TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING



May 7, 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, and entering "836650" as the access code when prompted.

Time	Subject	Pg
4:00 pm	 Call to Order Pledge and Invocation Welcome Consideration of approving the agenda format (additions/deletions) Approval of meeting minutes from April 9, 2024 	4
4:10 pm	 6. 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. 	21 22
4:15 pm	7. Department Reports ► TCPS audit report – Dr. Stacy ► Kenneth Dunford – engineering report	
4:30 pm	 8. Executive/Closed Meeting — Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 ► A(29) Contract negotiations with Republic regarding landfill cell construction change order request ► 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 	,

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	► A(3) Property acquisition regarding the Gratton Convenience Area	
	► A(29) Contract negotiations with SEH regarding Springville FD	
	►A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA regarding Jonah Water	
6:00 pm	Agreement 9. Return/Certification/Return of Action	
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6:05 pm	10. Special Presentations ► GHS cheerleader resolution	23
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	► Emily Hinkle resolution► Kendra Vance resolution	25
	► Jerry McReynolds resolution	26
	Cassie Ogle resolution	27
	➤ Older Americans Month 2024 proclamation	28
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6:30 pm	► Six-Year Plan	
	► Resolution for approval of Secondary Highway Six-Year Plan	29 31
	(2024/25 through 2029/30) and construction priority list (2024/25) for	31
	Tazewell County, Virginia	
6:45 pm	13. 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.	
	► Laura Mollo	
0.55	► Tim Prater – Center for Independent Living Services	
6:55 pm	14. Citizen Comments – Unscheduled	
7.00	(Two (2) minutes per speaker)	
7:00 pm	15.Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update	
	Personal property rate ratio ordinance Triangle Sportemen's Club toy exempt request.	
	2. Triangle Sportsmen's Club tax exempt request3. FOIA policy presentation	
	Flood Mitigation Grant Applications	
	5. Consider approving \$17,836.50 from contingency for increase in software	
	costs for Commissioner of Revenue's Personal Property Assessment Software	
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	8. Consider ratifying poll to establish per diem payment to Board of	
	Equalization members at \$125.00 per day	
	9. Consider donation of 2001 Ford F550 Utility truck (VIN	
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	10. Other	
	11. Outside funding requests tabled from April meeting	
	a. OctoBrewFest funding request	37
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7:30 pm	16. <u>Board Concerns</u>	
	Supervisor Presley:	
	► Fire/EMS Levy	
	Supervisor Plaster:	
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	Supervisor Cruey:	
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	Supervisor Gillespie:	
	► Ratify poll for \$7500.00 donation from Southern District funds to Fair	
	Association for OTR Derby	
	Supervisor Hrovatic:	
7:30 pm	17. Second Executive/Closed Meeting — Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711	
	► A(1) Personnel in Administration	
	► A(1) Personnel in Judicial Administration	
8:30 pm	18. Return/Certification/Report of Action (if necessary)	
8:35 pm	19. Other business as may properly come before the Board	
8:45 pm	20. Adjourn	
O.40 PIII	The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.	
	The meeting is aujourned until Tuesday, June 7, 2027 at 7.00 p.m.	

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS HELD APRIL 9, 2024 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET,

TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: ANDY HROVATIC, CHAIRMAN

AARON GILLESPIE, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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: NONE

MINUTES

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

Supervisor Cruey 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) Contract negotiations with SWCC regarding scholarship agreement.

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) Contract negotiation with SWCC.

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 approved the April 9, 2024 amended agenda with

additions/deletions, a copy of which is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the March 5, 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 Cruey 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
- C. Ratify poll to transfer \$10,000.00 from Property Maintenance Enforcement to the Cavitts Creek Bathhouse Project

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Audit Report – Emily Viers

Emily Viers of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, gave an audit report detailing the county's performance regarding compliance.

Mr. Young had several questions regarding the TCPS financial information:

Mr. Young: Regarding Page 2 of the report, the school board is considered a component of the County, correct?

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Ms. Viers: Yes. They are a component unit. They don't have taxing authority and you provide a lot of their funding.

Mr. Young: And the school board keeps its own books and have their own identification number and all that?

Ms. Viers: Yes.

Mr. Young: For several years, there has been a "lag" in getting their reimbursements,

Ms. Viers: Yes. I think that goes back ten or twelve years, fifteen years.

Mr. Young: Correct me if I'm wrong....they spend money they're entitled to be reimbursed from the state and federal government but they don't draw that down until the next fiscal year, is that right?

Ms. Viers: Yeah, that's what's happening. There's always a little bit of a delay but most localities will do their Essers on a monthly basis, so they're requesting in July what they spend in June and they usually do their smaller grants on a quarterly basis so they can stay on top of them. Some of the Esser ones, for the 2023 audit, there were amounts they requested well into 2024. That was part of the delay in issuing the report because they were still doing reimbursement requests for the December/January time frame so we had to wait for that.

