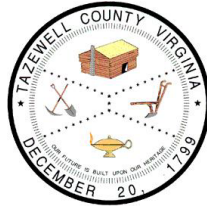


# TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING



**June 3, 2025 – 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:4254366388), 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 May 6, 2025</li> </ol>	4
4:05 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> </ol>	20
4:10 pm	<p><b>7. Department Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Kenneth Dunford – Engineering Report</li> <li>▶ Erica Galloway – Library Report</li> </ul>	
4:20 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(29) Contract Negotiations with BluePsi for Western Gas Study</li> <li>▶ A( 5) Discussion regarding incentive: Project FIND</li> <li>▶ A( 1) Personnel in legal department</li> <li>▶ A( 1) Personnel in administration (x2)</li> <li>▶ A( 3) Property acquisition at Richlands Elementary School</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. CVCA</li> <li>f. SWCC</li> <li>g. CIFA</li> <li>h. 9th istrict Financing</li> <li>i. Cumberland Plateau Housing Authority</li> <li>j. Planning Commission</li> <li>k. Road Viewers</li> <li>l. Tall Structures</li> <li>m. WSA</li> </ul>	33 34 35 36 37 38 40 41 43
8:10 pm	<b>15. <u>Board Concerns</u></b> <b>Supervisor Presley:</b> ▶ Graham Foundation  <b>Supervisor Plaster:</b> ▶ <b>Supervisor Cruely:</b> ▶  <b>Supervisor Gillespie:</b> ▶  <b>Supervisor Hrovatic:</b> ▶	
8:25 pm	<b>16. Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</b> ▶ A( 1) Personnel in legal department ▶ A( 1) Personnel in administration (x2)	
9:30 pm	<b>17. Return/Certification/Report of Action (if necessary)</b>	
9:35 pm	<b>18. Other business as may properly come before the Board</b>	
9:40 pm	<b>19. Adjourn</b> The meeting is adjourned until Friday, June 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.	

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD MAY 6, 2025 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: AARON GILLESPIE, CHAIRMAN (arrived late)  
KYLE CRUEY, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
ANDY HROVATIC, 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

ABSENT: None

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### **MINUTES**

In the Chairman's absence, Vice-Chairman, Kyle Cruey, 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.

Vice-Chairman Cruey 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/deletions to the agenda.

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 approved the May 6, 2025 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 April 8, 2025 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves all items of the Consent Calendar. 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.

### **Consent Calendar Items May 6, 2025 Meeting**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Description</b>
Natasha Hunt	5022	73010-1150	\$200.00	TCPL payroll reimbursement
Natasha Hunt	5023	73010-1150	\$200.00	TCPL payroll reimbursement
CMCS	247749	31020-1150	\$1115.76	CITAC OT reimbursement
Bedford Co., Va	9093593	31020-6010	\$298.99	TCSO
C of VA	26100278	31020-6010	\$120.00	TCSO
Richlands Funeral Co.	99127	31020-5230	\$100.00	Donation for Admin Asst Day meal
UVA	3130655	12130-5510	\$70.00	Refund for class registration
Intrado	42102	035600-5230	\$2044.22	Revised amount – TCSO refund

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### ***Engineering – Kenneth Dunford***

#### ***2025 Paving List***

Mr. Dunford announced that the list for paving certain county roads is now complete and includes approximately 48 roads. He advised that the list was approved by the Coal Severance Tax Committee (CST) at their regular meeting on 2 May 2025. Mr. Dunford pointed out that the estimate came in a bit higher than expected because a culvert must be replaced on Park Lane prior to paving. He also pointed out that three roads were added to the list, which increased the estimate.

County Administrator, Eric Young, noted that upon completion of the 2025 paving, the seven-year paving cycle will conclude, with each road in the county system having been paved.

#### ***4:08 pm - Chairman Gillespie arrived at the meeting and presided***

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves advertisement of the 2025 orphan road paving list, to include any roads admitted into the county road system within two to three months of approval of this list. A copy of the list is available in the County Administration Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

Mr. Young asked the Board to approve the paving in the spirit of saving time, contingent upon approval of the CST within the \$458,980.10 given by Mr. Dunford.

Upon amended motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves advertisement of the 2025 orphan road paving list as well as the paving list cost up to \$458,980.10, to include any roads admitted into the county road system within two to three months of approval of this list should the bids be less than the approved amount. A copy of the list is available in the County Administration Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

#### ***PSA***

Mr. Dunford stated that the CST Committee had approved the amount of \$262,498.00 from CST funds for the PSA. He advised that \$258,498.00 will be applied to old projects and \$4,000.00 will be applied to new debt.

Mr. Young advised that it is permissible to spend up to 25% of the CST funds on water/sewer projects. He said that the larger amount is for leachate line, commonly referred to as the Greater Tazewell Sewer Project, which was built several years ago and payments are made from CST funds. The Board also asked the PSA to include funding requests for these projects: Richlands Wastewater Project, Richlands Water Project, Tazewell Water Project and the Jonah Project, hence the additional \$4,000.00 request from CST funds (\$1,000.00 per project).

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 \$262,498.00 to the Tazewell County PSA from the CST fund.

#### ***Safer Streets***

Mr. Dunford asked the Board to approve 2XCell as the high-ranking engineering firm of the seven firms that submitted proposals, based on the interviews conducted and to approve negotiations with 2XCell.

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 2XCell as the high-ranking engineering firm for the Safer Streets Grant project and further approves negotiations with 2Xcell.

The County Attorney expressed concern regarding a difference in the number of interviewees present for the interviews, which, depending on potential scoring, could create grounds for a suit against the County under the Virginia Public Procurement Act because all the judging was not equivalent. Supervisor Cruey advised he was not present for all interviews and Mr. Collins noted that Supervisor Gillespie was present for all interviews and scored 2XCell higher.

