

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD AUGUST 5, 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  
STEPHANIE RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS:  
JIM TALBERT, BLUEFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH  
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 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 approved the August 5, 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

County Administrator Eric Young notified the Board of a revision to the June 27, 2025 meeting minutes. The addition was noted in red under the Consent Calendar which required approval of Supplemental Appropriations for the following funds for fiscal year 2025 due to expenses exceeding authorized appropriations: Coal Severance Fund: \$169,500; Law Library Fund: \$5,075; Coal Road Economic Development Fund: \$45,165.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the revised minutes from the June 27, 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 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 items A, B and C, 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. Ratify poll approving \$9,000 from Western District Capital Funds for repairs to Caleb Hollow Road

### **Consent Calendar Items August 5, 2025 Meeting**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Description</b>
Anonymous		7301-3099	\$ 20.00	Donation for library
CMCS	248732	31020-1150	\$ 1,068.42	Reimbursement for overtime for CITAC officers.
Natasha Hunt	5029	73010-1150	\$ 200.00	Payroll reimbursement
Cecil Gillespie	1098	7301-6012	\$ 1,000.00	Donation for library
Regina Roberts		7301-3099	\$ 400.00	Donation for library
VAcorp	662798	31020-8105	\$14,763.00	2019 Ford Explorer VIN 4429 – total loss
VAcorp	664937	31020-6009	\$ 2,672.66	Luke Deel's deer accident
VAcorp	664939	31020-6009	\$ 291.23	James Crigger's windshield
VAcorp	663078	31020-8105	\$18,883.00	Ins. – Total loss 2020 Ford Explorer; VIN 7942

Care Center	3265	31020-5510	\$ 102.00	Travel reimbursement – Michelle Conklin
Care Center	3264	31020-5510	\$ 102.00	Travel reimbursement – Andrew Layne
Freedom Ford	1237	31020-6009	\$ 2,634.23	Reimbursement for warranty
Dominion Auto	11569	31020-6009	\$ 1,165.00	Sale of 2011 Chev Traverse
Felicia De Courcy	16186	31020-6010	\$ 30.00	Donation for police supplies
New People	066999	31020-6010	\$ 5,400.00	Sponsor – DARE t-shirts
Consolidated Steel	81314	31020-6010	\$ 500.00	Donation for the Motor Squad

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***Engineering – Kenneth Dunford***

***Landfill – Paving Estimate for Boissevain Transfer Station***

Mr. Dunford stated that Supervisor Cruey had requested an estimate to pave the Boissevain Transfer Station in order to fix the potholes. Mr. Dunford notified the Board his department had ran the estimate internally and believe it will cost around \$17,000. Supervisor Cruey said he would have to check his Capital Improvement Fund balance to see if he could pay the paving cost. County Administrator Eric Young advised he would check with our Finance Director regarding Supervisor Cruey’s balance. Supervisor Hrovatic suggested that it may qualify for AML funding as well.

Eric Young, County Administrator then inquired about the Lynn Hollow Transfer Station which he believed to be in comparable if not worse shape. Mr. Dunford said he would work on that estimate and report back to the Board.

***Cedar Bluff Transfer Station***

Mr. Dunford announced the advertisement for construction on two (2) spaces will run in the newspaper on August 6, 2025. We will then have a pre-bid meeting approximately two (2) weeks thereafter. Mr. Dunford stated he hopes to have all the bids in and reviewed by the September meeting. Mr. Dunford further stated he did have a survey completed and was pleased to report the County actually owns more property at that site than originally thought.

***Boissevain Transfer Station***

County Administrator Eric Young interjected that Ms. Matney had responded to his text and the Northern District had a total of \$49,802.00 in its Capital Improvement Fund. Supervisor Cruey then advised he would like to make a Motion to transfer \$17,000 from his Capital Improvement Fund to pave the Boissevain Transfer Station. The Motion was 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 transferring \$17,000 from the Northern District’s Capital Improvement Fund to the Landfill Fund to cover the cost of paving.

### ***Shamrock Street, Sparrow Street and Songbird Lane***

Mr. Dunford provided the Board a status update on Shamrock Street, Sparrow Street and Songbird Lane in Falls Mills, Virginia. Mr. Dunford explained he prepared an estimate at the Board's request and in order to fix the drainage issue it was going to be roughly \$97,000.