Mr. Young: So, the Esser reimbursements were for the prior year to FY23?

Ms. Viers: No, the ones for 2023 were for just the year 2023 but we did have to reissue 2021 and the 2022 report because they went back in the 2024 report and requested amounts that related to 2021, to the tune of \$2m I believe. But they were material enough in nature that we had to reissue those reports because they could no longer be relied upon because the amount was too significant.

Supervisor Gillespie: You said that this type of behavior has been marked in your auding for quite some time?

Ms. Viers: Yes.

Supervisor Gillespie: The amount that you just referred to, has a similar amount ever been found in any of your previous audits? Is that that largest amount that was delayed?

Ms. Viers: This is the largest amount that's been delayed. Historically, the amounts have been below our threshold so we've not had to reissue reports, we've just been able to let them fall into the next year.

Supervisor Gillespie: What is the threshold that you all have to comply with in this level or having to go into another level? I'm confused that is someone is allowed to continue a behavior and it escalates, I figured in an audit report there might be some indication of that behavior

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Ms. Viers: No, issuing that as a material weakness is about all we can do. We don't have the authority to do anything to TCPS budget or enforce that they do anything.

Mr. Young: And the amount of reimbursements was \$2m for 2022?

Ms. Viers: It was \$2m for 2021 and \$5m for 2022.

Mr. Young: Was that reflected in the financial statement as receivable for 2022?

Ms. Viers: Not initially, but when the report was reissued this year, they were reflected. T

Mr. Young: So, last year, when we met at this time, that had not been reflected?

Ms. Viers: Yes, that's correct.

Mr. Young: So, that was money that was due them– receivables – that they had not requested yet?

Ms. Viers: Yes.

Mr. Young: So, I know you've been working with them since we found this issue....do you think now they have requested all that they're due?

Ms. Viers: I have no way to know until the 2024 audit. We did confirm by email that everything was caught up prior to releasing this because we wanted to be sure we didn't have to reissue 2023 in a couple of months. We were told they were caught up but until we really get into the audit, we really won't know.

Mr. Young: And this is reimbursements for money they had spent?

Ms. Viers: Yes.

Mr. Young: Do we know if that was reimbursements for state money they had spent or Tazewell County money?

Ms. Viers: That should have been local dollars.

Mr. Young: So, it was this Board's money they had spent in 2022 and were entitled to be reimbursed, but had not done so?

Ms. Viers: Yes.

Mr. Young: And had not reported that that was within their ability to do?

Ms. Viers: Yes. To come back to your point, Mr. Gillespie, if we had any concerns that the funds were used inappropriately, that would rise to a level of being reported to the APA or the federal

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entity if it were federal funds. Even in the single audit finding, we did not question cause because they detail everything.

Supervisor Gillespie: The guidance that you're recommending of more uniform and transparent and easier reimbursement method of monthly reimbursement, is that coming from a national or state standard?

Ms. Viers: No.

Supervisor Gillespie: But, the other clients that you serve, that's what the majority of them do.

Ms. Viers: Yes. We did have another locality that had a similar issue that went back into a previous year. The Esser Program has made that different for them. They got some funding up front and they were allowed to go back in the federal program and that just makes it very difficult for reporting and ensures that the financial statements are correct. And, typically, when there are grant, funds involved, that's for a future period but going back is not unallowable.

Supervisor Hrovatic: So, it would be fair to say that the monthly reimbursement would be the standard for good, fair accounting practices.

Ms. Viers: I think so. In my opinion.

Mr. Young: But three years would not be good accounting practices.....

Mr. Viers: No.

Supervisor Cruey: Most counties that you serve don't have the issue because they do it on a monthly basis and not have huge amounts of reimbursements from previous years?

Ms. Viers: Typically, yes. We have had a couple of anomalies but for the most part, most school boards request reimbursements monthly or quarterly and they're not going to going back years later to adjust them.

Supervisor Gillespie: Did you, in 2022 and 2023 and then what you've done so far in 2024 have you seen any other government entity, such as a school board, draw reimbursements in these amounts elsewhere outside of Tazewell County?

Ms. Viers: I haven't seen any as large as this. I think this one in Tazewell County was close to \$8m and the other one I've seen was closer to \$2m. We've had other localities that have had to go back and request funds but to my knowledge, this is the only one I was required to reissue.

Supervisor Cruey: This type of issue with the school board has been going on for several years?

Ms. Viers: Yeah, I think this issue with the school board has been ongoing for about 10+ years and I think it's been exacerbated by the fact that they received millions and millions of dollars in pandemic funding they're trying to use as fast as they can and its just gotten worse and worse with all of these pots of money that they've received.

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Supervisor Cruey: And that would be considered bad accounting practices?

