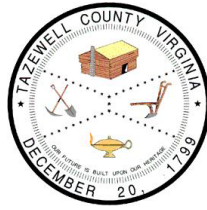


TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING



April 9, 2024 – 4:00 P.M. (Tuesday)

**197 MAIN STREET
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651**

Members of the public also have an option to participate by telephone by calling [\(425\) 436-6388](tel:4254366388), and entering "836650" as the access code when prompted.

Time	Subject	Pg
4:00 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Pledge and Invocation 3. Welcome 4. Consideration of approving the agenda format (additions/deletions) 5. Approval of meeting minutes from March 5, 2024 	*
4:10 pm	<p>6. Consent Calendar <i>(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)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of Warrants B. 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. C. Ratify poll to transfer \$10,000.00 from Property Maintenance Enforcement to the Cavitts Creek Bathhouse Project 	* *
4:15 pm	<p>7. Department Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Emily Viers – audit report ▶ Kenneth Dunford – engineering report ▶ PSA report – Jan Cordle 	* *
5:00 pm	<p>8. Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding modification of the Bluefield, WV Solid Waste Disposal Agreement at the Tazewell County Landfill ▶ A(29) Door-to-door trash collection bid evaluation ▶ A(7) Legal consultation regarding landfill operations agreement ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding modification of the Wythe/Bland JPSA 	

6:00 pm	9. Return/Certification/Return of Action	
6:05 pm	10. Special Presentations ▶ TCCTC Skills USA presentation ▶ Abigail Rhudy resolution ▶ Rod Gillespie insurance presentation	
6:20 pm	11. Citizen Comments – Scheduled This portion of the agenda is set aside for citizens wishing to comment on County issues who have previously requested to speak at the meeting pursuant to the three (3) minute limit to communications. ▶ David Dubbs – 460 Go-Cart Racing ▶ Michelle Graveley ▶ Gary Keen – fence ordinance ▶ Will Adams	
6:25 pm	12. Citizen Comments – Unscheduled (Two (2) minutes per speaker)	
6:30 pm 6:35 pm 6:40 pm 6:45 pm 6:50 pm	13. Public Hearings ▶ DHCD Flood Relief Program administrative stipend ▶ Comprehensive Plan ▶ Elderly exemptions ▶ Reduction in personal property rate ratio ▶ Tax exempt status of Triangle Sportsmen’s Club	
7:00 pm	14. Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update 1. Ratify poll to apply up to \$10,000.00 in Morris Knob Tower cost savings from previously approved appropriation to improvements to Morris Knob access road 2. Budget update 3. Casino revenue allocation 4. Consider surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABN8WH646683) 5. Consider surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABM1TH373296) 6. Consider surplus of TCSO 2005 military surplus trailer (VIN 13N-2412A-5-65930881) 7. FOIA policy update 8. 945 community room rental 9. Other 10. Outside funding requests a. GHS Honors Banquet funding request b. Chamber of Commerce Octobrewfest funding request c. Chamber of Commerce annual banquet d. CVCA (Curt Gillespie Memorial Garden) funding request e. Upper Tennessee River Roundtable 11. Appointments: a. Library Board b. Fire/Rescue Board c. New River Highlands RC&D Council d. Workforce Initiative	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Equalization Board (Northern District appointment and resignation of Jerry Altizer) f. SWCC local board g. DSS (replace Maggie Asbury) h. IDA (Marco Warner resignation) i. SRRA (Rick Wood) j. Upper Tennessee River Roundtable 	
7:30 pm	<p>15. <u>Board Concerns</u></p> <p>Supervisor Presley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ TCCTC graduate assistance <p>Supervisor Plaster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Richlands Wrestling building ▶ Raven Elementary lot <p>Supervisor Cruely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <p>Supervisor Gillespie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <p>Supervisor Hrovatic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 	
7:40 pm	<p>16. Second Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A(1) Personnel in Administration ▶ A(1) Personnel in Administration ▶ A(1) Personnel in Finance ▶ A(1) Personnel in Tourism ▶ A(1) Personnel in Maintenance 	
8:40 pm	17. Return/Certification/Report of Action (if necessary)	
8:45 pm	18. Other business as may properly come before the Board	
9:00 pm	<p>19. Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.</p>	

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MARCH 5, 2024 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

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

MINUTES

Chairman, Andy Hrovatic called the regular meeting to order and presided with all other members present.

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

Chairman Hrovatic 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 Attorney, Chase Collins, requested to add an item to Executive Session: A(29) 2024 Mowing Contract Award.

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 approved the addition of an item to Executive Session: A(29) Mowing Contract Award.

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 approved the March 5, 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 Cruely, 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 February 6, 2024 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Cruely 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", which is attached to the agenda. 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.

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)

- A. Approval of Warrants
- B. 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

A copy of the consent calendar is attached to these minutes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford Library

Mr. Dunford advised that he received an acceptable quote from Cornerstone Construction in the amount of \$98,788.42 for the installation of posts, repair of columns and to repair a wall, which is within the project budget. Mr. Dunford announced that the work should begin approximately 28 days after the contract is signed asked that the Board approve a contract for the same pending legal review.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a bid from Cornerstone Construction in the amount of \$98,788.42 for completion of the library repair and reconstruction, such contract pending legal review.

Orphan roads

Mr. Dunford announced that the list of orphan roads is complete and the plan is to pave 60 roads if bids are within budget, which would leave approximately 40 remaining roads to pave next year, which would complete the paving cycle.

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 authorizes Mr. Dunford to prepare bids for advertisement for a company to pave 60 roads on the orphan road list. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes.

CST meeting

Mr. Dunford advised that at a recent CST meeting, VDOT requested the amount of \$62,000.00 of which \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a drainage issue at Amonate and the remaining \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a sinking pipe on Rt. 67. Supervisor Plaster stated she was familiar with the issue and the work is much needed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Crucey 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 resolution to award VDOT the amount of \$62,000.00 from CST funds, whereas \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a drainage issue at Amonate and the remaining \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a sinking pipe on Rt. 67, said resolution pending legal review.

Upon amended motion of Supervisor Plaster, and amended second by Supervisor Crucey 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 resolution to award VDOT the amount of \$62,000.00 from CST funds, whereas \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a drainage issue at Amonate and the remaining \$30,000.00 would be used to repair a sinking pipe on Rt. 67 and to also authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution, said resolution pending legal review.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

County Administrator, Eric Young, requested that an item be added to Executive Session: A(1) Personnel in Administration.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Crucey 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 addition of an item to be added to Executive Session: A(1) Personnel in Administration.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Reassessment presentation

Don Thomas of Wingate Appraisal Service of Roanoke, Virginia described the assessment process his company was hired to conduct for the Tazewell County general reassessment. He answered questions regarding the dramatic increase in property values throughout the county.

Supervisor Hrovatic asked why commercial property values didn't increase as much in comparison to residential properties. Mr. Thomas explained that there were much fewer sales of commercial sales in the county so there really isn't enough data to make changes in commercial reassessment. Supervisor Hrovatic also asked if the 25% gap is the largest he's come across. Mr. Thomas explained that Tazewell County is far from being in the worst shape when it comes to reassessment changes.

Supervisor Cruey asked why raw land values increased so drastically. Mr. Thomas responded that there was a large number of vacant land sales in the county, which set the pace for higher reassessment of vacant parcels. He also explained that each for each parcel with a home on it, approximately 20% of the value is land value.

Supervisor Cruey asked how Wingate went about viewing/evaluating a parcel if there was no access to it, such as a locked gate or aggressive animals. Mr. Thomas stated that they have to use common sense whether or not to enter a property and they also try to abide by any instructions that might be on the property card, such as a request to call ahead to be let into the property. Supervisor Cruey asked for clarification regarding how they verify the number and condition of buildings that are on each parcel. Mr. Thomas stated that they take the existing property record and compare that to what's actually on the property. A visual inspection is done and they take a photograph with a date stamp for each property and that because of the number of parcels, they can't spend an extended period of time at each parcel. He said his company also uses a market study and projection during the process.

