in reviewing legislation, which makes him an asset to the Board.

Consideration of appointing a budget committee

This matter was addressed at the December 2022 meeting when Supervisors Hrovatic and Gillespie were appointed to the committee

Consideration of appointment a personnel committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Supervisor Asbury and Supervisor Plaster to serve on the Personnel Committee.

Consideration of appointing ESC members

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisors Gillespie and Plaster to the ESC Committee.

Consideration of appointing IDA liaison

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 reappoints Supervisor Asbury to serve as Board liaison to the Industrial Development Authority.

Consideration of appointing PSA liaison

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Plaster to serve as Board liaison to the Public Service Authority.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT - Kenneth Dunford, Director of Engineering

Mr. Dunford presented his monthly activity report.

Mr. Dunford asked for approval of the groundwater monitoring contract he negotiated with Marshall-Miller.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the groundwater monitoring contract negotiated with Marshall-Miller.

Mr. Dunford distributed a list of streets/roads which showed the order of how those streets/roads fall in the plan to be paved and asked that the list be approved.

Supervisor Stacy congratulated Mr. Dunford on the improvement of the road program and the orderly, objective manner in which roads are chosen each year for improvement.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the list of roads to be improved with coal and gas severance funds. A copy of the list is available for viewing in the County Administration Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 5:45 pm

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, 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 with TCPSA regarding ARC Grant Agreement for Jonah Water/Waste Water Project
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Starlink
- ▶ A (3) Property disposition regarding Clifffield School
- ▶ A (3) Property disposition regarding Pisgah School
- ▶ A (3) Property acquisition – Cavitts Creek Park

- ▶ A (3) Property acquisition – Abbs Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.
- ▶ A (5) Discussion of expansion of existing business – Project Gideon
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with CPPDSWA regarding Solid Waste Disposal Agreement.

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 invites to the meeting anyone that might be necessary to conduct business in executive session.

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 7:00 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: Five (5)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Contract negotiations with CPPDSWA regarding Solid Waste Disposal Agreement

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 negotiate with the Cumberland Plateau Solid Waste Authority to establish terms and a rate for disposal of solid waste from Buchanan, Russell and Dickenson Counties at the Tazewell County Landfill and to report back to the Board at the March meeting.

Contract negotiations with TCPSA regarding ARC Grant Agreement for Jonah Water/Waste Water Project

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 entering into a project management agreement with the Tazewell County Public Service Authority for the construction of the Jonah Water and Waste Water project and a grant administration agreement with the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission for the administration of the grants for the project and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute and documents necessary for these agreements. And further, that the Board accept the \$4.3m Federal EDA grant and the \$1m Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for the project Jonah Water and Waste Water projects and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to receive such funds.

Mr. Collins pointed out subsequent resolutions requested by CPPDC as follows:

1. 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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to adopt the non-discrimination policies pertaining to Project Jonah in the form as presented in executive session;
2. 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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to adopts the Tazewell County business and employment plan pertaining to Project Jonah in the form as presented in executive session;
3. 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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a fair housing resolution in the form as presented in executive session;
4. 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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to adopt a project management plan pertaining to Project Jonah in the form as presented in executive session; and
5. 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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to adopt a Section 504 Grievance Procedure for Tazewell County pertaining to Project Jonah in the form as presented in executive session.

Property acquisition – Cavitts Creek Park

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 agrees to pay \$5,000.00 to purchase a six month option to purchase parcels 75 A 0001; 75 A 0945; 074 A 0144; 54 A 0103 and 54 A 0102A&B, containing approximately 159 acres and a two story brick home

located adjacent to Cavitts Creek Park for an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 and authorize the County Administrator to seek private investors who may be interested in developing the property for recreational development, which to include hiking trails, rental cabins and camping.

