

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, 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

MINUTES

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

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

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.

Chase Collins, County Attorney, 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 November 7, 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 Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the October 1, 2024 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Collins asked to amend the Consent Calendar to include an abatement regarding McClure Bulk Transfer, Inc. in the amount of \$18,632.00.

Mr. Young asked to amend the Consent Calendar, stating that the item entitled “Ratify poll for \$50K for landfill” be changed to “Ratify poll for a \$50,000.00 advancement to Mercer County, West Virginia landfill to pay for diverted waste from the Tazewell County landfill”

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 amending Item D of the Consent Calendar to read “Ratify poll for a \$50,000.00 advancement to Mercer County, West Virginia landfill to pay for diverted waste from the Tazewell County landfill”.

Mr. Collins spoke regarding Item F, stating that Mr. Murray is a family member and preferred to leave the decision up to the Board.

Supervisor Gillespie asked to remove Item G for a separate vote, stating he feels he has a conflict with the company in question.

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 Consent Calendar Items A through F, and the Warrants as amended. 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.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present and Supervisor Gillespie abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Consent Calendar Items G.

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 designate November 8, 2024 as Fort Maiden Spring National Society DAR Day by resolution
- D. Ratify poll for \$50k for landfill
- E. Consider bond reimbursement from Engineering to Four Seasons Self Storage in the amount of \$2033.78
- F. Approve decal tax reimbursement for Ralph G. Murray

Source	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
T. Shea Cook	10949	31020-3001	\$25.60	FOIA payment
Bedford County, VA	9085976	31020-5510	\$614.30	Reimbursement
Town of Richlands		7301-3099	\$247.00	Reimbursement
Doug/Ginger Branton		7301-3099	\$25.00	Donation
Cecil Gillespie		7301-6012	\$1000.00	Donation
Natasha Hunt		7301-1150	\$200.00	Reimbursement
Norfolk/Southern Corp	9480370	032040-5510-1	\$15,000.00	Donation for EMT training
CMCS	245423	31020-1150	\$1268.24	CITAC overtime
American Oversight, Inc.	1741	31020-6001	\$60.00	Office supplies/FOIA response
VaCo	624366	31020-6009	\$2528.99	Repairs to TCSO E350
Virginia APCO	1047	035600-8109-16	\$500.00	Donation
VaCo		31020-6009	\$5287.44	Repairs to 2020 Explorer (VIN 2991)
Intrado	41937	35600-8109-33	\$8637.74	VDEM grant refund
Black Knight Infoserve, LLC	440943	12090-6001	\$250.00	Provide copy of 2024 R/E records

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Coronado update

Mr. Harwood, Director of engineering for Coronado presented information regarding current and future mining plans and explained how Tazewell County will benefit from the coal severance tax.

DAR 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 approves a resolution to the DAR. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24602.

Capital Waste

A representative of Capital Waste Management addressed the Board and introduced a new employee who will be managing landfill operations.

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Mr. Dunford advised that roughly 6.5 acres of the new landfill cell will be ready for use by Thanksgiving, according to information provided to him by Republic.

Mr. Dunford pointed out an error in his report. He stated he is asking for funds to pay Bland/Wythe JTPSA for their diversion of waste to NRV landfill in the amount of \$4,370.97.

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 \$4,370.97 to pay BWJPSA for diversion of waste to Bland/Wythe landfill.

Jim Accurso – SBA Disaster Assistance

Mr. Accurso shared information about SBA assistance available following the recent storm event.

Kathy Joy-Brosius - FEMA

Ms. Brosius introduced herself and shared information about the FEMA DRC site and the services offered at the site.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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, 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.

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

- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition near Tazewell
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Appalachian Regional Commission regarding \$1m grant for project Jonah
- ▶ A(5) Project FIND
- ▶ A(29) Evaluation of qualifications for school facilities engineer
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA for Jonah Water Project
- ▶ A(5) RNG
- ▶ A(3) Property Acquisition in Burkes Garden Virginia

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:47 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

School facilities

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 (1) ratification of the Board's previous resolution support financing of new school construction and find each of the following firms qualified: (a) Thompson & Litton; (b) LPA and (c) SEH and (2) that the Board issue a letter to TCPS requesting that all parties proceed with future procurement for school construction.

Property acquisition

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to negotiate with residents along Round Mountain Road for purposes of securing a temporary recurring easement and approves up to \$6,500.00 from Emergency Management funds for the purpose of purchasing and installing a gate to secure the right-of-way along Round Mountain Road..

PSA agreement

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the adoption of a *Resolution to sequester One Millon Dollars in reserves for the purpose of securing a grant agreement with the Appalachian Regional Commission* and pursuant thereto, direct the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia, the Chairman of the Board and the County Administrator to take all actions necessary and property to achieve the purposes therein..