Supervisor Gillespie asked if Tazewell County properties are compared to properties in other counties/localities to arrive at the reassessment values. Mr. Thomas explained that real property sales over the last several years is the benchmark used to drive the reassessment process. He stated that this information is available on the Tazewell County GIS mapping service in an overlay and that all properties in Tazewell County were only compared to other Tazewell County properties.

Supervisor Presley inquired regarding the benefit of conducting more frequent reassessments. Mr. Thomas responded that the county would need to compare the cost versus the benefit of doing so.

Supervisor Gillespie asked if there are similar sized counties that conduct more frequent reassessments. Mr. Thomas confirmed that there are similar sized counties that conduct reassessments more often than Tazewell County.

Supervisor Cruey asked what other localities in Virginia that Wingate does reassessment in. Mr. Thomas named several Virginia counties in which they have done reassessments: Highland County, Bedford County, Rockbridge County, Dickenson County.

Supervisor Cruey asked if counties similar in size of Tazewell County are seeing similar increased in property assessment. Mr. Thomas stated they just completed a reassessment in Southampton County, which is a slightly smaller county and that county experienced 25% change. Mr. Thomas gave assurances that the increases are not just specific to Tazewell County.

Supervisor Hrovatic asked if there was an average increase on residential properties in the county. Mr. Thomas stated the amount varied between locations in the county.

Supervisor Cruey asked about increases in the Pocahontas area and whether those increases were related to more businesses being in that area. Mr. Thomas stated that the trailhead certainly is a boost to the area but there are multiple reasons for the increase.

Mr. Thomas stated that Wingate gives their best effort toward accuracy and also declared that because his employees are simply human, mistakes are bound to be made and they take steps to correct any mistake that is brought to their attention.

Mr. Young thanked Mr. Thomas for the quality work done by Wingate.

Joey Carrico – legal aid request

Mr. Young explained Mr. Carrico’s request for a letter/resolution or funding in support of their application to the Regional Opioid Abatement Authority to help fund a legal aid position to help persons released from incarceration to navigate fines and other personal issues to assist them in getting reestablished in the community.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 1, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a letter/resolution of support for Southwest Virginia Legal Aid for a program to assist persons recently released from incarceration to navigate fines and other personal issues to assist them in getting reestablished in the community.

Opioid abatement funding request

Mr. Young asked that this matter be addressed a bit later in this meeting, when Mr. Cole could be present.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:55 pm

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, 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 Lusk Disposal for solid waste disposal rate
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Bluefield College scholarship program
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding SWCC scholarship program
- ▶ A(29) Contract Negotiations regarding ADA Trail at Cavitts Creek
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiation regarding landfill construction rock claim
- ▶ A(5) Potential new business: MM
- ▶ A(29) Evaluation of 2024 mowing bids
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in Administration

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:30 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Chairman 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: Seven (7)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Special Waste Disposal

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 approves the adoption of a regulation requiring that, if a person/entity desires to dispose special waste (as that term is defined in the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances), that said person/entity must contact the Tazewell County Landfill and provide 24 hours' notice prior to disposing such special waste.

Rock removal claim

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 agree to pay the amount of Three Hundred and Four Thousand Dollars (\$304,000.00) on behalf of Tazewell County, Virginia to Republic Services, Inc., in full and final resolution of the Four Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Dollars and Five Cents (\$465,991.05) rock removal claims on Landfill Phase 5A

construction, submitted to the County by Republic in Change Order Request Number 30917875 and Pay Application Number 3, contingent upon the following actions:

- (1) Republic would present a revised Pay Application Number 3 for all work completed as of September 30, 2023, *excluding* any compensation for rock removal;
- (2) The County would pay the revised Pay Application Number 3 in its entirety;
- (3) Republic would submit a new Pay Application for removal 52,650.33 cubic yards (CY) of rock, for the amount of Three Hundred and Four Thousand Dollars (\$304,000.00);
- (4) Upon receipt of the new Pay Application, the County would pay One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00) to Republic for rock removal; and
- (5) As soon as Republic has completed and certified the construction of the new split cell, Phase 5A(1), the County would pay the remaining Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to Republic.

Cavitt's Creek Park

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 authorize a change order payment of \$5,000.00 to T&L Construction for construction of an additional 325-foot ADA compliant trail at Cavitt's Creek Park.

DHCD Flood Relief Program

Mr. Young explained that, as a part of the DHCD Flood Relief Program providing flood relief funds in relation to damages caused by the July 2022 flood, the county will be reimbursed for administrative time spent working on the project. He also said key staff had assumed extra duties to perform this additional work.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 authorize a public hearing in April 2024 for the purpose of authorizing a stipend for administration of DHCD Flood Relief Program in the amount of \$5,000.00.

SWCC Tuition Assistance Program

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 agree to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding, pursuant to Section 11 therein, between the Board and Southwest Virginia Community College, effective June 5, 2024 and for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, regarding the Tazewell County Tuition Assistance Scholarship Program for Tazewell County high school classes of 2024 onward; however the Memorandum of Understanding would remain in effect through fiscal year 2024-2025 for current Southwest Virginia Community College students who are graduates of Tazewell County high school classes of 2023.

Mowing contract 2024

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the award of the 2024 mowing contract

to PM Lawn Care and Landscaping, LLC, the sole bidder, in accordance with the bid submitted and direct the County Attorney to draft a contract to that effect.

Bluefield University Tuition Assistance Program

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 agree to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding, pursuant to Section 11 therein, between the Board and Bluefield University, effective June 5, 2024 and for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, regarding the Tazewell County Tuition Assistance Scholarship Program for Tazewell County high school classes of 2024 onward; however the Memorandum of Understanding would remain in effect through fiscal year 2024-2025 for current Bluefield University students who are graduates of Tazewell County high school classes of 2023.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

Robert Carlson, 1142 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, Virginia – requested changes in the solar ordinance, citing health risks to the public.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Southwest Virginia Legal Aid

Joey Carrico, Executive Director for Southwest Virginia Legal Aid, described the project his organization hopes to fund to assist individuals with civil difficulties after being released from incarceration due to substance abuse.

The Chairman spoke about the Tazewell County Opioid Committee and informed Mr. Carrico that arrangements can be made for him to address the Committee regarding funding in addition to the support resolution passed earlier in this meeting.

Harm Reduction Mobile Unit

Randall Cole from the Appalachian School of Pharmacy asked for a letter of support for a mobile harm reduction unit and described the service to be offered by the mobile unit.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 1, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey voting nay, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a letter of support for the Harm Reduction Mobile Unit instituted by the Appalachian School of Pharmacy.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

Sarah Duncan, Raven, Virginia – spoke in opposition to the proposed Moss 3 mega-landfill project in Russell County, Virginia and asked for a letter from the Board to the Russell County Board of Supervisors in opposition to the same.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

Angie Gillespie, Clinch Mountain Road – spoke regarding the need for internet and cell phone services in the Thompson Valley area.

Laura Mollo, Richlands, Virginia – spoke in opposition to funding requests made to the Board. Mr. Young explained that the funding requests are not pet projects that the Board requests to fund; instead, the requests are sent to the Board from outside sources seeking donations.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Springville Fire Station

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 ratifies a previous poll approving the Springville Fire Station design contract with SEH for a preliminary design not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Earmark grant applications

Mr. Young informed the Board that Merchant McIntyre has flagged three (3) possible grants that would benefit the county: (1) manhole replacement in the Town of Richlands to prevent raw sewage backing up in the water treatment plant when it floods; (2) the clinic project in Tazewell which will provide a facility for doctors whose tuition was paid by The Tazewell Foundation who pays for students to attend medical school with the stipulation they return to the area to practice; and (3) Warhawk Park playground equipment in the Carline area of Tazewell.

Mr. Young explained that, since the County has applied for and received several earmark grants already, the manhole project may need to be applied for and administered by the Town of Richlands.

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 approves applying for three (3) grants as suggested by Merchant McIntyre: (1) manhole replacement in the Town of Richlands; (2) the clinic project in Tazewell; and (3) Warhawk Park playground equipment in the Carline area of Tazewell and authorizing the County Administrator to execute applications for the same.