Ms. Viers: Yes, in my opinion.

A copy of the report is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virgina 24651.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves inviting Dr. Chris Stacy of TCPS to attend the May 7, 2024 BOS meeting.

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford Road repair

Mr. Dunford asked the Board for approval for VDOT to discontinue Rt. 821 Cartright Hill Road, a 1/10 mile stretch off of Laurel Creek Road at Boissevain which serves one residence.

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 authorizes Mr. Dunford to advise VDOT of the discontinuance of Rt. 821 Cartright Hill Road.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to suspend Robert's Rules of Order so that the Board might move around in the agenda as necessary.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes \$3,500.00 from the Western District funds for the purpose of replacing a drainpipe and do some ditch work on South View Street.

Supervisor Hrovatic requested Mr. Dunford to inquire to VDOT about a signal light at the intersection of Route 460 and Rink Street at Pounding Mill/Claypool Hill.

PSA Report – Jan Cordle

Jan Cordle, PSA Executive Director updated the Board on various projects in the works with the PSA. She shared with the Board a detailed report on several capital projects which is attached to these minutes and on file at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virgina 24651.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 5:08 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, 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 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
- ► A(3) Property acquisition regarding the Gratton Convenience Area
- ► A(29) Contract negotiations with SWCC

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:38 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Chairman Gillespie read the following certification:

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0) Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0) Report of Action: None (0)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action following executive session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Abigail Rhudy resolution

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 present a resolution to Abigail Rhudy for her accomplishments in Track and Field. A copy of the report is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virgina 24651.

TCCTC Skills USA presentation

The students from TCCTC that participated in the Skills USA competition presented a slide show about the competition and answered questions about the competition from the Board members.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

David Dubbs asked the Board's permission to use the Motorsports Arena for go-cart racing for the 2024 fall season. Mr. Young, County Administrator, advised Mr. Dubbs to contact the scheduler at the county administration building to schedule the events and pick up a contract for the use of the facility.

Michelle Gravely – left the meeting prior to citizens comments

Gary Keen - not present at the meeting

Will Adams, Tazewell, Virginia spoke regarding litter along the highways, partially caused by un-tarped trucks hauling trash to/from the landfill.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

James Wade, inaudible address – spoke about budget, reassessment and various other topics

Connie Bailey Kidd, 2268 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia 24605 inquired about the proposed door-to-door trash pickup service

Erica Galloway, Tazewell, Virginia – announced awards recently received by the library

Russell Stowers, Tazewell, Virginia – asked the Board not to remove the convenience stations throughout the county, stating those stations help keep trash off the roadsides

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing to approve DHCD Flood Relief Program administrative stipend

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law for the approval of a DHCD Flood Relief Program administrative stipend.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, shared details of the flood relief program and the basis of the request for the stipend.

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County Administrator, Eric Young, explained that Susan Jewell is the administrative assistant for the flood relief program in addition to multiple other duties.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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 stipend in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Susan Jewell, the administrative assistant for the flood relief program.

Public hearing regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law for the approval of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, shared details of the Comprehensive Plan and its purpose for the County.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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 the proposed 2024 Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the report is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virgina 24651.

Public hearing regarding real property exemptions for the elderly

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law to approve an ordinance to amend the current real property exemptions for the elderly.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, shared details of the current ordinance and described the proposed changes, which would expand the program to allow more residents to benefit from tax reductions.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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The Board considered a copy of a letter prepared by David R. Anderson, Commissioner of the Revenue of Tazewell County, estimating the cost of the exemptions, which is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an ordinance increasing the qualifying guidelines for the real property exemption for the elderly.

A copy of the ordinance and the Commissioner's letter are available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street. Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Reduction in personal property rate ratio

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law to approve a reduction in the personal property rate ratio.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, shared details of the proposed reduction.

The Chairman called for public comments.

Will Adams, Tazewell, Virginia spoke in opposition to the rate reduction. Adams noted the ordinance would not benefit residents who owned few vehicles or older vehicle or did not own vehicles.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

Several unidentified citizens present at the meeting also commented that they found the personal property rate reduction unhelpful because they owned older vehicles and the reduction wouldn't benefit them in any way.

An unidentified citizen inquired about why there is a \$20.00 fee added to the personal property tax. Mr. Young advised that the \$20.00 tax was added in 2018 at a point when the County was in serious financial condition.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

County Administrator, Eric Young, recommended that a vote on the personal property rate ratio be deferred until the May meeting, giving the Budget Committee time to meet and discuss the matter further.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Gillespie voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby tables consideration of the ordinance for the personal property rate ratio until the May 2024 meeting.

Tax exempt status of Triangle Sportsmen's Club

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding granting tax exempt status to Triangle Sportsmen's Club.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, shared details of the tax-exempt request.

