

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 27, 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 (arrived at 4:10pm)
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHASE D. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUSAN JEWELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS: JIM TALBERT, RICHLANDS NEWS & PRESS

ABSENT:

MINUTES

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

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.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Plaster absent and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors approved the June 27, 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 Presley, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Plaster absent and all other voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the June 4, 2024 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley seconded by Supervisor Cruvey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with Supervisor Plaster absent for the vote, 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.

1. 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. 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. Consider ratifying poll to increase Cavitts Creek cabins rentals (\$100 Fri/Sat w/ no minimum stay) and \$75 (Sun-Thurs)
- D. Consider ratifying poll to transfer \$38,538.00 from Utilities line item to Buildings/Grounds to purchase mower for Cavitts Creek Park
- E. Consider ratifying poll to apply unused ARPA funds of \$30,000.00 to match flood study grant for stream obstruction assessment
- F. Consider ratifying poll to donate \$3000.00 from Northwestern District fund to Town of Richlands for Freedom Festival fireworks
- G. Consider ratifying poll to donate \$2500.00 from Eastern District funds for ROW brush removal on Fincastle Farms Road

**Consent Calendar Items
June 27, 2024 Meeting
REVISED**

Source	Dept	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
Contingent Grant Acct			013010-1111 13010-5420 13010-6001	\$31,701.00	Reimbursement for primary
VDEM			035600-1130 (Compensation) 035600-2100 (FICA)	\$58,750.00	Staff Recognition Grant

County Administrator, Eric Young, asked that the VDEM matter on the Consent Calendar be held out pending further details of the Staff Recognition Grant. He asked for time to look into it further.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Plaster absent and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby removes from the calendar the “Staff Recognition Grant” until further details are provided later in this meeting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Gilesie and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Plaster absent and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Library

Mr. Dunford announced that work on the library wall has begun.

Maintenance at Landfill

Mr. Dunford announced that two monitoring wells are required at the landfill to check the groundwater and Bedford Drilling was the low bidder for that job at \$114,140.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Plaster absent and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Bedford Drilling the low bidder for the purpose of drilling monitoring wells at the landfill.

(Supervisor Plaster arrived at the meeting at 4:10pm)

Smart Scale Resolution

The Chair directed that this matter be brought up later in this meeting.

Road paving

Supervisor Hrovatic inquired as to the status of road paving. Mr. Dunford advised the contracts have been awarded but isn't aware if paving has begun.

New cell construction

Supervisor Hrovatic asked if the new cell construction is on target. Mr. Dunford advised construction is going smoothly, thanks to recent good weather.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 passes a resolution for Greg DeGray regarding his service on the Tazewell County PSA. A copy of the resolution is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 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 presents a resolution to Kevin Murray and Nelson Blankenship and authorizes Supervisor Gillespie to present the resolutions to each of them at a later date and time. A copy of each resolution is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:15 pm

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, the Board enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.

The Chair asked, before entering executive session if the Board intended to invite persons into executive session.

Upon amended 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, 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 Rt. 16 billboards
- ▶ A(29) Contact Negotiations with Republic regarding change order request number three for landfill construction.
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Capital Waste Services regarding landfill management agreement
- ▶ A(5) Discussion regarding Project CSI II incentives
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding Springville Fire Station design
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Pocahontas Land Company regarding ATV trail easements

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 5:50 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: Four (4)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Billboard

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and Supervisor Cruey abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an application to the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission in the amount of \$65,709.00 for the purpose of erecting a billboard on Virginia State Route 16.

Negotiations with Republic regarding Change Order #3

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof except Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to authorize the diversion of solid waste from the Wythe/Bland Joint Public Service Authority to the Pulaski County landfill, if necessary, from today's date until August 6, 2024.

Mr. Young explained to the public that the cell construction at the landfill has been met with several delays and this is in place as a backup plan.

