

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 6, 2023 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

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

Supervisor Hrovatic 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.

County Administrator, Eric Young, requested to add an item to the first Executive Session: A(3) Property Acquisition at Fairgrounds.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the addition of A(3) Property Acquisition at Fairgrounds to the first Executive Session.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the June 6, 2023 revised 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 Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the April 19, 2023 and the May 2, 2023 meetings. A copy of each is on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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 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. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Young announced that information necessary for the presentation hasn't become available to Davenport yet and asked that the presentation be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Kenneth Dunford, Engineering**

Mr. Young advised Mr. Dunford would be in attendance when he finished a regularly scheduled telephone conference and asked that the report be deferred until later in the meeting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agree to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow moving about in the agenda as needed.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### ***Consider issuing up to \$3.2m in bonds for landfill construction***

Mr. Young asked that this matter be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting because information needed to further discuss the matter is part of the Davenport presentation.

### ***Consideration of allocation of Casino Revenue Funds in FY24 budget***

Mr. Young explained that the estimated amount to be received by Tazewell County from casino revenue is approximately \$700,000.00 this year. He explained that there are three categories in which the County may spend those funds in any combination for the purpose of (1) Transportation or (2) Public Safety or (3) Education. He suggested that the County could use some of the allocation to fund the upcoming teacher's pay raise (education) and a portion to fund the pay increase recently given to dispatchers (public safety).

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 agrees to dedicate the casino revenue allocation toward education and public safety. A copy of the allocation spreadsheet is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **WORC Grant update**

Mr. Young shared that the 3-year WORC grant established in September 2020 has been given a one-year extension.

### **College Scholarship Update**

According to information provided by Mr. Young, there is a remaining balance in the scholarship fund with SWCC in the amount of \$10,690.25. He suggested that the balance be carried forward and used toward scholarships for the next year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to carry forward the scholarship balance of \$10,690.25 to be used for the next year.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Kenneth Dunford, Engineering**

Mr. Dunford announced that, after many years of denied applications, Tazewell County has been approved for a \$26m Smart Scale project to be fully funded, engineered and constructed by VDOT. Those funds will be used to redesign and improve the intersection of Route 460 and Route 16 at the Claypool Hill area.

Mr. Dunford stated he advertised for bids for the Cavitts Creek Trails construction and although there was a reasonable bid received for the trail, bids for the bath house were exorbitant. Mr. Dunford asked that the \$117,600.00 bid for the trail be approved tonight.

Mr. Young asked that this matter be deferred until after the first Executive Session.

Mr. Dunford received notice from VDOT today that there are old revenue sharing funds that had been allocated for guard rails. VDOT asked that the money be deallocated now is Tazewell County share. He said the amount to be deallocated is \$125,747.00 and that would go back into the CST funds, which would be used toward the Amonate drainage project as part of the Six Year Plan. Mr. Dunford advised that the County would receive \$62,872.57 of those funds.

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 to deallocate the amount of 125,747.00 from old revenue sharing funds.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### ***Consider surplus/donation of 2013 Ford Taurus (VIN 1FAHP2M84DG151016) to Bluefield College for Campus Security***

Mr. Young informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office asked that an older Taurus they have been using be donated to Bluefield University to support their Campus Security needs.

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 votes to donate a 2013 Ford Taurus (VIN 1FAHP2M84DG151016) to Bluefield College for Campus Security.

#### ***Outside funding request – Bulldog Radio Network***

The Board considered an automated funding request from Bulldog Radio Network

County Attorney, Chase Collins, spoke regarding his affiliation with Bulldog Radio Network as a sports announcer, stating that payment for his services as such come from a separate boosters account and not from the radio network itself.

Supervisor Gillespie requested that this matter be moved to Board Concerns to be addressed later in the meeting.

### ***Appointments:***

#### ***Keep Tazewell County Clean***

Supervisor Gillespie and Supervisor Stacy asked to defer appointments until the June 26, 2023 meeting.

#### ***Opioid Committee***

Supervisor Gillespie mentioned that Dennis Lee had already been appointed and should be added to the list.

Mr. Young advised that the Opioid Committee can have as many or as few members as the Board wishes; however, advised it is best to make final appointments and start holding meetings.

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 David Taylor, Director of the Department of Social Service or his designee to serve on the Opioid Committee.

