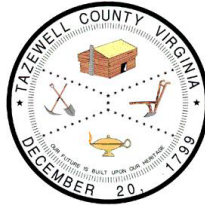


TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING



August 4, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

**197 MAIN STREET
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651**

Members of the public also have an option to participate by telephone by calling **(425) 436-6388**, and entering "836650" as the access code when prompted.

Time	Subject	Pg
4:00 pm	1. Call to Order 2. Pledge and Invocation 3. Welcome 4. Consideration of approving the agenda format (additions/deletions) 5. Approval of meeting minutes for the June 16th and June 25th meetings	4
4:05 pm	6. 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 to serve as fiscal agent for Plum Creek Quilters \$50,000 Thompson Foundation Grant	* 35
4:10 pm	7. Department Reports ► Kenneth Dunford – Engineering Report	*
4:20 pm	8. Special Presentations ► Merchant McIntyre	

7:10 pm	16. Recess – County Administration Building (<i>if necessary</i>)	
7:30 pm	17. Reconvene	
7:35 pm	18. Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 ▶ A(3) Property disposition Boissevain ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Cavitts Creek ▶ A(3) Property acquisition near Pocahontas ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with American Water ▶ A(3) Tannersville property discussion ▶ A(1) Personnel in Fire Company / EMS (5) ▶ A(1) Personnel in IT (2) ▶ A(1) Personnel in Tourism ▶ A(1) Personnel in Economic Development ▶ A(1) Personnel in Administration ▶ A(1) County Administrator’s Annual Evaluation	
9:35 pm	19. Return/Certification/Return of Action	
9:40 pm	20. <u>Board Concerns</u> Supervisor Presley: ■ Hope House donation Supervisor Plaster: ■ Supervisor Cruey: ■ Supervisor Breeding: ■ Supervisor Rhudy: ■ Tazewell County Historical Society	
9:50 pm	21. Other business as may properly come before the Board	
9:55 pm	22. Adjourn The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.	

VIRGINIA: AT THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 16, 2026 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: CHUCK PRESLEY, CHAIRMAN
SHANNA PLASTER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
CURTIS BREEDING, MEMBER
KYLE CRUEY, MEMBER {arrived 4:05 p.m.}
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: JOHN RHUDY, MEMBER

MINUTES

Chairman, Chuck Presley, reconvened the meeting from June 2, 2026, to order.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED / MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

The Chairman called for any additions/deletions to the agenda.

County Administrator Eric Young explained the additional amendments listed on the revised agenda and requested the board's approval.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with Supervisors Rhudy and Cruey 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 agenda as presented along with the minutes from the June 2, 2026 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Cruey arrived at 4:05 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Industrial Coil Supply

Mr. Young notified the board that Matthew Whittaker was in attendance. Mr. Young stated that Mr. Whittaker is here representing Industrial Coil Supply's move into the Bluefield Industrial Park. Mr. Young further stated that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires a Land Use Suitability and Value form approved by the local governing body, which states the Board does not have any objections and/or ordinance that would prohibit the move.

Matthew Whittaker, an engineer with Marshall Miller and Associates and contracted by Industrial Coil Supply, addressed the Board. Mr. Whittaker explained he has been tasked with the permitting process for Industrial Coil Supply's move to Bluefield. Mr. Whittaker notified the Board that since Industrial Coil Supply is going to an existing infrastructure there are no zoning or other issues that would prohibit the move.

Administrator Eric Young read aloud the Land Use Suitability and Value form for the benefit of the Board and requested their approval.

Supervisor Chuck Presley agreed with Mr. Whittaker, stating Bluefield had several small motor businesses already in the area, with no environmental issues with the established businesses.

Supervisor Breeding requested that if any changes to the current agreed plan for Industrial Coil Supply's move occur that those changes be brought before the Board.

Mr. Whittaker agreed, stating although he did not anticipate any changes; should they occur, he would return for board approval.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Rhudy 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 execution of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality's Land Use Suitability and Value form, stating that the Board resolves that the location and operation of the proposed facility or activity is suitable to the area in which it is located for Industrial Coil Supply's move to the Bluefield Industrial Park. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Presley requested that Ms. Sherry Cook be allowed to go ahead and speak.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED

► *Sherry Cook - Hope House – 508 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia*

Ms. Sherry Cook notified the Board that she had started Hope House, located at 508 Virginia Avenue in Bluefield, in order to offer services for depression, suicide prevention and addiction treatment. Ms. Cook stated the Hope House is serving approximately seventy-five (75) people currently, with twenty-eight (28) of those attending regular classes. Ms. Cook said the majority of the attendees come to weekly meetings, which have various (volunteer) speakers come to share their own personal testimonies, in an effort to help and encourage people to connect in healthy avenues and that they always end meeting nights with a big family style dinner.

A discussion between Supervisor Presley and Ms. Cook followed regarding the area's necessity for such programs especially among school aged children and young adults.

Supervisor Presley congratulated Ms. Cook on the success of Hope House and made plans to attend an upcoming meeting.

BUDGET WORKSHOP – FISCAL YEAR 2027 (FY27)

County Administrator Eric Young described the budget process to the Board, as follows:

1. The Commonwealth requires that the County has a balanced budget every year by July 1st.
2. Every dollar spent must be accounted for, along with every dollar collected. This in turn provides the balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
3. The Budget Committee begins to meet in September/October to prepare for the upcoming fiscal year. At these meetings, the committee discusses and provides projections of upcoming expenses. These projections are based upon the prior year's expenses and incorporating any requests submitted by the departments or outside charitable agencies. Typically, by April 1st the Budget Committee has the first draft.
4. Once the first draft is complete; meetings with the County Administrator and department heads are held and their department budget is reviewed line by line. If there are any changes requested, the County Administrator reports their requests back to the Budget Committee.
5. The Budget Committee will then compile a new draft, incorporating any changes, by the beginning of May. This budget is then advertised to the public through the newspapers as well as our county website.
6. The Public Hearing is held in June, for anyone who wishes to come and speak or may have questions.
7. A Board meeting is then held at the end of June to adopt the final budget and/or make any final revisions.

Mr. Young said since this process begins months prior, some of the estimated expenses or the prior year's ending balance could be miscalculated. Mr. Young disclosed that the final amount of taxes collected by the County, such as the meals tax and cigarette tax are virtually unknown until closer to the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Young advised that there are five (5) or six (6) big ticket items which truly determine the budget, such as the School Board, Department of Social Services, the Regional Jail, etc. The yearly budget to operate Tazewell County is 186 million dollars; but we only have control over approximately 12-13 million dollars, everything else is a flow through, said Mr. Young.

Mr. Young continued, since we are waiting on the State and other organizations to provide those five (5) or six (6) major numbers, the Budget Committee will build a revenue assumption around January. Looking at last year's figures and the assessments from the Commissioner of Revenue's office, the Committee multiplies that amount by 95% for a conservative estimate, Mr. Young stated.

Administrator Young informed the Board that once the revenue assumption has been completed, he will then meet with each department head to go over their individual budget and consider any requests that they may have. Mr. Young said he will then take each request and make recommendations to the Committee, with the Committee then voting on each recommendation. Once the numbers are submitted by the State, sometimes we have to go back and make cuts depending on the amounts submitted by the State, Mr. Young concluded.

Supervisor Breeding inquired if there was a list or chart which showed each department's requests and what was approved or denied?

Finance Director Arlene Matney responded that there are spreadsheets which are sent to each department and on that spreadsheet the requests are made. Ms. Matney stated that the spreadsheets are compiled into a master list, which is saved by fiscal year.

Supervisor Breeding questioned whether there was an inventory list detailing what each department currently has in its possession, so if they asked for something new the Board could refer to the inventory list to see the last time the department received that particular item or if it should be replaced?

Ms. Matney replied that there are invoices which are kept and cataloged that we can refer back to when departments ask for equipment or big-ticket items. Ms. Matney said her department or the Budget Committee will check before just blindly handing out those items.

Mr. Young interjected that this is not a pleasant process, the departments know they have to be able to justify and show the need for certain items before they ask.

Mr. Young then presented to the Board the FY27 Proposed Operating Budget (advertised via county's website), which included a breakdown of each department. Mr. Young illustrated a brief presentation of the FY27 Proposed Operating Budget, providing a disaggregation of each section. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Finance Director Arlene Matney offered an analysis of the ending balance estimate of the General Fund spreadsheet to the Board. Ms. Matney stated the current proposed budget is based upon the county beginning with a five-million-dollar general fund balance. Ms. Matney advised that she noticed some of the anticipated revenues were still unaccounted for and since that time she has been updating the spreadsheet on a daily basis. Ms. Matney stated that as of today's date and counting the additional revenues she is assured will be received by June 30, 2026, the general fund's balance should be \$5,057,000.36. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Administrator Young spoke to the Board about the plan to use the FEMA relief funds to settle with Republic for damages at the landfill caused by the storm. Mr. Young said, due to ongoing negotiations between FEMA, our insurance carrier and Republic we are still assessing who is responsible for which damages. Mr. Young wished to alert the Board that the \$800,000 in FEMA relief funds is in the general fund account, thus the landfill number will need to be increased by approximately \$600,000.

A discussion commenced between the Board and Ms. Matney based on the various unknown amounts until the State's budget is finalized; including some of the county's largest expenses such as the school funding. The Board questioned if the State's budget provided assistance from the State, as in past years for rural counties?