Mr. Young recommended a motion to award ATCS scoring equal to that of 2XCell but stating that after discussion, the Board still opted for 2XCell, if that was who they wanted.

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 scoring ATCS equal to 2Xcell (making ATCS #2 ranking proposer); however, following discussion, the Board chose 2XCell as the highest ranked.

### ***Safer Streets***

Mr. Dunford reminded the Board that the County received a \$464,000.00 grant for the Safer Streets for All Grant, which requires a match of \$92,904.00. He asked the Board to approve \$92,904.00 to come from CST funds.

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 amount of \$92,904.00 from CST funds for the purpose of a match for the Safer Streets for All Grant.

### ***Coal Severance Tax Committee***

Mr. Dunford explained that the CST Committee approved the amount of \$60,000.00 for VDOT paving on Jewell Ridge Road, which will provide a total of ¼ mile of paving (not necessarily all in one spot).

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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amount of \$60,000.00 from CST funds for the purpose of paving on Jewell Ridge Road for a total of 18/4 mile of paving (not necessarily all in one spot).

Supervisor Hrovatic asked Mr. Dunford to look at the condition of Arrow Street in the Claypool Hill area in relation to a drainage situation.

Supervisor Cruey asked about the status of tires being accepted at the landfill. Mr. Dunford stated tires still aren't being taken but there is an upcoming meeting to ask about that situation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dunford for his time and moved to the next item on the agenda.

### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:30 pm**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Board 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( 5) Project FIND
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel regarding Tazewell County VFD
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations: Town of Richlands Fire Agreement
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations: Western Gas feasibility study contract
- ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition: Fairview

### **RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:05 pm**

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Chairman Cruey 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: Four (4)



## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### ***Fire Protection 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 approve the extension of the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Richlands to July 2027 as previously approved in May 2024 with amendments to include certain dispatch protocol requirements as presented in executive session.

### ***Western Gas***

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 approve Blue PSI Ventures to be the highest qualified applicant for the DHCD grant for the Western Tazewell County Feasibility Study and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with them.

### ***Fairview Housing***

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 approve entering into a 90 day option agreement with the owner of the former CNX office property on Clinic Road in Claypool Hill, Virginia for a purchase price not to exceed the price discussed in executive session and to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with Fairview Housing to help the finance their purchase of the property with Opioid Abatement funds to develop rehabilitative housing for persons recovering from opioid addiction.

### ***Fire/EMS expenditures***

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 approve that as a matter of policy, effective 1 July 2025, all fire departments or EMS agencies provide itemized account to the Board for all purchases or expenditures made as a condition precedent to receiving funding from the Board.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### ***GHS Cheerleaders resolution***

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***CART resolution***

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***Discussion regarding Tourism Zone***

Eric Young, County Administrator, presented information regarding the current Tourism Zone and asked the Board to help determine what changes might be needed. He informed the Board that the Tourism Zone is a locally funded incentive program for businesses that operate a tourism business within the Tourism Zone. He said that the Tourism Zone isn't currently funded and he'd like the Board to consider doing so through the IDA. He showed a map to demonstrate the areas currently in the Tourism Zone.

Supervisor Cruey asked that the Boissevain/Abbs Valley Road area be included in the Tourism Zone because of the ATV trails.

Supervisor Gillespie asked whether the area across from Crab Orchard Museum is currently included in the Tourism Zone. Mr. Young stated that area can be included if it isn't currently included.

Supervisor Hrovatic asked that each of the Board members receive a paper copy of the map due to visibility issues.

Supervisor Plaster asked whether the Raven area is included in the Tourism Zone. Mr. Young advised that the area can be included.

### ***IDA Language***

Mr. Young brought about the point of how to identify a tourism related business. He said, for example, a restaurant might serve a unique menu or tradition, etc., giving the IDA some idea of the language to be used.

### ***Enterprise Zone – Tim Danielson***

Economic Development Director, Tim Danielson, explained that the Enterprise Zone expires in 2025 and renewal must be done thru DHCD, at which time the boundaries may be changed. He stated there are approximately 300 acres that can be added for expansion but there are only three "islands" may be designated as Enterprise Zones in the County. He added that those "islands" are currently Richlands/Claypool Hill, Tazewell and Bluefield and that expansion of the Enterprise Zone is anticipated this year, pending state approval.

Mr. Young pointed out that businesses must apply to be included in the Enterprise Zone and that incentives are both locally and state funded.

### ***Older Americans Month proclamation***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a proclamation designating the month of May as Older Americans Month. A copy is available in the County Administrator's Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### ***Rabies Vaccination Clinic***

Clay Yearins requested permission and funding from the Board to support his Eagle Scout project. He shared his plans for the free one-day clinic. The Board commended his goal and asked him to complete his plans and present additional information to the Board.

### ***THS Class of '73***

Debra Wilson of the THS Class of '73 spoke of the goals and accomplishments of the THS Class of 1973 and shared a PowerPoint presentation for the same.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruvey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a donation of \$2,500.00 from Southern District funds to THS Class of '73 Foundation (PO Box 73, Tazewell, Virginia 24651) for the Roots to Real Program in connection with the Virginia Extension Office.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### ***DHCD Urgent Need Flood Relief Grant***

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law to submit application for the DHCD Urgent Need Flood Relief Grant.

Eric Young, County Administrator, read a prepared statement and description of the grant program. The Chairman called for public comments from the floor.

Scott McCormack of 2730 Bandy Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609 spoke of the devastation their home sustained during the flood of July 2022. He shared that their home sustained tremendous damage and they lost all their belongings and furnishings as a result. Mr. McCormack described the path of the water, stating that water had backed up at culverts blocked by debris across the road from their home, causing the water to travel across the road, over an embankment and into their home. He said what had been described as a “100-year flood” was repeated in 2025, when water once again was blocked by debris at culverts across the road from their home, causing water to travel across the road, over an embankment and up to the entrance of their home. Mr. McCormack pleaded for any assistance available to help prevent the same from happening again in their community and surrounding communities.