#### ***VA 250 Committee***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Rod Cury to serve on the VA 250 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 appoints Gail Cook to serve on the VA 250 Committee.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### ***Lisa Tyson Resolution***

The Board presented a resolution to Lisa Tyson for her dedication to children's programs at the Tazewell County Public Library and for being named Outstanding Staff Person in Virginia's Public Libraries.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby presents a resolution to Lisa Tyson for her dedication to children's programs at the Tazewell County Public Library and for being named Outstanding Staff Person in Virginia's Public Libraries. A copy is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### *CIFA*

Chairperson Plaster asked to these defer appointments until the June 26, 2023 meeting.

### *CPPDC*

Mr. Young announced that Senator Travis Hackworth submitted his written resignation from the CPPDC. A copy of the Senator's email resignation is included in the agenda packet for the meeting.

Supervisor Stacy described the purpose of the CPPDC.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Aaron Gillespie to serve on the CPPDC.

Supervisor Gillespie pointed out that Brad Pyott had previously been appointed to the CPPDC as a citizen member, replacing Larry Blankenship, but his appointment was not noted in the agenda packet.

### *Opioid Committee*

Supervisor Stacy pointed out that there are currently no members from EMS or TCSO on the Opioid Committee.

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 appoint Barry Brooks or his designee and Sheriff Brian Hieatt or his designee to serve on the Opioid Committee.

### *Enterprise Zone*

Chairperson Plaster asked that her appointment be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

Supervisor Gillespie asked to defer his appointment until later in this meeting.

Supervisor Hrovatic asked that his appointment be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

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 Chuck Presley to the Enterprise Zone Committee.

### *Tazewell County Fire/Rescue Board*

The Chairperson deferred these appointments until the June 27, 2023 meeting with the reminder from Mr. Young that no member of the Board of Supervisors may serve on the Fire/Rescue Board. The Board discussed the inactivity of the Fire/Rescue Board.

*IDA*

Supervisor Gillespie asked to defer his appointment to the June 27, 2023 meeting.

Supervisor Stacy also asked to defer this appointment until he could contact his member of the Board.

*9<sup>th</sup> District Development Financing, Inc.*

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Tim Danielson to the 9<sup>th</sup> District Development Financing, Inc.

*Planning Commission*

Chairperson Plaster and Supervisor requested to defer their appointments until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

*Recreation/Parks Facilities*

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Curt Breeding to the Recreation/Parks Facilities Committee.

*Tourism*

Supervisor Stacy asked that his appointment be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

Supervisor Hrovatic asked that his appointment be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

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

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 reappoints Dedra Cox to serve on the Recreation/Parks Facilities Committee.

*Road Viewers*

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 Russell Stowers to serve on the Road Viewers Committee.

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 reappoints Curtis Gillespie to serve on the Road Viewers Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Jim Reynolds to serve on the Road Viewers Committee.

Supervisor Hrovatic requested that his appointments be deferred until the June 27, 2023.

#### *Tall Structures*

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Curt Breeding to serve on the Tall Structures Committee.

#### *Transportation Safety Committee*

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Brian Hieatt to serve on the Transportation Safety Committee.

Chairperson Plaster asked that her appointment be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

#### *Wireless Service Authority*

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 Sam Kinder to serve on the Wireless Service Authority.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Supervisor Gillespie presented Landri Parker Claire Lallande with a resolution commending her accomplishments in Track and Field events at the state level, representing Tazewell High School.

#### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 5:15 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Asbury absent 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.

County Administrator, Eric Young asked that three (3) items on the agenda to be discussed during the second executive/closed session be moved to the first executive/closed session: A(1) Personnel in Registrar's Office; A(1) Personnel in Parks and Recreation Department and A(3) Property acquisition in Abbs Valley.

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 agrees to move the following items from the second executive/closed session to the first executive/closed session: A(1) Personnel in Registrar's Office; A(1) Personnel in Parks and Recreation Department and A(3) Property acquisition in Abbs Valley and enter into executive session.

**Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code  
Section 2.2-3711**

- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Capital Waste Management
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Cavitts Creek hiking trail bids
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Cumberland Plateau SWA
- ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition in Baptist Valley
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in Registrar's Office
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in Parks and Recreation Dept.
- ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition – Abbs Valley

**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: Four (4)



## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 approve the addition of one Park Maintenance Crew Leader II position to County Administration.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve awarding a contract to construct new ADA compliant hiking/walking trails at Cavitts Creek Park to T9 Construction for an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Asbury and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Registrar to reclassify his full-time assistant to pay classification Tier 6.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveyance of certain real property owned by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors to the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, specifically:

- (1) Tazewell Branch - Tazewell County Public Library, Tax Map No. 094B4A 0053 and
- (2) Bluefield Branch – Tazewell County Public Library, Tax Map No. 025 A 0044B

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### ***Appointments***

#### ***IDA***

The Chairperson recognized Supervisor Gillespie for the purpose of reconsidering appointments to the IDA.

