

VIRGINIA: AT THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD DECEMBER 15, 2025 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: CHUCK PRESLEY, CHAIRMAN PRO TIEM
SHANNA PLASTER, MEMBER
ANDY HROVATIC, MEMBER
KYLE CRUEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
STEPHANIE RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS:
JIM TALBERT, RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS

ABSENT:
SUPERVISOR CRUEY - arrived at 3:30 pm and departed at 5:36 pm

MINUTES

Member Andy Hrovatic called the recessed meeting to order.

County Administrator Eric Young advised that there is a quorum and that the Chairman Aaron Gillespie, tendered his resignation on December 4, 2025 and the Vice-Chairman, Kyle Cruey was not present. Mr. Young then opened the floor for Motions to elect a chairman pro tempore.

Upon Motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 2 to 0, with Supervisor Cruey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Supervisor Chuck Presley as Chairman pro tempore.

County Administrator Eric Young explained that while tonight is a recessed meeting finishing the outstanding items from our December 2, 2025, agenda, a few items have arisen which require the Board's action.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Fair Housing Certification – DHCD Block Grant

Administrator Young explained that the County was awarded an Urgent Needs Grant in the amount of \$597,000, to purchase generators for the PSA. Mr. Young continued stated that since the grant was federal FEMA funds, the county is required to file a Fair Housing Certification. Mr. Young read the stipulates of the Fair Housing Certification, wherein the Board agrees to take at least one (1) action to affirmatively further fair housing each grant year, during the life of its project funded with DHCD grant funds.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof, the Board approves the Fair Housing Certification as presented. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mr. Young advised that the County had been awarded a grant from DHCD to mitigate future storm hazards by installing six (6) generators. Mr. Young further explained that the cost of the six (6) generators will be approximately \$600,000; not including the cost to install. The Urgent Needs Grant covers \$597,000, so VDHCD is requesting that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors enter into an agreement with the Tazewell County PSA, wherein the Board agrees to cover any shortfall between the grant monies received and the purchase price, along with the costs of installation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruvey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof, the Board agrees to enter into an agreement with the Tazewell County PSA, wherein the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay the difference between the Urgent Needs Grant monies and the actual purchase price of the generators, along with the costs of installation. A copy of the agreement is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Flood Housing Project

County Administrator Eric Young stated he had previously polled the Board regarding the IDA's application to the Department of Conservation and Recreation Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF) for 3 million dollars to construct homes for flood victims in Richlands. He continued by stating that the deadline is this Friday, so I will need a Resolution supporting IDA's application.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruvey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof, the Board approves the Resolution supporting IDA's application to the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund, Category 1B Grant for 3 million dollars to construct homes for flood victims in Richlands. A copy of the application is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruvey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof, the Board reappoints Richard Smith to the Tazewell County PSA.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 3:10 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruvey being absent from the vote and all others 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.

Supervisor-elect Curt Breeding and Supervisor-elect John Rhudy joined the Executive/Closed Session.

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

- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in North Tazewell
- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Baptist Valley
- ▶ A(1) Personnel County Attorney
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with PSA and Pure Salmon on water user agreement
- ▶ A(8) Legal consultation regarding the Bristol Transportation District Regional Improvement Commission
- ▶ A(8) Contract negotiations re: Republic Landfill Construction Contract

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 5:50 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: Three (3)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: One (1)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: Two (2)

Supervisor-elect Curt Breeding and Supervisor-elect John Rhudy joined the Board for the remainder of the meeting.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Six-month convenience area rental agreement

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruely being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a six-month convenience area rental agreement with Barnes and Linda Kidd, in the amount of \$600.00 per month, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026.

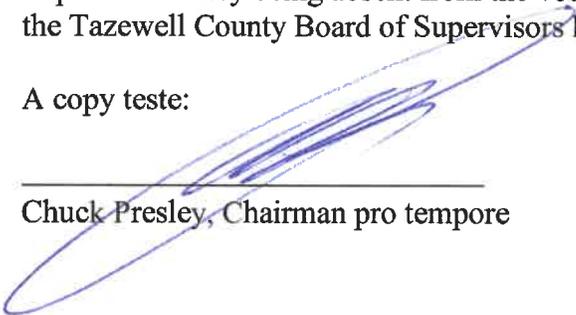
Negotiations with candidates for County Attorney position

Upon motion of Supervisor Hrovatic, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisor Cruely being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the County Administrator to enter into negotiations with the two (2) candidates interviewed by the Board for the County Attorney position.

ADJOURN - 5:56 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Hrovatic and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0 with Supervisor Cruely being absent from the vote, and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby recesses until Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

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Chuck Presley, Chairman pro tempore