Mr. Young agreed, stating the two and a half million dollar increase in the County's school contribution this year has proved a hardship. Mr. Young said, we will not know if the State is assisting rural counties with the increase until the State's budget is finalized on June 25th, it is accounted for on the House side, but not in the Senate. As a conservative prediction the Budget Committee figured the County would receive one-million in State assistance and then created a matrix of possible cuts/changes to account for the difference, said Young.

Ms. Matney then presented to the Board the FY2027 Budget Amendments, itemized by department. Ms. Matney began her presentation reciting each adjustment and/or change from the FY 2026-2027 advertised budget. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Administrator Eric Young briefly intervened at the Tazewell County Public School (TCPS) Insurance Reimbursement addition of \$243,000. Mr. Young advised the Board that he received an email from Dr. Chris Stacy on this matter, wherein Dr. Stacy stated the \$243,000 reimbursement is payment for recovery on a fraud claim. Mr. Young explained that in his opinion, this was money that should go to the County since the money originally lost from fraud was the County's money. The school board is asking that money be appropriated to them, I believe it should stay in the County's General Fund, said Young.

Mr. Young stated that there is also \$130,000 in FEMA funding for TCPS, which the Virginia Department of Emergency Management notified me needs to be drawn for reimbursement of damages suffered during Helene. Likewise, I believe the \$130,000, should be allotted to the County's General Fund since the County paid the money to have the damages repaired, Mr. Young stated.

Mr. Young suggested having the combined funds totaling \$373,000 appropriated back to TCPS in FY27, in order to subsidize part of the 18.1-million-dollar mandatory contribution from the County to TCPS. (18.1 million

Supervisor Cruey queried if TCPS will still receive the combined amount of \$373,000?

Mr. Young affirmed that TCPS will receive the \$373,000, but it will be after July 1st and be counted towards the County's mandatory contribution as required by the State. Mr. Young stated this avenue would produce the fairest result for all parties and further complimented Dr. Stacy in reaching out believing TCPS now understands that under the law any money received outside of the budget must be appropriated by the County.

The Board discussed and reached the consensus that as long as the money was going back to TCPS, no one should have an issue with counting those funds as part of the County's mandatory contribution.

Arlene Matney continued giving the presentation to the Board of the FY2027 Budget Amendments, itemized by department. Ms. Matney concluded the presentation and wished to express her gratitude to Tanya Mullins for her assistance with the budget.

The Board thanked Ms. Matney and Tanya Mullins for their continued dedication and assiduousness to the budget.

Mr. Young suggested a brief recess, inviting the Board and audience to partake in the sandwiches and drinks provided. The Board agreed.

RECESS – 5:58 pm

RETURNED – 6:24 pm

Chairman Presley called the meeting back to order.

BUDGET WORKSHOP – FISCAL YEAR 2027 (FY27) (continued)

County Administrator Eric Young resumed his FY27 budget workshop presentation, delivering the FY27 Budget Decision Matrix to the Board. Mr. Young offered to the Board a list of possible expenses to be cut from the budget, should the State not provide any type of reimbursement or assistance towards the massive increase for school funding. Mr. Young provided a multitude of options for possible cuts to the budget, including: denying upgrades/replacements, personnel reduction, reducing dues, cancelling projects, cutting stipends/cost of living adjustments. Mr. Young also provided six (6) levels of items which could be added back depending on assistance from the State. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Cruey clarified that without school funding assistance from the State, a total of \$1,184,000 would need to be cut from the budget.

Administrator Young confirmed, yes \$1,184,000.

The Supervisors debated multiple possible scenarios amongst themselves. The Board then agreed to further discuss/review the Matrix and provide their suggested cuts/changes at the June 25th board meeting, in hopes that the State's budget will be finalized by that time.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consider Appropriation Requests from the School Board

Mr. Young notified the Board that TCPS submitted a few invoices and requested a categorical transfer from their debt service account to their capital expenditures line item in order to pay for a walk-in freezer at Graham High School costing \$215,327.27.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Cruey and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Rhudy 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 transferring \$215,327.27 from TCPS' debt service account to their capital expenditures line item in order to purchase a walk-in freezer for Graham High School in the amount of \$215,327.27 for FY26.

Mr. Young stated that the remaining invoices are a little more complicated; Dr. Stacy is requesting that the sequestered funds be budgeted for bathroom renovations in the amount of \$2,182,500 and wall repair at Tazewell High School for \$2,254,547; in addition to appropriating the sequestered funds in order to purchase stadium bleachers at \$190,000 (purchased from Grundy High School). Mr. Young conveyed that Dr. Stacy also wants checks from VaCorp in the amount of \$273,387 (fraud recovery) and \$9,245 from VDOT applied to their capital account in order to purchase stadium lights totaling \$448,756. The Board will notice on the Sequestered Fund FY27 Budget handout that if the bleachers are purchased, that account will be overdrawn by \$140,984, concluded Mr. Young.

Supervisors Cruey and Breeding debated whether to approve the bleacher purchase for \$190,000, subsequently overdrawing that account. Supervisor Cruey stated that the bathroom renovations and HVAC project were necessities and the bleachers, while nice to have, are not a necessity. Supervisor Breeding countered by stating the TCSB would still be responsible for completing the renovations and would have to cover any invoices left unpaid once the account was depleted.

The supervisors compromised by agreeing to approve the bleacher purchase, contingent upon the TCPS being responsible for any costs/invoices in excess of the sequestered fund account balance.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, seconded by Supervisor Presley and adopted by a vote of 3 to 1 to 0, with Supervisor Rhudy being absent from the vote and all others voting in favor thereof and Supervisor Cruey voting against, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves transferring \$190,000 from the sequestered funds to the School Board to purchase bleachers from Grundy High School; contingent upon the School Board being responsible for any costs in the bathroom renovation project, TMS HVAC project and the THS wall repair project in excess of the remaining balance of the sequestered funds.

Administrator Eric Young called the Board's attention to the TCPS's request to reallocate \$356,123.53, from debt service to the capital account for the lights/bleacher project.

Supervisor Presley stated when he read that email request, he was a bit confused and suggested the 3 on 3 committee meet before the next BOS meeting for clarification. Supervisor Presley further stated that there had been prior discussions of using leftover funds from contingency, to cover any shortfalls, but a discussion needs to be held to verify that is still the plan.

Mr. Young agreed and advised he would send an email to elucidate TCPS's reallocation request, the funds received from FEMA and the fraud reimbursement. Mr. Young stated he was uncertain whether Dr. Stacy was already counting the FEMA funds and fraud reimbursement towards the stadium expenditures.

The Board agreed that the FEMA funds should come back to the county since the county's money was used to pay for the storm damage repairs. The Board further agreed to transfer the FEMA money to the TCSB, attributing the transfer as part of the 18.1-million-dollar mandatory county contribution.

ADJOURN @ 7:23 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Rhudy 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 adjourns until Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

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Charles "Chuck" Presley Jr., Chairman

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEVELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 25, 2026 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEVELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651

PRESENT: CHUCK PRESLEY, CHAIRMAN
SHANNA PLASTER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
CURTIS BREEDING, MEMBER
JOHN RHUDY, MEMBER
KYLE CRUEY, 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 (by phone)

ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES

Chairman, Chuck Presley, called the regular meeting to order and presided with all members present.

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

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 explained the additions itemized on the revised agenda, requesting to add to Executive Session A(29) Contract negotiations with BluePSI, in addition to adding two (2) items under the Administrative section; Consider renewing Merchant McIntyre contract and Tazewell County Fire Company's Amendment to Bylaws with Resolution.

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 revised agenda format incorporating the requested revisions/additions. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the August 4, 2026 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 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.

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. Ratify poll to donate \$900.00 to Labor of Love: \$300.00 each from Northern, Western and Eastern District Funds for June 20th event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford Landfill

Mr. Dunford reiterated that at the June 2nd meeting the Board approved \$100,000, to install two (2) monitoring wells at the landfill. Mr. Dunford explained that the drilling bids came back at \$109,250, with the oversight coming in at \$9,900, for a difference of \$19,150.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 authorizes an additional \$19,150 for the monitoring wells at the landfill.

Coal Severance Tax (CST) Committee

Mr. Dunford informed the Board that the Coal Severance Tax (CST) Committee recently met and approved the following items, which now requires board approval.

PSA Fee for Leachate Tank Line

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, 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 authorizes the CST Committee to pay the PSA \$282,498, for the debt service payment on the Greater Tazewell Sewer Line (leachate line).

Safer Streets Grant Match

Mr. Dunford recapped the Safer Streets For All Program and subsequent two and a half million-dollar (\$2,500,000.00) federal grant the County is preparing to apply for in order to implement the project. Mr. Dunford advised that the CST Committee agreed to contribute \$250,000 towards the grant match.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, 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 the CST Committee's contribution of \$250,000 towards the Safer Streets For All grant match if received.

VDOT Request

Mr. Dunford explained that VDOT submitted two (2) requests to the CST Committee for \$75,000 to fix a drainage pipe near Holly Road and \$50,000 for paving on Jewell Ridge.

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 approves VDOT's request totaling \$125,000; to fix a drainage pipe near Holly Road (\$75,000) and for paving on Jewell Ridge (\$50,000).

Paving Schedule

Mr. Dunford stated that the paving bids came back at \$404,255, approximately \$41,000 less than our estimate. Mr. Dunford advised that the paving schedule includes Surface Drive and Central Avenue which would be an additional \$25,500 plus an estimated 5% in engineering fees, for a total cost of \$451,242.72.

