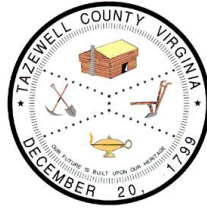


# TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING



**November 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](tel:425-436-6388), and entering "836650" as the access code when prompted.

Time	Subject	Pg
4:00 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Pledge and Invocation</li> <li>3. Welcome</li> <li>4. Consideration of approving the agenda format (additions/deletions)</li> <li>5. Approval of meeting minutes from September 10, 2024</li> </ol>	4
4:10 pm	<p><b>6. Consent Calendar</b>  <i>(All items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters. The following items may be enacted by one motion, with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, a member may request that an item be removed for further discussion)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approval of Warrants</li> <li>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.</li> <li>C. Ratify poll to designate October 6, 2024 as Fort Maiden Spring National Society DAR Day by resolution</li> <li>D. Ratify poll for \$50k for landfill</li> <li>E. Consider bond reimbursement from Engineering to Four Seasons Self Storage in the amount of \$2033.78</li> </ol>	
4:15 pm	<p><b>7. Department Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Kenneth Dunford – Engineering Report</li> <li>▶ Jim Accurso – SBA Disaster Assistance</li> </ul>	
4:45 pm	<p><b>8. Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A( 3) Property acquisition near Tazewell</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Appalachian Regional Commission regarding \$1m grant for project Jonah</li> <li>▶ A( 5) Project FIND</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A(29) Evaluation of qualifications for school facilities engineer</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA for Jonah Water Project</li> <li>▶ A(5) RNG</li> <li>▶ A(3) Property Acquisition in Burkes Garden Virginia</li> </ul>	
6:15 pm	<b>9. Return/Certification/Return of Action</b>	
6:20 pm	<b>10. Special Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Resolution – Carter Creasy</li> <li>▶ Warhawk Park presentation</li> </ul>	
-----	<b>11. Public Hearings</b> None	
6:30 pm	<b>12. Citizen Comments – Scheduled</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ David Belanger – animal ordinances</li> </ul>	
6:40 pm	<b>13. Citizen Comments – Unscheduled</b> (Two (2) minutes per speaker)	
6:45 pm	<b>14. Administrative/Financial/County Projects Update</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider extending State of Emergency until December 9, 2024</li> <li>2. Storm recovery update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Damage estimates</li> <li>b. Infrastructure damage estimates</li> <li>c. Budget amendment request</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Landfill update: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Construction Update</li> <li>b. Authorize County Administrator to request expedited review/inspection of landfill construction from DEQ</li> <li>c. Authorize County Administrator to request expedited review of permit modification to allow opening of a portion of new cell</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Diversion Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ratify poll approving deposit at Mercer County Landfill</li> <li>b. Ratify diversion of municipal solid waste to Mercer County Landfill effective October 7, 2024</li> <li>c. Ratify diversion of commercial solid waste from Tazewell County Landfill</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Consider ratifying poll to suspend building inspection requirements for AEP meter boxes installed in homes which lost power due to Hurricane Helene which were installed subsequent to October 5, 2024 and prior to January 1, 2025, pursuant the Board's October 1st, 2024 Emergency Declaration</li> <li>6. Consider holding a public meeting to discuss potential transportation issues on U.S.19/460 Corridor and holding a public hearing at the December 2024 meeting to consider public comments regarding transportation issues on U.S.19/460 Corridor</li> <li>7. Consider ratifying lease of public meeting room to FEMA</li> <li>8. Consider ratifying contracting AEP to re-establish electrical line to Morris Knob</li> </ol>	

	<p>9. Consider payment in lieu of taxes – CPPDC</p> <p>10. Discussion regarding Tazewell SROs</p> <p>11. Consider dissolving WSA</p> <p>12. Richmond legislative visit</p> <p>13. Request for additional drug court funding</p> <p>14. Consider comment to VaCo on proposed mobile drug treatment units</p> <p>15. Other</p> <p>16. Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fire/Rescue Board</li> <li>b. Tourism</li> <li>c. IDA</li> </ul>	15
7:15 pm	<p><b>15. <u>Board Concerns</u></b></p> <p><b>Supervisor Presley:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Sanders House</li> </ul> <p><b>Supervisor Plaster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶</li> </ul> <p><b>Supervisor Cruely:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶</li> </ul> <p><b>Supervisor Gillespie:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Legal representation regarding insulin litigation</li> </ul> <p><b>Supervisor Hrovatic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶</li> </ul>	
7:30 pm	<b>16. Second Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (if necessary)</b>	
8:30 pm	<b>17. Return/Certification/Report of Action (if necessary)</b>	
8:35 pm	<b>18. Other business as may properly come before the Board</b>	
8:45 pm	<p><b>19. Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.</p>	

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD OCTOBER 1, 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, RICHLANDS NEWS & PRESS;  
WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

ABSENT: None.

