

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 3, 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
CURTIS BREEDING, MEMBER
JOHN RHUDY, MEMBER
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
STEPHANIE RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS:
JIM TALBERT, RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS
WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE

LATE: KYLE CRUEY, MEMBER {arrived at 5:08 p.m.}
AARON M. GILLESPIE, COUNTY ATTORNEY {arrived at 4:14 p.m.}

ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES

Chairman, Chuck Presley, called the regular meeting to order and presided with all members present, except Supervisor Kyle Cruey who joined the meeting later.

Supervisor John Rhudy led The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag followed by the invocation given by Supervisor Shanna Plaster.

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.

Chairman Presley called the Boards' attention to Randy Ann Davis, who came tonight to discuss partnering with the County on the BEAD program.

County Administrator Eric Young stated he was just made aware of Ms. Davis and her reason for attending this afternoon. Administrator Young went on to say that this program was in reference to internet service for unserved and underserved residents in Tazewell County. However, this particular issue sounds rather complicated and he wanted to speak with Ms. Davis before adding this matter to the agenda, Mr. Young explained.

Administrator Young stated, that Cumberland Plateau is putting a BEAD application together and he believes we should speak with Scottie Wampler before we talk to DHCD. Mr. Young said it would be easier and we would have a better shot if we partnered with Cumberland than trying to put an application together ourselves.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 4 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 the minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 4 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 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.

1. 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. Ceramic Technology Inc. failed to file a 2024 Tazewell County 762 for Business Personal Property. A statutory assessment was assessed until they submitted an asset sheet and filed a 762 form. This resulted in a difference in M&T of \$443,946.00. A refund was requested for \$16,776.00.
- D. Hunters Ridge Apartments LTD filed a 2024 Tazewell County 762 form. They incorrectly listed assets and have documented and proven that some assets were not taxable under the Business Personal Property filing. The difference in depreciated assets reported was \$674,592.60, for a refund of \$13,492.00.
- E. After processing an apportioned assessment for J&S Transport, Inc., according to their IFTA report for the total miles traveled in VA, they have overpaid the 2025 personal property tax amount. Please refund \$21,053.38 to J&S Transport, Inc.

**Consent Calendar Items
February 3, 2026 Meeting**

Source	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
Leath Livestock & Trucking	7834	31020-6010	\$250.00	Donation to TCSO

Forward Ministries	1373	035600-8109-15	\$100.00	Donation – Project Lifesaver (TCSO)
ADP	60310230	12140-6001	\$367.37	Refund for a garnishment
VAcorp	693811	31020-6009	\$1,863.20	Refund for Chris Turner’s deer accident (VIN 2875)
Natasha Hunt	5043	73010-1150	\$250.00	Payroll reimbursement
Consolidated Steel, Inc.	83086	31020-6011	\$702.80	Donation to purchase a helmet - TCSO

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

Landfill / Cedar Bluff Transfer Station

Mr. Dunford reported to the Board that currently we are looking to redesign the Cedar Bluff Transfer Station. However, when we put it out for bids, they all came back over, due to the contractors assuming there was bedrock underneath, Mr. Dunford explained. Mr. Dunford stated that after the GEO tech work was completed, it was determined that there was no bedrock and we should be able to get lower bids now.

Safe Streets for All

Mr. Dunford advised the Board that he has been working on the Safe Streets for All study and it is now in the final stages. Mr. Dunford stated he would be submitting the study to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Dunford further stated that these funds could be used for multiple years and multiple projects.

Richlands Drainage Project

Mr. Dunford notified the Board that the first phase of the Richlands drainage project had been completed.

Paving Schedule

Mr. Dunford called the Board’s attention to his report, wherein the priority list of roads to be paved could be found. Mr. Dunford stated the list will also be added to the County’s website, so citizens could see where their road ranked on the list. Mr. Dunford notified the Board that currently the first five (5) on the list; that’s one from each district, are the ones we plan to pave this year and as money allows, we will work our way down the list. Mr. Dunford requested that the Board approve the priority paving list for 2026.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Cruvey 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 the priority paving list for 2026. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care

Gensis Oliver, Director of Marketing and Public Relations and Tammy Vencill, Administrator for Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care came before the Board to request that they be exempt from property taxes, since they are classified as a 503(c) nonprofit.