Budget update: consideration of enacting ordinance for 2024 real property tax levy

Mr. Young explained the status of the county budget, highlighting several areas of change, such as an increase in the amount of funding required by TCPS and a decrease in the county's cost for housing inmates at the SWVRJA. He also explained that if the tax rate remains at the current rate, the county budget is facing a \$1.7m to \$2.4m deficit.

The Chairman commented that, based on the potential deficit of \$2.4m, he didn't feel that a decrease in the real property tax rate would be appropriate, but perhaps adjustments in personal property rates would be possible.

Mr. Young agreed, that with agreement of the Commissioner of the Revenue, an adjustment in the ratio of personal property rates would be beneficial to the citizens. Mr. Young recommended a public hearing to set the rate on personal property at 80%. He stated his belief that this form of tax relief would be more beneficial to the residents than a real property tax cut.

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 approves holding a public hearing to reduce the personal property tax ratio for personal vehicles.

The Chairman made a motion to keep the real property tax rate at its current rate. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Plaster. The Chairman called for a vote.

Supervisor Gillespie suggested reducing the rate. He acknowledged the County Administrator's concerns that previous boards had cut the tax rate but not made budget cuts to offset the revenue loss, undermining the County's financial position. Supervisor Gillespie suggested lowering the rate, then make targeted budget cuts.

Supervisor Hrovatic pointed out that the County is currently \$1.7m to \$2.4m in the red and dropping the rate now would only bring about an increase to fill that gap.

Supervisor Plaster added that she feels cuts are being made as much as possible and it hurts to make those cuts, but those cuts are necessary to meet the bottom line. Supervisor Plaster stated that she was against raising the rate.

Supervisor Cruey stated if spending is kept under control, rates won't need to be raised in a few years. He stated that the citizens, particularly the elderly, are concerned about being able to pay for the things they need. Supervisor Cruey spoke in favor of decreasing the real property rate to provide relief and didn't feel a decrease in the personal property tax rate would be beneficial.

Supervisor Presley stated that Fire and EMS hasn't been properly cared for in past years and that Tazewell County can't continue to have the cheapest tax base of surrounding counties and still provide services. He stated that the County owes the Town of Bluefield approximately \$100,000.00 per year for fire services for the time he had served on the Bluefield Town Council, none of that money was ever received. Supervisor Presley added that fire services are still provided to the Northern and Eastern districts and being able to get that money would be a win because the Town of Bluefield doesn't have to provide it, adding that the firefighters continue to respond because of the caliber people they are. Supervisor Presley continued to explain that it's better to keep the current rate for the next couple of years, then take another look. He advised that several EMS departments need major equipment purchases and explained that a recent large fire event exhausted the fuel budget for several departments. He requested better funding for EMS departments and stated his desire for the real property tax rate to remain the same. Supervisor Presley suggested making cuts, then seeing if we could cut the tax rate.

Supervisor Plaster asked about any exemptions that might apply to the real property tax rate.

Eric Young stated he and Mr. Collins have been working on a revised elderly exemption ordinance and he will be asking for that immediately following the vote on the real property rate.

Mr. Collins advised that the Commissioner of the Revenue provided some figures regarding elderly exemptions, explaining that the number of qualifying applicants has decreased, somewhat due to assets being too high to qualify. He stated that by expanding the parameters of

the exemption, more people might qualify, therefore helping to offset the increase in real property tax amounts.

Mr. Young advised the Board can go ahead and vote to advertise to hold a public hearing to expand those exemptions.

Supervisor Gillespie stated that the Board would need a motion to advertise the amendment to the current ordinance and the implementation of an amended ordinance subject to a public hearing.

The Chairman called for a vote on his motion.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 2, with all members present, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves that the real property tax ordinance with the rate at \$.58 per hundred in value.

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 approves holding a public hearing to expand the guidelines for elderly tax exemptions.

The County Administrator stated that, in the event more tax relief can be given based on the situation of the budget, a ratio adjustment could be made to personal vehicle taxes.

An inaudible citizen comment as made to which Supervisor Gillespie responded regarding redistricting.

Wireless Service Authority update

Mr. Young advised he attended the recent WSA meeting and updated the Board on Point Broadband expansion in areas of the county in need of internet service. He advised that GigaBeam, the previous internet provider in the Tannersville area has been replaced by Point Broadband with the exception of four customers and there are still approximately 60 customers in Thompson Valley that are still served by GigaBeam.

Supervisor Gillespie provided updates from a community meeting in Tannersville and Thompson Valley.

Supervisor Cruet spoke about an internet provider company that might be an alternative to unserved areas of the county and offered to provide contact information to Mr. Young.

A Thompson Valley resident spoke regarding lack of internet and cell phone service to their area.

Jewell Ridge Fire Dept water line issue

Mr. Young announced that the water line issue has been determined to be within the fire department building. He explained that the PSA will replace the outside line but some materials cost of approximately \$2500.00 will be necessary to repair the problem inside the building.

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 a donation in the amount of \$2500.00 from Northwestern District Capital Improvement funds to the Jewell Ridge Fire Department for the repair of plumbing at the fire department building.

Consider surplus of TCVFD 2006 Expedition (VIN 1FMPPU16506LA14852)

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 approves the surplus of TCVFD 2006 Expedition (VIN 1FMPPU16506LA14852) pending consideration of use by Administration.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of TCVFD 2006 Expedition (VIN 1FMPPU16506LA14852) pending consideration of use by Administration.

Consider surplus of TCSO 2011 Explorer (VIN 1FMHK8B8XBGA84249)

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, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of TCSO 2011 Explorer (VIN 1FMHK8B8XBGA84249) pending consideration of use by Administration.

Consider surplus of TCSO John Deere backhoe

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, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of TCSO John Deere backhoe pending consideration of use by Administration.

Consider approving emergency procurement for installation of 911 communications tower on Morris Knob

Mr. Young announced that the primary 911 communications tower on Morris Knob was destroyed in a windstorm last week and diligent efforts are being made to maintain first responder communications. He shared that Gigabeam offered to sell the county a tower for \$10,000.00 and that the cost of installation is estimated at \$48,000.00.

Mr. Young requested a special procurement exemption to be able to obtain the tower and its installation as quickly as possible, which will begin on Monday, March 11, 2024.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 finds there is an emergency circumstance with respect to the tower and hereby approves a special procurement exemption to allow a timely purchase and installation of a 911 communications tower on Morris Knob.

The County Attorney announced that a notice of award must be published in a local newspaper of general circulation, posted on the eVa website and a resolution adopted stating that GigaBeam was the sole source for the tower and Mobile Communications, Inc. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. Young asked that the situation report from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management regarding a local state of emergency with respect to public communications in Tazewell County and the quote from Mobile Communications, Inc. be made an exhibit to the motion. A copy is available at the Tazewell County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Gillespie recognized Mr. Young and the first responder community for their teamwork in getting the communications tower situation under control so quickly. Mr. Young replied that TCSO worked very hard to get the situation under control. Supervisor Cruey thanked everyone that had pitched in to help.

Consider Resolution supporting Dollar General Store expansion in Pocahontas

Supervisor Cruey read a resolution that was passed by the Pocahontas Town Council supporting the expansion of the Dollar General Store in the Town of Pocahontas, asking for a similar resolution from Tazewell County to indicate support for the expansion. The expansion would include the addition of fresh produce and meats.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 a resolution of support for expansion of the Dollar General Store in the Town of Pocahontas.

Outside Funding Requests:

Legacy Hospice/Palliative Care funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from Legacy Hospice/Palliative Care.

Tazewell Little League Baseball/Softball, Inc. funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Gillespie abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from Tazewell Little League Baseball/Softball, Inc.

Dorothy White/Southern Graces Catering, LLC funding request

The Chairman ordered this matter deferred to the April 9, 2024 meeting pending further exploration of the purchase of advertising by the County for this event.

Diamond Dawg Baseball, Inc. funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from Diamond Dawg Baseball, Inc.