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## MINUTES

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

Supervisor Plaster 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.

Eric Young, County Administrator, noted that a revised agenda contains several additional items to be addressed in the meeting.

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 October 1, 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 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 minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Young asked that Item E and Item F be addressed separately from the other items in the Consent Calendar.

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 approves the items A through D 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.

Mr. Young explained that the amount of \$31,260.00 from the Law Library budget listed in Item E was for unbudgeted upgrades to the courtroom sound recording system rather than courtroom repairs and Item F refers to a policy regarding the inventory of assets of a certain value the county is required to list for the auditors.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote 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 Item E and Item F, listed in the Consent Calendar, being approval of \$31,260.00 in a previously unbudgeted expense for courtroom sound system and approval of a fixed asset threshold financial reporting policy as required by auditors.

### **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 contingency to Buildings and Grounds for repair of the steps, ramp, and landing behind the Courthouse
- D. Consider ratifying poll to spend \$3,400.00 from contingency for Boardroom microphones
- E. Consider approval of supplemental budget appropriation for Law Library for FY24 (courtroom repairs)
- F. Consider approval of financial reporting policy re: fixed asset threshold/lease threshold required by auditors

**Consent Calendar Items**  
**October 1, 2024 Meeting**  
**Revised**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Description</b>
CMCS	245062	31020-1150	\$2019.40	CITAC reimbursement
Natasha Hunt	5004	73010-1150	\$ 600.00	Library payroll reimbursement
Natasha Hunt	5303548081	73010-1150	\$1000.00	Library payroll reimbursement
Dominion Auto Auction	10123	31020-6009	\$2565.00	Sale of TCSO 2011 Ford Explorer
Tazewell Gen Dist Ct	13340	31020-6001	\$206.70	Restitution (Aleksyeyenko)
East River Auction	1161	31020-8105	\$14,000.00	Sale of TCSO backhoe
Clarence/Dorothy Sparks	1523	31020-5520	\$100.00	Donation to TCSO

***Engineering – Kenneth Dunford***

***Bland/Wythe contract***

The County Administrator asked for approval of up to \$5,000.00 to pay the difference in the month of August for diverting refuse to the Bland/Wythe solid waste to the Pulaski regional landfill. Mr. Young explained that the County had contracted to accept Bland/Wythe JPSA solid waste for a price less than Pulaski charges so contractually, the Board was obligated to pay the difference.

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 up to \$5,000.00 for the additional cost of diverting refuse to Bland/Wythe landfill.

***Vanhoosier Road***

Mr. Dunford stated that the CST approved funds for paving rather than patching Vanhoosier Road and asked for approval for up to \$7,900.00 to complete that job. The County Administrator stated that the CST Committee approved \$30,000.00 for that job, but estimates aren't in yet so anything over \$30,000.00 will need to be covered by the County.

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 up to \$30,000.00 from CST funds and an additional \$5,000.00, if necessary, from Southern District capital improvement funds for the expense of paving Vanhoosier Road in its entirety.

Mr. Dunford shared details regarding a drainage project on Tacoma Road for which the CST Committee approved up to \$28,000.00 and a drainage project on Ford Street for which they approve up to \$7,900.00.

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 up to \$28,000.00 from CST funds for a drainage project on Tacoma Road and up to \$7,900.00 for a drainage project on Ford Street.

### ***Library – Erica Galloway***

Ms. Galloway offered an update on the progress of cleanup following the completed library construction. She informed the Board that old, damaged carpet is being removed, new carpet installed and a general deep clean of the facility will prepare the library for reopening.

### ***Economic Development – Tim Danielson***

Economic Development Director, Tim Danielson and his assistant, Ashley Harris presented a summary of all economic development projects undertaken by that department, including information regarding the Enterprise Zone.