Michael and Sherry Smith of 1190 Orange Street, Richlands, Virginia told the Board that as a result of more than one flood event, their mobile home was moved off its foundation and they have been without a home of their own since 2020. Mr. Smith advised they have been staying with family members and have attempted to find an agency to help them but have been unable to do so.

Barry Muzzleman of 2174 Bandy Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia shared his experiences stemming from flood events in Bandy. Mr. Muzzleman stated that the flood of June 2022 caused damage to his home and garages and the loss of many tools as well. During that event, his wife was trapped inside their home and he was physically washed away in swift waters but thankfully rescued by a local deputy. He also shared that just as he was getting things cleaned up and replaced, his property was hit by another flood event, damaging his garages yet again. Mr. Muzzleman declared that he feels that debris that is blocking culverts near his home caused the water to come across the road and affect his property.

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

Supervisor Plaster commented on the shortage of rental housing in the county.

Supervisor Hrovatic presented an email he received from Jamie Tuggle, a Tazewell County resident who was unable to appear in person at the public hearing and asked that the written comments be made a part of the minutes.

The Chairman directed that Ms. Tuggle’s email be made a part of the minutes.

The Chair directed that all written comments received by the Board be made a part of the minutes. A copy of those comments is attached.

Mr. Young read a list of items for which the DHCD Urgent Need Grant may be used and the Board discussed how to best allocate the money to be applied for and asked for a resolution to apply for \$1.2m. Supervisor Gillespie asked to take up this matter later in this meeting. The Chair tabled the Urgent Need Grant topic until later in the meeting.

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

### ***VDOT Six-Year Plan***

Jeff Buchanan of VDOT described the proposed six-year plan to attendees.

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law to approve a resolution to approve the FY26 Six-Year Plan. A copy of the plan is available in the County Administration Office at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

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 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 adopt the VDOT Six-Year Plan for FY26 as presented.

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 to designate Route 810, Route 760 and Route 808 as part of the Rural Rustic Route system.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED**

Cathy McClanahan, 812 Sage Hill Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609 distributed a fact sheet related to the effects of Medicaid/Medicare cutbacks may have on Tazewell County and requested that the Board ask the Weldon Cooper center conduct a study to determine that effect.

Ginger Cates, Pocahontas, Virginia 24635 requested that the Board include Historic Pocahontas, Inc., in the budget as it was in past years. Ms. Cates outlined the successes of the organization and it's benefit to the community.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED**

Bob Carlson, 1142 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, Virginia 24630 spoke regarding amendment of the solar ordinance.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves holding a public hearing to amend the Tazewell County Solar Ordinance to require the inclusion of a Safety Data Sheet in future solar project in Tazewell County.

Mr. Collins advised that the company currently under the solar ordinance is exempt from compliance with changes to the solar agreement because it is “grandfathered”.

### ***Recess – 8:10pm***

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 approve a brief recess.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

### ***Storm recovery update***

#### ***United Way grant – Hurricane Helene***

County Administrator, Eric Young, asked that this matter be deferred.

#### ***DHCD Urgent need grant***

Mr. Young advised that the County is prepared to apply for the DHCD Urgent Need Grant funds.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize application for the CDBG through DHCD Urgent Need Grant funds as follows:

\$ 600,000.00	– generators
\$ 400,000.00	– housing rehabilitation
\$ 70,000.00	– debris removal
\$ 60,000.00	– river beacons
\$ 10,000.00	– satellite communication equipment
\$ 60,000.00	– rental assistance
\$1,200,000.00	- Total

### ***FEMA update***

Mr. Young updated the Board regarding an application made by the County to FEMA for damage sustained to public buildings and property during Hurricane Helene. He also reminded the Board that a decision is pending from the insurance company regarding the damage to the liner at the new landfill cell. Mr. Young apprised the Board of a new FEMA\$10m program for home elevation for flood resistance improvement to properties deemed by FEMA to be repeatedly flooded and have flood insurance, three of which have been selected by FEMA: Raven Assembly of God in Raven, one property on Kirby Road in Doran and one property on Industrial Drive in Tazewell.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize submitting an application for the FEMA/VDEM home elevation grant.

### ***Opioid Abuse Abatement Committee update***

#### ***VASAP***

Mr. Young explained that the Committee met in April and recommended approval of a request from VASAP for \$10,000.00 to help expand their programs to include driver drug resistance training. He said funds are included in the budget but approval is needed a \$10,000.00 contribution from the Opioid Abuse Abatement fund for VASAP.

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***Fairview Housing***

Mr. Young stated that this matter was discussed in executive session.

### ***Recovery Court Administration***

Mr. Young announced that funding is needed for the Recovery Court Administration and it has been placed in the budget for FY26 at \$60,000.00.

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, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve \$60,000.00 for Recovery Court administration from the Opioid Abuse Abatement funds.

### ***Budget update***

#### ***Approve budget for advertisement***

According to Mr. Young, the FY26 draft budget is ready for advertisement as is customary in the month prior to its approval in June. He announced at, at the moment, it appears that there are approximately \$98,000.00 less in expenditures than revenue, which is subject to change of course.

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 and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve advertisement of the draft FY26 budget.

### ***TCPS funding***

Each year, the state declares the amount of funding they provide for TCPS and, according to Mr. Young, there is a minimum amount the County is required to match in order to get the state funding. He stated that the amount for FY26 is \$15,637,897.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve \$15,637,897.00.

### ***EMS collections***

Chase Collins, County Attorney, explained that the EMS collection rate is below 50%, which affects the funds available to operate the EMS departments. He suggested that a courtesy letter be sent to individuals who owe money.