Supervisor Breeding specified that he voted at the CST meeting to approve Central Avenue since probably 95% of the traffic comes from the County Administration and Courthouse employees/business.

Supervisor Presley suggested looking into buying the lot behind the County Administration Building to free up parking for employees and county vehicles.

Administrator Eric Young replied that by the time the County had approved purchasing one of the lots, the owner decided the house and lot had to be sold together. Mr. Young suggested a smaller lot adjacent to our current parking lot that has a basketball goal and a couple junk cars parked on it and possibly we could inquire about purchasing?

Supervisor Rhudy inquired if the \$451,242.72 included paving Rutherford Drive in Goose Creek? Mr. Rhudy recommended waiting and paving the whole road all at once, instead of paving sections of the road.

Mr. Dunford said it did not, the cost to pave Rutherford Drive would be roughly an additional \$25,000 - \$30,000, but we could always add it to the paving schedule next year.

Administrator Young proposed adding an additional \$30,000 to the current paving contract to cover the costs for Rutherford Drive.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 bids received on the paving schedule for an amount not to exceed \$481,242.72, including the additional paving on Rutherford Drive.

Supervisor Breeding asked Mr. Dunford if he would need to go back before the CST Committee to authorize the additional \$30,000 for Rutherford Drive?

Mr. Dunford responded in the affirmative, “yes, I will need to go back to the CST Committee to approve an additional \$30,000 for Rutherford Drive”.

Richlands Elementary Drainage Project

Mr. Dunford asked if the Richlands Elementary School’s drainage project could be discussed at this time since it’s currently listed on the agenda under the administrative portion?

Administrator Young answered Mr. Dunford advising that he could go ahead and discuss the drainage project.

Mr. Dunford requested the Board to consider authorizing award of the Richlands Elementary School drainage project to the low bidder as determined by the Engineer, the County Attorney and the County Administrator; contingent on the low bid being within the budgeted amount. Mr. Dunford pleaded that the next board meeting isn’t until August 4th and he would like to proceed while school is on summer break.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 authorizes awarding the Richlands Elementary School drainage project to the low bidder as determined by the Engineer, County Attorney and County Administrator, contingent upon the low bid being within the budgeted amount.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:22 pm

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 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(1) Personnel in IT
- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Baptist Valley
- ▶ A(3) Property disposition in Tazewell
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Secure Solar Futures for solar panels to serve county facilities
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Wise County for Solid Waste Disposal
- ▶ A(5) Project RESORT
- ▶ A(1) County Administrator Annual Evaluation
- ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with BluePSI

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:22 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and County Attorney Aaron Gillespie 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

Personnel in IT Department

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 authorizes the County Administrator to procure through cooperative procurement a proposal from qualified vendors to provide IT Network Support Services for the IT Department.

Contract negotiations with BluePSI

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 authorizes the County Administrator to execute a contract with BluePSI to perform services related to a natural gas feasibility study with said contract prize not to exceed \$21,500. Additionally, the Board authorizes the County Administrator to request funding towards this contract from the Coal Severance Tax Committee.

Contract negotiations with Wise County for Solid Waste Disposal

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 authorizes the County Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Wise County to participate in a regional recycling effort to dispose of municipal waste at a potential regional recycling facility.

Robert's Rules of Order

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 approved the suspension of Robert's Rules so the Board could more easily move about the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Funding Request - TRIAD

County Administrator Eric Young explained that TRIAD Health had requested \$500 to cover costs for Senior Safety Day.

Supervisor Plaster stated in years past the Board donated to the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC) for Senior Safety Day.

Mr. Young agreed and stated TRIAD was not a 503(1)c; however, since AASC is part of the event the Board could donate directly to the AASC.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 donating \$100 per District (\$500) to the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC) for the TRIAD's Senior Safety Day.

Consider delaying the effective date of Fire Protection Restructuring Ordinance from July 1st to August 31st

Administrator Eric Young stated that the Board enacted an Ordinance to restructure fire protection last December, consolidating fire protection into a single fire company in the County. In order to meet with the legacy departments and finalize the user agreements for each facility/equipment, we would request that the effective date be extended from July 1st to September 15th, Mr. Young requested.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 extending the effective date of the Fire Protection Restructuring Ordinance from July 1st to September 15, 2026.

Tazewell County Fire Company's Amendment to Bylaws

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie stated that he had been working with Fire and Rescue Director Barry Brooks and Chief Russell Stowers regarding amending the Tazewell County Fire Company's Bylaws, such as residency requirements for the Battalion Chiefs. In your agenda packet, you will notice the proposed changes to the bylaws along with a Resolution approving the changes, requested Mr. Gillespie.

A motion was made by Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruey, to amend the bylaws as drafted along with the accompanying Resolution approving the changes to the bylaws.

Supervisor Rhudy stated he had misgivings about starting on the wrong foot if there were too many in one District and it was not equal coverage. Supervisor Rhudy proposed postponing the vote until the effective date of September 15th in order to find candidates who fit the residency requirements currently.

Supervisor Cruey explained that the Board is the safeguard against that issue, since the Board ultimately appoints the Battalion Chiefs.

County Administrator Young suggested adhering to Mr. Gillespie's proposed language; if there is not a qualified candidate within the district then...

...Supervisor Cruey objected that the Board may be limiting themselves by adding that language.

Supervisor Plaster rescinds/withdrew her Motion.

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 withdraw the motion to amend the bylaws as drafted.

The Chairman deferred this matter to the August meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Public Hearing for Amending Tazewell County Code of Ordinance (Transient Occupancy Tax) and Ordinance to Amend Section SEC. 18-194 of Article IX of the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie explained to the Board that although this Ordinance appears in Section 18 of the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia, this amendment does not create a new tax or adjust a rate of tax. Mr. Gillespie advised that the Commissioner of Revenue had requested an update to the Ordinance in order to structure ours more in line with the Code of Virginia and authorizes the Commissioner to use certain forms in order to gather evidence on the Transient Occupancy Tax.

Supervisor Presley opened the floor for public comments either in person or over the phone. Hearing none, Supervisor Presley called a second time for public comments. With no response, Supervisor Presley called a third and final time for public comments. The hearing was then closed.

Supervisor Cruey read aloud the proposed amendments to the Ordinance.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 adopts the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance with the proposed amendments. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Notice of Public Hearing Proposed Tax Exempt Status and Ordinance to Grant Tax Exempt Status to TCF MOB, INC.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie informed the Board that the Tazewell Community Foundation submitted a request for tax exempt status on the new Carilion Clinic located beside of Food Lion here in the Town of Tazewell, since they are a nonprofit and due to their economic impact in Tazewell County. Mr. Gillespie advised that the approximate real estate tax revenue lost totals \$21,487.26 per year for the County.

Supervisor Presley opened the floor for public comments either in person or over the phone. Hearing none, Supervisor Presley called a second time for public comments. With no response, Supervisor Presley called a third and final time for public comments. The hearing was then closed.

Supervisor Cruey suggested that the new business will increase the County's capacity for medical services, provide benefits to our citizens/community and possibly increase new business opportunities.

Mr. Gillespie noted the company's projected community impact is approximately 2.5-million-dollars from the construction, in addition to another 2.5 million in ongoing operations annually. Mr. Gillespie stated originally the facility was going to offer two (2) health care providers with an estimated cost to build of 2.4-million, but currently it's scheduled to have eight (8) providers with a total cost to build totaling 7-million-dollars for the facility.

Supervisor Breeding clarified that the building is actually owned by someone other than Carilion in Tazewell. Mr. Gillespie replied, yes, the actual owners are TCF MOB, Inc. They are a part of the Tazewell Community Foundation but they are still a separate non-profit entity, said Gillespie.

Supervisor Breeding confirmed it was \$20,000 a year the County would be losing in tax revenues? Mr. Gillespie responded that the yearly amount listed on the application was just a little over at \$21, 487.26.

Supervisor Cruey questioned if the \$21, 487 was based on the original projected building cost of 2.4 million, because at 7 million dollars that amount seems low for the yearly tax amount?

Administrator Young stated that for the past ten (10) years the County has been trying to improve medical access for residents. The County donated the Health Department building to the Southwest Virginia Health Services, assisted Carilion in applying for grants for the clinic in Bluefield, the Board donated \$100,000 last year to this facility and during the pandemic gave \$300,000 for remote telemedicine equipment which will be using at this new facility, Mr. Young continued.

Supervisors Breeding and Cruey engaged in a brief discussion concerning the lost tax revenue versus potential economic impact/development to the community, the guidelines for tax exempt properties, the amount already contributed to the project, as well as the difference between for profit and non-profit health care models.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 adopts the Ordinance providing tax exempt status for TCF, MOB, Inc.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

► *Amonate Always – Michelle Gravely*

Michelle Gravely from the Amonate Always project came before the Board requesting an Ordinance for litter control and tax-exempt status for Amonate's Community Center, tax map #051A A 0006.

Ms. Gravely brought photographs detailing vacant properties either purchased through the delinquent property tax auction or have been abandoned/neglected. Ms. Gravely requested assistance from code enforcement requiring the property owners to clean up, stating the trash and tall grass brings rats and

snakes in addition to being a safety concern when driving. Ms. Gravely also stated the shape of the properties cause other owners to want to move and discourages businesses from opening in the area.