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 Mack Payne to serve on the IDA.

Supervisor Gillespie then asked to amend his motion to include Supervisor Stacy's motion to reappoint Melanie Protti-Lawrence to serve on the IDA.

The Chairperson then called for a vote on the motion as amended.

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 Mack Payne and Melanie Protti-Lawrence to serve on the IDA.

### **Budget Presentation**

Eric Young presented the proposed budget as approved by the Budget Committee for FY24, explaining that inflation has affected our buying power for the last two years. He showed a slide

presentation to demonstrate the expenditures and revenues involved in determining the county budget. A copy of his presentation is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Stacy asked whether the county will lose any unspent ARPA money. Mr. Young assured that there will be no funds retracted from the county. Supervisor Stacy asked if the tax rate has remained unchanged for FY24. According to Mr. Young, the tax rate is unchanged. However, he noted that the 90% personal property ratio tax cut passed last year had expired and this budget does not renew it.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### ***Public hearing regarding Tazewell County FY24 Budget***

The Chairperson called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding a public hearing regarding the Tazewell County FY24 budget.

Jan Cordle, Tazewell County PSA Director spoke regarding the financial situation of the PSA. She stated the PSA invested with VIP and tried to save money, but has cut 15% from its budget and will suffer from that cut. Additionally, she asked about the Leachate Agreement clause that states the county cannot cut below \$995,812.00. Mr. Young responded that the Budget Committee had received her email and would recommend increasing the PSA appropriation by \$18,000.00 to conform to the Leachate Line Agreement.

Ms. Cordle asked if the amount of \$995,812.00 will remain the same in future years. Mr. Young stated he can't be sure of that amount in the future and no Board can commit future boards.

Supervisor Stacy spoke about "moral obligation" and what it means between the County and the PSA.

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

Mr. Young stated the County has a reserve of \$7.8m compared to five years ago when there was no money in reserve and while there is a temptation to dip into the reserve when times are tough, to do so would be financially unwise.

## **SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Becky Bolton of Bluefield, Virginia, spoke regarding the SWCC free tuition scholarship program. She asked for clarification as to why her child isn't eligible for the program since her household have been long-time residents of Tazewell County, even though the child graduated from Mercer Christian Academy.

Supervisor Stacy explained the current contractual obligation between the County and SWCC.

The Board discussed the possibility of making revisions to the current contract to include additional students whose family resides in Tazewell County but their child attended a school outside of the County with proper proof of residency. No action was taken.

## **UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **Supervisor Gillespie**

#### *C-Core*

Supervisor Gillespie asked the members of the Board for thoughts, both pro and con, regarding reviving the C-Core program, which is an alternative sentencing program.

#### *Opioid Committee*

Supervisor Gillespie spoke regarding Opioid Settlement funding.

#### *Pro-Life Committee*

Supervisor Gillespie asked that this matter be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

#### *Clear Fork VFD*

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Southern District Capital Improvement fund to the Clear Fork VFD for the purpose of constructing an “overpass” with electrical access and other building improvements. 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.

#### *Tannersville Fireworks*

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation of \$2,500.00 from Southern District funds to the Tannersville VFD for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks purchase. 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 Community Center*

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Southern District Capital Improvement funds to the Thompson Valley Community Center to replace doors. 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**

Eric Young commented regarding appropriations from Northern District funds that should have been made from the Northern District Capital Improvement funds: \$4000.00 to Town of Pocahontas for property maintenance; \$2500.00 to GHS for field house repairs; \$1529.00 to AVVFD for improvements; and \$2550.00 to Historic Pocahontas for property maintenance. Mr. Young requested that the Northern District discretionary funds be reimbursed for these amounts from the Northern District Capital Improvement fund in the amount of \$10579.00.

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 approve a reimbursement from the Northern District Capital Improvement fund to the Northern District discretionary fund in the amount of \$10,579.00.

### ***Ordinance regarding trash/blight***

Supervisor Asbury asked County Attorney, Chase Collins to draft an updated ordinance for discussion at the June 27, 2023 meeting.

### ***Approve \$340.00 from Northern District funds for Clubs and Scrubs Golf Tournament***

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 approve the amount of \$340.00 from Northern District funds for sponsorship of the Heritage Hall Clubs and Scrubs Golf Tournament. 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.