Negotiations with Republic regarding Change Order #3 A(29)

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof except no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Change Order #3 of the landfill construction project in the amount of \$81,450.27.

Project CSI II A(5)

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 an amendment to the term of the Board of Supervisors' offer to Consolidated Steel of five (5) years of real and personal property tax rebate on the increased assessed value to the County, as compared to Consolidated Steel's 2023 assessment, from five (5) years (100% rebate in Year 1, 80% rebate in Year 2, 60% rebate in Year 3, 40% rebate in Year 4 and 20% rebate in Year 5 respectively); to ten years of real and personal property tax rebate on the increased investment value at 100% rebate in Year 1, 90% rebate in Year 2 and decreasing by 10% each subsequent year until a 10% rebate in Year 10. This incentive is contingent upon timely filed property tax returns by Consolidated Steel with the Tazewell County Commissioner of the Revenue, including its 2023 property tax return.

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 suspends Roberts Rules of Order so that they might move about the agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Smart Scale resolution

Mr. Dunford explained that this is a VDOT project for road shoulder improvement using VDOT funds rather than County funds.

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 approves an application for the Smart Scale project road shoulder improvement in the Pounding Mill area.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Fair Association donation of \$2,500.00

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies an earlier poll to donate \$2,500.00 to the Fair Association for the OTR derby.

Tazewell County Fair funding

The County Administrator asked that this matter be addressed later in this meeting. In the event anyone on behalf of the Fair Association arrived.

Flood Study Grants

Mr. Young announced that some remaining emergency management funds will be used to pay for the debris removal study for streams and reminded everyone that Supervisor Plaster covered the Bottom Road study from her district funds at the earlier June 2024 meeting. He also shared that the Town of Bluefield has agreed to pay one-half of the cost of that flood study, leaving \$12,912.00 yet to be covered for the Town of Bluefield study.

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 donation in the amount of \$12,912.00 from Eastern district funds to cover the remainder of the Town of Bluefield flood study.

Mr. Young stated that funding for the Richlands Elementary School flood remediation study will be addressed later in the meeting.

Opioid Committee update

Mr. Young announced that the Opioid Committee postponed their June meeting and will be back on schedule with the July meeting.

Consider approving AEP agreement for Cavitts Creek bath house

Mr. Young explained that, after having spoken to several AEP representatives, he was informed that the sum of \$10,792.09 is required before AEP will set the necessary poles at the Cavitts Creek bath house.

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 amount of \$10,792.09 Building/Grounds account to pay the AEP agreement for the Cavitts Creek bath house completion.

Consider imposing burn ban

Following discussion with Barry Brooks, Fire/EMS director, the County Administrator announced that no burn ban will be recommended at this time. Mr. Young also stated that water levels are extremely low and relayed that the PSA asks that everyone be conservative in their water usage.

Other

Mr. Young addressed the VDEM Staff Recognition Grant and explained that this was a state grant that paid bonuses to both full time and part time 911 employees.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruet abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the VDEM grant in the amount of \$58,750.00 for the purpose of staff recognition.

The County Administrator gave an update on the DSS HVAC repair, stating that two units are now back online and Trane continues to work on the issues as new units arrive.

According to Mr. Young, the Richlands Little League has agreed to mow the Raven Elementary property in exchange for being permitted to use the ball field, saving the County approximately \$6,000.00 on the FY25 mowing contract.

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 allowing the Richlands Little League to use the field at the old Raven Elementary School in exchange for mowing the property.

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 \$500.00 from the Buildings/Grounds budget to the Richlands Little League for the purchase of a portable restroom to be used at the old Raven Elementary School ball field.

Mr. Young approached the Board regarding closing County offices on July 5, 2024 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruet, 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 that County office be closed on July 5, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

Appointments

Fire/Rescue Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the August 6, 2024 meeting.

New River Highlands RC&D Council

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

Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

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

RDA

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 BJ (Billie) Roberts to serve on the RDA.