*Supervisor Gillespie briefly left the meeting at 4:27pm and returned at 4:33pm.*

### ***Emergency Management***

County Administrator, Eric Young described the county's emergency response to the recent crippling storm. He explained that reverse text messages were sent before and during the storm to all residents and briefings with fire departments were given in advance. He stated that approximately 400 calls for assistance calls came in a nine (9) hour span. He expressed his appreciation to those that responded to the emergency calls. He said while flooding was expected, the situation took a different turn and ultimately ended up being more of a wind storm, hindering cellular communication and causing electricity outages, internet outages and downed trees. He summarized that emergency shelters were opened to accommodate residents needing a place to stay and overwhelming power outages brought line crews from out of the area to come assist with restoration of service. He stated that the animal shelter lost power and though it was difficult to clean and care for the animals, none were in danger and were in good care at all times.

According to Mr. Young, assessment of damage will be the next phase, speaking to towns, conferring with the emergency agencies and see if the area will qualify for FEMA, followed by the after-action phase at which point we will meet with towns to see what went right/wrong. He suggested that the PSA invest in some generators for the pump stations to replace generators that are old.

Mr. Young described damage at the landfill. Mr. Young advised the Board that approximately one acre of liner for the new cell had been destroyed. He said this could delay completion by as much as four to six months. He reminded the Board that the current cell would be full by mid-November and asked the Board's authority to divert waste.

Mr. Young asked that the Board extend the local state of emergency until 7 November 2024.

### ***Landfill***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves extending the local state of emergency until 7 November 2024.

Mr. Young reminded the Board of a previous ordinance requiring commercial refuse companies to dispose of their waste within Tazewell County for revenue purposes and asked for a resolution temporarily suspending that ordinance on an emergency basis until 7 January 2025 allowing the County Administrator to divert waste from Tazewell County to other sites outside the county until that date or until Phase 5A is completed such that the landfill is able to accept solid waste. Mr. Young advised that convenience stations, then town refuse will most likely be diverted first, allowing the public to use the existing space at the landfill. He explained that the

construction contract required cell 5A to be completed before 4C was full. There is a penalty of \$2,500.00 per day for the first thirty (30) days and \$5,000.00 per day after that if the contractor does not finish on time. He stated he will look closer at the contract to determine whether or not there is any exception to the penalty based on an emergency/natural disaster situation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a resolution suspending a previous ordinance requiring commercial refuse companies to dispose of their waste within Tazewell County and also to permit the County Administrator to divert waste from Tazewell County to other sites outside the county until 7 January 2025 or until Phase 5A is complete or ready to accept refuse, whichever might occur first. A copy is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

Mr. Young also asked for \$100,000.00 to be transferred from contingency to emergency management to cover the expenses of generators, emergency shelters and other expenses associated with the recent storm.

Chairman Hrovatic commented that the County has been working toward the new landfill cell construction for quite some time despite frequent hurdles and that the current issues are certainly no fault of the engineering department nor the administration.

Mr. Young also mentioned that each time rain falls, leachate runoff develops at the landfill. The recent storm created an extraordinary amount of leachate and the tanks can't hold it and it had to be hauled elsewhere for a cost likely over \$279,000.00. He emphasized the need for an additional tank at a cost of \$1m.

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 transfer of \$100,000.00 from contingency to emergency management to cover the cost of generators, emergency shelter operation and other storm related expenses.

Supervisor Gillespie asked members of county EMS crews present to speak about their experiences working in the recent storm. One member spoke about the difficulty of communication, both within their own department and outside the department. Chief Cornwell said it was the most frightening day of his career as a firefighter



**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 5:18 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Cruey 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 and invites all persons necessary to conduct business in this session, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.

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| <p><b>Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A( 1) Personnel in Commissioner of Revenue’s office</li> <li>▶ A(29) Landfill construction change order request</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding PSA/Jonah water agreement</li> <li>▶ A( 5) Potential location of new business/expansion of existing business: Project Alpha</li> </ul> |
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**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION** – 6:42 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: Two (2)

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Personnel in Commissioner of Revenue’s office***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves increasing the salary of the Chief Deputy “Commissioner of the Revenue of Tazewell County by \$4,000.00 per year, effective October 1, 2024; approves increasing the salaries of the

remaining Deputy Commissioners of the Revenue of Tazewell County by \$3,000.00 each per year, effective 1 October 2024. These salary increases will be paid by eliminating one Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue position of Tazewell County position salaried at \$34,500.00.

***Contract negotiations regarding PSA/Jonah water agreement***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the “Resolution of Moral Obligation between the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the Tazewell County Public Service Authority in support of debt incurred for expenses pertaining to water and wastewater project construction for Pure Salmon, Virginia LLC”, subject to the terms and conditions therein. A copy is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

***Public hearing to amend boundaries for the Virginia Enterprise Zone – second hearing***

Mr. Collins explained the process and purpose of making amendments to the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Collins announced there was one written request to include a parcel in the Raven area identified as Map Number 104A5A 0004A, owned by B.H.&H Enterprises, Inc.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding a public hearing to establish the real property tax rate for 2024.