Supervisor Cruey suggested having Dave White go out and inspect the properties, in order to see if any codes are being broken.

Administrator Eric Young agreed, stating he would get in touch with Mr. White and have him take a look at the properties Ms. Gravely submitted. Mr. Young informed the Board and Ms. Gravely that Virginia has a property maintenance code (enforced through the building inspector) and when the County looked into this issue previously, we found the cost would be \$800,000 to \$900,000 a year for approximately twenty (20) years to clean up all the dilapidated properties. Mr. Young stated that currently the County does enforce the code if it's a public safety issue. Mr. Young recommended notifying The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), regarding the rats and exposed insulation on some of the properties in question.

County Attorney Aaron Gillispie discussed the Code requirements for keeping the grass cut (higher than 12 inches on property less than ½ an acre) and possible fines/costs if the property owner does not comply. Mr. Gillespie advised he would research further and draft a possible Ordinance.

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 \$330 from the Northern District's Capital Improvement Fund to Amonate Always to cover the cost of the yearly property taxes for tax map parcel #051A A 0006.

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 moves to set a Public Hearing on September 1, 2026 to propose granting tax exempt status for Amonate Always on tax map parcel #051A A 0006.

Mr. Gillespie advised Ms. Gravely that she would need to contact his office prior to the September hearing to discuss the application process for tax exempt status.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED

Chairman Presley opened the floor for any unscheduled citizen comments. Hearing none, Supervisor Presley called a second time for citizen comments. Hearing none, Supervisor Presley called a third and final time for unscheduled citizen comments.

TAZEWELL COUNTY BUDGET FY26-27

Budget Committee update

County Administrator Eric Young advised the Board that the State of Virginia passed their FY 27 budget and therefore, the County could finalize and adopt their FY27 budget.

Mr. Young explained that the advertised budget listed the General Fund ending balance as 5 million, but the County actually finished with \$5,251,000.00. The Budget Committee has suggested a few amendments to the budget taking into account the State's final budget, grant awards, overpayments and our ending balance, said Mr. Young.

Presentation of staff proposed changes to the advertised budget / Discussion regarding the staff proposed amendments to the proposed County Budget Ordinance, FY26-27

Administrator Eric Young presented to the Board the FY2027 Budget Amendments proposed by the Budget Committee and/or staff. Mr. Young explained that most of the changes came from adding back in some of the proposed cuts, mostly due to not knowing the State's final budget and/or the State's contribution for rural counties towards the required school funding.

Supervisor Breeding inquired about the grant process; such as the length of time between applying to receiving, grant matches, which Mr. Young explained.

Mr. Young continued his presentation going line by line/department by department explaining any proposed changes to the budget.

Mr. Young also explained that the State originally proposed a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for state funded employees, but the final budget gave 3.5% increase for COLA effective August 1st. Mr. Young stated the additional cost to the County would be \$190,000 for the 1.5% difference for all employees, which the Board previously approved, but we are requesting the increases to be effective July 1st.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0 to 2, with all members present and Supervisors Cruey and Rhudy abstaining, with all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the additional 1.5/% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all County employees, effective July 1st.

Administrator Young continued his budget presentation by providing an updated decision matrix to the Board for review. Mr. Young proposed adding back in some of the previously discussed expenses to be cut.

Consideration of approving staff recommended amendments to the FY26-27 proposed budget

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, 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 adopt the Tazewell County FY27 Budget Amendments as presented and approved by the Budget Committee.

TAZEWELL COUNTY FY2027 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

FY2026-2027 Changes from Proposed Budget Advertisement

General Fund FND# 100

		Adjustments		FY2026-2027
		As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
Advertised Beginning Balance:				
Restricted Reserve Cash		\$	5,000,000	
Adjustments to Beginning Balance:				
Unrestricted Cash				
Restricted Reserve Cash			251,108	Added \$557,855 back to beg balance for increase in RLM for TCPS
Adjusted Beginning Balance:		\$	5,251,108	resulting in net change of \$251,108
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:		\$	72,555,083	
Additional Changes to Revenues:				
ICE Grant	NEW LINE		115,000	Additional grant funding - flow through Add'l Jail Recon money One time Jail Reserve reduction reimbursement Assuming these funds come to the County Additional grant funding - flow through The net increase for DSS is \$60,073 New grant Will Hoing had me submit June 22nd. New grant from AJ - Eric stated it was a flow through Spent in FY26, revenue not received in FY26 Grant not approved, taking out of the budget Originally \$200,000 - increased to \$300,000 flow through
Regional Jail Reconciliation	16010-0008		293,512	
Regional Jail Reserve Reconciliation	16010-0008		311,806	
State Assistance - TCPS LRM	NEW LINE		960,000	
USDA Grant-Sheriff's Office Equipment	NEW LINE		60,000	
Dept of Social Services Assistance	24010-0004		233,679	
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	NEW LINE		387,322	
VBAF Grant - Amonate Always	NEW LINE		50,000	
VDEM Grant- PSAP Equipment	24040-0064		80,606	
911 Grant not awarded	24040-0064		(350,000)	
NEW VDEM Grant-CHE	24040-0065		100,000	
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:		\$	74,797,008	
Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:		\$	77,496,684	
Additional Changes to Expenditures:				
General Government Administration:				
County Attorney Compensation	12040-1136		10,000	Increase for add'l work
County Attorney F.I.C.A	12040-2100		765	
County Attorney VRS	12040-2210		1,132	

Added \$557,855 back to beg balance for increase in RLM for TCPS
resulting in net change of \$251,108

Additional grant funding - flow through
Add'l Jail Recon money
One time Jail Reserve reduction reimbursement
Assuming these funds come to the County
Additional grant funding - flow through
The net increase for DSS is \$60,073
New grant Will Hoing had me submit June 22nd.
New grant from AJ - Eric stated it was a flow through
Spent in FY26, revenue not received in FY26
Grant not approved, taking out of the budget
Originally \$200,000 - increased to \$300,000 flow through

Increase for add'l work

County Attorney Life Ins	12040-2400	106
County Attorney Contractual Services	12040-3120	(25,000)
Merchant McIntyre Increase	12050-3120	12,000
Tourism Advertising Increase	12050-3600	25,000
VBAF Grant - Amonate Always	12060-NEW	50,000
Judicial Administration:		
Security Cameras for Deed Rms	21060-8109-1	(9,992)
Commonwealth Attorney Grant Position	22010-1150	41,600
F.I.C.A. Change Grant Position	22010-2100	3,182
Retirement Change Grant Position	22010-2210	4,708
Healthcare Change Grant Position	22010-2300	11,436
Life Insurance Change Grant Position	22010-2400	441
Contractual Services - Grant Position	22010-3120-3	(41,600)
Public Safety:		
Sheriff's Department ICE Grant	31020-8105	115,000
USDA Grant-Sheriff's Office Equipment	31020-8101-2	60,000
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	32030-8105	406,688
Regional Jail Revision	33020-3120	(563,135)
Historic Pocahontas	33060-4024	5,000
Richlands Teen Venture	33060-4053	10,000
EMT Training Grant Carryover	32040-5510-1	(3,033)
Property Main - Dilapidated Structures	34400-3310	25,000
PSAP - Ed Program Grant Carryover	35600-8109-12	(1,000)
Project Lifesaver Carryover	35600-8109-15	(436)
Peer Support-Crit Incident Carryover	35600-8109-16	(304)
DMDT Support Grant Carryover	35600-8109-21	(5,000)
NEW VDEM Grant-CHE Increase	35600-8109-37	100,000
911 Grant not awarded	35600-8109-38	(350,000)
Courthouse Security Upgrades	43020-8109-1	100,000
Parks, Recreation & Culture:		
Cavitt's Creek Park Seasonal Workers	71010-1150	27,169
F.I.C.A. Change Seasonal Workers	71010-2100	2,078
Community Development:		
Non-Departmental:		

Increase in Contract beginning July 1
Added back advertising money to Tourism Budget
New grant from AJ - Eric stated it was a flow through

Did not receive the grant
Add'l funds to make position FT

Additional grant funding - flow through
Additional grant funding - flow through

This is a new grant that Will Hoing had me submit on Monday, June 22nd.
Jail bill for FY27 estimated to go down

Added back add'l funds for dilapidated structures

Grant not approved, taking out of the budget
Added For Courthouse security payment

Add'l % COLA increase	91050-7003	190,836
Increase to Contingency Fund	91050-7023	350,000
Eastern District Capital Carryover	91500-8109	35,135
Northern District Capital Carryover	91600-8109	14,319
NorthWestern District Capital Carryover	91700-8109	59,360
Southern District Fund Capital Carryover	91800-8109	21,265
Western District Capital Carryover	91900-8109	64,074

Reduced anticipated contingency in order to fund other items.
District fund bal added in the amendemnts.

