

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 3, 2025 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: AARON GILLESPIE, CHAIRMAN  
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: WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

ABSENT: None

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## **MINUTES**

Chairman, Aaron Gillespie, called the regular meeting to order and presided with all members present.

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

The Chairman 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 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 June 3, 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 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 approves the minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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 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.
- C. Consider budget supplemental appropriation of \$840,000 to account code 91050-7041 (\$780k from Bandy flood relief grant and \$60k for unbudgeted revenues/expenses)

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

<b>Source</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Description</b>
Cynthia Tomlinson	363877	035600-8109-16	\$173.00	TCSO Peer Recovery
TCCC	26579	021060-6001	\$737.28	Operational expenses
CMCS	248080	31020-1150	\$963.56	CITAC overtime
VaCorp		31020-6009	\$1610.23	TCSO 2015 Explorer VIN 8029
Natasha Hunt	5026	73010-1150	\$200.00	TCPL overtime reimbursement
TCPL Foundation		7301-8102	\$5000.00	TCPL
North Tazewell Lions Club		7301-6012	\$200.00	TCPL
Tazewell County Farm Bureau		7301-3099	\$125.00	TCPL

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

#### ***Landfill interviews***

Mr. Dunford announced that he received three proposals in response to the RFQ for engineering services at the landfill. The landfill committee members selected a date for interviews with a regular meeting at the same time.

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

Mr. Dunford asked the Board to approve the contract received from the high-ranking entity. He said the grant is for \$464,525.00 to include a \$92,000.00 match from the County funded by the CST. The actual contract price is \$370,470.52, which is under budget. Mr. Dunford elaborated that if the contract gets signed soon, the project can be completed by February which would fall in the time frame to apply for an implementation grant based on the study.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, 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 the amount of \$370,470.52 for the Safer Streets for All contract, pending legal review.

#### ***AS400***

Mr. Dunford explained that a new version of AS400 software is necessary and proposed a 5-year lease with an interest rate of 3.78% and a first payment of \$13,000.00. He advised that the lease payment is in the budget.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves \$58,846.00 for the purchase of the AS400 program, using a lease program which will make the first payment \$13,000.00.

#### ***Other***

Supervisor Plaster asked Mr. Dunford to check on the condition of the Raven convenience station, stating she had recently had complaints about excessive trash around the area. Mr. Dunford indicated he would follow up on the matter.

Supervisor Hrovatic thanked Mr. Dunford for their recent meeting. Supervisor Hrovatic then followed up with Mr. Dunford regarding Arrow Street in the Claypool Hill area regarding possible drainage issues. Mr. Dunford advised that Jeff Buchanan of VDOT intends to follow up on the subject

Supervisor Cruely had a citizen complaint on Sparrow Drive near Falls Mills and Songbird Drive at Falls Mills both regarding paving and removal of a berm.

#### ***Library – Erica Galloway***

Library Director, Erica Galloway updated the Board about upcoming events at the library, complemented by a PowerPoint presentation.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:43 pm**

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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(29) Contract Negotiations with BluePsi for Western Gas Study
- ▶ A( 5) Discussion regarding incentive: Project FIND
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in legal department
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in administration (x2)
- ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition at Richlands Elementary School
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with the Weldon Cooper Center for Local Government for consultation agreement regarding Richlands/PSA Water Agreement
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with DHCD regarding flood relief grant

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:07 pm**

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Chairman Plaster 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: Three (3)

## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### ***DHCD grant***

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 the MOU with DHCD for administration of the individual flood relief program for Hurricane Helene and the Presidents Day flood and approve a temporary salary supplement beginning 1 July 2025 and continuing until the program is complete for the following personnel who will assume the additional duties of administering the program: Tanya Mullins, Grants Coordinator \$600.00 per month; Virginia Dawson, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator \$1,000.00 per month and Susan Jewell, Paralegal \$400.00 per month.

Mr. Young commented that the salary supplements should be covered by the administrative fees reimbursed to the county by the flood program.