Ms. Oliver and Ms. Vencill explained the difference between hospice and palliative care and the services they currently offer to Tazewell County. Ms. Oliver stated Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care has 3 nurse practitioners who provide care to patients.

Ms. Oliver explained that they recently purchased the old CNX building behind the K-Mart in Claypool Hill, because their last building suffered tremendous damage due to flooding. Ms. Vencill stated they closed on the new property on January 16, 2026.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie advised the Board that if this was an avenue they wanted to explore, they would need to set a public hearing for the exemption.

County Administrator Eric Young also notified the Board that Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care would need to fill out a questionnaire to determine their eligibility.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Crucey 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 setting a public hearing to exempt Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care from paying property taxes.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:38 pm

County Administrator Eric Young requested that one (1) matter be added to Executive Session; A(29) Contract negotiations with Gigabeam regarding resuming their service.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Crucey being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Board enters into an Executive/Closed meeting and invites Melanie Lawrence, Ken Dunford and Randy Ann Davis and 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 – 7:09 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Crucey 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: Two (2)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wireless Service Authority (WSA) – Phone Coverage

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 moves to convene the Wireless Service Authority as soon as possible to discuss options to provide support to residents who will lose internet service and/or phone coverage as a result of Gigabeam's discontinued service.

Dissolve Tazewell County Volunteer Fire Department

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 dissolve the Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department which is currently located at the Fairgrounds in the Town of Tazewell, pursuant to the Virginia Code § 27-10, and reassign their coverage area to the department adjacent to their district until our part-time fire departments deploy in June or until our new fire company assumes the district and that equipment or apparatus which Tazewell County Volunteer Fire Department used be reallocated among other departments that are covering their area or to the new part time fire department / fire company as the Director of Fire and EMS Services directs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - SCHEDULED

► Hope Brown – THS Prom Committee

Hope Brown of 4628 Witten Valley Road, Tazewell, Virginia, came before the Board to request a donation for the Tazewell High School Prom Committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 donating \$500.00 from the Southern District Fund, payable to Tazewell High School.

► Matthew Brandt – Rotary Club of Tazewell - Veterans Memorial Donation

Matthew Brandt of 415 Montclair Circle Road, North Tazewell, appeared before the Board representing the Rotary Club of Tazewell. Mr. Brandt stated as President of the Rotary Club, he is requesting approval to proceed with the Veterans Memorial Enhancement Project at the courthouse memorial site. Mr. Brandt continued, Tazewell County is home to approximately 2300 veterans who have served our country and while the memorial is nice, the Rotary Club would like to install the six (6) flag poles to represent the different branches of military. Mr. Brandt asked that the Board contribute half of the money for the project as well as the installation and maintenance, in order to have everything completed by Memorial Day.

County Administrator Eric Young advised the Board that this matter had been previously discussed, but due to the location of the mural, we are unsure of how to install the flag poles without blocking the painted mural.

The Board and Mr. Young conferred and decided to have Mr. Young and Dave White review the layout and rendering provided by the Rotary Club to find the best place to install the flag poles.

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 donating up to \$2,500.00 from contingency to the veteran's memorial project once Dave White has inspected the site and decided upon placement for the flagpoles.

► Zach Cline – Tazewell Town Council

Zach Cline with the Tazewell Town Council and Carrie Spivey with the Town of Tazewell's IDA, spoke before the Board concerning mutually beneficial projects the Board and Town could collaborate on together. A few of the projects currently in the works for the Town of Tazewell and Tazewell IDA are a possible fabrication laboratory and maker's space/work place on Riverside Drive and a mountain biking location in Gratton. Ms. Spivey spoke on the current status of these projects and possible interest of the Board in joining these projects.