County Administrator Eric Young inquired if the project could be completed in phases? Mr. Dunford replied it was possible, but it would not stop the citizen complaints until the entire project was completed. Mr. Dunford advised there were probably 10 to 15 homes that were currently affected by the drainage issues. Supervisor Cruey advised that the drainage issues also affect many more citizens who travel the road since the water actually pools up on the main road through Falls Mills. Mr. Dunford agreed and clarified we actually have a lot of these types of roads with drainage issues throughout the County, namely "Buckhorn Road where I just spent \$2,900.00 two (2) weeks ago and it already needs work again", he said.

County Administrator Eric Young advised the Board that discussions had been had in order to use the Coal Severance Tax money on fixing the drainage issues along these roads throughout the County. Mr. Young suggested Mr. Dunford incorporate these expenses into his budget ask from the Coal Severance Committee for next year.

Supervisor Cruey also suggested using money from the Contingency Fund to cover the costs. Supervisor Plaster interjected that it was very early in the year to have such a big expenditure. Supervisor Hrovatic mentioned he also had roads such as this in his district, Caleb Hollow Road being among them. Supervisors Plaster and Presley agreed that phasing this project in stages would be a better solution at this time. Eric Young, County Administrator, asked Mr. Dunford if he did have the \$97,000, as requested would he put it into those roads first? Mr. Dunford replied, "No, there are worse roads with drainage issues I would put the money into before".

Mr. Dunford and County Administrator Eric Young discussed preparing a plan for the worst five (5) roads and bringing it back to the Board for discussion in September.

### ***Bridge Inspections***

Mr. Dunford advised the Board that the three (3) bridge inspections had been completed. Mountain Road; which is a county-maintained road, received Fair condition. The bridge at Fincastle Farms had been replaced by VDOT a few years ago and showed no deficiencies. The bridge on Sage Hill Road is a little complicated, this is not a county-maintained road. However, around 2001 the County took in roads in that area and the bridge is used to access those roads.

County Administrator Eric Young concurred and explained to the Board that every year the County sends a letter to the residents in that area who use the bridge along with a copy of the engineering report. The letter states it is not a county-maintained road / bridge and also lists the current issues and/or problems. In 2011, the bridge had major structural issues and at some point, it is going to be a problem, right now the cost to replace would be around \$750,000. In addition, Mr. Young and Mr. Dunford agreed a sign should be posted advising everyone that it is a private bridge.

Supervisor Gillespie inquired if this was a situation wherein, we could use the Safe Streets program? Mr. Dunford said he did not believe so as this was a private road. Mr. Young replied we may be able to get grant money for the bridge, if the County took the bridge. However, if we take the bridge and cannot get grant money, the County would have to pay for the repairs.

### ***IT Equipment***

Mr. Dunford requested that the Board review his attached surplus list of old IT hardware and declare these items surplus so that he may place the items on the auction website. Mr. Dunford explained these were old items that the County no longer has a need for.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Mr. Dunford's request to surplus the IT hardware items listed and place those items for sale on the website. A copy of the list is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

### ***Airport***

Mr. Dunford notified the Board that the Engineering Department had received a quote back for the sink hole repair at the Tazewell County Airport. The low bidder came in at \$22,630.00 to make those repairs. County Administrator Eric Young stated there may be aviation grant money available to pay for the repairs. Supervisor Hrovatic agreed the grant money was definitely something that should be explored. Mr. Young said he would reach out to Jim French at the Airport to discuss the matter further.

### ***Paving***

Supervisor Hrovatic inquired how was the paving coming along. Mr. Dunford stated one (1) lot had been completed thus far, but everything was coming along on schedule.

## **SPEARHEAD TRAILS PRESENTATION**

### ***Steve Pike***

Steve Pike gave a short presentation for Spearhead Trails. Mr. Pike provided a handout showing the current ATV trails along with future expansion projects he is currently working with the County to complete. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Pike stated the future trail expansion project would add a minimum of an additional 37 miles to the ATV trails once the Stevenson tract was acquired, which means an approximate 61% increase. Mr. Pike further stated that eventually the trails would reach out to link up with the Hatfield and McCoy ATV trails.