A representative for Triangle Sportsmen's Club spoke regarding the contributions the Club has made to the community by holding shooting competitions which bring in hotel and restaurant revenue and by offering TCSO a shooting range and training at a reduced rate.

Timothy Hass of the Springville area commented in opposition to granting tax-exempt status to Triangle.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Young explained the Virginia Code section under which Triangle seeks tax exempt status is different than the Code enabling the advertised ordinance. He further stated that the Code cited by the speaker required a determination by the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to table this matter until such time that counsel for Triangle Sportsman's Club can meet with the Commissioner of the Revenue to determine if the organization will qualify for tax exempt status.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

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

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves using the remaining \$10,000.00 from the purchase/installation of the Morris Knob Tower to refurbish/repair the access road to Morris Knob.

Budget update

Mr. Young gave an update on the budget, stating that there is yet more work to do to.

Mr. Young showed a chart depicting the state required funding versus county funding for TCPS, explaining that the state required local share of school funding has increased from \$11.2m in FY2021 to \$16m in FY2025.

James Wade commented regarding overstaffing of the school system.

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Adoption of 2024 Health Insurance/Hospital Plan

Mr. Young announced that employee health insurance rates will remain the same in the coming year and the deductibles and premium remain the same.

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 adopts the employee health insurance/hospitalization plans as presented. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Casino revenue allocation

Mr. Young explained that the revenue from the casino is down a bit from what was expected. He announced that Tazewell County should receive approximately \$625,000.00 as its share of the casino revenue. He said the funds can be used toward (1) education; (2) transportation or (3) public safety. He asked the Board to allocate the funds solely to education. The Board discussed the previous year's allocation and the need for fire and EMS funding.

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 approves placing two-thirds of the casino revenue toward education and one-third toward public safety.

Consider surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABN8WH646683) and surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABM1TH373296)

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABN8WH646683) and surplus of AASC decommissioned 1998 International bus (VIN 1HVBBABM1TH373296).

Consider surplus of TCSO 2005 military surplus trailer (VIN 13N-2412A-5-65930881)

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the surplus of TCSO 2005 military surplus trailer (VIN 13N-2412A-5-65930881).

Library request for fairground rental funding

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$400.00 from contingency for the fairground rental fee for the TCPL.

FOIA policy update

Mr. Collins announced that some revisions and updates to the current FOIA policy are necessary.

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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 requested suggested revisions to the FOIA policy from the County Attorney to be presented at the May 7, 2024 meeting.

945 community room rental

Mr. Young proposed that since the 945 building is staffed 24 hours a day, the community room can be rented to the public with the rental fee helping to offset some of the cost of the utilities for the building.

Consider approving \$20,000.00 from contingency for the Claypool Hill Fire Station roof repair Mr. Young advised Mr. White reported a roof issue at the Claypool Hill Fire Station. He further advised that the building would suffer further damage without immediate repair.

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 repairs to the roof of the Claypool Hill Fire Station.

Other

Board of Equalization update

Mr. Young shared details regarding the upcoming BOE hearings.

Outside funding requests

GHS Honors Banquet funding request

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 1, with Supervisor Cruey against and Supervisor Gillespie absent for the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Eastern District fund to the GHS Honors Banquet.

Chamber of Commerce Octobrewfest funding request

Keisha Cole, Director of the Chamber of Commerce shared details of the upcoming OctobrewFest. The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 2024 meeting.

Chamber of Commerce annual banquet

Chamber of Commerce Director, Keisha Cole, gave details regarding the annual banquet. No action was taken on this matter.

CVCA (Curt Gillespie Memorial Garden) funding request

Mr. Hrovatic mentioned that a new hanger is being built at the Tazewell County Airport and suggested that the hanger be named for Mr. Gillespie, Mr. McReynolds and Mr. Pruitt.

Supervisor Gillespie mentioned for the record that he is no relation to Curt Gillespie.

Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

No action was taken on this matter.

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Appointments

Library Board

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 reappoints Connie Bailey Kitts to serve on the Library Board.

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 reappoints Patsy Murphy to serve on the Library Board.

The Chairman directed that the remaining appointments to the Library Board be deferred to the May 7, 2024 meeting.

Fire/Rescue Board

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 appoints Jim Talbert to the Tazewell County Fire/Rescue Board.

New River Highlands RC&D Council

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

Equalization Board (Northern District appointment and resignation of Jerry Altizer)

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Caleb Cruey to serve on the Board of Equalization.

SWCC local board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

DSS (replace Maggie Asbury)

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 appoints Sheena McGlothlin to serve on the DSS Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Heather Riley to serve on the DSS Board.

IDA (Marco Warner resignation)

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

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SRRA (Rick Wood)

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley expressed interest in having a program to benefit TCCTC students that choose to go directly into the workforce following high school graduation rather than attending college.