Tazewell Football Booster Spring Banquet funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruvey voting against, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves waiving the rental fee for Nucholls Hall for the purpose of the Tazewell Football Boosters Spring Banquet.

Brain Injury Services of SWVA funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from Brain Injury Services of SWVA.

Pocahontas Easter Egg Hunt funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from the Town of Pocahontas for an Easter egg hunt.

SonShine Preschool Trike-a-Thon funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from SonShine Preschool for a Trike-a-Thon.

THS Baseball funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby **denies** a funding request from THS Baseball.

Appointments:

Library Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

Fire/Rescue Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

New River Highlands

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

Workforce Initiative

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

Equalization Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

SWCC local board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

CMCS

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Jared Smith to serve on the CMCS Board.

CIFA

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Kyle Cruely to serve on CIFA.

Enterprise Zone

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 appoint Kyle Cruely to serve on the Enterprise Zone committee.

LEPC

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 appoint Aaron Gillespie to serve on the LEPC.

SWVRJA

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 appoint Shanna Plaster to serve on the SWVRJA.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Presley

Town of Bluefield Bridge

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruely voting against, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$92,500.00 from Eastern District Capital Improvement funds to the Town of Bluefield’s Downtown Improvement Plan.

Due to inability to clearly hear the motion and vote, the County Attorney called for a roll call vote as follows:

- Supervisor Gillespie: aye
- Supervisor Cruely: nay
- Supervisor Hrovatic: aye
- Supervisor Presley: aye
- Supervisor Plaster: aye

GHS AED

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Cruely 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 donation in the amount of \$3600.00 from Eastern District funds to Graham High School for the purchase of two (2) AED units.

Small business promotion

Supervisor Presley announced plans for a business meeting at Bluefield Town Hall on April 3 at 6:00pm. He encouraged other towns to organize a similar event, which is aimed at making businesses aware of grant and loan funding opportunities available to them.

Supervisor Plaster

RHS Wrestling building

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the April 9, 2024 meeting.

Supervisor Cruely

Supervisor Cruely announced that there was a heavy turnout for primary voting today at the polls.

Supervisor Gillespie

Supervisor Hrovatic

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Airport

Supervisor Hrovatic announced that Jerry McReynolds has retired from service as the airport manager and is being replaced by long-time airport assistant manager, Jim French.

Supervisor Gillespie praised Mr. McReynolds and Mr. French for their service to the airport.

Local state of emergency

Mr. Young explained that due to the damaged tower on Morris Knob, 911 communications has been considered under a “local state of emergency” and that the Board has the authority to extend that status for a period of 14 days to allow for replacement/repair of the damaged tower.

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 approves extending the local state of emergency for a period of 14 days to allow for replacement/repair of the damaged tower.

ADJOURN

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 hereby adjourns until April 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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Andy Hrovatic, Chairman

WARRANTS

March 2024

Payroll

Ordered that ADP direct deposits & warrants totaling \$ 328,154.21 from the General, covering net payroll, for the various County agencies, for the period ending February 29, 2024, be approved.

Ordered that ADP direct deposit & warrants \$ 327,739.33 from the General Fund, covering net payroll, for the various County agencies, for the period ending March 15, 2024 be approved.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Deductions

Ordered that Warrant Nos 503360 through 503455, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$ 456,011.22 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued February 26, 2024 be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos 503456 through 503464 and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$ 569,937.48 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period ending February 29, 2024 be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 503465 through 503715, and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$414,022.43 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, Law Library, and CARES funds covering operating expenses for the various County agencies issued March 10, 2024 be approved.

Ordered that Warrant Nos. 503716 through 503731 and electronic transfers (ACH) totaling \$ 174,601.43 from the General, covering payroll deductions for the various County agencies for the period March 15, 2024, be approved.

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Ordered that Warrant No. 802224 through 802225 totaling \$ 60,000.00 from the General, Landfill Enterprise, Capital Outlay, and Law Library, covering operating expenses for the month of February 2024, be approved.

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Consent Calendar Items
April 9, 2024 Meeting

Source	Dept	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
Dominion Auto Auction	TCSO	9165	31020-6001	\$1065.00	Sale of 2010 Ford 5358
Shannon Yost/Project Lifesaver	TCSO	Cash	035600-8109-15	\$ 390.00	Donation/Project Lifesaver
Joyce Johnson	TCPL		7301-3099	\$ 100.00	Donation
UVA Law School Innocence Project	CA			\$ 91.00	FOIA response payment
CMCS	TCSO	242877	31020-1150	\$1271.46	CITAC overtime
VaCorp	TCSO	590602	31020-6009	\$ 331.00	2015 Explorer repairs
VaCorp	TCSO		31020-6009	\$1298.26	2022 Ford SUV (Bloomfield)
Katz, Kantor	TCSO	32478	31020-6001	\$ 85.90	FOIA
VLEPSC	TCSO	509	31020-6001	\$ 100.00	Dues refund/overpayment
C of VA	TCSO	25219575	31020-6001	\$ 373.59	Reimbursement
VaCorp	TCSO	590968	31040-6009	\$2122.44	2021 Ford Ambulance repair
Charles E. Presley, Jr.	Blfld Library	1404	7301-3120	\$ 770.00	Reimbursement for mowing at Blfld Library

**Tazewell County Engineering Department
Board of Supervisors Monthly Update
04/02/24**

Landfill

New Cell Construction

Contractor was back onsite last week performing clean up work from the winter shut down

Operations

I am continuing to monitor the leachate production.

I continue to monitor the waste that is coming in to the landfill

Report/Permits

EPA report was submitted.

Stormwater permit will be submitted this week

Cedar Bluff Transfer Station

I am revisiting purchasing compactors

Surplus Equipment

I am waiting on the legal department to provide a date for when we can auction off the surplus equipment at the landfill

VDOT

Smart scale pre application has been submitted.

Flashing yellow lights in Claypool Hill.-No update at this time.

Eric Young and Myself are working with VDOT to get a list of bridges and Culverts and the maintenance schedule so that we work with VDOT on keeping them clean-No update at this time

Suzanne Rd. – No update at this time

School Rd- No update at this time

At the last meeting I provided the board with an email from VDOT requesting that board review and provided guidance on the discontinuance and removal of Route 821 (Cartwright hill road)

If you recall we had money refunded back to the coal severance fund in the amount of \$62,873.36 this would be the money used to fund the project.

Please see attached VDOT Report

Roads

Bluebonnet Dr -There have been no updates on this since my last board report

Buckhorne Rd -There have been no updates on this since my last board report

Angles Hollow Rd -There have been no updates on this since my last board report

Honey Rock Rd - This was included in the flood grant that we have applied for

Melrose St - There have been no updates since the last board report

Salina Rd - There have been no updates since the last board report

Eva's Walk -There have been no updates since the last board report

Lawrence Rd - VDOT has been working on solutions for the road with Lawrence Brothers

Fabric Rd- There have been no updates on this since my last board report

Starling Ave-VDOT has cleaned out ditch

Point Dr.- No Update

Kennedy Drive. The engineering department has looked into the speeding issue and we have determined the following.

Speed bumps are not a good solution for a couple of reasons.

Speed bumps will change the drainage pattern of the road and potentially direct water on someone's property.

If someone lives on the road with a low profile car the speed bumps could do damage to the car.

If someone performs snow removal on the road the speed bumps could be damaged

The only option we can come up with is to place advisory speed signs on the road. These signs are not enforceable and they tend to work for a short period of time and then people start to speed again.

Safety Study Grant- I am currently working on the grant agreement

The Engineering Department is working on preparing the paving list. We plan on advertising the list at the end of April. Then we will take the bids to the CST committee for approval and then bring to the Board at the next meeting

Planning Commission

The planning Commission is currently working on the erosion and sediment draft model ordinance

The Planning Commission voted not to recommend to the acceptance of Wandering trail to the board

Tazewell County Library

At the time of this report I am waiting on legal review of the contract

IT Department

We are currently working with a 3rd party contractor on the Novel to Microsoft switch. The contractor has received all the information that is needed from the county and has moved to the next step I will update you we make progress

The new backup system for the county files has been delivered and The IT department is working with Dell and a 3rd party to get it installed.