Mr. Pike advised the Board that current tourism has seen groups coming from Iowa and Arkansas and that Virginia Tech completed a study and found that the ATV trails in Pocahontas are rated in the top three (3) ATV trails in the State.

Supervisor Presley asked for the Board to receive updated maps every six (6) months or so to keep the Board updated on progress and future projects. Mr. Presley went on to express he was quite pleased with the progress. Supervisor Crucey echoed the sentiment and thanked Mr. Pike along with Spearhead Trails for all the great things they have done for the area, especially in the Northern District for the Boissevain, Abbs Valley and Pocahontas areas.

## **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:50 pm**

Due to the second Executive Session only having one personnel matter to discuss, County Administrator Eric Young asked that the Board move that matter to the first Executive Session therefore eliminating the need for a second session.

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, the Board hereby moves the personnel matter to the current meeting and 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( 7) Legal consultation regarding the Landfill Construction Contract
  - ▶ A(29) Contract Negotiations with the Town of Richlands on the PSA water contract
  - ▶ A(29) Negotiations with Pure Salmon on Jonah Water Use Agreement
  - ▶ A( 3) Property acquisition regarding Pocahontas ATV trail
  - ▶ A( 7) Legal consultation regarding Lexcite case
  - ▶ A( 8) Legal consultation regarding the legal status of Volunteer Fire Departments
  - ▶ A( 1) Personnel – County Attorney position

**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:24 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: One (1)

## **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### ***ATV Trail Property Acquisition***

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 voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves acceptance of the Shott Foundation Grant in the amount of \$160,000.00 in order to purchase the Stevenson tract being parcel 011A0053A, containing approximately 35 acres for the Pocahontas ATV trail system and authorize the purchase of said parcel for that amount.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### ***VDOT project adjustment***

Jeff Buchanan with VDOT provided a short presentation in reference to changes in the secondary system of State Highways due to construction on Route 602, namely Pleasant Hill Church Road. Mr. Buchanan provided a map of the construction area as reference which is also found on page 26 in the agenda packet. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Buchanan explained that the project began back in 1995. However, due to a bridge being taken out certain adjustments were required. VDOT is requesting that the Board approve a Resolution to vacate the following routes which are highlighted in blue on the map being: .11-miles from A to F; G to H .04-miles; and vacating E to D .02-miles.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one voting against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Resolution for Highway system changes resulting from the construction of Virginia Department of Transportation project 0602-092-P51, M502, B634 (UPC 13010). A copy of the Resolution is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Buchanan also gave a short update on VDOT's work from the February flood. Mr. Buchanan stated they were patching potholes and completing asphalt overlays. However, due to the weather VDOT was currently behind schedule.

County Administrator Eric Young spoke about citizen complaints regarding the steep curves in Abbs Valley. Mr. Young stated he thought that possibly back in 2010-2011 there had been a plan to address those curves. However, due to funding issues, the project was not completed. Supervisor Cruey agreed that the curves in question were very sharp and with the increase in tourism another look at the project. Mr. Buchanan replied he would pull safety data and cost estimates and report back to the Board. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Young spoke briefly on possible grant ideas and revenue sharing in order to fund the project.

Supervisor Cruey asked about the mowing schedule, specifically for the Abbs Valley area. Mr. Buchanan expressed the mowing schedule was on track and he knows for sure at least the first mowing cycle had been completed and believes the second cycle should be underway shortly.

### ***Camp Joy***

Robin Boyd from Clinch Valley Community Action; filling in for Liz Lester, provided a short presentation to the Board regarding current construction updates already completed at Camp Joy. Ms. Boyd stated all of

the work had been done using a private donation and included two (2) new cabins, electrical and roofing repairs to the shelter, fixing water lines, filling in the pool and improvements to the playground.

CVCA requested an \$85,000 donation from the Board in order to purchase two (2) new cabins for Camp Joy. The donation would also cover the set-up, electrical and water costs as well.

The supervisors briefly discussed the donation request. However, since the new budget for FY26 had just recently been approved and implemented the cost had not been figured. Ms. Boyd asked that they possibly keep the request in mind for next year's budget. County Administrator Eric Young agreed to add the request to next year's budget agenda.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - SCHEDULED**

#### ***Robert Duff, Sr. – Tazewell, Virginia***

Robert Duff a local artist came before the Board to inquire about his personalized drawings of local high schools which the Board previously purchased for upcoming high school graduates. Currently, the cost would be \$3,866, to cover drawings of all three (3) high school for the students. Mr. Duff provided each Board member with a yearly planner/calendar which included some of his artwork.