Mr. Young described a program wherein a TCCTC graduate would receive a voucher to present to a prospective employer, which would allow the employer to receive a discount on M&T tax in return for hiring the student.

Supervisor Plaster

RHS Wrestling building

At Supervirsor Plaster's request, the Chairman directed that this matter be removed from consideration and taken up at a later time.

Raven Elementary property

Upon motion of Supervisor Palster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves use of the Raven Elementary outside field for practice use in exchange for mowing that property.

Jewell Ridge fireworks

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation to the Jewell Ridge Fire Department in the amount of \$4,000.00 from Northwestern District funds for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the July 4th celebration.

Supervisor Cruev

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 approves a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Bandy Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchase an AED for the department.

Supervisor Gillespie

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 directs the County Attorney to draft a letter to AEP in objection to the most recent rate increase and to authorize the Chairman and/or County Attorney to execute the same.

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Supervisor Hrovatic

None

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 9:38 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, 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:

Second Executive/Closed Meeting — Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711

- ► 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

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 10:53 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Chairman Gillespie read the following certification:

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following vote hereby recorded.

The Chair called for a roll call Vote on the Certification:

Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0) Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0) Report of Action: Three (3)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to eliminate the assistant mechanic position at the county garage, effective July 1, 2024.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to eliminate the part time tourism position at the Visitor Center in Bluefield, effective July 1, 2024.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to eliminate the administrative assistant to the Board of Equalization position.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

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 adjourns until May 7, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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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 May 7, 2024 Meeting

Source	Dept	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
CMCS	TCSO	243232	31020-1150	\$1525.37	CITAC reimbursement
Bedford County, Virginia	TCSO	9078053	31020-5510	\$ 614.30	Reimbursement
VaCorp	TCSO	594706	31020-6009	\$ 500.00	2017 Charger repair
Carilion	TCSO	685206	32040-5510-1	\$1750.00	LE-EMT grant
Donation	TCSO	Cash	035600-8109-15	\$ 565.00	Project Lifesaver
Joyce Johnston	TCPL		7301-3099	\$ 50.00	Donation
Taz Co Farm Bureau	TCPL		7301-3099	\$ 150.00	Donation
VaCorp	Bishop VFD	595148	32010-8109	\$8075.00	Accident repair
Library of Virginia	TCCC	EDI 9656	4-100-21060-6021	\$27247.00	LVA records
DCJS	TCSO	EDI 33425	31020-1150	\$4407.00	Reimbursement

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING Graham High School 2023 Cheerleading Team

WHEREAS, the Graham High School 2023 Cheerleading Team was made up of:

Seniors: Allyson Austin, Francesca Edwards

Juniors: Brooke Blevins, Danaylla Coleman, Ella Dales, Leah Sluss and Reagan Tolley

Sophomores: Isabella Hernandez, Aubrey Marrs, Sophia Robinson, Sophie Scarberry, Adysen Smith

and Cydney Spurgeon

Freshman: Hayleigh Fitzpatrick, Annie Goldsworthy and Joselyn Pruitt;

WHEREAS, the team participated in four regular-season cheer invitationals, winning one 3rd place, one 2nd place and two 1st place finishes and advanced to the regional championship and placed 2nd, earning a bid to the state competition in Richmond, Virginia, where they brought home the Class II Competition Cheer State Championship.

WHEREAS, the following team members were selected to all-region teams:

1st team All-Region: Danaylla Coleman, Ella Dales, Francesca Edwards, Leah Sluss and Reagan Tolley

2nd team All-Region: Sophie Scarberry, Aubrey Marrs, Cydney Spurgeon and Isabella Hernandez

WHEREAS, several team members and coaches were chosen for the all-state teams:

State Coach of the Year: Andrea Mitchem State Cheerleader of the Year: Ella Dales 1st team All-State: Ella Dales, Reagan Tolley 2nd Team All-State: Danaylla Coleman

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell wishes to recognize the Graham High School 2023 Cheerleading Team for their hard work and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Graham High School 2023 Cheerleading Team for their accomplishments.

Presented this the 7th day of May 2024.

Andy Hrovatic, Chairman	C. Eric Young, County Administrator

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING EMILY HINKLE

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle is the is the owner and director of Tazewell Dance Center;

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle had a love of dance from an early age and began her dance career Tazewell with Bluefield Dance Theatre, then moved to the main studio in Bluefield and danced under the instruction of Randy Lamb for fourteen years; she was a member of the award-winning Bluefield Dance Theatre competition team for 11 years, was a Youth Dance Ambassador for Dance Troupe, Inc. for seven years and was the first student at Bluefield Dance Theatre to earn four Ballet Gold Cups;

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle is a 2010 graduate of Tazewell High School where she was a Bulldog Cheerleader, a member of the Forensics Team, One Act Team and Green T Choir. In 2009, she spent the summer in Australia as a Rotary Exchange Student and was able to dance with her exchange sister's studio;