Supervisor Presley said the City of Bluefield, West Virginia is also working on a work space and they may want to reach out to Cecil Marsten on that project.

Administrator Young stated they should also speak with AJ Robinson with our Tourism Department and the Friends of Southwest Virginia for possible collaboration as well.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - UNSCHEDULED

Chairman Presley having opened the floor for citizen comments and making three (3) calls, there were none.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Updated Personnel Policy

County Administrator Eric Young stated the current personnel policy was adopted in 2006 and therefore required some updates due to the length of time. Mr. Young continued, that working with SESCO, we have drafted an updated Personnel Policy which has been reviewed by the department heads as well as the Personnel Committee. Some of the changes were required by law and some changes were added to address accommodations for pregnant/nursing employees and some updates have been added for recruitment and retaining employees such as, bereavement time, a work from home policy and payout for unused sick time is now capped at \$10,000,

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 approves adopting the updated personnel policy. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Job descriptions

Administrator Young said another update we have made is to our job descriptions, as most of the previous job descriptions were outdated. Mr. Young stated these changes have also been approved by the department heads and the Personnel Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 adopting the updated job descriptions. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Repeal Law Library fee charged for certain court filings

The Chairman deferred until the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Consider Resolution to approve ATV travel on Abbs Valley Road to Healing Springs

County Administrator Eric Young stated that Spearhead asked that we withdraw this request due to safety concerns.

Consider approving a transfer of \$3,000 from contingency to DSS for disposal of unclaimed bodies

Administrator Young requested that the Board transfer \$3,000 from contingency to the Department of Social Services for disposal of unclaimed bodies. Mr. Young continued that every year money is budgeted for this issue, but the funds have already been used earlier in the year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 approves transferring \$3,000 from contingency to the Department of Social Services for disposal of unclaimed bodies.

GHS Project Graduation funding request

Administrator Young explained that Graham High School sent in a Project Graduation funding request for \$1,000.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 approves transferring \$500 from the Northern District Capital Fund and \$500 from the Eastern District Fund.

Burke's Garden Community Affiliation funding request

County Administrator Eric Young informed the Board that Burke's Garden Community Affiliation sent in a funding request for \$558.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 transferring \$558.00 from the Southern District Fund for the Burke's Garden Affiliation.

\$4 million 2026 Bond issuance for leachate tank, Fire Department, tire shredder and Cedar Bluff Transfer Station

Mr. Young explained the County has a couple capital projects in the works which require borrowing money.

Mr. Young said currently the price we are paying for Leachate hauling and disposal is burdensome to the County, December we paid \$19,000 but once the ice and snow melts, we are probably going to be paying somewhere around \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the month of February. Mr. Young continued the County really suffered during Helene and the February 2025 storm and the County really needs to build a second Leachate Tank to cut the hauling and treating through the Sanitary Board in Bluefield, West Virginia at .15 cents a gallon and treat it here at the Tazewell PSA at a penny a gallon. Mr. Young said, the estimated cost is 2 million dollars for the Leachate Tank.

Mr. Young also stated that tire disposal has been a problem for many years and now that Lusk is no longer taking the tires we need to come up with another solution. Mr. Young said Bland County is the only place we can transport right now and it's going to cost approximately \$17,000 per year to transport the tires and another \$40,000 to have the tires shredded. Mr. Young informed the Board that he received a quote for a tire shredder at \$375,000, and it would handle what we need, once we poured the concrete pad and ran the three-phase power, we are probably looking at spending \$500,000.

Mr. Young continued that the Cedar Bluff Transfer Station bids came in at three times the engineers estimate, but after we did the geo-technical work, we believe it will bring the bids down. Mr. Young said we have also redesigned it to go from a concrete wall to a block wall.

Lastly, Mr. Young said we are looking at approximately a million dollars for fire department construction and renovations.