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 reappoints Daniel Ingram to serve on the RDA.

Tazewell Community Health Systems Advisory Board

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 appoints Aaron Gillespie to serve on the Tazewell Community Health Systems Advisory Board.

Tourism

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the August 6, 2024 meeting.

Bristol District Regional Transportation Improvement Commission

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 reappoints Eric Young to serve on the Bristol District Regional Transportation Improvement Commission.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Gillespie

None

Supervisor Plaster

None

Supervisor Cruey

Supervisor Cruey asked the County Attorney for an update on the speed reduction ordinance, which would lower speeds on roads with a 25mph to 15mph. Mr. Collins advised he has not been able to make contact with the VDOT representative. Mr. Collins asked each supervisor to supply a list of suggested roads in their respective district.

The County Administrator recommended a public hearing be held on the matter.

Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley asked to defer the Sanders House request until the August 6, 2024 meeting.

Supervisor Presley suggested having trees/brush cut each season as needed in areas that present a visual problem for roads. Mr. Young recommended a budget per district for road repair. Mr. Presley asked that Mr. Young make a more specific proposal at the August meeting.

Supervisor Hrovatic

None

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Young began his presentation by thanking Ms. Matney and Ms. Mullins for their tenacity in working on the budget numbers. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Young explained that the budget advertised in May 2024 morphs as the year progresses and changes are necessary based upon natural occurrences such as payroll fluctuations and paying bills. He demonstrated these changes in the visual aids he used in his presentation. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. Those recommendations were listed in the presentation.

In his presentation, Mr. Young advised the Board that the County finished FY24 with roughly \$6.9m. He reminded them that the advertised budget assumed the number would be \$4m and that part of the difference was the school board returning \$1.7m; thus, the Board needed to amend the budget to allocated an additional \$2.9m. He revisited how staff and the Budget Committee recommended allocating the additional funds.

The Chairman noted the time and returned to the agenda order for Scheduled Citizen Comments

CITIZENS COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

Paul Smith, Woodall Street, Tazewell, Virginia spoke regarding damage to Woodall Street which was done during the installation of water lines by PSA and asked the Board for assistance in repairing the street. Supervisor Gillespie and Mr. Young advised they will speak with the director of the PSA and try to reach a resolution for the residents of Woodall Street near Tazewell.

Dale Keen, Woodall Street, Tazewell, Virginia spoke about the condition of the pavement on Woodall Street and also inquired about internet services. Supervisor Gillespie offered to get updated information from Cumberland Plateau and contact Mr. Keen.

Phillip Robinson, Woodall Street, Tazewell, Virginia chose not to speak

Ginger Cates, Pocahontas, Virginia spoke on behalf of Historic Pocahontas, Inc. regarding the Board declining to fund HPI, Inc. in the upcoming budget year.

7:25 pm - Recess

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to pause the meeting for a brief recess.

7:35 pm - Return

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

Robert Carlson, North Tazewell, Virginia, spoke regarding solar panels in Tazewell County.

James Wade, Wardell, Virginia, spoke regarding the amount of Virginia Lottery money received by TCPS in 2023 and shared his thoughts about the financial situation with TCPS.

BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Budget Presentation – Eric Young (continued)

County Administrator, Eric Young spoke regarding the TCPS carryover money, explaining that TCPS presents their budget request to the County each year. An audit performed in late 2023 and presented in April 2024 revealed that TCPS had failed to disclose \$5.3m that was due to them in 2021, 2022 and 2023, but collected in September 2023. At the auditor’s urging, TCPS has since reported all such monies in their budget request and presented a revised budget request, which now estimates that TCPS will close their fiscal year with approximately \$9m more than they first disclosed. TCPS submitted a list of projects they are contractually committed to engage in as well as a “wish-list” of projects they are not yet contractually committed to.