Changes to Interfund Transfers:

Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	91050-7029	100,000
Transfer to Taz. Co. Public Schools	91050-7030	557,855
Transfer to Dept of Social Services	91050-7033	293,752
Transfer to Landfill Enterprise Fund	91050-7037	833,444
Transfer to Law Library	91050-7043	5,000

Increase fuding for beach/cabins/playground
Increase of LRM for TCPS
The net increase for DSS is \$60,073
Flood reimbursements transferred to GF
Doesn't generate enough revenue to cover invoices

Total Expenditures with Revisions:

\$ 80,033,530

Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:

\$ 14,586

Capital Projects Fund

FND# 300

Adjustments

	As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$ 819,219		

Adjustments to Beginning Balance:

Incr / Decr Beginning Balance	81,054
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Adjusted Beginning Balance:

\$ 900,273

Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$ 7,142,798
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Additional Changes to Revenues:

Transfer from General Fund		100,000
DOT - Safe Streets for All Grant	16120-0040	(74,548)

Increase fuding for beach/cabins/playground

Total Current Rev. with Revisions:

\$ 7,168,250

Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:	\$ 7,945,974
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Additional Changes to Expenditures:

Project Jonah - E & S Inspections	97010-8250	25,000
Cavitt's Creek Beach/Playground/Cabins	97010-8260	100,000
DCR - FP Town of Bluefield	97010-8262	(18,159)

Increase fuding for beach/cabins/playground

DCR - FP Bottom Road	97010-8263	(13,660)	
DCR - FP Richlands Elementary School	97010-8264	(27,451)	
Natural Gas Study - Final Payment	97010-8268	22,000	
DOT - Safe Streets for All Grant	97010-8269	(93,186)	
Total Expenditures with Revisions:			\$ 7,940,518
Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:			\$ 128,005

Opioid Settlement Fund

FND# 315

	<u>Adjustments</u>		
	<u>As Advertised</u>	<u>Incr. / (Decr.)</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,400,000		
Adjustments to Beginning Balance:			
Incr / Decr Beginning Balance		112,302	
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,512,302
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$ 336,302		
Additional Changes to Revenues:			
No Changes		-	
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:			\$ 336,302
Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:	\$ 1,128,000		
Additional Changes to Expenditures:			
No changes		-	
Total Expenditures with Revisions:			\$ 1,128,000
Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:			\$ 720,604

Landfill Enterprise Fund

FND# 514

	<u>Adjustments</u>		
	<u>As Advertised</u>	<u>Incr. / (Decr.)</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,195,000		
Adjustments to Beginning Balance:			
Incr / Decr Beginning Balance		(500,000)	
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,695,000
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$ 11,284,000		

Additional Changes to Revenues:
 Increase Landfill Fund Transfer
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:

833,444	
\$	12,117,444

Advertised Budgeted Expenditures: \$ 13,422,954

Additional Changes to Expenditures:

No Changes

Total Expenditures with Revisions:

\$ 13,422,954

Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:

\$ 389,490

School Facilities Fund

FND# 254

Adjustments

As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
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Advertised Beginning Balance:

\$ 4,350,567

Adjustments to Beginning Balance:

Incr / Decr Beginning Balance

135,496

Adjusted Beginning Balance:

\$ 4,486,063

Advertised Budgeted Revenue:

\$ -

Additional Changes to Revenues:

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Total Current Rev. with Revisions:

\$ -

Advertised Budgeted Expenditures: \$ 4,350,567

Additional Changes to Expenditures:

Various Expenditure Incr/Decr

10000-0100

135,496

Total Expenditures with Revisions:

\$ 4,486,063

Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:

\$ -

Coal Severance Fund

FND# 203

Adjustments

As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
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Advertised Beginning Balance:

\$ 3,000,000

Adjustments to Beginning Balance:

Incr / Decr Beginning Balance		275,500		
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$	3,275,500
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$	1,140,000		
Additional Changes to Revenues:				
No changes				
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:			\$	1,140,000

Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:	\$	1,392,498		
Additional Changes to Expenditures:				
No changes				
Total Expenditures with Revisions:			\$	1,392,498
Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:			\$	3,023,002

Law Library Fund

FND# 213

	Adjustments			
	As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget	
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$	4,200		
Adjustments to Beginning Balance:				
Incr / Decr Beginning Balance		(2,610)		
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$	1,590
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$	10,000		
Additional Changes to Revenues:				
Transfer from General Fund	41050-0001	5,000		
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:			\$	15,000

Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:	\$	14,200		
Additional Changes to Expenditures:				
Increase Thompson Reugers	21080-6012	1,000		
Total Expenditures with Revisions:			\$	15,200
Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:			\$	1,390.00

Coal Road Economic Development Fund

FND# 225**Adjustments**

	As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$ 55,000		
Adjustments to Beginning Balance:			
Incr / Decr Beginning Balance		(13,575)	
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$ 41,425
Advertised Budgeted Revenue:	\$ 500,000		
Additional Changes to Revenues:		-	
Total Current Rev. with Revisions:			\$ 500,000
Advertised Budgeted Expenditures:	\$ 475,000		
Additional Changes to Expenditures:		-	
Total Expenditures with Revisions:			\$ 475,000
Adjusted Ending Fund Balance:			\$ 66,425

SUMMARY ALL FUNDS**Adjustments**

	As Advertised	Incr. / (Decr.)	Revised Budget
Advertised Beginning Balance:	\$ 29,811,772		
Incr / Decr Beginning Balance:			
All Funds		339,275	
Adjusted Beginning Balance:			\$ 30,151,047
Adv Current Revenues All Funds:	\$ 168,603,700		
Net Changes to Revenues:			
All Funds		3,105,821	
Total Current Rev with Changes:			\$ 171,709,521
Adv Exp Less Internal Transfers:	\$ 186,092,764		
Net Changes to Expenditures:			
All Funds		2,667,886	
Adv Exp Less Internal Transfers with Revisions:			\$ 188,760,650
Net Change End Fund Bal- ALL FUNDS:	\$ 12,322,708		\$ 13,099,918

Board requested changes to proposed FY2027 budget

The Chairman called for any requested changes to the proposed FY2027 budget. The Board did not have any requested changes to the budget but wanted to thank the Budget Committee and everyone for their hard work.

Supervisor Breeding did suggest having quarterly meetings with the Budget Committee in order to keep everyone up to speed.

Supervisor Presley suggested possibly having a Budget Committee Liaison and that Board member could report back to the rest of the Board on the progress, discuss any changes, etc.

County Administrator Young reminded the Board that the Budget Committee meetings are advertised and open to the public and therefore any Board member could attend.

Consideration of approving tax levies for calendar year 2026

Administrator Young stated the tax levies are not increasing and will be the same rate next year as the rates have been the past year.

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 the tax levies as advertised in the budget for calendar year 2026.

Consideration of adopting an "Ordinance approving the FY26-27 Budget Ordinance, adopting local tax levies, and budget for the County of Tazewell, Virginia for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to be effective on July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. as hereby amended"

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 adopts an Ordinance approving the FY26-27 Budget Ordinance, adopting local tax levies, and budget for the County of Tazewell, Virginia for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to be effective on July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. as amended. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Consideration of approving an annual appropriation for the operation of all General County Agency budgets, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 at 12:01 a.m.

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 annual appropriation for the operation of all General County Agency budgets, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 at 12:01 a.m.

Consideration of approving budget transfers/appropriations as may be necessary from surplus accounts, etc. to close all such accounts for the fiscal year, FY25-26

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 budget transfers/appropriations as may be necessary from surplus accounts, etc. to close all such accounts for the fiscal year, FY25-26.

Consideration of approving categorical funding for Tazewell County School Budget FY26-27

Administrator Eric Young noted that while the categorical funding for the School Board can be approved, they were awarded an additional \$500,000 directed by the State, as well as approximately 2 million left over this year which will need to be approved once they budget the additional funds.

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 categorical funding for Tazewell County School Budget FY26-27 as set forth in the budget.

Consideration of approving budget for School Facilities Fund

County Administrator Eric Young reminded the Board that the school Facilities Fund are the monies which the Board has sequestered over the last couple years. Mr. Young presented to the Board a breakdown of the remaining funds in the account (\$4,486,063). Mr. Young stated that once the restroom renovations are made (\$2,182,500) and the repairs to the wall at Tazewell High School (\$2,254,547) the balance will be \$49,016.

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 budget for School Facilities Fund. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Consideration of sequestration of School Facilities Fund

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 sequestering the School Facilities Fund.

Consider appropriating School Board carry over funds for capital projects

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 appropriating the School Board carry over funds for capital projects.

The Board and Administrator Eric Young wished to thank Delegate Moorefield and Senator Hackworth for their personal help and guidance in addition to their unwavering support and assistance with getting the monetary assistance received by the rural counties.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Cavitts Creek wi-fi update

County Administrator Eric Young conveyed that after speaking with Dave White installing a cell phone tower for visitors would be quite a large task. Mr. Young stated that the County is hoping to have wi-fi at the bath house/beach house which would hopefully allow visitors to pull from that source as an alternative. In order to pay for the wi-fi in the cabins, we would charge a small fee of \$4 - \$5 in addition to the rental price, Young said.

Supervisor Breeding advised that if you hook up a microcell (one time cost of approximately \$2500) to perhaps T-Mobile it will provide coverage for 2-3 miles.

Mr. Young stated he would look into the microcell suggestion and its possibilities.

Amended Agreement for Fire and EMS Protection

Administrator Young explained that three (3) years ago the County entered into an agreement with the Town of Bluefield for fire and EMS protection for \$50,000 per year to cover coverage for the Eastern District and a portion of the Northern District. Mr. Young clarified that in lieu of making payments for two (2) years we gave them a

\$100,000 AARP grant to purchase equipment, now they are requesting to revise the \$50,000 per year payment for fire coverage, excluding EMS.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 agreement with the Town of Bluefield to provide fire protection in the Eastern District and portions of the Northern District for an annual fee of \$50,000 and to amend the agreement for the payments to be on October 1, 2026 and October 1, 2027. A copy of the agreement is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Mutual Aid Agreement – ProMed Ambulance Company

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie recalled to the Board that an organization from the Coeburn area (ProMed) requested to open a business in the County to provide ambulance services. However, after discussing the proposal with the Emergency Services Committee (ESC) and going back and forth drafting the Mutual Aid Agreement, ProMed lost the prospective building they had planned to purchase for their office, so no action is needed at this time, Mr. Gillespie stated.