Mr. Young stated that the County loses \$350,000.00-\$400,000.00 annually due to unpaid EMS billing, partially due to low Medicaid reimbursement.

### ***SECOR proposal***

Mr. Young shared information regarding a new program SECOR offers wherein Opioid Abuse Abatement funds can be used for the County to pay SECOR participants to work in County positions. He said he had suggested to SECOR that Tazewell County might be interested in paying one of the SECOR participants to do some part time work but SECOR is only interested in a full-time position for their participants.

Mr. Presley asked what the cost of one employee would be. Mr. Young said he did not know but would get that information.

After discussion by the Board, the Chair directed that the matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting pending further information to be gathered by Mr. Young.

### ***SVCC scholarships***

Mr. Young announced that SVCC scholarship program has been reinstated at a fixed contribution annually with priority given to volunteer firefighters and their children. Once any volunteer firefighter applicants or their children have been covered 100%, the remainder of the funds will be pro-rated among other eligible applicants. He said review of the contract is pending and the matter should be ready for a vote at the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***Cordelia Street***

Mr. Young reminded the Board that some residents of Cordelia Street have attempted for some time to have the street taken into the orphan road system, but not all property owners are in agreement. Mr. Young suggested sending the heirs of a particular property on that street a petition and if those heirs are agreeable, it may be possible to take the road into the system. The consensus of the Board was that Mr. Young request a petition.

### ***CST committee report***

This item was previously addressed in Mr. Dunford's engineering report.

### ***Tactical Retreat Unplugged – exemption request***

Mr. Collins stated that Tactical Retreat Unplugged has requested a personal property tax exemption for the vehicle currently owned by the non-profit organization on which the current tax liability is \$42.00. Mr. Collins suggested making a donation to the organization rather than spend \$150.00 for advertising for a public hearing for tax exemption.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, 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 approve a donation from Southern District funds in the amount of \$150.00 to Tactical Retreat Unplugged, pending further information to be gathered by Supervisor Gillespie.

### ***SonShine Day Care funding request***

This matter was addressed at an earlier meeting.

### ***Tazewell Baseball Boosters funding request***

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***Tazewell Little League Baseball/Softball funding request***

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### ***Other***

#### ***Storm Recovery***

Mr. Young explained that for the Bandy Flood Relief Grant project, the estimated amount budgeted to receive from DHCD and pay applicants was \$753,380.00 from DHCD; however, an additional \$26,895.00 is necessary to cover all the proceeds from DHCD and payouts to applicants.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve an additional \$26,895.00 in revenue from DHCD and payouts to applicants for the Bandy Flood Relief Grant project.

#### ***Dog ordinance***

Mr. Collins stated he was approached by Tazewell County Code Enforcement regarding some of the language in the County's dog-funning-at-large ordinance is causing some problems in General District Court, namely, the concept of whether someone "permitted" their dog to run loose as opposed to whether the dog somehow accidentally broke free from an enclosure. Mr. Collins advised a public hearing is necessary to change the ordinance.

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 authorize a public hearing regarding language in the current Tazewell County ordinance for dogs running at large.

### **Appointments**

#### ***Fire/Rescue Board***

The Chairman deferred this matter to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

#### ***IDA***

The Chairman deferred this matter to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

#### ***Tourism***

The Chairman deferred this matter to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

### **BOARD CONCERNS**

#### **Supervisor Presley**

##### ***Graham Foundation***

This matter is deferred to the June 3, 2025 meeting.

Supervisor Presley gave updates regarding various committees and activities and suggested making a plan for how much each EMS department will receive when the meals tax revenue starts to roll in. Mr. Young updated Supervisor Presley regarding Mr. Brooks' plan to have VDEM come to the May 22<sup>th</sup> ESC meeting and explain how emergency management works at the state and county levels for elected officials.



Supervisor Presley stated he would like to see an incentive program for Tazewell County students who train for a trade so they would remain in the county. Mr. Young added the idea of the IDA giving a voucher to students who graduate from the career and technical center that the graduate can present to a prospective employer which would give the Tazewell County employer a break on, for example, machinery and tools tax for hiring that graduate.

**Supervisor Plaster**

None.

**Supervisor Hrovatic**

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 approve a donation in the amount of \$21,000.00 from Western District Capital Improvement funds to the Cedar Bluff Fire Department for the purchase of turnout gear.

**Supervisor Cruey**

***Bandy Community Center***

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a donation up to \$13,500.00 from Northern District Capital Improvement funds to Bandy Community Center for the purchase and installation of a generator to be used in emergencies for a warming station.

**Supervisor Gillespie**

***Additional dumpster at Thompson Valley convenience center***

Mr. Young announced that Mr. Dunford has arranged for an additional dumpster to be at the Thompson Valley site on weekends at no additional charge to the County. Supervisor Gillespie asked to be kept updated about the “stairway” up the dumpster.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 9:40pm

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, 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(1) Personnel in Maintenance
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in Administration
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in legal department (2)

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 10:56 pm**

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor 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: One (1)

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Personnel in Maintenance***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 approve a promotion for Rex Davis to pay Tier 8 – Operations Assistant I Maintenance and adjust his compensation accordingly; also, the Board approves the elimination of the vacant part-time position at the Animal Shelter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The County Attorney advised that Fred Lawless requested that he and Barry Brooks be appointed as fire marshals for Tazewell County, mainly for the purpose of having a fire marshal present at fireworks events. Mr. Collins stated that both gentlemen have the experience and background to serve as such.

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 the appointment of Barry Brooks and Fred Lawless as fire marshals for Tazewell County.

