

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD DECEMBER 3, 2024 AT SIX 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

MINUTES

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

Supervisor Hrovatic 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.

Eric Young, County Administrator, noted that a revised agenda was prepared for the meeting.

The Chairman added that the list of proposed meeting dates should be added for review.

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 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 approves the minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2025 and asked that the November 13, 2025 date be changed to November 6, 2025.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the revised proposed meeting dates for 2025 (changing November 13, 2025 to November 6, 2025). A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Cruey asked to remove Items F, G and H for a later vote due to a conflict by virtue of his employment.

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 Items A through E and Item I of the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Consent Calendar Items F, G and H. The County Administrator is authorized to issue warrants in accordance with this action and said warrants shall be converted to negotiable checks by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Consent Calendar

(All items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters. The following items may be enacted by one motion, with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, a member may request that an item be removed for further discussion)

- A. Approval of Warrants
- B. County Departments - Transfer the following amounts from the Contingent Expenditures and Grant Account No. 91050-7041 to various department accounts as shown on the attached table.
- C. Ratify poll to grant refund of \$4679.02 to Wells Fargo for Merchant's Capital tax
- D. Ratify poll for donation of \$1270.34 from contingency to Town of Pocahontas for parcel 006A2A0062 real estate tax reimbursement
- E. Consider transfer of \$58,673.96 previously budgeted to Tazewell County IDA for tax rebate job creation and investment incentives
- F. Ratify poll to surplus 2006 Ford Van (VIN 1FTSS34PX6DB45897)
- G. Ratify poll to surplus generator Serial #T-07-283-094
- H. Ratify poll to surplus generator Serial #05848
- I. Transfer \$28,400.00 ARPA fund to Tourism

**Consent Calendar Items
December 3, 2024 Meeting**

REVISED

Source	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
VaCorp	625417	31020-6009	\$3967.00	Damage to 2013 Taurus VIN 4969
Natasha Hunt	5008	73010-1150	\$200.00	Library payroll reimbursement
Zillow Group	20970	12090-6001	\$250.00	R/E records from COR
VaCorp	625631	32040-6009	\$17981.98	2021 Ford ambulance damage
VaCorp	624744	31020-6009	\$5287.44	2020 Explorer VIN 2991
CMCS	245898	31020-1150	\$1679.67	CITAC overtime
Dominion Auto	10356	31020-6009	\$1015.00	Sale of TCSO 2010 Ford
David Phipps	3517	091050-7041	\$15,000.00	EMS donation
C of VA	25811082	31020-5510	\$337.54	TCSO travel reimbursement
CoreLogic Solutions, LLC	7575385	12090-6001	\$250.00	R/E records from COR
Natasha Hunt	5016	73010-1150	\$400.00	Library payroll reimbursement
T. Shea Cook	10949	31020-6001	\$25.60	FOIA payment
Consolidated Steel, Inc	76634	31020-6010	\$200.00	Donation
East River Auction		31020-8105	\$15,473.60	Sale of surplus items
Anonymous		7601-3099	\$20.00	Donation to library
Bluefield Chapter 102 OES	1058	035600-8109-15	\$100.00	Donation to Project Lifesaver
Town of Tazewell	32982	035600-8109-15	\$75.00	Donation to Project Lifesaver
Joseph Stevenson	2712	035600-6011	\$84.00	TCSO tshirts
Randy Ann David	3208	035600-6011	\$100.00	TCSO tshirts
Ralph Justus	1029	035600-6011	\$42.00	TCSO tshirts
Unknown name	Cash	035600-6011	\$42.00	TCSO tshirts
VaCorp		31020-8105	\$9,000.00	2016 Taurus damage VIN 8361
VaCorp		31020-6009	\$1094.49	2016 Taurus damage VIN 8360

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Mr. Dunford informed the Board that landfill construction completion has been slightly delayed until the end of December or January 2025.