Upon requests from the Board, the Chair tabled this request until the September 9, 2025 meeting.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - UNSCHEDULED**

#### ***Jim Talbert – Tazewell, Virginia***

Mr. Talbert wanted to introduce the Board to Bethany Eskell who is currently job shadowing him. Ms. Eskell is a journalism major at Bluefield University.

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

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

#### ***FEMA/VDEM/DHCD***

County Administrator, Eric Young, explained that the County had received their check from FEMA in the amount of \$337,000.00 for the leachate haul from Hurricane Helene. We have an application pending with them for \$200,000.00 for leachate we had to haul during the President's Day flood event. We also have submitted an application with them for \$321,000.00 to cover the costs for diverting waste from the landfill when it was damaged by the storm. We have also received some money for damage to our roads.

According to Young, the County has eighteen (18) months from the storm in order to submit requests.

#### ***DHCD Individual relief grant***

Young continued by saying the DHCD flood grant has received a total of twenty-six (26) applications as of today. We have one (1) that is ready to go to DHCD and should have another ten (10) ready to submit by the middle of the month, Young said.

Mr. Young said we have had two (2) community meetings thus far, one in Bluefield and one in Richlands. We will probably have another round of meetings before the window closes.

Supervisor Plaster injected she believed we needed to advertise a little more and get the word out to citizens on what they need to do. County Administrator Mr. Young agreed and said another round of advertising would be done.

***Opioid Litigation – Purdue/Sackler***

Mr. Young stated, we have received settlement documents from Purdue and Sackler. He said, “there is a summary in the agenda packet on page 32 which outlines everything. Our outside counsel, Eric Barton with Cartwell and Wagstaff, handles this matter on behalf of the County and his recommendation is that we opt in and approve these two (2) settlements. Therefore, I am asking the Board to do so”.

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 two (2) settlements with Purdue and Sackler.

***Curves on Abbs Valley Road***

This matter was addressed earlier in this meeting.

***Approve \$64,064.90 from Opioid Abatement Funds***

Mr. Young stated the Opioid Abuse Abatement Committee recommended funds in the amount of \$64,064.90 to purchase a Life Pack35 Heart Monitor for the Tazewell County EMS. Mr. Young said should the Motion should be approved subject to legal review and reach out to the OAA to make sure it fits within the scope of the settlement.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the \$64,064.90 purchase of the Life Pack35 Heart Monitor for the Tazewell County EMS using Opioid abatement funds, subject to legal review.

***Cumberland Plateau Regional’s Hazard Mitigation Plan***

Young reported that Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission has developed their 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. They are required by the State to do this periodically. The plan must be approved by the supervisors.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission’s 2025 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

***Consider surplus of 2013 Chevrolet Traverse***

The Sherriff’s Department would like to surplus a 2013 Chevrolet Traverse; VIN 1GNKVGKD4DJ114352, which has electrical issues, Young said.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to surplus the 2013 Chevrolet Traverse.

***Consider surplus of 2009 GMC Yukon***

Young continued the Sherriff’s Department would like to surplus a 2009 GMC Yukon; VIN 1GKFK33089R126072, which has 175,000 miles and is in disrepair.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to surplus the 2009 GMC Yukon.

***Van for Litter Pick-up***

Mr. Young stated the Sherriff's Department currently has a van they use to transport inmates for litter pick-up which is having some serious issues. I plan to shop around and may come back to the Board next month for a funding request.

***Tazewell High School Band Boosters – Funding Request***

The Tazewell High School Band Boosters have submitted a funding request for \$1,000.00 for instrument repairs and travel expenses for 80 kids.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gillespie, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves \$700.00 from the Southern District fund.

***Tazewell Youth Football League – Funding Request***

The Tazewell Youth Football League has submitted a funding request.

The chair deferred this matter to the September 9, 2025, meeting.

***TRIAD – Funding Request***

TRIAD has submitted a funding request for \$500.00 for Senior Safety Day.