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Warhawk Park

Kandwani Patterson presented information about the purpose and progress of the park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

David Balenger, Witten Mill Road, North Tazewell, spoke regarding an issue he has with neighborhood dogs barking excessively. The Board discussed the difficulty of enforcing a noise ordinance. Mr. Young and Mr. Collins advised the speaker to seek private legal counsel

CITIZEN COMMENTS - UNSCHEDULED

Veterans Parade

Mr. Wicks asked for funding for the Tazewell Veterans Day parade.

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves funding of the Tazewell County Veterans Parage (to be paid to Tazewell Torday for the purpose of expenses for the parade). Funds shall come from district funds as follows:

\$ 200.00	Northwestern
\$ 600.00	Southern
\$1000.00	Westher
\$ 600.00	Eastern
<u>\$ 600.00</u>	Northern
\$3000.00	Total

Outside Dreams

Howie Mitchell, Tazewell, a representative of Outside Dreams, asked to be granted non-profit local tax-exempt status for 197 acres being used in connection with their existing business which cares for disabled individuals. He stated the property will be used for taking disabled individuals safely into nature.

Mr. Collins pointed out that a public hearing is necessary prior to making the tax-exempt determination and asked that the documentation provided by Mr. Mitchell be made a part of these minutes.

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 approves holding a public hearing to gather public comment regarding the tax-exempt request from Outside Dreams.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consider extending State of Emergency

County Administrator, Eric Young, announced that county officials are still evaluating damages caused by the recent storm and asked that the state of emergency be extended until December 3, 2024.

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 extending the state of emergency until December 3, 2024.

Storm recovery update

Damage estimates

Private damage

Mr. Young shared slides depicting estimated damages to private agricultural property in the county at approximately \$10m.

He stated that 129 homes reported damage, with 15 of those homes receiving major damage or were destroyed. He reported that to date, approximately 1580 residents have made contact with FEMA online or at the Disaster Recovery Center inside the Administration Building.

Public damage

Mr. Young announced that the PSA suffered approximately \$249,000.00 in damages.

Mr. Young stated that damage to county property included the animal shelter (\$4K), courthouse roof (\$15K), fire department equipment (\$12K), Fire Department building damage (\$6K), the Morris Knob power line (\$10K), county road damage (\$20K), TCSO roof (\$4K) and damage to the liner in the new cell at the landfill (\$300K), modification of split cell (\$150K). He said damage to the liner at the new landfill is the biggest expense

in addition to approximately \$300,000.00 in construction and change order costs. He advised that there may be some FEMA funding to cover some of those repairs.

He stated there will be a loss of revenue from the diversion of waste from Wythe and Bland Counties because Tazewell County won't be receiving approximately \$280,000.00 from that source as it otherwise would have received.

Mr. Young advised that the current leachate line can only handle approximately 16,000 gallons per day and the extraordinary amount of rain during the storm forced us to have to pay for the excess leachate to be hauled to Bluefield, West Virginia at a cost of \$282,000.00, a portion which is reimbursable from FEMA.

Budget amendment request

Mr. Young outlined some unexpected revenue the county has had in 2025, which will help with the need for additional funds. He detailed unexpected refunds from the regional jail and state Department of Health, as well as higher than expected revenues from machinery and tools taxes and Bristol Casino. Nevertheless, he asked for \$600,000.00. He said he is hesitant to dip solely into the reserve account, ultimately asking for \$300,000.00 from reserves and \$300,000.00 from contingency. He advised that a large portion of the damages are reimbursable by FEMA and VDEM but the time frame for that is as long as two years; therefore, he asked the Board to "cash flow" the storm related expenses.

Mr. Young asked for a supplemental appropriation amendment to the current budget to account for the additional revenues and additional in the amount of \$600,000.00 for the following:

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Proposed FY25 Supplemental Appropriation				
FY25 Revenue Adjustment of FY25 General Fund Revenues			\$ 981,000	
Increase Machinery & Tools Tax	\$ 400,000			
Increase Jail Reconciliation	\$ 348,000			
Increase Health Department Reconciliation	\$ 150,000			
** Increase in Casino Revenues	\$ 43,000			
VaCorp Reimbursement - BOS Properties	\$ 40,000			
FY25 Supplemental Transfer and Adjustments			\$ 600,000	
Reserve Fund	\$ 500,000			
Contingency	\$ 100,000			
Total Additional Revenues and Transfers			\$1,581,000	
FY25 Supplemental Appropriations (Expenditures)			Pot. FEMA	Pot. VDEM
FY25 Supplemental Appropriations to Landfill Fund		\$ 1,350,833		County
Construction Costs - Repair Change Orders		\$ 300,000		\$300,000
Modifications to Split cell	\$ 150,000	\$ 112,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
FY25 Wythe Bland Revenue Loss - Diverted (WBJPSA)		\$ 278,833		\$278,833
Additional fee for Wythe/Bland Diversion (WBJPSA)	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Increase in Leachate Costs (HELENE)	\$ 282,000	\$ 211,500	\$28,200	\$42,300
<u>Emergency Storm Water Pump for new landfill cell</u>	\$ 50,000			\$50,000
<u>Diverting Tazewell County trash to Mercer County</u>	\$ 250,000	\$ 187,500	\$25,000	\$37,500
FY25 Supplemental Appropriations to Emergency Management		\$ 201,500		
Emergency Management Vehicle	\$ 70,000			\$70,000
Emergency Management Equipment	\$ 15,000			\$15,000
Fire Department Fuel and Equipment Assistance	\$ 25,000			\$25,000
Agricultural fencing replacement assistance program	\$ 20,000			\$20,000
Repair County Roads	\$ 20,000			\$20,000
Other BoS Properties and FDs (Sheet 2)	\$ 51,500	\$ 8,625	\$ 1,150	\$41,725
FY25 Supplemental Appropriation to School Board				
** Tazewell County School Bd (2/3 Casino)	\$ 28,667			\$28,667
FEMA and VDEM funding is potential not certain			\$ 550,125	\$73,350
Total New Appropriations			\$1,581,000	\$1,581,000

Mr. Young stated there should be no requirement to advertise this amendment because it is under the threshold for doing so. Although not included in the proposed supplemental appropriation, he strongly suggested purchasing a stormwater pump and a second leachate tank in FY26.

Supervisor Cruey inquired as to whether the additional money can come from the TCPS school facilities fund. Mr. Young advised it would be permissible to do so but TCPS might need to use that money themselves in light of the unknown damages the school buildings might have sustained as a result of the storm. Mr. Young also suggested *not* taking the entire amount from contingency since its so early in the budget year.

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY25 Supplemental Budget Amendment as presented except that \$300,000.00 will be taken from contingency and only \$300,000.00 will be taken from reserves.

Landfill update

Construction Update

Mr. Young advised that the portion of the new cell left unscathed by the storm is projected to be ready by Thanksgiving.

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 authorizes the County Administrator to request an expedited review of the landfill construction permit from DEQ.

Authorize County Administrator to request expedited review/inspection of landfill construction from DEQ

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 authorizes the County Administrator to request an expedited review of the landfill from DEQ.

Authorize County Administrator to request expedited review of permit modification

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to request expedited review of the permit modification, allowing the landfill to open the first portion of the cell.

Diversion Update

Ratify poll approving deposit at Mercer County Landfill

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll approving a deposit of \$50,000.00 to the Mercer County, West Virginia landfill for the months of October and November.

Ratify diversion of municipal solid waste to Mercer County Landfill effective October 7, 2024

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll granting the County Administrator the authority to divert municipal solid waste from Tazewell County landfill to Mercer County, West Virginia landfill.

Ratify diversion of commercial solid waste from Tazewell County Landfill

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll granting the County Administrator the authority to divert commercial solid waste from Tazewell County landfill if he deems diversion necessary

Mr. Young stated that commercial solid waste has not yet been diverted because the County receives revenue from commercial solid waste disposal.

Consider ratifying a poll to suspend building inspection

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a 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 1, 2024 Emergency Declaration.

Mr. Young advised that this suspension was at the request of AEP, who granted a grace period for inspections provided they were done within the allotted time period to prevent cutoff.

19/460 Corridor

Mr. Young apprised the Board of a RAISE grant to study traffic issues on the US 19/460 corridor. He stated that if recommendations for repairs were made in the study, the study can be used to go back again to US DOT to apply to have some of the issues repaired. Several locations have been targeted as problem areas: the crossover at PM Kwik Mart at Pounding Mill and the multiple entrances to Walmart, being two of them. Mr. Young explained that a public meeting is required to hear comments regarding those safety issues. He suggested that one of the meetings occur during the December 2024 Board meeting and the other by the end of 2024.

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby a public meeting in connection with application for a RAISE grant to study traffic issues on the US 19-460 corridor.

Lease of public meeting room

Mr. Young advised that the public meeting room at the County Administration building is currently leased to FEMA on a temporary basis for their local Disaster Recovery Center.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratify a poll to lease the public meeting room to FEMA through December 6, 2024.

Electrical line to Morris Knob

Upon motion of Supervisor Giles pie, 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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies a poll to permit AEP to reestablish the power lines at Morris Knob at a cost of \$6,800.00.