Now, 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 Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruely and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve amending the Enterprise Zone to include Map Number 104A5A 0004A. A copy of the amended ordinance and Enterprise Zone maps are available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED**

None.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruely and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve suspending Roberts Rules of Order to move about the agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

***Gas Line Feasibility Study Grant***

Mr. Young explained that the County has been awarded a DHCD grant for a gas line feasibility study for a natural gas line extending from Pounding Mill to SWCC in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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 approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$100,00.00 for a gas line feasibility study for a natural gas line extending from Pounding Mill to SWCC.

***Consider dissolving WSA***

Mr. Young requested that this matter be deferred to the November 7, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Collins announced that the WSA met and voted to dissolve the Authority and transfer all funds remaining in the banking account (approximately \$12,200.00) to the BOS so that the funds might be allocated appropriately.

***SWCC Scholarship appeals***

This matter will be addressed later in this meeting.

***Consider paving additional CST roads***

This update was given earlier in the meeting.

***Landfill update***

This update was given earlier in the meeting.

***Richmond Legislative visit (1/29/2025)***

Mr. Young advised that CPPDC and LENOWISCO have joined forces to sponsor a legislative visit in January 2025 at a cost of \$3,000.00 per county to attend, which doesn't include the cost of lodging/meals/travel. He stated that he will direct arrangements to be made to attend and decisions regarding who plans to attend can be made at a later date.

***Bandy flood relief update***

Mr. Young announced that several flood relief grant checks have been given to applicants and several more are expected in the upcoming weeks. He said he anticipates the project is in its final stages and will wrap up soon.

***Board of Equalization update***

The Board of Equalization hearings seem to be winding to an end, according to the County Administrator. Mr. Young explained that the BOE is in place until 31 December 2024 but may finish earlier if no additional hearings are requested.

***Opioid Abatement Committee update***

Mr. Young advised that the OAA has chosen housing, prevention and treatment as their priorities in allocating the opioid settlement funds and voted to apply 40% to housing, 30% to prevention and 30% to treatment. He said prevention programs would include after school programs for kids and other programs to deter individuals from turning to drugs; treatment programs would include counselling and housing was deemed the most important. He stated the OAA asked that the BOS solicit proposals from companies that would provide housing for up to twenty people. Mr. Young recommended that the advisory committee publish advertisements and require those responding to present to the committee. Mr. Young elaborated by recommending that the County own the housing facility and have it operated by qualified group.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Giles pie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve moving forward with publishing advertisement for rehabilitation housing.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - UNSCHEDULED**

Laura Mollo expressed her distaste regarding COR office employees receiving a salary increase, while 911 dispatchers received no salary increase. She also expressed dissatisfaction regarding the County’s preparedness for the recent storm. Mr. Young expressed his regret that she had not been present earlier in the meeting when he reviewed the County’s response and invited her to meet with him and discuss what measures were taken by the County.

Robert Carlson, North Tazewell, Virginia – spoke regarding toxic chemicals in solar panels

Irma Mitchell, Pine Street, Tazewell, Virginia – spoke regarding damaged items at fairground during fair

*Supervisor Plaster left the meeting at 7:22pm and returned at 7:24pm*

Robert Duff asked the Board to consider purchasing his personalized pencil sketches for the county’s graduating seniors as has been done for several years. He showed examples of the sketch of each school.

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 the purchase of pencil sketches to be given to the county’s graduating seniors with funds deducted from district funds as follows:

\$ 648.20	Northern district funds
\$ 648.20	Southern district funds
\$ 648.20	Western district funds
\$ 648.20	Northwestern district funds
\$ 648.20	Eastern district funds
<b>\$3241.00</b>	<b>Total cost</b>

**Appointments**

***Fire/Rescue Board***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the November 7, 2024 meeting.

***Tourism***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Gillespie abstaining and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Keisha Cole to serve on the Tourism Committee.

All other appointments were deferred to the November 7, 2024 meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

***SWCC Scholarship appeals***

Mr. Young spoke about several students that missed the May 1 deadline to apply for the SWCC scholarship program due to some confusion about whether or not the program was active at that time. He requested that

the three students in question, who have completed FASFA form and otherwise qualify but missed the May 1 deadline be approved, with the amount to be paid by the County to be determined at a later date.