Mr. Young recommended that all TCPS unencumbered projects with a price tag of \$200,000.00 or more (\$5.491m total) be taken from TCPS budget to give them a buffer for encumbered projects that come in over budget. He said the money would be sequestered in a “school facilities fund” under the Board of Supervisors control and once those projects are under bid, TCPS can request the money from that fund. He also recommended that TCPS be required to demonstrate the outcome of completed projects.

Mr. Young also suggested that \$300,000.00 earmarked in the TCPS budget request for an engineering study for a new school be sequestered and another \$50,000.00 to use as the match the Richlands Elementary School flood mitigation grant project, bringing the total sequestered to \$5.841m to be removed from TCPS capital improvement category in the TCPS budget.

TAZEWELL COUNTY BUDGET FY24-25

Budget Committee Update

The Committee thanked staff for their efforts in putting together the budget.

Consideration of ordinance reducing personal property assessment ratio

Mr. Young advised that because the budget included \$1m in tax relief through the PPTRA fund, the ratio cut was not necessary. No action was taken.

Presentation of staff proposed changes to the advertised budget

Mr. Young asked that the Board remove \$5,841,000.00 from the TCPS Budget Capital Improvement category and transfer that amount to a “school facilities fund” under the control of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Cruey requested to use \$1m of those funds in contingency for law enforcement, fire and EMS. Supervisor Gillespie stated that the funds must be used by TCPS for the purposes that were advertised and represented to the BOS. The County Attorney advised that any motion made to segregate the funds to benefit TCSO be made by someone other than Supervisor Cruey. No such motion was made.

James Wade asked what will happen to the “school facilities fund” money if TCPS fails to use it. Mr. Young advised it would roll back into the County budget at the end of FY25.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 an amendment to the proposed county budget to sequester \$5.841m from the TCPS Capital Improvement category and transfer that amount to a “school facilities fund” under the control of the Board of Supervisors.

Consideration of approving staff recommended amendments to the FY24-25 proposed budget

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 staff recommended amendments to the FY24-25 advertised budget. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Board requested changes to proposed FY2025 budget

There were none.

Consideration of approving tax levies for calendar year 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 approves the tax levies for the calendar year 2024.

Consideration of adopting an “Ordinance approving the FY24-25 Budget Ordinance, adopting local tax levies, and budget for the County of Tazewell, Virginia for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, to be effective on July 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. as hereby amended.”

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley 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 adopts an ordinance approving the FY24-25 Budget Ordinance, as amended, adopting local tax levies, and budget for the County of Tazewell, Virginia for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, to be effective on July 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m.

Consideration of approving an annual appropriation for the operation of all General County Agency budgets, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 at 12:01 a.m.

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 an annual appropriation for the operation of all General County Agency budgets, for fiscal year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 at 12:01 a.m.

Consideration of approving budget transfers/appropriations as may be necessary from surplus accounts, etc. to close all such accounts for the fiscal year, FY24-25

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 budget transfers/appropriations as may be necessary from surplus accounts, etc. to close all such accounts for the fiscal year, FY24-25.

Consideration of approving categorical funding for Tazewell County School Budget FY24-25

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruvey 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 categorical funding for Tazewell County School Budget FY24-25, as advertised with the exception of \$5.841m to be removed from the TCPS Capital Improvements category and placed in the School Facilities Fund as previously amended.

Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update

Tazewell County Fair funding

No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 8:30 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruvey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Board invites all persons necessary to conduct business in this session and enters into an Executive/Closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711:

Second Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (if necessary)

- ▶ A(1) Personnel – County Administrator annual evaluation
- ▶ A(1) Personnel – County Attorney annual evaluation
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in Finance Department
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in Operations

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 10:00 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: Three (3)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a salary increase of five percent (5%) for the County Administrator.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a salary increase of ten percent (10%) for the Tazewell County Director of Finance.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a salary increase of five percent (5%) for the Tazewell County Director of Operations.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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 Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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Andy Hrovatic, Chairman