Mr. Young reminded the Board that the budget amendment took into consideration that the new landfill cell might not be completed by the end of December 2024. He said that FEMA will likely cover 75% of the expenses, but those funds can take up to two years to receive. Mr. Young announced that the diversion of waste is going to cost less than first anticipated because we are still able to use part of the old cell and Mr. Dunford confirmed the same.

Mr. Dunford asked for funds to make some necessary repairs to the leachate system. He obtained a quote from Capital Waste in the amount of \$31,392.34 for materials/parts and labor to elevate three (3) pumps, run air lines,

repair four (4) pumps. Mr. Young stated these repairs would be made using money from the budget amendment from the landfill fund.

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 \$31,392.34.

Mr. Dunford also requested \$7,416.50 to pay BWJPSA for diversion of waste to Pulaski landfill

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 \$7,416.50 to pay BWJPSA for diversion of waste to Pulaski landfill.

Suspend Robert's Rules of Order

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 \$7,416.50 to pay BWJPSA for diversion of waste to Bland/Wythe landfill.

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 January 10, 2025.

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 extension of the State of Emergency until January 10, 2025.

Storm recovery update

The County Administrator announced that FEMA collected 1677 applications for assistance during the time the FEMA representatives were in Tazewell County. He stated that most of the losses were wind damage and food losses). He estimated that there were approximately \$3.8m in residential flood damage, approximately \$1.2m in residential wind damage and approximately \$11m in agricultural damage. He added that damages to county/local government structures/property is still being evaluated.

Mr. Young reminded the Board that \$20,000.00 was previously set aside for agricultural relief. He stated that Virginia Extension Office agent John Blankenship suggested that each farmer that qualifies for the assistance be supplied with a new chain saw, as that seemed to be the most common item used in the storm recovery process. He suggested adding another \$30,000.00 to that amount in order to adequately assist farmers in some fashion. The Board took no action on that matter, but, asked that Mr. Blankenship present additional information at the January 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Solid Waste Management Plan amendment

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law for an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan for Tazewell County, Virginia.

Chase Collins, County Attorney, explained the purpose of the amendment to the plan.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan for Tazewell County, Virginia as advertised. A copy of the plan is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Route 19/460 traffic improvements (RAISE grant)

Mr. Young explained the purpose of the public hearing and the grant was to hear public comment about traffic issues on US Route 19/460.

Ken Dunford, County Engineer, shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding locations affected by this project. The locations included US 19/460 eastbound near Walmart at Pounding Mill, the crossover at Ft. Witten and the on-ramp near Tazewell.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Resolution for Carter Creasy

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 approves a resolution honoring Carter Creasy for his athletic accomplishments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for real estate tax exemption – Outside Dreams

Mr. Collins explained the purpose of the public hearing to consider public comments regarding granting a local tax exemption to Outside Dreams. The Chairman called upon Mr. Mitchell to share information regarding the vision of Outside Dreams, Inc. Mitchell advised that Outside Dreams' property would be used to provide handicapped individuals access to outdoor recreation.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

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 ordinance for exempt real estate taxation for Outside Dreams, Inc. located in the Southern District of Tazewell County by local designation from assessment of real estate taxes.

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

Ordinance for holiday stipend for EMS employees - private donation

Mr. Young explained that funds earmarked for EMS were received from a private donor, with those funds to be used for a Christmas dinner/party for the EMS employees. The County Administrator proposed that \$150.00 be given to each of the 28 EMS employees and the remainder be spent for the dinner.

The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Crucey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an Ordinance for a \$150.00 stipend to each EMS employee of Tazewell County, said funds originating from a private donor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

Denvin Hayes of Richlands spoke regarding a counselling center for veterans that would like to move into Tazewell County. Mr. Young invited the director of the center to present at the January 2025 meeting to share additional information about the service and indicated that the County is willing to help bring the center here.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - UNSCHEDULED

Regina Roberts, Tazewell, Virginia spoke about the Tazewell library branch re-opening and announced that the elevator installation at the Richlands branch should be complete in 90 days. She also explained that the concrete floor in the office area of the Tazewell library is missing chunks and asked about repairing the concrete floor in the office area at the Tazewell library using money left from the construction budget and \$5,000.00 from the Library Foundation to cover the \$7,100.00 repair estimate.