Supervisor Rhudy suggested giving some time for ProMed to find an alternate location.

Supervisor Presley agreed and also suggested advising the ESC Committee so they could be aware of the situation.

Consider renewing Merchant McIntyre contract

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 renewing the Merchant McIntyre contract. A copy of the agreement is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Consider Fire Station Façade Grant

Administrator Eric Young advised that the Town of Tazewell is applying for a grant to improve facades in North Tazewell and requested if the County would join in the grant for the new fire station to be located at the B&W Auto lot recently purchased. This grant recommends a façade appearance and since the County was already looking to accomplish this goal, it may be possible to achieve using grant money, said Young.

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 authorizes the County to join in the Façade Grant application with the Town of Tazewell.

Letter from Dr. Chris Stacy

Administrator Young requested to make Dr. Stacy's letter of June 23, 2026 a part of the record, wherein Dr. Stacy agreed for the School Board to be responsible for any costs in excess of the budgeted amount for their projects referred to in the letter.

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 making Dr. Stacy's letter of June 23, 2026 a part of the record, wherein Dr. Stacy

agreed for the School Board to be responsible for any costs in excess of the budgeted amount for their projects referred to in the letter.

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School Board Members
Erik Robinson, Chair
Irene Mullins, Vice-Chair
Brannon Breeding
Donna Culbertson
David Woodard

June 23, 2026

Dear Mr. Young:

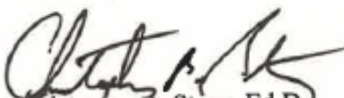
Pursuant to our meeting today, I respectfully request that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors authorize Tazewell County Public Schools to carry forward any encumbered funds, as well as any unexpended and unencumbered funds, from the 2025–2026 fiscal year budget into the 2026–2027 fiscal year budget.

Approval of this request will provide the school division with the flexibility necessary to address any additional costs associated with several capital improvement projects, including the Tazewell High School wall project, the high school restroom renovation projects, the Tazewell Middle School boiler project, the purchase and installation of bleachers at Graham High School, and the purchase and installation of athletic field lighting at Graham High School.

Should costs associated with these projects, or other school facility needs, exceed the available carryover funds, Tazewell County Public Schools will utilize funds from the 2026–2027 operating budget to address those expenses.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of Tazewell County Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Christopher B. Stacy, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent

Appointments

Animal Shelter

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 approve the reappointment of Missie Joyce to the Animal Shelter.

Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the August 4, 2026 meeting.

Clinch Valley Community Action

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the August 4, 2026 meeting.

Enterprise Zone Committee

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 approve the reappointment Tom Lester to the Enterprise Zone Committee.

Industrial Development Authority (IDA)

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to approve the reappointment of Darrell Addison to the IDA.

Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 approve the appointment of Beth Clemons to the Tourism Development Committee for one (1) year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to approve the appointment of Rod Curry to the Tourism Development Committee for two (2) years.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, 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 moves to approve the appointment of Jeff Dissibio to the Tourism Development Committee for one (1) year and Denver Riffe to the Tourism Committee for two (2) years.

Tazewell County Transportation Safety Commission

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 moves to approve the reappointment of Brian Hieatt to the Transportation Safety Commission.

Wireless Service 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 approve the appointment of Randy Ann Davis to the Wireless Service Authority.

Road Viewers

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to approve the appointment of Bryan Lowe to the Road Viewers.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Plaster

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 approve \$349 split evenly between the Western & Northwestern District to cover the remaining tax amount for Legacy Hospice.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, 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 moves to approve \$2500 from the Western District & \$2500 from the North Western District to Blackberry Winter for Rock the Clinch.

Supervisor Plaster inquired about the Opioid Committee, stating she knew of a few members who have since retired.

Administrator Young advised the Committee was an Ad Hoc committee and members can be replaced if needed. Mr. Young stated he would circulate a list of the current members for the Board's review.

Supervisor Plaster stated that the workforce development's ROPES program was just funded through the State with \$800,000 from their opioid fund.

Supervisor Plaster also wished to thank everyone who worked on the budget process; especially our local leaders, Will Moorefield in particular. The 2-million-dollar appropriation for the schools was life changing, Ms. Plaster stated.

Supervisor Cruey

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 moves to approve \$3,000 from the Northern Capital Improvement Fund to the Town of Pocahontas for their Pocy Paws spayed and neuter assistance program.

Supervisor Breeding

Supervisor Breeding explained that he is still working on the signage for the Industrial Park which is going to cost around \$20,000 and is just waiting on a few more people who have businesses in the park to respond.

Supervisor Rhudy

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 donating \$2,000.00 from the Southern District's Capital Fund to Tannersville Fire Department to pay for fireworks.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, 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 donating \$2,000.00 from the Southern District's Capital Fund to Burkes Garden Fire Department to pay for fireworks.

Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley wished to thank all of his fellow Board members stating they have been wonderful to work with and it's not always easy and he appreciates their hard work and dedication. Mr. Presley also wanted to

acknowledge the phenomenal work which Stephanie Russell, Aaron Gillespie and Dave White have been doing with the Board.

Supervisor Presley also inquired about any updates to the Meat Packing Facility (Ponderosa). Administrator Young stated the Eands plan was approved and it will be going out to bid in July.

COMMITTEE LIAISON

PSA - Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley stated that a lot of projects are still ongoing but no changes to report.

VCEDA - Supervisor Breeding

Supervisor Breeding stated the four (4) entrepreneur groups were awarded \$10,000 by VCEDA.

CPPDC - Supervisor Cruey

Supervisor Plaster stated that CPPDC was 80% done with installing the Point Broadband.

ADJOURN @ 8:55 p.m.

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 approves to recess until Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

A copy teste:

Charles "Chuck" Presley Jr., Chairman

Consent Calendar Items
August 4, 2026 Meeting

Source	Check #	Accounts	Amount	Description
Mark Hurt	16770	31020-6001	\$30.90	FOIA request
Felicia DeCourcy	16415	31020-6001	\$25.00	Donation
Legal Aid Justice Center	116290	31020-6001	\$40.00	Donation
Dominion Auto	13742	31020-6009	\$5,665.00	Sale of 2007 Ford Escape
Albert Childress	5434	31020-6010	\$2,000.00	Canine – Rita
Witmer Public Safety Group	11222247	31020-6001	\$132.96	Donation
East River Auction Co.	1476	31020-6001	\$6,350.75	Guns (forfeited and sold)
Town of Richlands	18956	31020-6010	\$2,500.00	Donation – vehicle
Recycle WV	516188	31020-6014	\$217.60	Recycled steel
Anonymous		7301-3099	\$20.00	Donation (cash)
Joyce J. Johnston	8840	7301-3099	\$50.00	Donation
Walmart	ACH	31020-6010	\$2,000.00	Donation for police supplies



Bluefield Memorial Post 9696

131 Lovelane St.

Bluefield, VA 24605

276-326-3459

July 11, 2026

Tazwell County Board of Directors

ATTN: Arlene Matney or Karen Smith

Greetings!! I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to you on behalf of the members here at VFW Post 9696. We have been informed of your gracious donation of \$2,400.00 to our organization. This donation comes at a time when the Post is in need of several upgrades and repairs. In addition we are fundraising for our nursing home veterans Christmas project. Many other areas needing attention as our building is starting to show its age but we are steadily balancing our finances to make things happen. Your generous donation will help considerably with these efforts.

We would prefer to have a lump sum donation of the \$2,400.00 if possible. This will help us expedite the needs we have. If the quarterly amount must be sent we request \$600 for the first quarter, August.

Thank you so much for considering our organization in the county budget. We, as Veterans, can not be more grateful for the generosity of our community and its leadership. You are an integral part of all we are able to accomplish.

Best Regards,

Amy Huffman

Amy Huffman
Post Adjutant/Quartermaster
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VIRGINIA: AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEVELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651, FROM THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026, THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING A MOTION, AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: 08-04-014

Date: AUGUST 4, 2026

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF
THE TAZEVELL COUNTY FIRE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") held a regular meeting on the 4th day of August, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m., to discuss matters as identified in the Revised Agenda as adopted at said meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the previous bylaws of the newly formed Tazewell County Fire Company and opines that amendments are necessary to carry out its operations, function, and role as contemplated within the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation;

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Bylaws permit the Board of Supervisors to amend the Bylaws at any time so long as they are done at a public meeting and accompanied by a Resolution;

WHEREAS, the find the proposed Bylaws, as amended, which are attached to this Resolution should be adopted (with the same being incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim);

NOW THEREFORE, and in consideration thereof, this Board amends the Bylaws of the Tazewell County Fire Company as reflected herein.