WHEREAS, in 2010 Emily Hinkle represented all local dancers as the lone dance performer for Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts at SWCC. She graduated from SWCC in 2012 with an Associates of Arts and Sciences degree in Education;

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle received her Bachelor of Arts in Dance from Radford University in 2014. There, she studied under Margaret Devaney, Danah Bella, Inessa Plekhanova, Deborah McLaughlin, Amy VanKirk, and Aleksey Plekhanov. She performed in the 2012 Nutcracker Suite, 2013 Fall Dance Fest, 2014 Student Choreography Showcase, Breath of Life Benefit Performance, and Paradigm Shift: An Evening of Women's Work;

WHEREAS, after graduation from Radford University, Emily Hinkle taught at Attitude Arts Academy for five years, where she was the instructor and the competition program director and choreographer;

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle won the 2019-2020 national dance title of Young Adult Miss Ultimate Starz and was crowned 2023-2024 Adult Miss Ultimate Starz during the national competition;

WHEREAS, Emily Hinkle teaches 8th grade Physical Science at Tazewell Middle School.

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell wishes to recognize Emily Hinkle for her hard work and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commends her distinguished accomplishments.

Presented this the 7th day of May 2024.

Andy Hrovatic, Chairman	C. Eric Young, County Administrat	tor

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING KENDRA VANCE

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance began dancing at age five at Bluefield Dance Theatre under the instruction of Randy Lamb.

WHEREAS, Kendra was a member of Attitude Arts Academy's first competition team and now competes with the award-winning Tazewell Dance Center Competition Dance Team;

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance graduated from Riverview High School in 2017, participating in theatre, band, choir and was captain of the auxiliary team. She also attended a West Virginia University dance intensive;

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance attended Concord University and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Psychology. As a student there, she was a member of the Concord Dance and Cheer Team;

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance joined the staff of Tazewell Dance Center in 2021.

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance won the title Young Adult Miss Ultimate Starz 2023-2024 during the national competition;

WHEREAS, Kendra Vance Kendra is a teaches 10th grade English, 12th Grade English and Theatre at Tazewell High School;

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell wishes to recognize Kendra Vance for her hard work and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commends her distinguished accomplishments.

Presented this the 7th day of May 2024.

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING Jerry McReynolds

WHEREAS, Jerry McReynolds, upon graduation from Tazewell High School in 1958, enlisted in the Army, spending a tour of duty in Korea and attending Officers Candidate School in 1964. Thereafter, he began flight training in 1968 and was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970.

WHEREAS, Jerry McReynolds was an exceptional pilot, flying "Hueys", Blackhawks and his favorite, the Chinook. While he was Commander of his battalion, they set records for achievement that still stand today. He attended Embry Riddle from 1972 – 1974, receiving his Bachelor Degree in Aviation Management. Jerry retired from the Army at the rank of Major.

WHEREAS, Jerry McReynolds is an active member of the American Legion Post 0133 and VFW Post 7136 and multiple community and civic organizations. Jerry was also responsible for establishing a scholarship for graduating THS seniors related to graduates of the Class of 1958.

WHEREAS, Jerry McReynolds took the reins as manager of Tazewell County Airport in 2010 at a time it was struggling from a financial and operational aspect and has been instrumental in making many projects happen at the airport, such as the addition of a corporate hanger (which was financed by the airport and with donations), the paving of a parking area at a significant savings and improvements and upgrades to the interior of the airport vacility;

WHEREAS, Jerry McReynolds could frequently be seen at the airport with a mower, weed eater, chainsaw or vacuum or tending the landscaping of the grounds, but even with all his chores and duties, he always took time to greet everyone who visited the facility. Jerry's actions, deeds and life reflect his love of God, family, community and country;

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell wishes to recognize Jerry McReynolds for his hard work and dedication to the Tazewell County Airport;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commends his leadership and recognizes his distinguished accomplishments and expresses Tazewell County's gratitude for his excellent management of the Tazewell County Airport.

Presented this the 7th day of May 2024.

Aaron Gillespie, Vice Chair
Shanna Plaster, Member
Chuck Presley, Member
Kyle Cruey, Member

Andy Hrovatic, Chairman	C. Eric Young, County Administrator

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CASSIE OGLE

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle is the Technical Services Librarian for the Tazewell County Public Library, beginning her employment there in 2013;

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle led the migration of the library's telephone system by installing new VOIP phones and porting numbers at each branch location;

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle has spearheaded several major projects recently. First, she oversaw the addition of Smyth County Public Library to the Holston Associated Libraries consortium and migrated an entire public library system's data into the Tazewell County database;

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle transitioned the nonfiction from DDC (Dewey Decimal Classification) to a bookstore-based model, taking the entire adult nonfiction collection at the Bluefield Branch and processing them physically and in the ILS to reflect the new organizational system;

WHEREAS Cassie Ogle also serves as the point person with the public school system, making sure that every student in our public school is issued a digital library card;

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle Since becoming Technical Services Librarian in 2019, Cassie has streamlined the Technical Services Department. Cassie's technical abilities have resulted in greater services for patrons and staff alike;

WHEREAS, Cassie Ogle earned her MLIS in 2020, while working full time at the Tazewell County Public Library.

