

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JANUARY 9, 2024 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: SHANNA PLASTER, CHAIRPERSON
ANDY HROVATIC, VICE-CHAIRMAN
KYLE CRUEY, MEMBER
CHUCK PRESLEY, 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

ABSENT: WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

MINUTES

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

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

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.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SUSPENDED

Upon motion of the Chairperson, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors agree to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to allow the Board to move about in the agenda as it becomes necessary in the meeting.

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 Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby nominates Andy Hrovatic to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The County Administrator called for additional nominations. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Young asked Supervisor Gillespie to amend his motion to indicate that Supervisor Hrovatic should be chosen by acclamation.

Upon amended motion of Supervisor Gillespie, and amended seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Supervisor Andy Hrovatic by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Election of a Vice-Chairman

Chairman Hrovatic called for nominations for a Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

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

Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order

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

Consider setting a date, time and place for the 2024 regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the dates previously approved at the December 2023 meeting, such dates and times are as follows:

- ❖ January 9, 2024
- ❖ February 6, 2024
- ❖ March 5, 2024
- ❖ April 9, 2024
- ❖ May 7, 2024
- ❖ June 4, 2024
- ❖ June 25, 2024
- ❖ August 6, 2024
- ❖ September 10, 2024
- ❖ October 1, 2024
- ❖ November 7, 2024 (Thursday)
- ❖ December 3, 2024

Appointment of VaCo representative

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 designates Supervisor Presley to serve as Tazewell County's legislative contact with VaCo during the upcoming 2024 General Assembly.

Consideration of appointing a budget committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the appointment of Supervisors Hrovatic and Gillespie to serve on the 2023-2024 Budget Committee.

Consideration of appointment a personnel committee

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

Consideration of appointing ESC members

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

Consideration of appointing IDA liaison

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 appoints Supervisor Presley to serve as Board liaison to the Industrial Development Authority.

Consideration of appointing PSA liaison

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 appoints Supervisor Cruey to serve as Board liaison to the Public Service Authority.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

The Chairperson called for any additions to the agenda.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley 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 January 9, 2024 amended 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 Presley 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 5, 2023 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 on all items **except** Item G, with Supervisor Presley abstaining from the vote on that item, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the items listed in the table and the

A. Consent Calendar

(All items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters. The following items may be enacted by one motion, with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, a member may request that an item be removed for further discussion)

- B. Approval of Warrants
- C. County Departments - Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to various department accounts as shown on the attached table.
- D. Ratify poll approving \$150.00 donation to the Chamber of Commerce for December Lunch and Learn
- E. Ratify poll regarding Joshua Brown Workers' Compensation settlement in the amount of \$7500.00
- F. Ratify poll authorizing \$47k from contingency to purchase/outfit an animal control vehicle for TCSO
- G. Consider business personal property refund request from Blackstone Data Services, LLC

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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Mr. Dunford advised that he negotiated with Marshall Miller for a groundwater monitoring contract in the amount of \$24,830.00, a savings of \$60,000.00 whereas Capital Waste Management will do the field work as per their operations contract, which allows the County to only pay Marshall Miller for the reporting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster seconded by Supervisor Cruvey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the amount of \$24,830.00 to Marshall Miller for groundwater monitoring.

Route 601

With Route 601 being a newly paved road and increased traffic speed being a problem, Mr. Dunford recommended a speed study for this road.

Road repair list

Mr. Dunford presented the list of roads to be repaired this year and explained how the roads are ranked in their eligibility.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the list of roads to be repaired in 2024.

Library

Mr. Dunford stated he has an upcoming meeting with the contractor who installed the elevator at the Richlands Library branch in hopes of obtaining the contractor to work on the wall repair at the Tazewell Library.

AASC

The County Administrator advised that Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens asked that the tipping fee at the landfill be waived so the agency can dispose of 300-400 tires from 4 County Transit vehicles.

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the February 6, 2024 meeting.

Tourism – AJ Robinson

Ms. Robinson introduced the new tourism website.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Martin E. "Marty" Hall Resolution

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to a later date.

Zachary “Zac” Carter Resolution

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 a resolution for Zachary A. “Zac” Carter. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE***Consider Animal Control vehicle purchase request from TCSO***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors ratified approval for TCSO to purchase an animal control vehicle in the amount of \$47,000.00 from contingency.

DHCD flood application update

Mr. Young apprised the Board of the status of the Bandy flood assistance application process. He advised the Board that applications had been received from all persons believed to be eligible and the first group had been forwarded to DHCD for approval

Consider extending burn ban

Mr. Young advised that he felt it safe to allow the burn ban to expire. No action was required to effect the same.

Discussion regarding fence-in/fence-out ordinance

The Chairman announced to those in attendance that there was no plan by the Board to change the fence in/fence out ordinance.