It is so **RESOLVED, AFFIRMED, and RECORDED** this 4th day of August, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Presley, Rhudy, Plaster, Cruet and Breeding

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ATTEST:

Charles E. Presley
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

C. Eric Young
Tazewell County Administrator

TAZEWELL COUNTY FIRE COMPANY BYLAWS,

AS AMENDED

ARTICLE I - TAZEWELL COUNTY FIRE COMPANY

SECTION 1 The Tazewell County Fire Company shall serve as a single fire agency to be known as (Tazewell County Volunteer Fire Department” or “TCVFD” or “Company”) consisting of 12 stations organized into three battalions within Tazewell County, serving the Fire Districts as authorized by the Board of Supervisors Ordinance creating the Company, dated December 2, 2025 (Hereafter “the Enabling Ordinance”).

ARTICLE II - GOVERNANCE AND FORMATION

SECTION 1 The TCVFD shall be governed, except as stated below in this Section, by the Tazewell County Board Supervisors, as authorized in the Enabling Ordinance, the County Administrator, and Public Safety Director.

After the expiration of the terms as set forth in Article II, Section 1, the nomination, selection, and term of service of the Administrative Chief and Battalion Chief Officers shall be regulated under Articles IV and V below.

Further, TCVFD shall be governed by a Board of Directors as it relates to the financial business of the Company but shall not direct, impede, or oversee any other operations or procedures of the Company.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 All members must meet minimum training requirements as set forth by the Tazewell County Emergency Services Committee. The purpose of the membership is to support the operations and administration of the Company.

SECTION 2 As of September 1, 2026, all new members must consent to a criminal background check to be conducted by the Tazewell County Sheriff’s Office. No person may serve as a member if they have been convicted of a felony crime of moral turpitude within ten years of their application for membership.

Any member, in good standing, that currently serves as a firefighter on or before September 1, 2026 shall not be required to undergo a criminal background check but the County Administrator or the Director of Public Safety may require said background check in their discretion.

SECTION 3 Battalion chiefs must reside within Tazewell County, Virginia.

SECTION 4 The TCVFD shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin veteran status, sexual orientation for the purpose of membership.

SECTION 5 The current membership roster of the TCVFD is attached hereto. The TCVFD Administrative Chief, or his designee, shall maintain and submit the roster annually to the Clerk of the Circuit Court; and update the roster regularly.

SECTION 6 The Administrative Chief shall; prepare and provide an application form for any person interested in becoming a member. The Administrative Chief shall verify the qualifications of any applicant and may approve or disapprove the application. If an application is not approved, the applicant may appeal to the Director of Public Safety who may approve the member if the denial was arbitrary or discriminatory. The Administrative Chief will assign successful applicants to a station, with the consent of the Battalion Chief for the District in which the member is to be assigned. The Administrative Chief shall designate a service class for the member as described under Section 7 of this Article.

SECTION 7 Members shall have classes of membership depending on their training and capabilities as follows:

- A. Firefighter First Class = Fighter I and II training and EVOC Training
- B. Firefighter Second Class = Fighter I training and EVOC Training
- C. Support Responder = Support members
- D. Cadets

ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

SECTION 1 The TCVFD shall have the following administrative positions:

- A. (1) Northern Battalion Chief
- B. (1) Central Battalion Chief
- C. (1) Southern Battalion Chief
- D. (11) District Chiefs (Aligned with Former Volunteer Departments)
- E. (11) District Captains
- F. (11) District Lieutenants
- G. (1) Chaplain
- H. (1) Administrative Chief

SECTION 2 The Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association shall have input on the appointment of any of the three Battalion Chief Officers and the Administrative Fire Chief. Upon the expiration of any term of position as referenced herein, the same Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association shall provide their input, in writing by way of letter, electronic communication including e-mail, or by way of formal resolution, to the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the respective term, death, resignation, removal, or other reason.

SECTION 3 ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF

The Administrative Chief shall be a first-class member in good standing appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County with input received from the Director of Public Safety and from the Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association as provided in this Article.

- A. The Administrative Chief will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the TCVFD.
- B. The Administrative Chief will oversee the three Battalion Chief officers and work closely with the Public Safety Director.
- C. The Administrative Chief shall be responsible for ensuring the Department and all members comply with all rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances, and policies of the TCVF Department.
- D. The Administrative Chief and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall annually prepare a budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors stating the appropriations necessary to fulfill the mandate of the Department.
- E. The Administrative Chief shall be responsible for seeing that all necessary documentation for the departments personnel and activities is timely prepared and organized records of such are maintained.
- F. The Administrative Chief must obtain Fire Officer I certification with 18 months of appointment.
- G. The Chief will be the Supply and Equipment Officer of the TCVFD.
- H. The Administrative Chief may demote, discipline or dismiss any member and may suspend or relieve any officer for good cause, including but not limited to violation of department policies, failure to perform, and conduct that is unbecoming or disruptive to the department.

SECTION 4 NOMINATION, APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS OF ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE CHIEF

- A. The position of the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief and any subsequent Administrative Fire Chief shall be approved and voted on solely by the duly elected members of Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County.
 - a. The Board of Supervisors shall consider input, whether in writing or otherwise, on the nominees from a member or members of the Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association, at the Board of Supervisors' meeting that is scheduled for the purpose to vote on an Administrative Fire Chief. Said input should be considered prior to any vote to appoint the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief nominee or any subsequent Administrative Fire Chief nominee.
 - b. The Board of Supervisors shall consider input, whether in writing or otherwise, on the nominees from the Director of Public Safety at the Board of Supervisors' meeting that is scheduled for the purpose to vote on an Administrative Fire Chief. Said input should be considered prior to any vote to appoint the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief nominee or any subsequent Administrative Fire Chief nominee.

- c. Any or all of the nominees presented may be rejected by the Board of Supervisors. If any or all of the nominees presented to the Board of Supervisors are rejected, then that individual or individuals shall be ineligible for appointment to the Administrative Fire Chief position for a period of time not to exceed a term of two years.
- B. NOMINATION OF INAUGURAL ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE CHIEF – there shall be three nominees chosen thirty (30) days prior to the meeting scheduled in October of any year by the Board of Supervisors to vote on the Administrative Fire Chief position. The three nominees shall be voted on by the membership and then be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in the following manner:
 - a. A formal meeting shall be called by providing at minimum a seven (7) notice to the respective members of TCVFD as defined within these Bylaws. The County Administrator for Tazewell County, or his designee, shall convene the meeting, the members shall first select, by majority vote, one (1) of the present members to be the Secretary of the meeting for purposes of recording the minutes of the meeting, writing the names of the nominees, drafting ballot forms, counting votes, and any other purpose the County Administrator, or his designee, deems appropriate. Nominations for Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief shall be made by way of oral or written motion without the requirement of a second on the same Motion. The nomination shall include the name of the person being nominated and that the individual meets all requirements as set forth in Article II and IV of these Bylaws. After the period of nominations have closed, the Secretary of the meeting shall draft a ballot form with all persons nominated. Upon review by the County Administrator, or his designee, of the ballot form, the individuals nominated shall be presented to the members for purposes of selecting nominees of the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief. The County Administrator, or his designee, has the sole discretion to reject any nominee only if said nominee is not a qualified candidate for Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief as required by these Bylaws. After said review, the Secretary shall then read the names to the membership and ask for the eligible members to cast their respective vote by way of secret ballot. The County Administrator, or his designee, after a reasonable period of time, shall close the voting period and direct the Secretary to count the votes. The selection of the three nominees shall be determined by a plurality vote (i.e. the persons that receives the most votes) and the three individuals with the highest number of votes therein shall be declared by the County Administrator or his designee as the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief nominees.
 - b. Only in the event there is a tie vote between four or more individuals with the highest number of votes cast by eligible members, the County Administrator, or his designee, shall declare a tie and immediately direct the Secretary to draft a new ballot form with only the four or more names of the individuals who had the highest votes. Upon review of the

new ballot form by the County Administrator, or his designee, the Secretary shall then read the names to the membership and ask for the eligible members to cast their votes by way of secret ballot. The County Administrator, or his designee, after a reasonable period of time, shall close the second voting period and direct the Secretary to count the votes. This election shall be determined by a plurality vote (i.e. the person that receives the most votes) and the three nominees therein shall be declared by the County Administrator or his designee as the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief nominees.

- c. Only in the event that the second election results in a tie between four or more individuals, the County Administrator, or his designee, shall declare the tie and immediately close the meeting for any other nominees or business.
 - i. Only in the event that there is a tie during a second election, the County Administrator, or his designee, shall seek the advice and consent of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors as soon as practicable.
- C. In the event that three nominees are elected at the meeting referenced in Article IV, Section 4 (a) and (b), the list of names shall be provided to the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days. The Board of Supervisors will consider the same at any point and time that the Board of Supervisors deems appropriate.
- D. TERM OF SERVICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE CHIEF – The Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief shall serve a term of three (3) years. All subsequent Administrative Fire Chiefs shall serve a term of two (2) years.
- E. SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE CHIEF – Prior to the expiration of the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief's term, TCVFD and its members shall call a meeting, in the same manner as previously outlined in Article IV of these Bylaws, for the election of Administrative Fire Chief nominees. Said meeting shall occur at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief's term but shall not occur more than sixty (60) days prior to the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief's term. All forms, procedures, and processes as reflected with Article IV of these Bylaws shall control and be implemented in all elections for Administrative Fire Chief nominees.

SECTION 4 BATTALION CHIEF

The Battalion Chief shall be a first-class member in good standing appointed by the Board of Supervisors after consultation with the Administrative Chief and the Public Safety Director.