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 allowing the Tazewell library branch to use the remainder of the \$11,000.00 previously appropriated for other improvements to the facility and to allow the library to match the previous funds offered by the Board, up to \$5,000.00 with any donations they may have, from whatever source.

James Wade of North Tazewell spoke regarding county funds spent on the Graham football field and other issues. Mr. Young stated that the Board hasn't received any requests from TCPS for any sequestered funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consider cleanout of leachate tank

Mr. Young informed the Board that the leachate tank needs to be cleaned out (at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00) and the drainage pond needs to be dipped out (approximately \$38K, unbudgeted). He said the leachate tank needs to be inspected when its cleaned (\$5,000.00). He asked the Board to approve \$38,000.00 from contingency for cleaning out the drainage pond and defer a decision on cleaning and inspecting the tank until after the cell is finished.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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 \$38,000.00 from capital contingency for cleaning out the landfill drainage pond.

Approve FY25 VDH service agreement

Mr. Young explained that the County is required to enter into an agreement each year with the Virginia Department of Health for various services VDH provides to the citizens.

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 entering into an annual contract with the local Virginia Department of Health.

A copy of the service agreement is available at the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Request for additional drug court funding

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Consider surplus of retiring Major Harold Heatley's service weapon (Glock 9mm #CBKA905) and allow him to purchase for \$1.00 pursuant to Sec.59-148.3 of the Code of Virginia

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruet abstaining, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve allowing retiring Major Harold Heatley to purchase his service weapon (Glock 9mm #CBKA905) for \$1.00 pursuant to Sec.59-148.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Discussion regarding SROs

Sheriff Brian Hieatt spoke about a recent meeting he had with Governor Younkin regarding funding for school resource officers. The Sheriff stated that Governor Younkin is supportive of the SRO program and indicated he will attempt to retain funding for the SROs.

Vehicle lease/purchase for TCSO

Mr. Young followed up on this item from a previous meeting, suggesting that the Board have a \$150,000.00 "placeholder" from contingency for TCSO vehicles to be obtained this fiscal year. He said upcoming discussions will center around deciding whether to lease and/or purchase those vehicles.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 approves appropriation of \$150,000.00 from contingency for the lease and/or purchase of vehicles for TCSO.

Consider tax exempt status for Labor of Love

Mr. Collins explained that Labor of Love, a non-profit organization in Tazewell County, has requested that a recently purchased 2024 Chevrolet Trax used solely for the use of the organization be exempt from personal property taxes. Mr. Young stated that, based on the cost of advertising a public hearing for the matter and the amount of the vehicle tax, the amount of \$500.00 (the cost of the taxes) be added to the amount the Board donates to the organization each year instead of holding the hearing and exempting the vehicle. No action was taken.

Board of Equalization update

Mr. Young announced that it was initially thought that the Board of Equalization would finish with all hearings by December 31, 2024; however, a fresh influx of requests for hearings came in the last two weeks, requiring an extension of the Board's services. Mr. Young advised the Board that the BOE had received 350 claims and reduced property values such that the County only lost \$9,000.00 per year in revenue.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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 submission of a petition to the Tazewell County Circuit Court to request a 60-day extension of service for the Board of Equalization.

Other

Martin Street

The Chairman explained a situation regarding Martin Street which involves accepting Martin Street into the county road system.

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 holding a public hearing in January 2025 to accept Martin Street into the county road system.

Pocahontas Christmas Parade

Mr. Young shared a request from the Town of Pocahontas for funding assistance for the 2024 Pocahontas Christmas Parade. No action was taken.