**ADJOURN**

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 and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourns until Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

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Aaron Gillespie, Chairman

**Consent Calendar Items**  
**June 3, 2025 Meeting**

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TCCC	26579	021060-6001	\$737.28	Operational expenses
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VaCorp		31020-6009	\$1610.23	TCSO 2015 Explorer VIN 8029

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### TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
AND REENACT THE TAZEWELL  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA ORDINANCE  
PERTAINING TO SOLAR ENERGY  
FACILITIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia ("the Board"), will conduct a second public hearing on June 3, 2025 at 6:45 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider the *An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Tazewell County, Virginia Ordinance Pertaining to Solar Energy Facilities*.

On February 6, 2024, the Board enacted the Tazewell County, Virginia Ordinance Pertaining to Solar Energy Facilities, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2288.7 and 15.2-2316.6 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Section 1-9 of the Tazewell County, Virginia Ordinance Pertaining to Solar Energy Facilities requires that potential large-scale solar energy facility operators provide to the Board and the Tazewell County Planning Commission a list of twenty-one (21) specific documents prior to approval of any large-scale solar energy facility. The Board desires to add another required document: the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Product Safety Data Sheets (PSDS) concerning potential exposure to hazardous chemicals.

All persons wishing to comment on the Ordinance are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at [susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org](mailto:susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org). A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court's bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, VA 24651. A complete copy of the Ordinance is also on file in the office of the County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia  
By: C. Eric Young,  
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### TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND  
REENACT AN ORDINANCE TO  
CREATE TOURISM ZONES IN  
TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia ("the Board"), will conduct a second public hearing on June 3, 2025 at 7:05 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider the *An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact An Ordinance to Create Tourism Zones in Tazewell County, Virginia*.

On May 1, 2012, the Board enacted *An Ordinance to Create Tourism Zones* in Tazewell County, Virginia, pursuant to Section 58.1-3851 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Subsequent to the Board enacting the *Tazewell County Food and Beverage Tax Ordinance* on April 8, 2025, the Board desires to make the following changes to *An Ordinance to Create Tourism Zones in Tazewell County, Virginia*.

- (1) Create a standardized definition for "tourism restaurants";
- (2) Extend Tourism Zone Benefits to tourism restaurants to help defray costs and expenses incurred from the Tazewell County Food and Beverage Tax as follows:
  - (a) Year 1: Eighty Percent (80%) Rebate
  - (b) Year 2: Sixty Percent (60%) Rebate
  - (c) Year 3: Forty Percent (40%) Rebate
  - (d) Year 4: Twenty Percent (20%) Rebate
  - (e) Year 5: Payment of Tax in Full
- (3) Inclusion of new real estate in Tourism Zones.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Ordinance* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at [susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org](mailto:susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org). A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

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### TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ANIMAL WARDEN AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND LICENSING OF DOGS WITHIN THE COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLES 29, CHAPTER 9.2 AND 15.2, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia ("the Board"), will conduct a second public hearing on June 3, 2025 at 7:15 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the Tazewell County Administration Building, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651, and hereby gives its intent to consider the *An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Ordinance Creating the Position of Animal Warden and Licensing of Dogs Within the County in Accordance with Titles 29, Chapter 9.2 and 15.2, Chapter 12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended* (hereafter, "the original Ordinance").

On February 4, 1981, the Board enacted the original Ordinance, pursuant to the then-existing Title 29 (now Title 3.2) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Sections 3-28 and 3-36 of the original Ordinance contain language concerning owners who permit any dog under the owner's supervision to trespass or otherwise run at large. Given recent judicial interpretation by the Tazewell County General District Court, the Board wishes to fully and completely articulate the definition of "permit", which shall include "any roaming or running off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control."

All persons wishing to comment on the Ordinance are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at [susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org](mailto:susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org). A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

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

Disaster Recovery Relief Funding  
Memorandum of Understanding

United Way of Southwest Virginia

And

Tazewell County, Virginia

1. Parties: This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered by and between United Way of Southwest Virginia (hereinafter referred to as "UWSWVA"), whose address is PO Box 644 Abingdon, Virginia 24212, and Tazewell County, Virginia, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Purpose: The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for processing the charitable contributions of the person desiring to contribute funds after an emergency or a disaster wherein the donors require the funds to be expeditiously and prudently distributed to disaster recovery efforts for people in need.
3. Term of MOU: This MOU is effective from the date signed until 24-months after the date of signature, shall be signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties of this MOU, and may be terminated, without cause, by either party within 30 days written notice.
4. Responsibilities of UWSWVA:
  - a. Establish or maintain a regional disaster relief fund, which is segregated from UWSWVA's general operating funds and restricted for the purpose of disaster recovery efforts for residents as defined in this MOU.
  - b. 100% of funds raised will go to help support disaster recovery efforts. The UWSWVA shall not discriminate because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law in the manner of distribution of such funds.
  - c. Coordinate the distribution process of emergency and/or disaster funds to government entities, relief agencies and/or appropriate funding committee(s) to allocate and distribute funds within guidelines established by the committee(s) or governing agencies.
  - d. Provide receipts to donors and indicate whether the donation is tax deductible.
  - e. Manage funding reporting with government entities over a 24-month period for the purpose of long-term recovery efforts.



5. Responsibilities of the County:

- a. Provide requested documentation to UWSWVA to indicate the level of disaster impact within the County limits in order to ensure proper funding allocation to the County's residents in need. This documentation must focus on residents of the County who occupied their home as primary residence on the date of flooding.
- b. Maintain compliance with the MOU in order for funds to be distributed timely and effectively.
- c. Utilize the funds provided from UWSWVA only for the purpose of recovery efforts related to impacted residents within the County limits.
- d. Track number of individuals served within their homes, the activities conducted per home, along with the financial spenddown of funding allotment within the County.
- e. Provide UWSWVA a 12-month and 24-month report of
  - Number of individuals served
  - Number of homes repaired
  - Number of homes rebuilt
  - Narrative of activities conducted and by whom
  - Financial spend down to ensure accountability to donors
- f. The County may allow up to 5% of the funds to be utilized for administrative efforts related to recovery efforts, tracking, and reporting.
- g. Deliver any monetary donations addressed to UWSWVA and received by the County to UWSWVA for the purpose of the disaster relief fund.