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 \$500.00 from the contingency fund payable to AASC for TRIAD's Senior Safety Day.

***Regional Jail Update***

The Administrator reported that we had an outside study done by Davenport Financial Services as to whether we should draw down Regional Jail reserves based upon a request from Dickenson and Russell Counties. Davenport recommended that we do not. Currently, our policy is to keep between 25% and 30% of our operating costs in reserve. The Regional Jail has 29% of operating costs in reserve. We came to the conclusion that instead of drawing the reserve down we would not contribute next year. Should inflation continue as it is, it should decline from 29% to be around 26% - 27%.

Young advised we also received our final reconciliation from the jail. He reminded the Board of the generator repairs, HVAC issues and roofing repairs we needed to complete. We had the budget reflect those costs since we would pay that out of pocket. However, when we financed the needed repairs the cost in FY25 was reduced. So we will be getting \$1,044,000.00 back. We had budgeted to get back \$750,000.

***FOIA Requests***

Our current policy is if the charge is less than \$10.00, we do not charge, nor do we charge the press. However; Mr. Young said, we have been getting serial requests in portions so the requestor does not exceed the \$10.00 limit and therefore they do not have to pay anything. I suggest we limit that to \$10.00 per resident per year.

After a brief discussion the Board decided to leave the policy as is and revisit with monthly updates for a few months to track how many requests and who requested the material.

***Approval of Cumberland Mountain Community Services FY 25-26 Budget / Performance Contract***

Cumberland Mountain Community Services (CMCSB) has submitted their fiscal year 25-26 Budget and Performance Contract for approval. The plan is rather extensive and can be found on their website at <https://www.cmcsb.com> then scroll down to "FY 25-26 Budget/Performance Contract". Once on this link you will see all of the exhibits that make up the Plan.

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 Cumberland Mountain Community Services FY25-26 Budget/Performance Contract.

***Community Facilities Building Health Safety Complaints***

Mr. Young addressed complaints about the Community Facilities Building. He said, "I recently toured the building in question and found no issues, the air was clean and cool and I did not see any signs of mold". The breaks in the sheet rock shown in the complainants' pictures have been there approximately six (6) years, according to David Taylor. On the opposite side of the wall a pipe leaked six years ago and the sheet rock cracked. They had a cleaning crew come in and they did not recommend replacing the sheet rock. Additionally, the HVAC unit was just recently replaced. The original plans for the building were approved by the Health Department.

***Consider approving an additional expenditure of \$35,000.00 from contingency for Sheriff's Office body cameras, software support and data storage***

The Sherriff's Department has requested an additional \$35,000 from contingency for body cameras, software support and data storage.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster seconded by Supervisor Gillespie and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Crucey abstaining and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves \$35,000 from the contingency fund for body cameras, software support and data storage for the Sherriff's Department.

***Other***

The Meals Tax went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, but it will probably be the end of September before we receive anything.

There will be a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats held on August 30, 2025 at the Tazewell County Animal Shelter. This is the young man, Clay Yearians, who presented his Eagle Scout project at last month's Board meeting and you granted his donation request.

County Administrator Eric Young stated he recently attended a conference in DC for the pandemic response. While there Mr. Young expressed his amazement by the use of AI and hoping to stay with the current times requests that the Board allow him to form a committee with various department heads to explore how the County may benefit by using AI. The Board gave their approval to Mr. Young.

## **Appointments**

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

There was a typo in last months' Appointments wherein Ramona Simmons term expiration was listed as 2025 and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Simmons. However, upon further research Ms. Simmons' current term is not up until 2026.

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 rescinds the vote to appoint Ramona Simmons to serve on the CPHA since her current term has not expired.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the September 9, 2025 meeting.

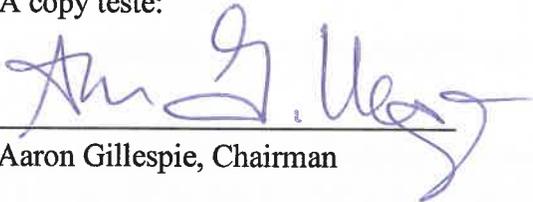
### ***Library (resignation of Connie Bailey)***

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 approves the vote to appoint Karla Kurtz to the library board.

## **ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruet, 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 recesses until Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

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Aaron Gillespie, Chairman