Consider convening Opioid Committee

The County Administrator expressed the need to schedule an inaugural meeting of the Opioid Committee soon. He also recommended that a member of the Board be chosen to serve on the 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 Chuck Presley to serve on the Opioid Committee.

School facilities upgrade engineering firm interview update

Eric Young advised that several firms have been interviewed and remaining interviews will be conducted as soon as schedules can be coordinated.

Use of public meeting room policy

Mr. Young spoke regarding an increase in the number of requests to use/rent the public meeting room. He suggested rental agreement requiring a \$50.00 rental fee per event with a \$100.00 deposit required, which would be returned if no damages were assessed following the event.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 rental agreement for use of the public meeting room, requiring a \$50.00 rental fee per event with a \$100.00 damage deposit, refundable if the room is free from damage following the event.

Consider junkyard fee increase

Chase Collins, County Attorney, announced that the Planning Commission has requested an increase in the junkyard application fee. The current fee is \$500.00.

The Chairman ordered that this matter be deferred to the January 23, 2024 meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

Prior to the scheduled citizen comments, the County Administrator spoke regarding the current fence in/fence out ordinance and the confusion that has arisen regarding the same. He explained that there is no intention to take any action to change the ordinance.

Supervisor Gillespie assured those in attendance that he has no desire or intention to pursue any change in the current fence in/fence out ordinance.

Supervisor Cruey added that there may have been some misinformation about proposed changes in the current fence-in/fence-out ordinance.

The following individuals spoke regarding keeping the current fence-out ordinance as it is:

Eric D. Whitesell, 5254 Thompson Valley Rd., Tazewell, VA 24651

Timothy Hass, North Tazewell, VA 24630

Sandra Norman, 2077 Upper Valley Road, Tazewell, VA 24651

The County Administrator and the Chairman reiterated that there is no proposed ordinance drafted and there is no plan to make any changes in the current fence-in/fence-out ordinance.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chairman called for unscheduled citizen comments.

- Robert Carlson, 1142 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630 – spoke in objection to the proposed solar farm
- (inaudible) ____ Sexton, 456 _____, VA – spoke regarding fences, bugs and ash trees
- Charlie Hart, Tazewell, VA – spoke regarding fencing, asking to keep the fence-out ordinance as is
- William Osborne, 330 Little Valey Rd, Tannersville, VA – spoke regarding livestock, fencing
- Wade Johnson, Falls Mills, VA – spoke regarding fencing
- Randy Conn, 541 Jeffersonville St., Tazewell, VA – spoke regarding fencing

County Attorney, Chase Collins explained the process by which any change in the fencing ordinance must be made and stated that there is no such effort underway to do so.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 approve a resolution be presented at the February 6, 2024 meeting declaring that the Board supports the current fencing ordinance.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 5:50 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley 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:

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

- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with engineering firm for fire station design
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with ADA hiking trail contractor
- ▶ A(29) Landfill construction change order request
- ▶ A(5) Potential expansion of existing business: Project CRFP
- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Bluefield, Virginia
- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition at Cavitts Creek
- ▶ A(1) Personnel at Cavitts Creek

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 8:20 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Hrovatic 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: One (1)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Personnel in maintenance

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 approve the addition of one (1) full time general laborer for service at Cavitts Creek.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance to rename Garnet Drive

County Attorney, Chase Collins, described the request for changing the name of Garnet Drive as well as the ordinance that governs how such a change is made.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding a public hearing regarding changing the name of Garnet Drive, located in the Raven area to Mary Eddie Drive, allowing a public comment period through February 5, 2024 and voting at the February 6, 2024 meeting as to approval of the change.

Now, the Chairman called three times for public comments from the floor and being none, the hearing was closed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 finds that Mary Sutherland and Eddie Hill are significant figures in the history of Tazewell County.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley 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 approve a public comment period beginning January 9, 2024 through 11:59 a.m. February 5, 2024 and to set this matter on the February 6, 2024 agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consider surplus of 2010 Ford Explorer 1FMEU7DE3AUA25358

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the surplus of a 2010 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FMEU7DE3AUA25358).

The County Administrator requested to examine the vehicle to see if it might be appropriate for use by another county agency prior to TCSO sending the vehicle to auction. The Board agreed.

Consider landfill disposal fee increase

The County Administrator explained the current fee for disposal of refuse at the landfill is \$35.00 per ton. That fee was calculated based on the cost of the airspace in the current cell and the cost of the Republic contract. The current contract with Capital created an increase in the cost. With the construction cost of the new cell, the actual cost per ton to dispose of refuse is \$41.00. Mr. Young asked that the rate be increased to \$41.00 to match the actual cost. The fee does not apply to household garbage disposal by individual persons. It would apply to commercial haulers.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved an increase of the landfill disposal fee to \$41.00 per ton effective April 1, 2024.