WHEREAS, the County of Tazewell wishes to recognize Cassie Ogle for her hard work and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby commends her distinguished accomplishments.

Presented this the 7th day of May 2024.

Andy Hrovatic, Chairman	C. Eric Young, County Administrator

Older Americans Month 2024

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Tazewell County older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

Whereas, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

Whereas, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

Whereas, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

Whereas, Tazewell County must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

We call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Dated this	day of	, 2024
Tazewell Count	ty Board of Supe	ervisors
	,	Chairperson



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing on May 4, 2024 at ______PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2029/30 in Tazewell County and on the Construction Priority List for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be obtained at the Lebanon Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 1067 Fincastle Road, Lebanon, VA 24266. The plans will be placed in a public convenience literature box in the front parking lot near the handicapped parking space. Copies may also be reviewed at the Tazewell County Circuit Court's bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, and the office of the County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

All projects in the *Secondary Six-Year Plan* that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Secondary Six-Year Plan* and/or *Construction Priority List*. 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 Virginia Department of Transportation by telephone at (276) 889-7601 or 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 *Resolution* is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court's bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at <u>135 Court Street, Tazewell, VA 24651</u>. A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is also on file in the office of the County Administrator, located at <u>197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651</u>.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mon-Fri, 8 AM-5 PM
Virginia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 127
Lebanon, VA 24266
(276) 889-7601

NOTE: ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MAY 7, 2024.

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

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, IN THE TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, ON THE <u>5TH</u> DAY OF <u>MARCH</u>, 2024, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, UPON A MOTION AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: <u>24-009</u> Date: <u>May 7, 2024</u>

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR PLAN (2024/25 THROUGH 2029/30) AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2024/25) FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation (hereafter, "VDOT") in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan (hereafter, "the Plan");

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "the Board") has previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with VDOT policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2024/25 through 2029/30) in addition to the Construction Priority List (2024/25) (hereafter, "Priority List") on May 7, 2024, after being duly advertised so that all citizens of Tazewell County, Virginia had the opportunity to participate in said public hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List, and

WHEREAS, Lebanon Residecncy representatives of VDOT appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads FY 2025 through FY 2030 and the Construction Priority List (2024/25) for Tazewell County, Virginia;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Board that since said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Tazewell County, Virginia, and of the citizens residing on said Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2024/25 through 2029/30) and Construction Priority List (2024/25) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

It is so **RESOLVED** this <u>7th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2024.

rvisors	C. Eric Young Tazewell County Administrator		
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Resolution No.:

24-008

Date: May 7, 2024

RESOLUTION FOR RURAL RUSTIC ROAD DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a *Rural Rustic Road*:

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than one thousand, five hundred (1,500) vehicles per day;

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "the Board") desires to consider whether the following routes, should be designated Rural Rustic Roads:

- Virginia Secondary Route 721 (Terri Road)
 - o From Virginia Secondary Route 722 to 0.50 miles south of Virginia Secondary Route 722 [Length: one-half mile (0.50 miles)].

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road;

WHEREAS, the public has been made aware that this road is to be paved with minimal improvements;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be designated as Rural Rustic Road due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's six (6)-year plan for improvements to the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the road named herein and shown on the attached sketch as a Rural Rustic Road, pursuant to Section 33.2-332 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and requests that the Local Manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation (hereafter, "VDOT") concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along this road in its current state.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this *Resolution* to the Resident Engineer for VDOT.

It is so **RESOLVED** this <u>7th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2024.

ATTEST:

K. Andy Hrovatic Chairman – Board of Supe	envisors	C. Eric You	ung County Administrator	
RECORDED VOTE:	1113010	102000110	rounty / terminotrates	
MEMBERS PRESENT: MEMBERS ABSENT: AYES: NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:				_ _ _



CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health, Intellectual Disability, and Substance Abuse Services
Mary F. Cole, LCSW, Executive Director

April 25, 2024

Mr. Eric Young County Administrator Tazewell County Board of Supervisors 197 Main Street Tazewell, VA 24651

Dear Mr. Young:

Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board (CMCSB) would like to request your approval to become its own fiscal agent. CMCSB serves the counties of Buchanan, Russell, and Tazewell. Currently Russell County is the fiscal agent for CMCSB. Basically, Russell County is a pass-thru entity for state and federal funds that are designated for CMCSB. Funds are deposited into a Russell County checking account and after their Board approval the funds are then sent to us. This relationship was established when CMCSB was formed in 1972 and has worked well for this agency until the last two years.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) under an agreement with the Department of Justice began requiring all CSB's across the state to submit reimbursement requests for all federal funding. Previously federal funds were sent to Russell County twice a month by warrant and the funds were then disbursed to us. Under the reimbursement process we have until the 20th of each month to submit requests to DBHDS and then they have until the 15th of the following month to submit reimbursement. Funds are then submitted to Russell County and depending on the timing of their monthly board meeting funds are then submitted to us thru the mail by check. Under the best circumstances we would receive payment for a reimbursement request two months after the end of the billing period.