### ***Property near Richlands Elementary School***

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 purchase of that certain strip of property located in Richlands, Virginia adjacent to the Tazewell County Public Schools property being more particularly described as follows: “That certain real property located in the town of Richlands adjacent to Front Street, being an approximately 25 foot wide strip of land extending from Front Street between parcel 105B0034 and parcel 105BA0035 to the boundary with parcel 106A0023C” and that the County pay Ms. Shelby Finney or such other persons as legal counsel may opine to be the owners thereof \$10,000.00 for said property.

Mr. Young informed the public that the purpose of purchasing this property is to address the drainage issue near Richlands Elementary School.

### ***Weldon Cooper Center contract***

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the “Agreement for Services Provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service” between the County and the University of Virginia and authorize up to \$4,200.00 in payment to the Weldon Cooper Center therefor.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the Graham High School cheerleaders.

### ***CART resolution***

The Chair directed that this matter be deferred to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

### ***Men's Health Month***

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a proclamation naming May 2025 as Men's Health Month.

### ***EMS equipment***

County Administrator, Eric Young asked to address an issue not on the agenda regarding some EMS equipment. Mr. Young explained that there was a \$60,000.00 grant match in the EMS budget to purchase a new ambulance which was ultimately removed; however, he stated that it might be possible to place it back into the budget to be used to replace several EKG heart monitors. Barry Brooks, EMS Director, explained that the current monitors are at the end of their life and don't properly relay EKG data to the Emergency Room personnel, which could obviously be life-threatening for a patient. Mr. Brooks asked to be able to replace three packs using money left over in the EMS budget by doing a lease program which allows a down payment while paying over a four-year period at \$42,000.00 each year. Mr. Young suggested purchasing two packs initially and asked Mr. Brooks to provide a cost for that. The board agreed and asked the issue be placed on the agenda for the June 27, 2025 meeting.

### ***Budget presentation – Eric Young***

Mr. Young gave details regarding the proposed FY26 budget and demonstrated with a PowerPoint display.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### ***Solar Ordinance***

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law regarding the current solar ordinance.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, described the current solar ordinance and the purpose of the public hearing which is to add material safety data sheets as to what the solar panels contain to the current citing agreement. Mr. Collins recommended change in the language in the ordinance requiring MSDS and PSDS with a copy provided to TCSO and the County Administrators Office.

The Chairman called for public comments from those present or listening via telephone.

Robert Carlson of North Tazewell, Virginia asked questions and made comments regarding the data sheets and the solar ordinance. Mr. Collins explained that if the federal government doesn't require the data sheets or other documents, the County cannot require the same. Mr. Young recommended that the County require the documents in the ordinance and let the solar company present that argument.

Supervisor Cruey asked Mr. Collins to confirm that the County will be asking for the documents regardless of the federal requirements. Mr. Collins confirmed the same.

Mr. Carlson made additional comments related to the ordinance.

John Rhudy of Burkes Garden, Virginia commented on the solar ordinance. Supervisor Gillespie and Mr. Collins referred to a decommission plan in the solar ordinance.

The Chairman called a second and third time for additional public comments from the floor.

Hearing no further public comment, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Collins summarized the position of the Board regarding modifications of the ordinance “as required by 29 USC 651” to read “as referenced in 29 USC 651”; and also, that MSDS and PSDS for the current projects be provided to TCSO and the County Administrator’s office and a copy kept on site.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruvey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve modifications to the Solar Ordinance as follows: change the language “as required by 29 USC 651” to read “as referenced in 29 USC 651”; and also, that MSDS and PSDS for the current projects be provided to TCSO and the County Administrator’s office and a copy kept on site

***Public hearing regarding FY26 budget***

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law a public hearing regarding the FY26 proposed budget.

The Chairman called for public comments from those present or listening via telephone.

Ginger Cates of Pocahontas represented Historic Pocahontas, Inc., (HPI) and requested that the organization be added back to the county budget to receive funding.

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

***Public hearing regarding the Tourism Zone***

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law a public hearing regarding the Tourism Zone.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, described the purpose of the public hearing and explained the tourism zone and the incentives thereof.

The Chairman called for public comments from those present or listening via telephone.