Administrator Young informed the Board that he had reached out to Davenport and they have provided us with two (2) scenarios for borrowing the 4 million dollars; the first is we just borrow the 4 million dollars and add that to our current payment, the second one is we refinance the current loan from the landfill from 2021, over a longer period of time; however, the interest on that loan is 0.1%. Mr. Young continued, the second option would increase our cash flow since the payments would be smaller, but then the interest rate would jump up to 5%. Mr. Young said he does believe the savings from the Leachate Tank would make up the difference in the interest rate.

Mr. Young explained what he is asking for tonight, is for the Board to authorize an RFP (Request for Proposal) so Davenport will be able to get a few different options on interest rates from various lending institutions. Once we get the bids, we can decide on the best course of action, Mr. Young concluded.

Supervisor Breeding inquired if the tire shredder would only be used for Tazewell County or will we bring in tires from other counties and shred those for a price and who will be operating the tire shredder?

Mr. Young replied, we can take tires some from other counties, as the volume of the shredder is based on the number when we were taking tires from Wythe and Bland, and Capital Waster Management who operates the landfill will be running the tire shredder for the County.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes issuing the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the 4 million 2026 Bond issuance for leachate tank, Fire Department, tire shredder and Cedar Bluff Transfer Station.

Second Amendment letter

Mr. Young advised the Board that he added the second amendment letter to the agenda due to some confusion as to what to say in the letter as well as when to send the letter?

Supervisor Cruey said it may be too late but the letter was to state that our County supported the second amendment and that our citizens oppose any infringements upon the second amendment. In addition, Supervisor Cruey stated he thought we were going to set a public hearing on the matter.

Mr. Young agreed that a public hearing was going to be set, however, due to the statute there was not enough time to run the newspaper ad twice before this meeting since we did not have our meeting until January 13th last month. Mr. Young suggested that we could have the public hearing in March if that was what the Board wanted.

The Board discussed the options and decided for Mr. Young to draft a letter encouraging the Governor to veto the legislation and to have the public hearing at the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Flood mitigation grants; Bluefield x 2, Doran

Mr. Young informed the Board that the County was awarded two (2) grants in 2025 to study flooding in Claypool Hill and on Blacksburg Street in Tazewell. Mr. Young said the grant agreements had been delayed but finally received them, but there's a match amount of \$21,000 on the Blacksburg study and a \$29,000 match on the Claypool Hill study, so a \$50,000 match in total for the grant studies.

The Board discussed and suggested maybe speaking with the Towns on joining together on the studies or possibly applying for other grants.

Mr. Young said the last grant is for Doran and that amount is a \$720,000 project to design the flood remedy in Doran and our match would be \$72,000 on that one.

The Chairman deferred until the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Congressionally directed spending applications

Administrator Young advised the Board that this program was going to be continued another year and currently there is money earmarked for fixing manholes and fixing leaks for the PSA. Mr. Young said he was seeking input and ideas for things the Supervisors wish to fund with the money so Mr. Young can apply for those items. Mr. Young advised he would need any suggestions by March.

The Board and Administrator discussed a few ideas, two (2) new ambulances (\$300,000), a water line project for the PSA on the lines at Pocahontas, since the water loss is 85% currently (\$1,800,000), a possible warming station/charging station or generator in Pocahontas at the old fire department, a tractor for the fire department in Burkes Garden or removing the rotten power line poles in Jewell Ridge at the Piston Coal Company.

United Way Flood Relief Grant update

The Chairman deferred until the March 3, 2026 meeting.

DHCD Flood Relief Grant update

Mr. Young stated there are still have three (3) applicants that are awaiting a decision.

THS Project Graduation funding request

Administrator Young explained that this matter was carried over from last month wherein Tazewell High School sent in a Project Graduation funding request.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 with all members present and voting in favor thereof, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves donating \$500.00 from the Southern Districts Fund for THS Project Graduation.

ProMed's request to open an ambulance company in Richlands

Nathan Shockley with ProMed returned to see if the Board had made a decision.

County Administrator Eric Young advised Mr. Shockley that Barry Brooks still wanted to speak with a couple local providers before a decision was made.