Payment in lieu of taxes

Mr. Young explained that each year Tazewell County waives the real property taxes on the CPRHA properties as the county's contribution to public housing. He said many grant applications require that the County demonstrate an annual contribution to public housing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves waiving the 2024 real property taxes on properties owned by CPRHA.

Discussion regarding Tazewell SROs

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred until the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Consider dissolving WSA

Mr. Young explained that the WSA had a special called meeting and voted to dissolve the authority and to turn all remaining funds over to the BOS. The Chairman suggested not to dissolve the authority at this time, citing possible new project through CPPDC that could potentially involve the WSA. The Chairman tabled the issue.

Richmond Legislative visit

Mr. Young asked if any of the Board members were interested in attending the legislative reception and received no positive responses. He did recommend meeting with state agencies at another time.

Additional recovery court funding

As explained by Mr. Young, additional funding has been requested by the recovery court for the purpose of purchasing machines that will provide drug test results within 48 hours, as is now required. The cost of the machines is approximately \$100,000.00. The recovery court administrator has asked that each local county contribute toward the purchase of a machine to facilitate Virginia Tech testing the samples. Supervisor Gillespie stated that if and when a vote is taken, he felt he should abstain because he provides legal representation for defendants and serves on an advisory committee for the recovery court.

Supervisor Hrovatic suggested the funding could come from the opioid settlement funds.

No vote was taken, pending collection of additional information.

Proposed mobile drug treatment units

Mr. Collins shared information regarding mobile drug treatment centers. He expressed concern about the myriads of things that can go wrong with mobile distribution of drug treatment.

Supervisor Cruey shared his objections to the program.

Consider surplus of 2012 Dodge truck VIN 3C6TD5CT5CG272703

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 approve the surplus of a 2012 Dodge truck VIN 3C6TD5CT5CG272703.

2025 BOS meeting schedule

Mr. Young asked for comments and/or suggestions from the Board regarding the meeting schedule for 2025. He advised the proposed dates will be added to the agenda for the December 2024 meeting.

Other

Mr. Young requested that the burn ban be extended for an additional two weeks.

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves extending the burn ban until November 21, 2024 if necessary.

Appointments

Fire/Rescue Board

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Tourism

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

IDA

Mr. Young stated that there is a member of the IDA that has only attended one meeting. Supervisor Cruey offered to reach out to the member and report back.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Presley

Sanders House

Supervisor Presley asked that this matter be deferred to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Supervisor Presley stated he plans to meet with Bluefield, Virginia to discuss future storm preparedness.

GHS wrestling donation

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present Supervisor Cruey voting against, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation to Graham Wrestling in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid from Eastern District discretionary funds.

Supervisor Plaster

Richlands Police Dept 5K

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation to Richlands Police Department in the amount of \$200.00 to be paid from Northwestern District discretionary funds as a sponsorship for the 5K training foundation.

Voting districts on county lines

Supervisor Plaster asked for clarification regarding voting district boundaries. Mr. Collins explained that an individual is required to vote in the county in which he/she lays their head to sleep, not necessarily where their property lies.

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Attorney to ask for an Attorney General opinion regarding voting districts as discussed in this meeting.

Tazewell County Coalition

Supervisor Plaster shared that she has been attending some community meetings and the group would like to form a "coalition" to be active in post-disaster response locally.

Supervisor Cruey

Supervisor Cruey stated that both he and his father attended the same high school in the same building more than 50 years apart. He stated that he supports the construction of a new school in the county.

Supervisor Cruey spoke regarding Trails of Purpose, an organization that helps veterans with PTSD and other mental health issues and transition back to civilian life. He said the organization is looking for some property in the county so they can move into the county.

Supervisor Cruey thanked everyone involved in distributing water and other items during the recent storm. He also thanked volunteers and EMS workers for their dedication in helping their communities.

Supervisor Gillespie

Legal representation regarding insulin litigation

Supervisor Gillespie asked that this matter be deferred to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Purchase/lease vehicles for TCSO

Supervisor Gillespie requested leasing at least two new vehicles for TCSO, stating that many of the current vehicles have mileage in excess of 150,000 miles on them.

The County Administrator reminded the Board that the Board typically purchases four vehicles per year for TCSO. He said that TCSO purchased six vehicles in 2024 with ARPA money eliminating need for additional purchases by the Board in FT25.

Supervisor Hrovatic suggested referring the matter to the Budget Committee.

Supervisor Gillespie asked the process to obtain bids/quotes for the vehicles.

Mr. Young stated that bids are easily obtained but delivery time for the vehicles is more complicated. He stated that if the landfill is finished on time, only a portion of the funds set aside for solid waste diversion will be needed, leaving approximately \$150,000.00 which could be used for the vehicles.

Supervisor Hrovatic

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster 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 SWCC Educational Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid from Western District discretionary funds.

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 Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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Andy Hrovatic, Chairman