

VIRGINIA: AT THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: CHUCK PRESLEY, CHAIRMAN
SHANNA PLASTER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
KYLE CRUEY, MEMBER
CURTIS BREEDING, MEMBER
JOHN RHUDY, MEMBER
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AARON M. GILLESPIE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS:
JIM TALBERT, RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS
WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES

Chairman, Chuck Presley, reconvened the meeting from February 3, 2026, to order and presided with all members present.

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 Chairman called for any additions/deletions to the agenda.

County Administrator Eric Young stated since this is a recessed meeting, the Board will continue to follow the agenda from the February 3rd Board meeting. Mr. Young further stated that the agenda contained a typo as well as an addition; instead of BMI Support Resolution it should be VMI (Virginia Military Institute) Support Resolution, also A Build Grant Application which Mr. Dunford will address with the Board once they return from Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:05 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, seconded by Supervisor Rhudy and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present for the vote and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Board enters into an Executive/Closed meeting and invites any other 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 - Landfill construction
- ▶ A(29) Jonah User Agreement
- ▶ A(5) Project Resort
- ▶ A(1) Tazewell County Volunteer Fire Department (TCVFD) Chief
- ▶ A(3) Property Acquisition near Cavitts Creek
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations - Gigabeam

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 8:40 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Cruely 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: None (0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Eric Young – VMI Support Resolution

County Administrator Eric Young conveyed to the Board that the VMI Support Resolution is the Resolution for which he had emailed earlier for the Board to review and discuss. Mr. Young said Buchanan County had passed a similar Resolution in opposition to House Bill 1377. Mr. Young continued that House Bill 1377 is a study the State conducted to decide if they wanted to stop funding VMI (Virginia Military Institute). Mr. Young stated based upon the polling of the Board, he drafted the Resolution for the Board's approval.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Breeding 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 Resolution opposing proposed House Bill 1377 which would create a task force To determine whether the Virginia Military Institute should continue to be a state sponsored institution of higher education. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Ken Dunford – Build Grant Application

Ken Dunford, County Engineer, came before the Board to discuss a Build Grant Application. Mr. Dunford stated his department has been working the last few months with the grant writers on this application. Mr. Dunford said, last year this grant was called Raise and we were not approved, but what we are looking at funding is improvements to the 460/19 corridor in Claypool Hill. Mr. Dunford explained this money would fund the preliminary studies and engineering on that project. The funding for this grant is 1,929,860.00, with a required 10% match, Mr. Dunford concluded.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Breeding 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 grants the 10% match on the Grant Build Application, in the amount of \$192,986.00.

SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Supervisor Cruey

Supervisor Cruey wanted to discuss a recent local case wherein re-districting efforts were made in the State of Virginia. Supervisor Cruey explained this new map was detrimental to the State and would hamper our voices in our region, as well as having less representation.

Supervisor Presley inquired as to what Judge Hurley recently did with regards to the redistricting and asked County Attorney Aaron Gillespie to explain it to the Board.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie explained that Judge Hurley’s opinion with regards to Gerrymandering, which is pending before the Supreme Court of Virginia, the opinion rests on two (2) issues. Mr. Gillespie continued the first issue is there is a provision under the Virginia Code which requires certain notices be made to the public where elections are concerned, so citizens can make informed decisions and there are time limits on when those notices have to be advertised. Mr. Gillespie said the legislation has said they can go forward with the election process and then advertise 90 prior to the November election and the court in Tazewell County did not agree with that interpretation. Mr. Gillespie stated the second component deals with the separation of powers between the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government. I am unsure of the status or when the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia will rule on the matter, Mr. Gillespie concluded.

A discussion between the Board members, County Administrator and County Attorney deciding the appropriate action, if any, occurred.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Breeding 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 drafting a Resolution standing against the current redistricting efforts in Virginia.

Appointments

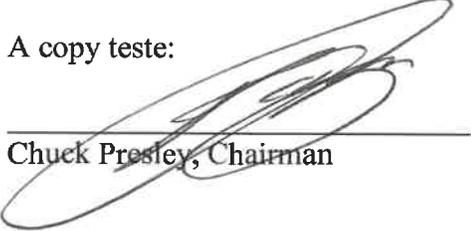
Planning Commission

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, 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 moves to appoint Eddie Brown to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN @ 9:08 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, seconded by Supervisor Rhudy 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 recesses until Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

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Chuck Presley, Chairman