6. 2025 Winter Storm Flooding Fund:

- a. As of May 08, 2025, the County of Tazewell, Virginia, will be awarded a one-time amount of **\$37,500.00**, as determined by the United Way of Southwest Virginia's Disaster Relief Committee according to damage assessment data provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for the locality.

7. General Provisions:

- a. Modifications:
  - i. Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon by and between parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU.
- b. Informational:
  - i. The following contacts shall be used to facilitate this MOU:
    1. Megan Parks, UWSWVA Executive Director
    2. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

- c. Neither the County nor the UWSWVA may assign or transfer any rights herein without the written consent of the other party.
  - d. The parties agree that nothing herein is intended to establish a partnership or joint venture, and each party shall always remain independent with complete control over its employees and operations.
  - e. Nothing herein authorizes, expressly or by implication, the expenditure of public funds not previously appropriated by an elected body.
8. Signatures: In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duty authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

The effective date of this MOU is the date of signature last affixed to this page

The County of Tazewell, Virginia



Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator

5/27/2025

Date

United Way of Southwest Virginia

Megan Parks, Executive Director

Date

**TAZEWELL COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**(Two (2) Year Term)**

Jim Talbert, CVN/RNP

07-01-2024    06-30-2026

PO Box 818

Richlands, VA 24641

(reappointed 6-4-2019)

**Michael Hymes**

**07-01-2019    06-30-2023**

PO Box 7

Tazewell, VA 24651

(fills expiring term of Kathern Dowdy)

**Frederick W. Harman**

**07-01-2020    06-30-2023**

201 East Main Street

PO Box 523

Tazewell, Virginia 24651

988-5547

(reappointed 6/2/20 for 2 yr. term)

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)**

**(Four (4) Year Term)**

**Darell Cantrell**

**07-01-2021**

**06-30-2025**

219 E. Hillcrest

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

[cdarell@gmail.com](mailto:cdarell@gmail.com)

276-971-7037

(filled unexpired term of Marco Warner)

**Kyle Hurt**

**07-01-2021**

**06-30-2025**

349 Brandon Drive

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276- 322-4695

[kyleh@mefcor.com](mailto:kyleh@mefcor.com)

(Oath taken 06-28-2017)

(Oath taken 07/14/2021)

Melanie Protti-Lawrence

07-01-2023

06-30-2027

302 Marcus Drive

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276-245-5515

[melaniepl@lbiweb.com](mailto:melaniepl@lbiweb.com)

(Fills the expired term of James Curtis Gillespie)

(Oath taken 7-18-2019)

Darrell Addison

07-01-2022

06-30-2026

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(Appt. 8-3-10)

(Oath taken 07-18-2019)

[darrell24641@hotmail.com](mailto:darrell24641@hotmail.com)

Mack Payne

07-01-2023

06-30-2027

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Tazewell, VA 24651

276-971-3119

[roger237@verizon.net](mailto:roger237@verizon.net)

(Fills the expired term and resignation of Monte Rife)

(Oath taken 07-02-2019)

Curtis W. Breeding  
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276-971-7416  
(Reappointed 06-02-20)  
(Oath taken 07-15-2019)  
[curtisbreeding50@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisbreeding50@yahoo.com)

07-01-2024 06-30-2028

Suzanne Brinegar  
200 Merrick Lane  
Pocahontas, VA 24635  
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07-01-2024 06-30-2028

**LIAISON - FARM BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE**

Rick Snapp  
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Tazewell, VA 24651  
276-970-1136  
[Snappdairy04@gmail.com](mailto:Snappdairy04@gmail.com)

(Appointed 4-3-2018)

The Liaison Member is a non-voting, non-paid member and serves at the will and pleasure of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**  
**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(Established 12-16-2003)**

**(Two (2) Year Term)**

**SOUTHERN**

Susan Reeves  
728 Fincastle Tnpke  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
276-970-1780

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**Beth Takach**

279 Richardson Drive  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
(Filled the expired term of Tammy Allison)

**07-01-2023    06-30-2025**

**EASTERN**

**Lee Riffe**

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304-320-9746  
[leer17@verizon.net](mailto:leer17@verizon.net)

**07-01-2022    06-30-2024**

(replaced the expired term of Michael A. Brown)

David Comer  
1046 Virginia Ave.  
Bluefield, VA 24605  
276-245-6065

07-01-2024    06-30-2026

**NORTHERN**

**Dedra Cox**

263 Mission Church Road  
Bluefield, VA 24605  
304-320-4353  
[dedracox38@yahoo.com](mailto:dedracox38@yahoo.com)

**07-01-2023    06-30-2025**

(Appointed on 08-03-2021)

(Fills the expired term of Roger Scarberry)

Warren Hinkle  
4432 Baptist Valley Rd.  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609  
warrenhinkletcfp@gmail.com

07-01-2024 06-30-2026

WESTERN

**Sarah Romeo**

**07-01-2023 06-30-2025**

612 Indian Paint Road  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637  
276-963-4993  
(Replaced the unexpired term of Linda Singleton)  
(Reappointed on 08-03-2021)

Brad Ratliff  
1053 Cedar Valley Drive  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609  
276-522-  
Email: brad@ratlifflaw.net

07-01-2024 06-30-2026

NORTHWESTERN

**Rick Wood**

**07-01-2023 06-30-2025**

226 Floyd Ave  
Richlands, VA 24641  
(Logan Plaster - resigned)

Keshia Cole  
118 Coleman Lane  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
276-971-5338