Russell Stowers of Tazewell, Virginia spoke out against the expansion/revision of the Tourism Zone, stating that only two restaurants in the county will benefit from the change.

Mr. Young stated that there will be no change in the amount of money brought in from the meals tax and that the restaurants will simply receive incentives as part of a Tazewell County IDA grant based on how much meals tax they pay. He said the meals tax they pay will be used to calculate the grant and the contribution to fire protection will not be reduced. The County Attorney added that the grant is subject to fiscal appropriation by the county and offered to include such language in the ordinance.

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

Mike Wade asked for confirmation that if a restaurant doesn't apply to the IDA to receive the incentive, they won't receive it. Mr. Young confirmed the same.

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

***Public hearing regarding dogs running at large***

The Chairman called to order a public hearing that was duly advertised according to law a public hearing regarding dogs running at large.

County Attorney, Chase Collins, described the purpose of the public hearing.

The Chairman called for public comments from those present or listening via telephone.

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

The Chairman tabled this matter to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

The Chairman declared a brief recess: 8:06 pm

The meeting reconvened at 8:22pm

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED**

There were none.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED**

There were none.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

***Storm recovery update***

***United Way grant – Hurricane Helene/Winter Storm Jett***

County Administrator, Eric Young, explained that there is an MOU with the United Way for donations received following Winter Storm Jett and asked the Board to approve the MOU. He asked that the donated funds be used to assist citizens who didn't meet the requirements for DHCD relief for home repairs.

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 entering into an MOU with the United Way to use donations received following Winter Storm Jett to assist citizens who didn't meet the requirements for DHCD relief for home repairs.

***DHCD Urgent need grant***

Mr. Young advised that the County's application for these funds has been submitted and the result should be known by the end of June 2025.

***FEMA update***

According to Mr. Young, some claims for damage to county properties and road damage from Hurricane Helene have been submitted.

***MOU with DHCD for flood relief***

Mr. Young stated that this matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

***Opioid Abuse Abatement Committee update***

***Fairview Housing***

Mr. Young stated that the county has a 60-day option agreement with the owners of property to be used as a recovery house. He asked that this matter be placed on the June 27, 2025 agenda.

***Committee update***

Mr. Young announced that approximately 90% of the funds in the OAA account have been spent. Funds will continue to accrue at approximately \$200k per year. He asked if the committee could meet on an as-needed basis. The consensus of the Board was that they could.

***Recovery Court Administration***

Mr. Young announced that, in the current fiscal year, the board funded \$75,000.00 for the Recovery Court from OAA funds. He added that he had recently asked for \$60,000.00 for the next fiscal year; however, the program director asked that the amount be increased to \$70,000.00 because of contractual services for additional drug testing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Cruvey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present, Supervisor Gillespie abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve Recovery Court funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 for FY26 instead of the previously approved amount of \$60,000.00.

***Budget update***

Mr. Young had nothing to add to the budget presentation from earlier in the meeting.

***TCPS funding***

Mr. Young advised that Dr. Stacy has provided a list of project and items TCPS wishes to spend the sequestered funds on. Mr. Young recommended that the money be budgeted, but sequester it once again. He said he would provide the list at the June 27, 2025 meeting.

***Grants fund amendment FY25***

Mr. Young asked to pass this matter until later in the meeting.

***CST amendment FY25***

This matter was addressed earlier.

### ***SECOR proposal***

Mr. Young advised that he checked further into the cost of one employee from SECOR but has received no response as of this meeting. He added that should the County be permitted to pay an employee from OAA funds that the employee be used to clean up around the convenience centers.

### ***SVCC scholarships***

Mr. Young explained revisions to the SVCC scholarship requirements. First, Barry Brooks, EMS director clarified the definition of a “qualified firefighter” for the purposes of the scholarship, which is someone over the age of 21 who is a member in good standing for one or more years of one of the departments in Tazewell County, said department having responded to more than fifty calls annually; attend required training/meetings; and (c) must hold a certification of Firefighter I and EVOC.