The Chairman deferred until the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Landfill – pump rental

Mr. Young advised the Board that Capital Waste Management has let us know that they are no longer going to be renting a pump to keep excess water out of the Leachate Tank. The pump costs \$3,000 per month to rent or we can purchase one for \$34,000 and Capital will operate the pump.

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 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves paying Capital \$34,000 out of contingency for the purpose of purchasing a pump for the landfill.

Appointments

Tazewell County Fire/Rescue

Obsolete.

Planning Commission

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Tourism

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Tazewell County Airport Authority

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 moves to appoint Joe Nicholson to the Airport Authority.

Social Services Board

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, 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 moves to reappoint Heather Riley to the Social Services Board.

Tazewell County Recreation and Parks Facility Authority

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 Jordan Bales for the Tazewell County Recreation and Parks Facility Authority.

Cumberland Plateau Planning Commission District

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Clinch Valley Community Action

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Animal Shelter

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Cumberland Industrial Facilities Authority (CIFA)

Supervisor Shanna Plaster resigned.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to appoint Curtis Breeding to Shanna Plaster's unexpired term.

Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA)

Supervisor Shanna Plaster resigned.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to appoint Curtis Breeding to Shanna Plaster's unexpired term.

Emergency Services Committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 moves to appoint Randy Ann Davis to represent the Southern District.

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 moves to reappoint all board members.

SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Supervisor Plaster

Supervisor Plaster explained she has a letter she would like to enter into the record from the Richlands Police Department wherein they are requesting funds for an Explosives Detection K9 resource that be used for the County.

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 approves donating \$5,000 from the Northwestern District Capital Fund to the Richlands Police Department for an Explosives Detection K9 resource.

Supervisor Plaster further stated she was contacted by a youth non-profit archery program and they are looking for an outdoor space to host a tournament and possibly have practice. Supervisor Plaster advised them to contact County Administrator Eric Young to discuss further.

Supervisor Breeding

Supervisor Breeding mentioned he would like to know what each committee has done and possibly make a report to the other Board members.

Administrator Young suggested adding a Committee Liaison section on the agenda.

Supervisor Rhudy

Supervisor Rhudy stated that he has spoken with Sarah Cooke from the vocational school's Skills USA Team, since the students are going to state competition. Supervisor Rhudy suggested donating \$5,000 and possibly going forward add it into the budget as a line item.

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 approves donating \$5,000 to Skills USA; \$1,000 from each of the Southern, Eastern and Western District Funds and \$1,000 each from the Northern and Northwestern Capital Fund.

Supervisor Rhudy also noted that he had spoken with Ken Dunford who talked with VDOT and the farm vehicle signs for some of our rural roads are a go and I have given Mr. Dunford a list of the localities.

Supervisor Rhudy further noted that he believes the County needs a scavenging ordinance and would request that the Board sets that for a public hearing at our next meeting.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 setting a public hearing to adopt a scavenging ordinance.

County Attorney – Aaron Gillespie

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie injected that the Virginia Code authorizes the Board to cap the Scavenging Ordinance at a Class I misdemeanor. Mr. Gillespie continued that in his research many different counties handle the matter differently, such as a max \$500 fine, etc.

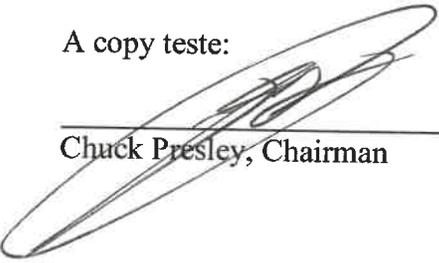
County Administrator – Eric Young

County Administrator Eric Young stated that on February 11th the Board will be holding a recessed, joint meeting with the IDA to discuss several projects, such as Project Johan and Project Resort at 4:00.

ADJOURN @ 9:16 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Crucey, 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 will hereby reconvene on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm, for a recessed meeting.

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Chuck Presley, Chairman