07-01-2024 06-30-2026

TAZEWELL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD

(Four (4) Year Term)

Warren Hinkle 4432 Baptist Valley Road Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 276-596-0633 <a href="mailto:warrenhinkle@roadrunner.com">warrenhinkle@roadrunner.com</a> (reappointed 6-4-2019)	07-01-2023	6-30-2027
Jim Talbert 357 Brook Street Tazewell, Virginia 24651 <a href="mailto:JTalbert@richlands-news-press.com">JTalbert@richlands-news-press.com</a>	07-01-2022	6-30-2026
Dave Anderson 3124 Ridgeway Drive Bluefield, Virginia 24605	07-01-2022	6-30-2026
Missie Joyce 529 Cresswood Dr. Richlands, VA 24641 <a href="mailto:missie.joyce@gmail.com">missie.joyce@gmail.com</a> 276-245-0951	07-01-2022	6-30-2026
John Absher Town of Cedar Bluff 276-964-4889 <a href="mailto:jabshercb@gmail.com">jabshercb@gmail.com</a>	11-01-2021	06-30-2025

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

AMOUNT OF PAY:None.

**\*\*Financial Disclosure 4required\*\***

The Board of Supervisors make the appointments to the Board of Directors of the Animal Shelter.

Duties: To manage the business and property of the Tazewell County Animal Shelter



CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

(One (1) Year Term)

Chris Plaster

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

106 Suffolk Avenue  
Richlands, VA 24641

[chris@plasterlaw.com](mailto:chris@plasterlaw.com)

[chris.plaster@cwa.tazewellcounty.org](mailto:chris.plaster@cwa.tazewellcounty.org)

(appointed to fill Mike Dennis' unexpired term 4-21-2020)

Adrianna Culbertson

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

P.O. Box 623  
Richlands, VA 24641

[Adrianna.culbertson@sw.edu](mailto:Adrianna.culbertson@sw.edu)

David Anderson

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

135 Court St., Suite 301  
Tazewell, VA 24651

(Work) 276-385-1233

(Cell) 276-202-7005

(Filled the unexpired term of James Curtis Gillespie)

David Larimer

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

600 Six Farm Road  
Tazewell, Virginia 24651

Jim Boyd

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

PO Box 54  
Richlands, Virginia 24641  
276-964-4162

[j.boyd2@roadrunner.com](mailto:j.boyd2@roadrunner.com)

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: Lunch meeting at 12:00 noon - 3rd Thursday of each month except they do not meet in the month of June and November.

AMOUNT OF PAY: None -\*\*Financial Disclosure Required\*\*

Duties: To establish programs, receive and distribute grants and to promote social, education and economic life for the purposes of combating poverty situations.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

(Four (4) Year Term)

Mary Jefferies  
125 Carriage Lane  
Bluefield, VA 24605  
276-245-6194  
[aj.robinson@tazewellcounty.org](mailto:aj.robinson@tazewellcounty.org)  
(replaced the expired term of Erik Robinson)

07-01-2024      06-30-2027

Rod Gillespie  
620 Quail Drive  
Bluefield, VA 24605  
Phone: [304-952-4851](tel:304-952-4851)  
E-mail: [rodgillespie@wvva.net](mailto:rodgillespie@wvva.net)

07-01-2022      06-30-2025

Shanna Plaster  
106 Suffolk Avenue  
Richlands, VA 24641

07-01-2023      06-30-2026

Thomas Conley  
Tazewell, Virginia 24651

07-01-2022      06-30-2025

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: Meets on the fourth Thursday  
during the months of January, April, July and October at 6:30 p.m.

AMOUNT OF PAY: None.

**\*\*Financial Disclosure Required\*\***

Duties: The College Board shall perform such duties with respect to the operation of a community college as may be delegated to it by the State Board for Community Colleges

CUMBERLAND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

ESTABLISHED APRIL 4, 2017 BY ORDINANCE

(FOUR (4) YEAR TERM)

Darrell Addison  
502 Lakepark Drive  
Richlands, VA 24641  
(Reappointed 4-2-2019)  
(Oath taken 7/18/2019)

07-01-2023      06-30-2027

Shanna Plaster

07-01-2021

06-30-2025

106 Suffolk Ave.  
Richlands, VA 24641  
Phone:  
(Appointed at 04-06-2021 meeting)  
(Filled the expired term of Supervisor Travis Hackworth)

Pursuant to VA Code 15.2-6400

Purpose: To promote and encourage economic activity, including but not limited to investment and employment of county residents, in cooperation with neighboring counties, Buchanan, Russell and Dickenson, to facilitate the development of Industrial Facilities in the four County Regional  
The member localities shall be Buchanan, Tazewell, Russell and Dickenson.  
The Authority shall be governed by an initial Board of six (6) members.

NINTH DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FINANCING, INC.

(Two (2) Year Term)

Timothy Danielson

07-01-2023

06-30-2025

Economic and Development Director

197 Main Street

Tazewell, VA 24651

276-385-1671

[timothy.danielson@tazewellcounty.org](mailto:timothy.danielson@tazewellcounty.org)

(Replaces the expired term of Pam Warden)

(Appointed on 06-01-2021)

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Four (4) Year Term)

Ms. Ramona Simmons

07-01-2022

06-30-2025

127 Dirt Digger Road  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637  
971-1078  
964-6507  
(Filled Eli Jones expiring term – effective 08-31-2014)  
(Reappointed 08-07-2018)

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: Meets on the first Thursday of  
each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Fox-Meadows Housing Project in Lebanon.