Mr. Young also reviewed recommended changes to the agreement. He stated that the current GPA eligibility is 3.0 and the family income based on FASFA is less than \$120,000.00; however, SVCC staff advised that based on those guidelines, only one student is eligible for the upcoming year. It is recommended by the SVCC staff that the either the income guideline be lowered or the GPA requirement be lowered. The board discussed for some time whether to change either, neither or both.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 approve the firefighter requirements as determined by Barry Brooks, EMS Director as follows: which is someone over the age of 21 who is a member in good standing for one or more years of one of the departments in Tazewell County, said department having responded to more than fifty calls annually; attend required training/meetings; and (c) must hold a certification of Firefighter I and EVOC.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present and Supervisor Cruey voting against and all others voting in favor thereof, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve lowering the GPA requirement for all applicants for the SVCC scholarship program from 3.0 to 2.5.

### ***Consider surplus of TCSO vehicle***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present, Supervisor Cruey abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the surplus of a TCSO 2013 Ford Taurus (VIN 1FAHP2M8XDG124421).

### ***Repairs at fairgrounds***

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 approve appropriating \$9,000.00 from contingency for new siding for the fair office and ticket booth at the fairgrounds.

### ***Styrofoam exemption***

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 approve an exemption for TCPS regarding Styrofoam/polystyrene disposal at the landfill, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

### ***Courthouse grounds improvement***

Mr. Young stated he had been approached by Matthew Brandt, president of the Tazewell Rotary Club, with a request to place a flag for each of the six (6) branches of the armed forces near or around the veteran's memorial at the courthouse. He stated he would speak to Dave White to determine the best placement for the flags and present the suggestion to the Circuit Court judge for approval.

### ***Employee bonuses***

According to Mr. Young, the DSS director has requested a bonus for each full time DSS employee of 1.5% using state funds and not county money, which will require a public hearing. Mr. Young also stated that the state has provided funds to the county for state funded positions for a 1.5% increase. He said that the same amount is included in the budget for locally funded positions, including county administration and deputies that are not state funded.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present, Supervisor Cruvey abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve a public hearing regarding full time DSS employee bonuses in the amount of 1.5% as well as 1.5% for locally funded positions, including county administration and deputies that are not state funded.

### ***Cafeteria Plan***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the annual cafeteria plan which is the retirement and health insurance benefits plan.

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

The Chair directed that this matter be removed from consideration.

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

The Chair directed that this matter be removed from consideration.

### ***Other***

#### ***PSA***

The County Administrator stated that the Tazewell County PSA voted to authorize advertising for solicitation of bids for water and wastewater for Pure Salmon, currently estimated to be \$10m construction project. He said there is a \$2m grant from the Virginia Department of Health, \$4.7m from the federal EDA and \$1m in grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Mr. Young further explained that the county has invested approximately \$900,000.00 for the design of the projects. He reminded the Board that bids came in at approximately \$13m, which was far above what had been budgeted, so the PSA decided to wait in anticipation of prices decreasing and then advertise again for bids, which needs to be done in order to meet the Jonah deadline.

Mr. Young said the PSA will authorize the solicitation of bids provided the Board will authorize the same and agree to pay the \$25,000.00 for the solicitation and evaluation of bids. He also reminded the Board that there is approximately \$108,000.00 remaining from ARPA funds that were put aside for this project.

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 PSA solicitation bids and \$25,000.00 to the PSA for Jonah water and wastewater bids and engineer evaluations.

### ***SEH***

According to Mr. Young, the Board approved SEH as the firm to design the K-7 school in the western educational district. He stated there is a \$13m grant and a \$25m loan at 0% available from the state, he asked that the Board proceed with the site selection phase.

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 contract negotiations with SEH for site selection work.

### ***Kid's Fish Day***

Mr. Young thanked everyone who helped organize the recent annual kid's fishing event.

### **Appointments**

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

The Chairman deferred this matter to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

#### ***IDA***

Supervisor Cruet made a motion to appoint Rick Chitwood to serve on the IDA; however, he withdrew the motion because IDA member Suzanne Brinegar has not yet submitted her letter of resignation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Kyle Hurt to serve on the IDA.