Consider holding a public hearing to set 2024 real property tax rate levy

Mr. Young announced that it is necessary to hold a public hearing in February to set the real property tax rate for 2024 and asked for a motion for the same. Mr. Young requested that the current rate of \$.58 per hundred be advertised to remain the rate for 2024.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved a public hearing to set the real property tax rate for 2024.

Renewal of Morris Knob tower lease

Mr. Collins explained that there is an existing tower lease agreement with the owners of property at Morris Knob for the purpose of our 911 communication signal. That agreement is due for renewal in the amount of \$5,074.00 per year for the years of 2024-2029.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the tower lease renewal at Morris Knob in the amount of \$5,074.00 for the term of 2024 - 2029.

Equalization board staffing

Mr. Young announced that it will be necessary to hire a part time employee at minimum wage as an administrative assistant to the Board of Equalization to schedule and assist with reassessment hearings.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of one part time employee as an administrative assistant to the Board of Equalization and authorize the County Administrator to do so.

Consider donation of \$18,635.00 from fire apparatus line item to Tazewell County VFD for purchase of a fire utility truck

The County Administrator informed the Board that the Tazewell County VFD selected a necessary vehicle for purchase for use by the department. The purchase has already been budgeted for FY24.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved a donation of \$18,635.00 from the first apparatus line item to the Tazewell County VFD for the purchase of a fire utility truck.

Consider approving support letter for Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Plan

Mr. Young asked that the Board approve a support letter for the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Plan pursuant to an earlier email poll.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support for the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Plan. A copy is available in the County Administration Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

COIA reminder

The County Administrator reminded the Board that annual Conflict of Interest forms have been sent out and must be returned by 1 February 2024. The County Attorney explained that failure to return the completed forms is a Class 1 Misdemeanor and can result in a fine.

Other

Eric Young announced that the new landfill management company recommended that the County consider house-to-house garbage pickup and pointed out that the service could lessen illegal dumping in the county and might also present a savings in the cost to operate the landfill. Mr. Young suggested getting bids to see if any waste management company might be interested in providing the service at a reasonable price to the residents.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved procurement/advertisement of a waste management company to provide house-to-house garbage pickup and to authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the same with any responding bids being evaluated by the County Administrator.

Outside funding requests:

THS Competition Cheer funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved a donation in the amount of \$1000.00 from Southern District funds to the THS Competition Cheer to help with expenses for travel to the national competition.

Carilion Community Health/Wellness Fair

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved a donation in the amount of \$150.00 from Southern District funds for the cost of building rental for the Carilion Community Health/Wellness Fair.

Appointments:***Library Board***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the January 23, 2024 meeting.

Fire/Rescue Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the January 23, 2024 meeting.

RDA

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the January 23, 2024 meeting.

Airport Authority

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 reappoint Michael Hoops to serve on the Airport Authority.

New River Highlands

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the January 23, 2024 meeting.

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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 appoint Michelle Workman to the Clinch River Valley Initiative.

Planning Commission

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 appoint Chuck Presley to the Planning Commission of Tazewell County.

Equalization Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the January 23, 2023 meeting.

BOARD CONCERNS**Supervisor Presley*****Auburn Drive***

Supervisor Presley discussed some options that are being discussed to help the citizens on Auburn Drive where a bridge was damaged by flooding in 2023. Since public funds cannot be used for a private bridge, some ideas are being brainstormed.

GHS Wrestling Team funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley 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 \$1500.00 from Eastern District funds to the Graham High School Wrestling team.

Meeting format

Supervisor Presley inquired about the possibility of recording each of the board meetings so they would be available for playback at a later date. Mr. Young voiced his concern about video recording of meetings but agreed to look into the cost of a system that will do audio and video.

Courthouse security cameras

Supervisor Presley made an offer to personally install additional security cameras free of charge in the courthouse where needed providing the cameras were purchased by TCSO or another county agency.

Supervisor Plaster

Jewell Ridge Fire Department

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$1500.00 from Northwestern District funds to the Jewell Ridge Fire Department for maintenance.

Teen Venture

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a donation to Teen Venture to assist with general operations as indicated below:

\$2500.00 Northwestern District funds

\$2500.00 Western District funds

\$5000.00 Total

Supervisor Cruey

None

Supervisor Gillespie

Supervisor Gillespie received a notice of increase from AEP and asked that a representative respond in writing and perhaps also attend the scheduled AEP public meeting regarding an increase in residential rates.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 directs Mr. Collins to send written correspondence objecting to the most recent AEP rate increase as well as a representative to attend the schedule AEP public meeting regarding the same.

Supervisor Hrovatic

None

RECESS

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley 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 recesses until January 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Nuckolls Hall.

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Andy Hrovatic, Chairman