### ***Harper's Home***

Supervisor Asbury asked Supervisor Gillespie to describe the history and purpose of Harper's Home.

Supervisor Asbury shared Harper's Home is a very important project and that Tazewell County should have a safe place for children to go to when they're removed from an abusive situation. She stated she feels that Tazewell County should assist with repairs that need to be made to the house that was recently purchased for Harper's Home.

Supervisor Stacy asked if it is possible to wait until after the beginning of the new budget year and then see what funds could be located to assist Harper's Home.

Eric Young recommended not spending any excess ending balance until after the results of the reassessment come in. In that case, he said, funding should wait until September.

Supervisor Gillespie explained that funds are needed now for the remodel and that he would abstain from any vote because he is counsel for Harper's Home board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Gillespie abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the amounts as listed below.

\$2000.00	Northwest District Capital Improvement fund
\$2000.00	Southern District Capital Improvement fund
\$2000.00	Northern District Capital Improvement fund
\$2000.00	Eastern District Discretionary fund
\$2000.00	Western District Discretionary fund

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.

#### **Town of Pocahontas Fireworks**

Upon motion of Supervisor Asbury, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the amount of \$500.00 from Northern District funds to the Town of Pocahontas for the purchase of fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. 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**

##### ***Harper's Home***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Stacy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve waiving building permit fees and landfill fees during the refurbishing project on Harper's Home. 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.

##### ***Raven Theater***

Chairperson Plaster asked that this matter be tabled until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

#### **Supervisor Gillespie**

##### ***Bulldog Radio Network – funding request***

Supervisor Gillespie asked to defer the Bulldog Radio Network funding request until the June 27, 2023. He asked about the funding request and the advertisement sheet included in the request. Chase Collins explained the advertisement/funding process.

#### **Supervisor Stacy**

##### ***EMS Endowment***

Supervisor Stacy asked that this matter be deferred until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

### **TCCTC**

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 approve the amount of \$1,500.00 from Eastern District fund to TCCTC for travel expenses to the national skills competition. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Supervisor Stacy requested that Mr. Young and/or Mr. Collins review the scholarship contract with SWCC regarding out-of-county students.

Supervisor Stacy addressed the most recent flooding, particularly in the Town of Bluefield. Mr. Young advised that since few residential structures were affected, there would be no flood relief available through the program with CVCA. Supervisor Stacy asked for an update as to how CVCA has administered the flood relief program at a future meeting. Mr. Young agreed that the subject can be placed on the June 27, 2023 meeting with Barry Brooks to attend the meeting.

### **Supervisor Hrovatic**

Supervisor Hrovatic stated he did not have any concerns at the time.

### **Safer Streets Grant**

Mr. Young announced that there is a lot of federal infrastructure available if there is a plan and purpose for applying for the money upon the results of a \$350,000.00 of which the County is responsible for 20%. Mr. Young suggested that the application be made for a flood relief grant of \$72,000.00, which is a matching grant.

Chairperson Plaster tabled the Safer Streets Federal Infrastructure Grant until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 8:45 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, 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:

#### **Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711**

- ▶ A( 3) Property disposition regarding fairgrounds
- ▶ A( 1) Annual performance evaluation – County Administrator

### **RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION** – 10:12 pm

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

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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: One (1)

**ACTION FOLLOWING SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 approve a donation to the Tazewell County Fair Association in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the contingency line item.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

***SWCC Tuition Scholarship***

Chase Collins was recognized by the Chairperson for the purposes of reading a draft revised SWCC tuition scholarship agreement which would permit students residing in Tazewell County but graduating from a qualifying school in an adjacent county to be eligible for the SWCC tuition scholarship program so long as the student's guardian can provide adequate proof that the student does reside in Tazewell County. The change would pertain to those students who graduated in 2023 as well as those graduating in the future. A copy of the draft agreement with revisions is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

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 approve changes to the SWCC tuition scholarship program agreement.

***Other business regarding landfill***

Eric Young spoke regarding the \$3.2m landfill bond. He said since the landfill contract calls for \$3m, if the library project comes in over budget, the remainder from the landfill bond could be used to fund the balance on the library project. He requested that the same resolution be passed for the library that was passed for any funds left from the bond.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve passing a resolution stating that any funds remaining from the landfill bond be used to fund any overage in expenses for the library project. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Chairperson Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns until the June 27, 2023 meeting.

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Shanna Plaster, Chairperson