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 approve three students, who have completed the FASFA form and otherwise qualify for the SWCC scholarship program but missed the May 1 deadline be approved with the amount to be paid by the County to be determined at a later date.

### ***SWCC maintenance costs***

The County Administrator explained that the County is required to contribute toward maintenance costs at SWCC and in the past, the County has fallen short of the amount asked for. He stated that, in 2024 the County budgeted to pay its full share of those costs; however, since the amount to be paid is determined by the tax base and the recent assessment increased the tax base by 28%, the County's portion increased from the budgeted \$100,000.00 to \$131,000.00, which is \$31,000.00 more than budgeted for. Mr. Young asked for the additional \$31,000.00 to be taken from contingency. The Chair directed that the \$31,000.00 remain in contingency at this time in light of the unexpected expenses related to the recent storm. Mr. Young recommended that the original amount of \$100,000.00 be paid and suggested that any monies left over after the scholarship program ends might be used toward the \$31,000.00 payment to SWCC.

### ***Other***

None

## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **Supervisor Presley**

#### ***Sanders House***

Supervisor Presley asked that this matter be deferred to the November 7, 2024 meeting.

Supervisor Presley spoke briefly about the storm and asked about cleanup of debris that collects around bridges. Mr. Young informed the Board that VDOT has a budget for debris cleanup of that nature.

Supervisor Gillespie stated he had spoken with Russell County Supervisor, David Eaton, about bringing CPPDC on board regarding the communications issue among EMS and community. He also mentioned a non-profit that specializes in re-establishing communications for public entities.

The County Administrator mentioned that EMS Director, Barry Brooks, had previously pushed to have several part-time paid firefighters on the payroll and train them for disaster situations, which would have been helpful having them as a core group of people to respond as such.

### **Supervisor Plaster**

Supervisor Plaster thanked and commended Mr. Young, the County EMS and everyone who responded to the storm situation. She also commented that she felt all the money spent to fund Stream Sweepers was very well spent because lesser rains have caused more widespread flooding in the past but felt that the cleanup efforts by Stream Sweepers made a considerable difference in the recent storm. She urged that the Board fund them in the future.

**Supervisor Cruey**

Supervisor Cruey thanked all first responders, EMS, dispatchers, DSS and everyone that responded to the recent storm situation. He commented that there were many citizen volunteers that came out to help as well.

**Supervisor Gillespie**

***Legal representation regarding insulin litigation***

Supervisor Gillespie asked that this matter be deferred to the November 7, 2024 meeting.

***Vanhoosier Road***

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Gillespie commented that the County's EMS, fire departments, sheriff's office and all others faced their tasks in the recent storm with such a wonderful sense of community and worked at the top of their game.

The County Administrator asked for approval to delay the opening of the county offices to 10:00am for October 2, 2024 due to ongoing power outages throughout the county.

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 approve opening the county office at 10:00am on October 2, 2024.

**Supervisor Hrovatic**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns until Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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Andy Hrovatic, Chairman



## CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Keith L. Viers, Executive Director

October 4, 2024

Mr. Eric Young, County Administrator  
Tazewell County Board of Supervisors  
197 Main Street  
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### **RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes for HUD Developments**

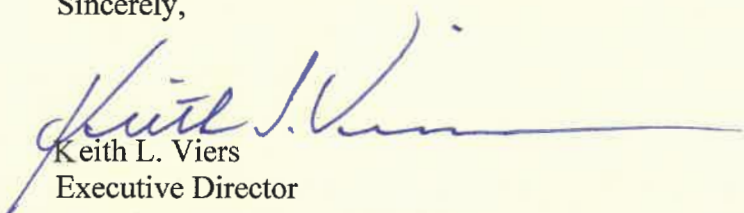
Dear Mr. Young,

On behalf of the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority, I am writing to request that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors waive the Authority's payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$12,115.37 for fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

I want to thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our request and ask that you signify your agreement by signing the attached statement as our auditor requires confirmation of your agreement.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this request. As always, we appreciate your interest in and the continued support of public housing in Tazewell County.

Sincerely,

  
Keith L. Viers  
Executive Director

Attachment



Helping With the Housing Needs Of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell Counties, Virginia

It is Illegal To Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin. 15

I, as agent for the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, hereby agree to waive the payment in lieu of taxes for fiscal year of 2024. This agreement will require annual consideration for future waiver approval. The Authority has identified use of these funds for resident services.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_