We are not able to close our books by the 20th of the following month and, therefore, are not able to meet the 20th of the month deadline for submitting the reimbursement request for all federal funds and the DBHDS has not been able to timely review the submissions and issue payments. This has resulted in delays in receiving reimbursements. The majority of the time we do not receive payment until three to four months after the end of the billing period. This has caused cash flow issues and recordkeeping issues in our reporting to DBHDS. The new process has also caused difficulties with Russell County as the payments from DBHDS do not designate the payee for each amount. We typically send emails to the Russell County Treasurer showing each month's billing so they can identify the payments that need to come to us.

Per the Code of Virginia §37.2-504 (A)(17) regarding the power and authorities of CSB Operating Boards the code states that, "In the case of an operating board, have authority, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, to receive state and federal funds directly from the Department and act as its own fiscal agent, when authorized to do so by the governing body of each city or county that established it."

Based on the issues stated above and the Code of Virginia requirement, we respectfully request that your board approve our request to be our own fiscal agent. If approved, please send copies of the minutes from the board meeting to Jackie L. Hubbard, CFO at jhubbard@cmcsb.com.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Cole

Executive Director, CMCSB

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: <u>Tazewell County Chamber of</u> 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 per 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.

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*** 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				

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 01-01-2024 12-31-2027

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 01-01-2024 12-31-2027

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 PO Box 818 Richlands, VA 24641 (reappointed 6-4-2019) 07-01-2023 06-30-2026

Michael Hymes

(Resigned)

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 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 01-01-2023 12-31-2023

2024 Board of Equalization

Caleb Cruey 115 McGuire Valley Rd. Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 276-971-1021

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

Eric Whitesell 5254 Thompson Valley Rd. Tazewell, VA 24651 ewhitesell@ghartlaw.com

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

Alternate 1

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

Alternate 2

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

<u>azewellcounty.org</u>> 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
276-964-7572 O
423-715-3938 M
sw.edu



INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)

(Four (4) Year Term)

Marco Warner	07-01-2021	06-30-2024
2343 Front St.		
Richlands, VA 24641		
276-971-5715		
mwarner@trustpointins.com		
(filled unexpired term of Seth White)		
Kyle Hurt	07-01-2021	06-30-2025
349 Brandon Drive		
Bluefield, VA 24605		
276- 322-4695		
kyleh@mefcor.com		
(Oath taken 06-28-2017)		
(Oath taken 07/14/2021)		
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Melanie Protti-Lawrence	07-01-2023	06-30-2027
302 Marcus Drive		
Bluefield, VA 24605		
276-245-5515		
melaniepl@lbiweb.com		
(Fills the expired term of James Curtis Gillespie)		
(Oath taken 7-18-2019)		
Darrell Addison	07-01-2022	06-30-2026
502 Lakepark Drive	07-01-2022	00-30-2020
Richlands, VA 24641		
276-964-4195		
(Appt. 8-3-10)		
(Oath taken 07-18-2019)		
darrell24641@hotmail.com		
darrenz4041@notman.com		
Mack Payne	07-01-2023	06-30-2027
1565 Fincastle Tpke.		
Tazewell, VA 24651		
276-971-3119		
roger237@verizon.net		
(Fills the expired term and resignation of Monte Rife)		
(Oath taken 07-02-2019)		
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Curtis W. Breeding 07-01-2020 06-30-2024

07-01-2020 06-30-2024

PO Box 494 Richlands, VA 24641

276-971-7416

(Reappointed 06-02-20)

(Oath taken 07-15-2019)

curtisbreeding50@yahoo.com

Regina Sayers

3213 Baptist Valley Rd.

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

rsayers56@gmail.com

276-971-7131

Filled Ann Robinson resignation 6/21/2023

LIAISON - FARM BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE

Rick Snapp 7976 Burkes Garden Road Tazewell, VA 24651 276-970-1136 Snappdairy04@gmail.com

(Appointed 4-3-2018)

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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 Doss

Carol W. Doss, Ed.D. Executive Director









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

SOCIAL 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

Heather Riley 01-01-2022 01-31-2025

249 Alpaca Lane Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

(filled Dwayne Sturgill 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