Tazewell County BOS Update

April 2, 2024

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

The Residency is not requesting any Board action this month.

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – COMPLETED / ONGOING

Ditching / Pipe Maintenance

Ditching and pipe clearing work was conducted on segments of Routes 61, 102, 627, 663 and 685.

Pothole Patching

Potholes were patched on portions of Routes 19, 67, 460, 609 and 699.

Boom Ax / Brush Cutting

Brush cutting was completed on segments of Routes 61, 650 and 654. Crews also removed down trees from Route 19, 460 and 600.

Shoulder Repairs / Maintenance

Area headquarters performed shoulder repair on 19/460

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – PLANNED

Pothole Patching: Pothole patching will be increasing toward the mid / latter part of April, coinciding with the opening of asphalt plants.

Ditching: Ditching will continue on various routes as weather conditions and workload allow.

Brush Cutting / Boom Ax Operations: Various routes as weather conditions and workload allow.

Gravel Roads: Blade and gravel spread as need and as weather conditions allow.

Rt 102 (Near Pocahontas Cemetery) – Drain inlet and pipe repair / replacement.

Rt 641 – Tree trimming

Exit 2 Route 460 – Additional pavement repair is planned at Exit 2 (Route 67 in Richlands) once asphalt plants are operational / weather allows.

Amonate Drainage Project

A smaller, second phase of this project is planned for later this summer, at one to two additional locations. The work would be much the same as the initial phase, replacing inlet structures and pipes. One easement is anticipated to be required.

RURAL RUSTIC PROJECTS & STUDIES

The residency is beginning plan sketch preparation and initiating the environmental review process for projects planned for the coming construction season. Healing Springs Road (Route 643 near Lake Witten) is the project of focus for the coming year. The Residency received the budget allocations March 1st and will be working with County staff on updating the plan. The Residency anticipates presenting the updated 6 year plan at the May Board meeting.

DESIGN PROJECTS

There are two significant projects under design in the County, a bridge replacement on Fairgrounds Road (near the intersection with Route 61 / Riverside Drive) and intersection improvements at the Route 610 (Indian Paint Road) / 460 intersection in Claypool Hill

The 610/460 intersection project involves raising the elevation of the north-bound lanes of 460 as well as a segment of Route 610 and adding a traffic signal on the 4th leg (Route 610 traffic – across from McDonalds) of the intersection. The project is currently scheduled to go to bid in Fall 2025 / Spring 2026.

The bridge replacement project is early in the design phase and is currently scheduled to go to bid in Fall 2026 / Spring 2027.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Route 16 Bridge over Cavitts Creek (Riverjack)

This is a complete bridge replacement project. Traffic in the construction zone is controlled with temporary signals. The project is approximately 80% complete based on expenditures. Bridge abutments reconstruction work continues. Bridge beam placement was completed on March 22nd. Work to construct the 2nd half of the bridge deck is now underway.

The project is scheduled for completion in summer of 2024.

Pure Salmon Project

No updates from the VDOT perspective for this month.

*Tazewell County
Public Service Authority
"Leaders in Virginia"*

Rhudy Keith, Vice-Chairman
James S. Etter, Member



Alfred Mead Jr, Secretary/Treasurer
J. R. Absher, Member

Richard Smith, Chairman
Jan Cordle, Administrator

Tazewell County Board of Supervisors
197 Main Street
Tazewell, Va. 24651

Re: Tazewell County PSA Updates

March 26, 2024

Pure Salmon

Tazewell County PSA is currently on hold until Pure Salmon begins construction. Thompson and Litton is awaiting Board approval to begin advertising for bids in April 2024.

Town of Richlands WTP Upgrade

The Town of Richlands placed the project on hold June 15, 2022. The Town is working with their rate manager to look at the possibility of implementing a water rate increase. On February 23, 2024, Mr. Jason May, Richlands Town Manager, instructed Thompson and Litton to advertise for bids.

Town of Richlands WWTP Upgrade

The Town of Richlands placed the project on hold June 15, 2022. The Town has sent a second request to extend their original funding offer to the Department of Environmental Quality for an additional year. Mr. Jason May, Richlands Town Manager, authorized Thompson and Litton to begin re-qualifying of contractors.

Tazewell Wastewater Treatment Plant

On August 15, 2023, Tazewell Town Council approved to start discussions with the Department of Environmental Quality and Virginia Resources Authority for additional funding and assistance with establishing rate adjustments. The pre-qualification of contractors has been readvertised and the general contract is anticipated to be advertised for construction bids on April 9, 2024. Construction bids must be received by May 15, 2024. The projected contract award is planned for May 2024, with construction beginning in June 2024.

Falls Mills Rehabilitation

Thompson and Litton is currently working to complete Final Design and permitting to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality by May 2024. It is anticipated the PSA will begin advertising for construction bids in August 2024.

Lead and Copper

120 Water has begun to prepare a service line inventory on behalf of the PSA. The inventory will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Health October, 2024.

Town of Tazewell Route 460 Waterline Replacement Project

Tazewell Town Council authorized to re-advertise material bids for all three phases of the project. The Town has requested the Tazewell County PSA partner with them in applying for a loan of \$650,000 each totaling \$1.3 million. Should the project not be completed using the loan the Tazewell County PSA Board of Directors has authorized Ms. Jan Cordle, PSA Administrator, to apply for grant funding. The Tazewell County PSA has requested a Memorandum of Understanding be completed between the Town and the PSA identifying each partner's obligation to the project. The project is currently on hold until the MOU is approved by both parties.

Pocahontas Waterline Replacement Project

Final design and specifications have been approved by the Virginia Department of Health. The PSA is still waiting for the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health to approve the design. The PSA will secure NPDES/WV DOH/WV DNR permits in March, 2024. All easements related to the project should be obtained by April 2024. The PSA is waiting for the Mercer County Attorney to draft the easements needed for the project.

Falls Mills Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The Tazewell County PSA will accept funding offer from the Department of Environmental Quality in April 2024. Thompson and Litton anticipates to complete final design and permitting by December 2024. Advertisement for construction bids will be begin January, 2025.

Coronado Coal Company

The Coronado Coal Company has asked the Tazewell County PSA for 25,000 gallons of water per day. This is being worked out with the Town of Richlands to provide water through the Buchanan County PSA master meter at Shorts Gap.

Raven/Doran Inflow and Infiltration

The Tazewell County PSA Western Maintenance, have begun to TV the sewer lines and hope to have the results by June, 2024. We have already found a significant amount of inflow of creek water in the Mill Creek area.

TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A STIPEND FOR SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE(S) OF
TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION PERTAINING TO THE
DHCD FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia, (“the Board”) will conduct a public hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider *An Ordinance to Approve a Stipend for Specific Employee(s) of Tazewell County Administration Pertaining to the DHCD Flood Relief Program*.

The Tazewell County Administrator has requested that the Board consider authorizing an award of a one-time stipend of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Executive Assistant to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Such stipend would be paid by the Board for the period April 15, 2024 through March 31, 2025. This stipend is provided through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development’s (“DHCD”) *Flood Relief Program*, **and requires no additional taxpayer money to implement**. Section 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires that a Board of Supervisors shall enact an *Ordinance* whenever the Board of Supervisors seeks to provide payment of monetary bonuses to its officers and employees.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Ordinance* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator’s Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator’s Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court’s bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is also on file in the office of the County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia
By: C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE
2023 TAZEWELL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia (“the Board”), will conduct a public hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:35 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider *An Ordinance for Adoption of the 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan*.

Pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204(A) and 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Board must hold a duly advertised public hearing to adopt the 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan. This duly advertised public hearing comes subsequent to a public hearing held by the Tazewell County Planning Commission for that purpose on March 14, 2024. Pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204(A) and 15.2-2225 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, at its public hearing, the Tazewell County Planning Commission unanimously recommend to the Board that the Board adopt the 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Ordinance* and adoption of 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board, please contact the Tazewell County Administrator’s Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the Tazewell County Administrator’s Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

A complete copy of the *Ordinance* and the 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court’s bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. A complete copy of the 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan is also on file in the office of the Tazewell County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. The 2023 Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan may also be found online at: <https://tazewellcountyva.org/departments/engineering/>.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia
By: C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-65 OF THE
TAZEWELL COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
INCREASE QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ELDERLY PERSONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia (“the Board”), will conduct a public hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:40 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider *An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Section 18-65 of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances to Increase Qualifications for Tax Exemptions for Elderly Persons*.

Section 18-65 of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances allows a head of household aged sixty-five (65) and over to claim a taxation exemption of up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per year on real estate and mobile homes owned by the head of household. To earn the exemption: (1) the total combined income of all members in the household must not exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and (2) the combined net worth of all members in the household must not exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). With the increases in the costs of living and the price of goods and services, for the benefit of Tazewell County residents, the Board desires to raise those thresholds to (1) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) and (2) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) respectively.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Ordinance* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board, please contact the Tazewell County Administrator’s Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the Tazewell County Administrator’s Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court’s bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is also on file in the office of the Tazewell County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. The Ordinance may also be found online at: <https://tazewellcountyva.org/>.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia
By: C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF ESTABLISHING AN ASSESSMENT RATIO
UPON AUTOMOBILES BY THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia, will conduct a public hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:45 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, and hereby gives its intent to adopt a *Resolution for Concurrence of Establishing an Assessment Ratio upon Automobiles by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors for Calendar Year 2024*.

The fair market value of automobiles in Tazewell County has remained consistently inflated by approximately twenty percent (20%) since calendar year 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This artificial inflation in value of automobiles is projected to last through calendar year 2024. When combined with the increase in assessed real estate values of approximately twenty-two percent (22%) caused by the 2024 Tazewell County General Reassessment, the average tax liability for each Tazewell County resident has increased significantly in a brief period of time. The Tazewell County Commissioner of Revenue, Hon. David R. Anderson, has requested that automobiles be assessed at eighty percent (80%) of their fair market value for calendar year 2024, pursuant to Section 58.1-3503(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Pursuant to Virginia law, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors must resolve to agree to this request before the assessment ratio is enacted.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed *Resolution* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

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By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia
By: C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT REAL ESTATE TAXATION FOR THE
TRIANGLE SPORTSMENS' CLUB, INCORPORATED, LOCATED AT
770 TRIANGLE ROAD, BLUEFIELD, VA 24605 BY LOCAL DESIGNATION
FROM ASSESSMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia (hereafter, "the Board") will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2024, at 6:50 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, in the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, to hear comments regarding the Board's consideration of an exemption from full assessment real estate taxation for the property of Triangle Sportsmens' Club, Incorporated. The subject real estate is located at 770 Triangle Road, Bluefield, VA 24605, identified on the tax rolls of Tazewell County, Virginia as **Tax Map No. 040 A 0015**. Triangle Sportsmens' Club, Incorporated desires to use the subject real estate to educate the public about firearm safety and offer hands-on training and programs devoted to the proper use of firearms.

This *Ordinance to Exempt Real Estate Taxation for the Triangle Sportsmens' Club, Incorporated, Located at 770 Triangle Road, Bluefield, VA 24605 by Local Designation from Assessment of Real Estate Taxes* is authorized by Section 58.1-3651 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The exemption would be for taxes on the real property and improvements thereupon. The annual combined assessed value of the subject real estate is Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (**\$332,800.00**), effective January 1, 2024. The total annual expected exemption would be One Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (**\$1,930.24**). The exemption would be conditioned on use of the property for non-profit charitable and benevolent activities.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed *Resolution* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

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By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia
By: C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

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VIN 1HVBBABN6WH646683 Fleet Number TC 1 Status INACTIVE Status Date 7/26/2010

Make INTERNATIONAL Model BUS Color WHITE Year 1998 Type Van

Passenger Capacity 40 WC Capacity 0 License Plate 36220L Registration Expires 1/31/2012

Inspection Sticker Expires 10/31/2008 Funding Source CO LEASED In-Service Date 10/1/2002 IntraState Sticker Expires 1/1/1900

IntraState Sticker Number 1528 VDA Pool # Effective Date of Insurance 6/30/2003 Ins Cost 0

Radio Serial # Radio Inv # 2313

Registered In TAZEWELL DRPT Vehicle FTA Revenue Generating Vehicle

Vehicle Equipment:

First Aid Box Flares/Triangles Fire Extinguisher Signs WC Lift Contribution Box

Purchased From:

Vendor Unspecified Telephone # 2769644915 Purchase Price 0

Vehicle ID 32

Maintenance Schedule:

Table with 4 columns: Description, Mileage, Months, and another Description/Mileage column. Rows include Oil Change, Transmission Fluid Change, Tire Rotation, Inspect brake pads/shoes, Inspect Rotors/Drums, Inspect Brake lines/hoses, Inspect parking brake, Engine Cooling System, Spark Plugs, Air Condition System, Wheel Chair Lift, Steering Linkage/Suspension, Wheel Ends, Driveshaft/Ball Joints, Air Filter, Exhaust System/Heat Shields, Fuel Filter, Green Engine Coolant, Fuel tank, Accessory Drive belt(s), Check PVC Valve, and Wheel Bearings/Grease Seals.

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VIN 1HVBBABM1TH373296 Fleet Number TC 2 Status INACTIVE Status Date 8/5/2013

Make INTERNATIONAL Model BUS Color WHITE Year 1996 Type Bus

Passenger Capacity 24 WC Capacity 0 License Plate 25-508L Registration Expires 2/28/2014

Inspection Sticker Expires 8/31/2015 Funding Source CO LEASED In-Service Date 10/1/2002 IntraState Sticker Expires 1/1/1900

IntraState Sticker Number 1529 VDA Pool # Effective Date of Insurance 6/30/2003 Ins Cost 0

Radio Serial # Radio Inv # 2497

Registered In TAZEWELL DRPT Vehicle FTA Revenue Generating Vehicle

Vehicle Equipment:

- First Aid Box
- Flares/Triangles
- Fire Extinguisher
- Signs
- WC Lift
- Contribution Box

Purchased From:

Vendor Unspecified Telephone # 2769644915 Purchase Price 0

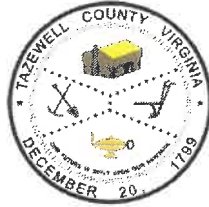
Vehicle ID 31

Maintenance Schedule:

	Mileage	Months	Mileage	Months
Oil Change	5000	6	Steering Linkage/Suspension	15000
Transmission Fluid Change	30000	6	Wheel Ends	15000
Transmission Fluid Level	15000	6	Driveshaft/Ball Joints	15000
Tire Rotation	5000	6	Air Filter	30000
Inspect brake pads/shoes	15000	6	Exhaust System/Heat Shields	30000
Inspect Rotors/Drums	15000	6	Fuel Filter	30000
Inspect Brake lines/hoses	15000	6	Green Engine Coolant	75000
Inspect parking brake	15000	6	Fuel tank	90000
Engine Cooling System	15000	6	Accessory Drive belt(s)	100000
Spark Plugs	100000	12	Check PVC Valve	100000
Air Condition System	15000	6	Wheel Bearings/Grease Seals	150000
Wheel Chair Lift	0	6		

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Grant Application Tazewell County Board of Supervisors



**** Submission of a grant application does not mean that your organization will receive the funding requested. Your request will be presented to the Board for consideration.**

Upon completion, please return to: County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 (by mail or in person)

Name/Group making request Library /Farm Bureau

Mailing address _____

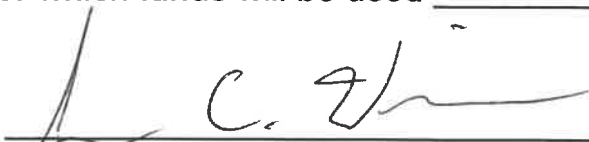
Contact person Lisa Tyson

Phone 276-245-8926 Email ltyson@tcplweb.org

Amount requested \$ 400

501(c)3 yes Please provide 501(c)3 number _____
 no

Purpose for which funds will be used Fairground rental-Down on the Farm Event 5-11-24

Signature  Date 3/15/2024

*** If you are asking for a donation for the rental fee of Nuckolls Hall or the Peery-Fuller Building, you must call the Administration Office to reserve the building.