The Chairman directed that the remaining appointments be deferred until the June 27, 2025 meeting.

#### ***Tourism Committee***

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 Beth Takach to serve on the Tourism Committee.

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 reappoints Rick Wood to serve on the Tourism Committee.

The Chairman deferred remaining appointments to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

#### ***Animal Shelter Board***

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 reappoints John Absher to serve on the Animal Shelter Board.

### ***CVCA***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints David Anderson, David Larimer, Jim Boyd and Adrianna Culbertson, to serve on the CVCA Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruvey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present, Supervisor Plaster abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Chris Plaster to serve on the CVCA Board.

### ***SWCC Board***

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with all members present, Supervisor Gillespie abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Rod Gillespie to serve on the SWCC Board.

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 reappoints Thomas Conley to serve on the SWCC Board.

### ***CIFA***

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 Shanna Plaster to serve on CIFA.

### ***9<sup>th</sup> District Financing***

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 reappoints Tim Danielson to serve on the 9<sup>th</sup> District Financing Board.

### ***Cumberland Plateau Housing Authority***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 27, 2025 meeting pending determination of her eligibility.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

### ***Road Viewers***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

### ***Tall Structures***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Joyce Johnson to serve on the Tall Structures Committee.

## ***WSA***

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 reappoints George McCall and Jordan Bales to serve on the WSA.

Upon amended 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 reappoints George McCall, Jordan Bales and Kyle Cruet to serve on the WSA.

## **BOARD CONCERNS**

### **Supervisor Presley**

#### ***Falls Mills transfer station***

Supervisor Presley spoke about several citizen requests he has had for a ramp at the convenience station as well as trash around the site itself. Mr. Young stated a ramp would involve great expense and also mentioned the need for someone to keep those areas clean to alleviate complaints.

Supervisor Presley asked about the gas lines at the Bluestone. Mr. Young expects an estimate for that in mid-summer then the plan is to get the design ready in the event a business moves into the Bluestone and wants gas.

### **Supervisor Plaster**

None.

### **Supervisor Hrovatic**

None.

### **Supervisor Cruet**

Supervisor Cruet encouraged everyone to remember D-Day and its significance.

### **Supervisor Gillespie**

#### ***Burkes Garden VFD***

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Southern District discretionary funds to the Burkes Garden VFD for expenses associated with their July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

#### ***Citizen recognition***

Supervisor Gillespie shared the idea of recognizing a citizen from each district periodically for contributions to the communities and asked the Board to share ideas at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING** – 9:20pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof, 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 legal department
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in administration (x2)
- ▶ A( 1) Personnel in administration

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION** – 10:04 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session with the meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Cruey and Supervisor Plaster 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.

In the Chairman's absence, Vice Chairman Cruey called for a roll call vote on the Certification:

Ayes: Four (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: One (1)

Vice Chairman Cruey noted for the record that Supervisor Gillespie was not present during Executive Session for the roll call vote.

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Personnel in legal department***

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with Supervisor Gillespie absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the

same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the resignation tendered by Chase D. Collins, County Attorney pursuant to Section 5E of his employment agreement and that a resolution for appreciation of Mr. Collins' service be presented to Mr. Collins as soon as may be practicable.

Supervisor Cruey expressed his appreciation to Mr. Collins for the work during his time with the county.

Mr. Collins expressed his sentiments regarding his employment as County Attorney.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***Tourism Zone***

Supervisor Hrovatic asked whether the public hearing for the Tourism Zone is tabled until the June 27, 2025 meeting. Mr. Collins confirmed the same.

Mr. Collins suggested posting the map and changes to the Tourism Zone publicly on websites and other locations instead of paying for expensive newspaper advertising.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with Supervisor Gillespie absent from the vote and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves of posting the Tourism Zone map on various internet websites as opposed to paying for expensive newspaper advertising and authorizes the county attorney to do the same.

## **ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0 with Supervisor Gillespie absent from the vote and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby recesses until Friday, June 27, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

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Aaron Gillespie, Chairman