AMOUNT OF PAY: None

The Housing Authority is committed to excellence in providing decent, safe and affordable housing in communities  
and ensuring equal opportunity in housing for everyone

## TAZEWELL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

### BOARD OF SUPERVISOR – REPRESENTATIVE

Chuck Presley 40 College Drive Bluefield, VA 24605 540-558-8341	01-01-2024	12-31-2027
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### SOUTHERN

Robert "Bob" Moss 3777 Hogback Road (Liberty) Tazewell, Virginia 24651 (Home) 276-988-9050 <a href="mailto:Robmoss58@yahoo.com">Robmoss58@yahoo.com</a> (Replaced Bill Gillespie whose term expired 06-30-2014)	07-01-2022	06-30-2026
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### NORTHERN

Ann Robinson, Chair PO Box 11 Fall Mills, Virginia 24613 (Work) 276-322-4900 <a href="mailto:annmrobinson@comcast.net">annmrobinson@comcast.net</a>	07-01-2021	06-30-2025
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### EASTERN

Anthony Ramella 1402 Triangle Road Bluefield, VA 24605	01-01-2023	12-31-2026
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### WESTERN

Jason Herndon PO Box 653 Richlands, VA 24641 Cell: 276-971-5057 <a href="mailto:Jason@mcclureconcrete.com">Jason@mcclureconcrete.com</a> (Reappointed 6-4-2019)	07-01-2023	06-30-2027
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### NORTHWESTERN

Lance Wimmer 222 Tatum Road Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 276-210-7873	07-01-2023	06-30-2027
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**AGRICULTURE/FARMING REPRESENTATIVE**

Hayden Lyons

01-01-2023

12-31-2026

PO Box 45

Pounding Mill, VA 24637

Representative Agriculture/Farming

(filled Charlie Hart's resignation 1/2023)

**TAZEWELL COUNTY STAFF**

Director of Engineering

Kenneth Dunford, Jr.

173 Main Street

Tazewell, Virginia 24651

276-385-1254

**MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:** Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651

**AMOUNT OF PAY:** \$50.00 per month (Except County staff)

**\*\*Real Estate Holdings –Required\*\***

Pursuant to VA Code Section 15.2 -2200 to 2210 – To improve the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of County citizens and to plan for the future development of communities.

TAZEWELL COUNTY ROAD VIEWERS

(One (1) Year Term)

SOUTHERN

Russell Stowers

07-01-2023

06-30-2025

6949 Clearfork Road

Bastian, VA 24314

NORTHERN

Scott Rasnick

07-01-2024

06-30-2025

1498 Mundy Town Road

North Tazewell, VA 24630

(Cell) 276-385-085-0853

(Home) 276-979-1907

(Replaced expired term of Ray Howell)

EASTERN

Curtis Gillespie

07-01-2023

06-30-2025

2013 Kimball Avenue

Bluefield, VA 24605

(Replaced Steve Slade who term expired)

(Appointed 09-03-2019)

WESTERN

Clyde Sparks

07-01-2023

06-30-2025

3850 Indian Creek Road

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

NORTHWESTERN

Jim Reynolds

07-01-2023

06-30-2025

431 Daw Road

Raven, Virginia 24639

276-245-6500

Advisors to the Road Viewers:

VDOT Representative

Tazewell County Engineer

Members must be sworn in by the Clerk of the Court

Pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 33.1-230

The Board of Supervisors may appoint five (5) members who shall be resident freeholders of the County



**TALL STRUCTURES APPEALS BOARD**

**ESTABLISHED May 4, 2010**

**APPOINTED BY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE AS RECOMMENDED BY TCBOS**

**(Five (5) Year Term)**

**Southern District**

Charlie Hart

07-01-2022    6-30-2027

499 Dial Rock Road

North Tazewell, VA 24630

(Reappointed 06-2022)

**Eastern District**

Ron Mullenau

07-01-2024    6-30-2029

103 Chesterfield Lane

Bluefield, VA 24605

(reappointed 6-25-2019)

**Western District**

Curt Breeding

07-01-2023    06-30-2028

425 Arrow Street

PO Box 494

Richlands, Virginia 24641

(Reappointed 6-4-2013)

(Oath taken 07-15-2019)

**Northern District**

Ann Robinson

07-01-2024    06-30-2029

PO Box 11

Falls Mills, Virginia 24613

(Reappointed 06-04-2019)

**Northwestern District**

Barry Alley

07-01-2024    06-30-2029

310 Fairfax Avenue

Richlands, Virginia 24641

(Reappointed 06-04-2019)

**At Large**

Joyce Johnston

07-01-2020

06-30-2025

619 Fairway Drive  
Bluefield, VA 24605  
276-322-4078  
(Reappointed 06-02-2020)

**Planning Commission Representative (five year term)**

\*Appointed by Planning Commission

Eddie Pauley

07-01-2021    06-30-2026

37615 Governor G.C. Peery Highway

Bluefield, VA 24605

(Cell) 304-320-1624

**WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY**  
(Established June 1, 2010)

(Four (4) Year Term)

**EASTERN**

Chuck Presley

01-01-2024

06-30-2027

**SOUTHERN**

Sam Kinder-Tannersville, VA  
1129 Laurel Creek Lane  
Broadford, Virginia 24316  
276-496-7388  
[conniek47@gmail.com](mailto:conniek47@gmail.com)

07-01-2023

06-30-2026

**NORTHERN**

Kyle Cruey

07-01-2022

06-30-2025

(filled unexpired term of Brandy Brewster)

**NORTHWESTERN**

Jordan Bales  
239 Valley Drive  
Richlands, VA 24641  
276-971-2384  
[jordancbales@gmail.com](mailto:jordancbales@gmail.com)  
Fills resignation of Rick Wood

07-01-2022

06-30-2025

**WESTERN**

George McCall  
PO Box 309  
Richlands, VA 24641  
276-701-5680  
(Fills the unexpired term of Marco Warner)  
[georgemccall@firstsentinelbank.com](mailto:georgemccall@firstsentinelbank.com)

06-29-2022

06-30-2025

\*Financial Disclosure Form Required