- Approved Deferred to Budget Committee
 Denied Does not qualify for consideration



Graham High School

210 Valleydale
Bluefield, Virginia 24605

Phone: (276) 326-1235

Fax: (276) 326-1128

March 05, 2024

County of Tazewell
197 Main Street
Tazewell, VA. 24651
ATTN: Eric Young

Dear: County of Tazewell,

The Educational Support Foundation for Graham High School students was established in 1998 to provide academic enrichment and technological advancement and to develop an environment conducive to teaching and learning. Each year the Foundation honors students who excel in the academics and arts at Graham High School.

The Foundation is in the process of planning and preparing for the annual dinner to be held May 2024, where students will be recognized and honored for their accomplishments. It is also a time to acknowledge the many students and coaches or sponsors who participate in and compete for the various academic teams and organizations at Graham High School.

All honored students attend this event at no charge. Will you help to fund the cost of this dinner by a sponsor of \$200.00? Your support of this event encourages academic achievement for students at Graham High School. Donations are greatly appreciated by the Foundation as well as the students and faculty participants.

Please send your tax deductible contribution in the amount of \$200.00 *or greater to:*

G.H.S. Education Foundation
210 Valleydale Street
Bluefield, VA 24605-9400

Sincerely,

Joyce J. Johnston
Joyce J. Johnston

The Educational Support Foundation for Graham High School
Joyce J. Johnston, Graham High School Education Foundation



"Home of The G-Men"

Grant Application

Tazewell County Board of Supervisors



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Upon completion, please return to: County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 (by mail or in person)

Name/Group making request: Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce/Oktobrewfest 2024

Mailing address: P.O. Box 672, Tazewell, VA 24651

Contact Person: Keshia Cole, Executive Director

Phone: (276) 988-5091 Email: info@tazewellchamber.org

Amount requested: *Sponsorship Tier Attached* \$2,000-\$2,500 (previously donated to this event in past years)

501(c)3 yes Please provide 501(c)3 number: The Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)6 entity. 54-0674647

no

Purpose for which funds will be used: Oktobrewfest 2024 will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 5:00pm-10:00pm on Main Street in Tazewell, VA. This year we will be adding additional events to Oktobrewfest, making it a weekend full of activities throughout Tazewell County. Friday, October 4, 2024, we will again have the Oktobrewfest Friday Night Kick-off event, featuring specials at local restaurants throughout the county. Saturday, October 5, 2024, we will be collaborating

with Historic Pocahontas on their Annual Indian Run and Craft Festival, in addition to potentially collaborating with the Town of Richlands for a Cruise-In/Car Show leading up to Oktobrewfest on Saturday evening. Then we will finish off Saturday's activities at Back of the Dragon for the After Brewfest Party from 10:00pm-12:00 midnight in Tazewell, VA. Sunday, October 6, 2024, the Tazewell County Chamber of Commerce along with Fincastle in Bluefield, VA, will hold a Brewfest Brunch at their location.

Signature  Date 3.7.24

*** If you are asking for a donation for the rental fee of Nuckolls Hall or the Peery-Fuller Building, you must call the Administration Office to reserve the building.

- Approved
- Denied
- Deferred to Budget Committee
- Does not qualify for consideration

Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc.

People Helping People

The Donald E. Neal Building
1379 Tazewell Avenue - P.O. Box 188 - North Tazewell, VA 24630
276-988-5583 - Fax 276-988-4041
www.clinchvalleycaa.org

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February 23, 2024

Liz Lester
Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc.
1379 Tazewell Ave
PO Box 188
North Tazewell VA 24630

Dear _____,

November 19, 2023, Tazewell County lost a great community advocate. Curtis Gillespie was represented what it was to be a community leader and friend to all. Mr. Gillespie held many roles during his life; Son, Husband, Father, Co-worker, Solider, and Leader just to name a few.

At Clinch Valley Community Action, we seek to keep his memory alive but creating a memorial garden. Mr. Gillespie was a large part of bringing Camp Joy in Bluefield VA back to life. He worked tirelessly to help in the acquisition of the property. While we already accomplished in obtaining some items for the garden, we still have a lot to accomplish.

We need your support to build the garden, memorial marker, and update the flag pole.

Would you consider donating funding to help us achieve our mission?

I would be happy to provide you with more information about how your company can help Clinch Valley Community Action. Please contact me at 276-988-5583 ext. 346 if you have any questions.

We greatly appreciate your donation, and it will be used to create the memorial for Mr. C. Gillespie. If you wish to contribute, please fill out the attached form.

Please join us! With your donation, we're one step closer to our \$10,000 goal.

Sincerely,

Liz Lester
Director of Special Projects



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Upper Tennessee
River Roundtable

P.O. Box 2359, Abingdon, VA 24212

Phone: (276) 628-1600

Fax: (276) 623-1185

April 3, 2024

Susan Jewell
Executive Assistant
Tazewell County Board of Supervisors
197 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651

Dear Susan Jewell,

I am writing with two requests for your board to consider. First, the term has expired for the representative your board appointed to serve on the Roundtable Board of Directors. We would appreciate your board appointing someone to serve so that Tazewell County will continue to be represented. Each term is for two calendar years.

Secondly, I am writing to request your consideration of a donation to Upper Tennessee River Roundtable as the board members work on the FY2025 budget. We spend a tremendous amount of time and grant funds in Tazewell County, as you are probably well aware. The Clinch River is such a special river and we do everything we can to protect it.

As a bit of background, Upper Tennessee River Roundtable is a 501c3 nonprofit serving two cities and seven counties in the Upper Tennessee River Basin in Virginia, including Tazewell County. Our mission is to improve the water quality of the Clinch, Powell, and Holston rivers in Southwest Virginia that flow to Tennessee.

We partner with the Tazewell Soil and Water Conservation District and the towns to implement projects that improve water quality. We currently have two grants from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to install projects on farm land to fence cattle out of streams and provide alternate water sources. The Tazewell SWCD does the on-the-ground work for these important projects. We finished a grant project last year that stabilized the stream bank and restored the river at the Moose Lodge. Previously, we completed an extensive stream restoration, bank stabilization at Dunford Park.

These grants also partially fund farm tours and outreach events at Dunford Park for citizens, such as Creek Critter Camp. We assist the Tazewell SWCD with the Farm Expo, Living Soils Week, Water Wizard Week, Kids in the Clinch, and Kids in the Creek.

Last month, we coordinated a Haz-Mat Spills Workshop for Emergency Responders with Tazewell SWCD. The Roundtable received a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority

to fund this workshop. We provided meals and emergency responder supplies, as well as door prizes to the participants. We gave certificates for CEUs.

We have also provided grant funds for a household hazardous waste collection day with the Tazewell SWCD and the county in the past. We have held rain barrel workshops and trash treasures workshops many times in Tazewell with the SWCD.

Currently, the Roundtable leads a regional initiative to find recycling markets through the Southwest Virginia Regional Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group of which Tazewell County is a member. This networking has resulted in increased cardboard recycling and sharing of future opportunities.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to future work in Tazewell County.