Discussion of expansion of existing business – Project Gideon

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 authorizes a support agreement between the Board and the Tazewell County IDA to support a loan application by the IDA to VCEDA for \$900,000.00 for Project Gideon to retain 100 jobs and create an additional 20 high wage jobs and induce over two million dollars of taxable investment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing regarding the Veteran's Tax Ordinance

The Chairperson called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding an ordinance providing for the Veteran's Tax Ordinance.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, gave details regarding the existing Ordinance and the changes requested for the revised Ordinance, which will now allow the veteran's spouse to apply for the same relief as the veteran.

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.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 approves changes to the Veteran's Tax Ordinance.

Public hearing regarding License Tax Penalties Ordinance

The Chairperson called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding an ordinance providing for the License Tax Penalties Ordinance.

Chase Collins explained the existing Ordinance and the changes proposed for the revised Ordinance. The current Ordinance requires utility providers pay a penalty if the utility tax is not paid in a timely manner. The revised Ordinance allows him to assess a \$100.00 penalty for each day the utility tax is not paid.

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.

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 approves the License Tax Penalties Ordinance.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce

Keisha Cole, the new director of the Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce introduced herself to the Board and attendees.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Proposed district funding request form

Mr. Young reminded everyone that Supervisor Gillespie had suggested a form to simplify district funding requests.

The Board discussed the need for the form to include a disclaimer that all requests would not be funded and instruction to file the form.

The Chair directed that the form be revised and presented at the February meeting.

Gob pile reclamation resolution

Mr. Collins reminded everyone of previous discussion regarding gob piles.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 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 Gob Pile Resolution as proposed. Supervisor Hrovatic abstained from the vote.

Consider authorizing solicitation of proposals for landfill management/operation

Mr. Young stated that the current contract expires at the end of 2023 and having a plan in place will help with a smooth transition.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with one abstention, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors authorizes the solicitation of proposals for the landfill management/operation.

Mr. Collins inquired as to which newspapers might be best to advertise the solicitations. Supervisor Stacy suggested placing it on eVA in the interest of saving money on newspaper advertisement.

Consider authorizing solicitation for bids for Phase 5 construction at landfill

Mr. Young explained that the landfill is in the eleventh month of the six month permitting process with DEQ. He said that final approval from DEQ is expected any day so authorizing the solicitation will get the process rolling smoothly.

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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors authorizes the solicitation of bids for Phase 5 construction at the landfill.

Outdoor Recreation Grant Allocation (\$2,400.00)

Mr. Young explained that we've received an outdoor recreation grant from the Department of Forestry in the amount of \$2,400.00, thanks to the Commissioner of the Revenue's application for the grant, which was based on the acreage that we have in land use. He said the grant is to be used for outdoor recreational activities and suggested that the money be used for the Kids Fishing Day events at Falls Mills Lake and at Cavitts Creek.

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 approves the use of the Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$2,400.00 be used to fund the Kids Fishing Day at Falls Mills Lake and at Cavitts Creek.

Appointments:

Flood Committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Donna Whittington to serve on the Flood Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Ollena Jackson to serve on the Flood Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Rod Cury to serve on the Flood Committee.

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 appoints Scott McCormick to serve on the Flood Committee.

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 appoints Christina McCormick to serve on the Flood Committee.

Supervisor Gillespie asked to defer his appointments to the Flood Committee until the February 7, 2023 meeting.

Opioid Settlement Committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 4 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 J. Christopher Plaster to serve on the Opioid Committee. Supervisor Plaster abstained from the vote because J. Christopher Plaster is her husband.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints LaTonya Compton to serve on the Opioid Committee.

Airport Authority

The Chair directed that appointments to the Airport Authority be tabled until the February 7, 2023 meeting.

Southwest Virginia Emergency Council, Inc.

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 appoints Rhudy Keith, Jr. to serve on the Southwest Virginia Emergency Council, Inc.

Heart of Appalachia Board

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 Rick Wood to serve on the Heart of Appalachia Board.

Planning Commission

The Chair directed that the Eastern District appointment be tabled until the February 7, 2023 meeting.