Downtown Bluefield

Mr. Young read a notice from the Town of Bluefield declaring a portion of downtown having been given historic status.

Bluefield University

Mr. Young shared a request from Bluefield University for annual fundraising efforts. No action was taken.

Falls Mills sewer plant

Mr. Collins announced that the PSA is seeking funding from the VRA in the amount of \$2.1m for the upgrade to the existing sewer system in Falls Mills. He stated the PSA will likely request a moral obligation resolution from the Board at the January 2025 meeting.

Billboard

Mr. Young asked to add A(29) Contract negotiations regarding an advertising billboard on Route 16 to executive session.

Appointments

Airport Authority

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 reappoints Bruce Remines to serve on the Airport Authority.

CMCS

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic 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 reappoints April Morefield to serve on the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board.

The Chairman deferred the remaining appointment to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Community Corrections

The Chairman deferred this matter to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

CPMT

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 reappoints Shanna Plaster to serve on the CPMT.

CPPDC

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Andy Hrovatic and Aaron Gillespie to serve on the CPPDC.

Fire/Rescue Board

The Chairman deferred this matter to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Heart of Appalachia

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 reappoints Rick Wood to serve on the Heart of Appalachia board.

Supervisor Gillespie asked that a representative of HOA appear at the January 2025 meeting for an update on the activities of the HOA.

IDA

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 reappoints Darrell Addison to serve on the IDA to fill his unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

New River Highlands RC&D Council

The Chairman deferred this matter to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

PSA

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Chuck Presley to serve on the PSA to fill the seat held by Art Meade upon the expiration of the term.

Social Services

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 reappoints Mark Mullin to serve on the Social Services Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 appoints the Executive Director of the Care Center or his/her designee to serve on the Social Services Board.

Soil & Water

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 reappoints John Blankenship to serve on the Soil & Water Conversation Board.

Tourism

The Chairman deferred this matter to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Trailblazers

AJ Robinson, Tourism Director, advised that this committee/board was previously dissolved. Mr. Young requested the matter be deferred to the January 2025 meeting to allow time to gather more information as to whether this committee has been dissolved.

VASAP

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruely and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Plaster abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Chris Plaster to serve on the VASAP Board.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Presley

Sanders House

Supervisor Presley asked that this matter be deferred to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Supervisor Presley stated he supports adding certain areas in the Pocahontas area to the Enterprise Zone and gave highlights of his experience at the VaCo conference.

Supervisor Presley asked if there is an ordinance in place regarding dilapidated structures. Mr. Young responded affirmatively, but stated there is no money available to adequately enforce the ordinance.

Supervisor Plaster

None.

Supervisor Cruely

None.

Supervisor Gillespie

Legal representation regarding insulin litigation

Supervisor Gillespie asked that this matter be deferred to the January 7, 2025 meeting.

Clear Fork VFD grant match

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 a donation of \$1,600.00 from Southern District funds as a grant match for the Clear Ford VFD.

Supervisor Hrovatic

None.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 8:21pm

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.

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| <p>Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A(29) Evaluation of qualifications for school facilities engineer ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA for Jonah Water Project ▶ A(5) Expansion/incentives for Southwest Compressors ▶ A(5) Expansion/incentives for RNG ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with BSB re: leachate ▶ A(5) Expansion/incentive for Project FIND ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations regarding an advertising billboard on Route 16 |
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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 votes 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

School Facilities

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 ranks the following engineering firms in regard to the school facilities upgrades: (1) SEH, Inc.; (2) Thompson & Litton and (3) LPA, Inc. and further move that the Board enter into negotiations with SEH, Inc, the first ranked firm, for purposes of securing a contract.

Southwest Compressors

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 approve \$33,801.00 to the Tazewell County IDA for the purposes of real and personal property tax incentives for Southwest Compressors and Plumbing Packing, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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, January 7, 2027 at 4:00 pm.

A copy teste:

Andy Hrovatic, Chairman