Sincerely,



Carol W. Doss, Ed.D.
Executive Director



These are a few photos from the recent Haz-Mat Spills Workshop.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Four (4) Year Term)

Karel Ann Ryan 01-01-2022 12-31-2025
PO Box 299
Tazewell, VA 24651
karelhamilton@gmail.com
(fills expired term of Peggy Riley, effective Jan. 31, 2018)

Connie Bailey 01-01-2020 12-31-2023
2268 Virginia Avenue
Bluefield, VA 24605
276-326-1484
caprines@comcast.net
(filled unexpired term of Laura Blevins who resigned)

Ginger Branton 01-01-2022 12-31-2025
PO Box 436
Richlands, VA 24641
Gingerhb3@gmail.com
276-245-7559
(Resigned)

Patsy Murphy 01-01-2020 12-31-2023
1805 Lee Avenue
Bluefield, VA 24605
(fills unexpired term of Stephanie Carr)

Regina Roberts 01-01-2024 12-31-2027
261 Cove Road
Tazewell, VA 24651
Reginaroberts89@icloud.com

TAZEWELL COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Two (2) Year Term)

Jim Talbert, CVN/RNP 07-01-2021 06-30-2023

PO Box 818
Richlands, VA 24641
(reappointed 6-4-2019)
(Resigned)

Michael Hymes 07-01-2019 06-30-2023

PO Box 7
Tazewell, VA 24651
(fills expiring term of Kathern Dowdy)
(Resigned)

Frederick W. Harman 07-01-2020 06-30-2023

201 East Main Street
PO Box 523
Tazewell, Virginia 24651
988-5547
(reappointed 6/2/20 for 2 yr. term)
(Resigned)

NEW RIVER HIGHLANDS – RC & D COUNCIL

(One (1) Year Term)

Tazewell County Representative

Jack Asbury

01-01-2023 12-31-2023

PO Box 139

Bluefield, VA24605

322-4152

Contact:

Wytheville USDA Service Center

325 East Main Street, Suite E-2

Wytheville, VA 24382

276-227-0536

www.newriverhighlandsrcd.org

jcorvinnrhrcd@centurylink.net

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Maggie Asbury, Member
(CLEO representative)
PO Box 244
Boissevain, VA 24606
(Home) 945-2441
(Cell) 970-2023
(Replaced Mike Hymes)
(Appointed on 09-01-2020)

Will & Pleasure of the Board

Pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-2670 - 2.2-2674.1

2024 Board of Equalization

Jerry Altizer
409 Mountain Lane
Bluefield, VA 24605
jwa@wvva.net

Amanda Knepper
841 Laurelwood Acres Rd.
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
knepper.dreamhome@gmail.com

Eric Whitesell
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Tazewell, VA 24651
ewhitesell@ghartlaw.com

Ramona Simmons
127 Dirt Digger Rd.
Pounding Mill, VA 24637
ramona.simmons@fortunerealtyofrichlands.com

Troy W. (JR) Absher, Jr.
PO Box 190
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
troyabsher@yahoo.com

Alternate 1

Sandy Adair
PO Box 1004
North Tazewell, VA 24630
sandy.adair@c21.com

Alternate 2



Susan Jewell <susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org>

BOE Resignation

1 message

Jerry Altizer <jwa@wvva.net>

Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 9:01 PM

Reply-To: Jerry Altizer <jwa@wvva.net>

To: Susan Jewell <susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org>

Good Evening Susan,

In regards to our phone conversation today, I am formally submitting my resignation from the BOE. The resignation is due to my wife's health and I cannot be away from her at this time for the commitment it takes to be a part of the BOE.

Best Regards,

Jerry Altizer

From: **Tommy Wright** <Tommy.Wright@sw.edu>

Date: Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 4:09 PM

Subject: SWCC Local Board

To: Eric Young

<eyoung@tazewellcounty.org>, shanna.plaster@tazewellcounty.org <shanna.plaster@tazewellcounty.org>

CC: Kristy Israel

<Kristy.Israel@sw.edu>, randallhillman@gmail.com <randallhillman@gmail.com>

Hello. I hope you each had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying a fabulous start to 2024.

Just before we went to Christmas break, we had a VCCS President's meeting in Richmond and one of the topics and associated materials was on local board membership. Unfortunately, I don't think we shared with you or the other county administrators this policy as well as the general guidelines for selecting and serving as a board member. It appears as though board membership can't include an elected official. I asked Kristy to double check our membership and it appears as though our only elected member is Shanna. I'm so disappointed because I was looking forward to working with her and having her as a liaison to the Tazewell BOS. I've been tied up the last few days but had hoped to call both of you. However, before going into another weekend and then getting into the hustle and bustle of the next week, I thought I'd send an email. Eric, I've asked Kristy to work directly with you to make sure we're on the same page and to seek a new member. Shanna, would you have any interest in serving on one of our advisory boards in one of our academic program areas? Again, I was looking forward to working with you on the local board, but I hope we can still work together on another board at SWCC.

Let's discuss at your convenience.

Have a great weekend.

Dr. Tommy Wright

President

Tazewell Hall, Room T-300

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423-715-3938 M

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aSOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

(Four (4) Year Term)

EASTERN

Ms. Kim Allen 01-01-2020 12-31-2023

118 Pleasant View Drive

Bluefield, VA 24605

304-320-1114

Kimber.allen@gmail.com

NORTHERN

Ms. Maggie Asbury 02-01-2022 01-31-2025

PO BOX 24

Boissevain, VA 24606

m_dasbury@comcast.net

WESTERN

Dwayne Sturgill 01-01-2022 01-31-2025

536 Powerline Rd.

Pounding Mill, VA 24637

276-202-0166

(filled vacancy following Jeff Taylor's resignation)

WESTERN

Phillip Foy 01-01-2023 12-31-2026

5449 Road Ridge Tnpke

Raven, VA 24639

206-954-7308

276-207-4963

Phillip.foy@cwa.tazewellcounty.org

SOUTHERN

Debra White 01-01-2023 12-31-2026

3008 Clear Fork Road

Tazewell, VA 24651

276-988-3706

debrawhite34@gmail.com

(replaced Christine Thompson's expired term)

NORTHWESTERN

Amanda B. Buskell 01-01-2023 12-31-2026

208 Sandy Lane

Richlands, Virginia 24641

276-202-3061

Mom2mojo247@gmail.com

(reappointed 1-8-2019)

SPECIAL INTERESTS REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Mullins

03-02-2021 12-31-2024

1725 Baptist Valley Road

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

1-606-922-4778

April Morefield

12-01-2020 12-31-2024

491 Tower Street

Tazewell, Virginia 24651

aprilmorefield@gmail.com

County Administrator

Ex-Officio

197 Main Street

Tazewell, VA 24651

988-1202 (Work)

David Taylor, Social Services Director II

Ex-Officio

Department of Social Services

P. O. Box 149

Tazewell, VA 24651

(Work) 988-8554

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)

(Four (4) Year Term)

Marco Warner 2343 Front St. Richlands, VA 24641 276-971-5715 mwarner@trustpointins.com (filled unexpired term of Seth White)	07-01-2021	06-30-2024
Kyle Hurt 349 Brandon Drive Bluefield, VA 24605 276- 322-4695 kyleh@mefcor.com (Oath taken 06-28-2017) (Oath taken 07/14/2021)	07-01-2021	06-30-2025
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Dear Tazewell County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Richlands High School in reference to the Richlands High School wrestling team, and Richlands High School cheerleading teams. Our student athletes are in dire need of a practice facility to meet the demands of the competition. Currently we share the high school gymnasium with several other varsity and middle school sports such as basketball, cheer, and baseball for preseason workouts. Oftentimes scheduling becomes a conflict causing everyone to suffer from lack of available training facilities within the school campus. This has become such an issue that the Tazewell County School Board and school superintendent have approved land to build a facility on school property in close proximity to the gymnasium. We have a specific area on the school campus that has now been designated for a spot for this facility, but ultimately the teams will be responsible for raising the money to build. I have received recent quotes from two contractors for the entire 80'X50' metal building; it will cost around \$145,000. (This includes materials and all.)

Currently our wrestling program has well over 150 area kids that would benefit from this facility, youth and varsity, and competition cheer/cheer has another 50-60 kids that would equally benefit from this facility. Currently the wrestling program has 3 Virginia State Champions, and 22 Virginia state placewinners in our 4 year existence. We send numerous kids to college every year to chase their dreams of pursuing a higher education while competing on the collegiate level. We ask that you please consider helping us fund a facility that will not only help the longevity of our two programs for years to come, but also help us prepare our student athletes for the next step into competing on a collegiate level.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Brown
Richlands Wrestling Club, President
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