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 appoints _____ Hayden to serve on the Planning Commission. (Supervisor Asbury asked to poll the board once she finds out the person's complete name.).

PSA

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 appoints Rhudy Keith, Sr. to serve on the PSA

DSS

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 appoints Philip Foy to serve on the Social Services Board.

WSA

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 Lori Charles Stacy to serve on the Wireless Service Authority.

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Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 Marco Warner to serve on the Industrial Development Authority.

Supervisor Asbury mentioned a County Cleanup Committee that had been proposed several years ago to address derelict buildings in the county. She spoke about cleanup in the Amonate community and how it brought the community together. Supervisor Plaster suggested a county-wide campaign to bring awareness to keeping the county clean. Mr. Young suggested talking to the colleges that provide free tuition about requiring those students to perform community service, which could include trash pickup.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Gillespie

THS Prom Committee

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 \$100.00 donation from Southern District funds to the Tazewell High School Prom Committee for rental of the Fuller-Peery Building. 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.

Thompson Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.

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 up to \$1,750.00 from Southern District funds for the purchase of as many defibrillators for the department as that amount will cover. 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.

Virginia Widows Sons

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 authorize a \$1,200.00 donation to the Virginia Widows Sons for 3 days of rental of the fairgrounds. The money will be funded as indicated below. 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.

Southern District funds	\$ 600.00
Eastern District funds	\$ 200.00
Northern District funds	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Total	\$1,200.00

Supervisor Gillespie recommended that the Board prepare some type of recognition for deceased firefighter with D.A.D. VFD, Jim Brewster. Supervisor Asbury volunteered to work with Barry Brooks on that project.

Supervisor Stacy

Supervisor Stacy shared that some foundations (Ratcliff Foundation, Thompson Charitable Foundation, etc.) are interested in hearing how the money given to the County uses the money from those foundations. He suggested meeting with each foundation to share this information with them.

Supervisor Stacy inquired as to whether the hiking trail builder at the Bluestone got paid. Mr. Young offered to check on the status of the invoice.

Supervisor Stacy spoke about complaints regarding the limit of bags of residential trash that are permitted to be taken to the landfill at one time by individuals. Mr. Young recommended that there be a strict limit on the number of bags. He explained that some commercial haulers claim truckloads of trash are their household waste.

Supervisor Stacy requested further investigation into an apprentice program being offered by the VDEP involving a cash payment to businesses that take on an apprentice.

Supervisor Stacy addressed an email he received regarding the Tazewell County Historical Society and a funding request without a specific amount. Mr. Young advised he had responded to the email asking for a specific dollar amount for the request and the proposed use.

Supervisor Stacy relayed a request from a citizen that there be a microphone near the telephone to increase the ability to hear the meeting.

Supervisor Asbury

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, 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 Don Cates to serve on the RDA.

Tazewell County EMS

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 not to exceed \$1,750.00 from Northern District funds for a defibrillator for D.A.D Volunteer 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.

Tazewell County EMS donation

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 appropriation of \$25,000.00 to EMS Special Projects line item.

Supervisor Hrovatic

Supervisor Hrovatic did not have any board concerns.

Supervisor Plaster

Richlands High School – MGA trip

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 \$400.00 from Northwest District funds and \$400.00

from Western District funds for the Richlands High School MGA trip for travel expenses. 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 Hrovatic stated that moving forward, he will be asking for some type of community service in exchange for giving funds from Western District funds.

Richlands High School - DECA

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 \$400.00 from Northwest District funds and \$400.00 from Western District funds for the Richlands High School DECA state trip for travel expenses. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Jewell Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.

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 up to \$7,000.00 from the Northwest District Capital Improvements Account for building improvements to the Jewell Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Receipts are to be provided for each improvement/repair made. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Young announced that Cumberland Plateau is hosting a reception in Richmond and asked for a show of hands of those that plan to attend. Supervisors Gillespie, Hrovatic and Stacy indicated they would attend.

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 February 7, 2023 meeting.

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Shanna Plaster, Chairperson

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