- A. There shall be three Battalion Chiefs appointed as described herein and each Battalion Chief shall serve a term of two (2) years.
 - a. In the event of a death, resignation, or removal of any Battalion Chief, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a qualified individual, as defined in these Bylaws, to fulfill the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

Any vacancy that may occur should be filled within thirty (30) days and in conformity with these bylaws.

- B. (Job description)
- C. (Job description)

SECTION 5 DISTRICT CHIEF

The District Chief shall be a first or second-class member in good standing elected by members of the TCVFD who reside in the Fire District for which the Chief serves. The District Chief's elected term shall be two years from the date of his or her election.

- A. Any Chief of a Legacy Department as defined in the Enabling Ordinance shall serve as District Chief for the District for which his or her Legacy Department served until an initial election may be held.
- B. The first election of District Fire Chiefs shall not occur before October 1, 2026, nor after December 31, 2026.
- C. Elections for District Fire Chief Shall be conducted and supervised by the Administrative Fire Chief.
- D. (Job description)

SECTION 6 ELECTION AND TERMS OF DISTRICT CHIEFS

- A. **ELECTION OF DISTRICT CHIEFS** – For any position in TCVFD that requires an election prior to assuming office, the following method shall be followed:
 - a. A formal meeting shall be called by providing at minimum a seven (7) notice to the respective members, as defined within these Bylaws, of the individual department. Upon the Administrative Fire Chief convening the meeting, the members shall first select, by majority vote, one (1) member of the individual department to be the Secretary of the meeting for purposes of recording the minutes of the meeting, writing the names of the nominees, drafting ballot forms, counting votes, and any other purpose the Administrative Fire Chief deems appropriate. Nominations for District Chief shall be made by way of oral or written motion without the requirement of a second on the same Motion. The nomination shall include the name of the person being nominated and that the individual meets all requirements as set forth in Article III and IV of these Bylaws. After the period of nominations have closed, the Secretary of the meeting shall draft a ballot form with all persons nominated. Upon review by the Administrative Fire Chief and the Public Safety Director of the ballot form, the individuals nominated shall be presented to the members for purposes of electing the District Chief. The Administrative Fire Chief and the Public Safety Director have the sole discretion to reject any nominee only if said nominee is not qualified as required by

these Bylaws. After said review, the Secretary shall then read the names to the membership and ask for the eligible members to cast their respective vote by way of secret ballot. The Administrative Fire Chief, after a reasonable period of time, shall close the voting period and direct the Secretary and the Public Safety Director to count the votes. The election of the District Chief shall be determined by a plurality vote (i.e. the person that receives the most votes) and the District Chief duly elected therein shall be declared by the Administrative Fire Chief.

- b. Only in the event there is a tie vote between two or more individuals with the highest number of votes cast by eligible members, the Administrative Fire Chief shall declare a tie and immediately direct the Secretary to draft a new ballot form with only the names of the individuals who had the highest votes. Upon review of the new ballot form by the Administrative Fire Chief and the Public Safety Director, the Secretary shall then read the names to the membership and ask for the eligible members to cast their votes by way of secret ballot. The Administrative Fire Chief, after a reasonable period of time, shall close the second voting period and direct the Secretary and Public Safety Director to count the votes. The election of the District Chief shall be determined by a plurality vote (i.e. the person that receives the most votes) and the District Chief duly elected therein shall be declared by the Administrative Fire Chief.
- c. Only in the event that the second election results in a tie, the Administrative Fire Chief shall declare the tie and immediately direct the Public Safety Director to decide the District Chief without the requirement of a vote or input from the membership.

- B. **TERM OF DISTRICT CHIEFS** - Excepting the Inaugural Chief and Inaugural Battalion Chiefs as referenced above, elections will be conducted every two years for the district chief(s) of individual stations within the fire company battalions. The term of service for each district chief shall be two years.

SECTION 7 CAPTAIN

The Captain shall be appointed by the District Chief for the District in which the Captain serves. The Captain shall either be first or second-class member in good standing who reside in the Fire District for which the District Chief serves.

- A. (Job Description)

SECTION 8 LIEUTENANT

The Lieutenant shall be appointed by the District Chief for the District in which the Lieutenant serves. The Captain shall at minimum be a second-class member in good standing who reside in the Fire District for which the District Chief serves

- A. (Job Description)

SECTION 9 CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain is responsible for counselling at meetings and department functions. The Chaplain also assists families within the department, and acts as counsel for department members and incident victims.

The Chaplain shall serve an indefinite term unless and until removed from that position by the Administrative Fire Chief.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL

SECTION 1 MEETING RULES:

- A. All meetings will be conducted according to "Robert's Rules of Order"
- B. Each year there shall be at least one annual meeting. At the annual meeting the dates of regular meetings for the following year shall be set and the date of elections of Fire District Chiefs shall be set.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the Administrative Chief or any two Battalion Chiefs. Special meetings may only be held after reasonable notice to the membership.
- D. No formal business may be conducted at any meeting without a majority of the membership being present. In the event there is not a quorum at the annual meeting, the Administrative Chief may establish the regular meeting dates for the following year.
- E. The Administrative Chief or his designee shall record minutes of every meeting and publish the same to the membership by electronic mail.
- F. The initial Annual Meeting of the Department shall be set by the Administrative Chief.

SECTION 2 RESIGNATION

- A. A firefighter wishing to resign will do so in writing, accompanied by his/her issued equipment to the District Chief.
- B. Any firefighter or member not turning in his/her equipment within 15 days from receipt of the resignation. Noncompliance may result in criminal charges being filed with the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office.

SECTION 3 DISCIPLINE

Members may be demoted, suspended, or terminated for violation of policy by the Battalion Chiefs or the Administrative Chief. Fire District Chiefs may submit requests for disciplinary actions to the Battalion Chief.

SECTION 4 TERMINATION

- A. Progressive Discipline for violation of Department policies will be employed by the Department with an aim toward developing members into better members. However, if warranted a single act of misconduct or cumulative acts of misconduct may result in termination of membership. Conviction of a Felony will automatically terminate membership.
- B. A member whose membership is terminated may reapply not sooner than one year after his or her termination.

SECTION 5 ATTENDANCE

- A. The District Chief shall have the authority to excuse training or business meeting.
- B. Any firefighter missing two (2) consecutive unexcused meetings or drills shall be counseled by the District Chief to see what the issue is. A third unexcused absence will lead to disciplinary action.

SECTION 6 PROCEDURES OF DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSION RIGHTS

Fire officers shall establish the facts of the incident in writing on proper documentation. Depending on the level of the offense, the company officer may counsel the individual or choose to forward the documentation up the chain to the Battalion Chief.

- A. Types of Progressive Discipline
 - 1. A verbal counseling
 - 2. A written reprimand
 - 3. Suspension
 - 4. Demotion
 - 5. Termination
- B. All members have the right to the grievance process. See SECTION 9.

SECTION 7 DEMOTION OF POSITION

- A. Any individual may be removed from office for misconduct, failure to follow policy or neglect of duty, or being charged and/or convicted of a felony offense or crime of moral turpitude as found in the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.
- B. Any demoted or removed individual may request a grievance hearing. The request must be submitted to the Administrative Chief in writing within 5 business days after receipt of notice of the demotion/removal.

SECTION 8 VACANCY OF OFFICE OF FIRE DISTRICT CHIEF

In the event of a vacancy occurring in an office of Fire District Chief due to resignation, removal from office, death, disability, or disqualification for any reason, the Battalion Chief for the district wherein the vacancy occurs shall appoint an interim District Chief until a special election may be held at the next annual meeting of the Fire Company.

SECTION 9 GRIEVANCE HEARING PROCESS

Tazewell County Fire Company members are entitled to request a grievance hearing if they feel they have been wrongfully demoted, disciplined or terminated.

- A. A written request shall be submitted to the Administrative Chief within five (5) business days of the demotion or termination.
- B. The Administrative Chief will set a hearing date within five (5) business days of receipt of the request.
- C. The two battalion chief officers from the non-involved battalions along with the Administrative Chief shall comprise the grievance board.
- D. Both parties will be given the opportunity to present their case.
- E. The grievance board will render a decision which will be FINAL.
- F. In the event the grievant is a Battalion Chief the grievance request must be submitted to the County Administrator in writing and the grievance panel shall be the County Administrator, the Director of Public Safety, and the Administrative Chief. The County Attorney is permitted to be present for this hearing for purposes of advising the County Administrator, Director of Public Safety, and/or the Administrative Chief.

ARTICLE VI - OPERATIONS STANDARDS

SECTION 1 FIRE CALL PROCEDURES

- A. Whenever the department is called out, members shall be considered on duty and shall be subject to all provisions of the by-laws until they are excused or dismissed at the fire station or at the call by the officer in charge of the call.
- B. The highest-ranking officer shall assume command on emergency scenes but it is at his/her discretion.
- C. It is the engine operator's responsibility to ensure that all hoses, hydrant wrenches, spanner wrenches, hand tools and all other equipment is put back on the truck and in their proper place before the truck leaves the scene of the fire or any other emergency scene.

- D. It shall be the vehicle operator's responsibility to see that the truck is refueled, and any items that were used restocked. So that the truck is ready to respond to the next call.
- E. All drivers responding to emergency calls shall drive in accordance with laws of Virginia and Tazewell County. Emergency lights and sirens are to be used in accordance with state law, and all drivers must have a valid operator's license.
- F. Any driver will not be allowed to have a DUI, DUID within the last five years. They will not be allowed to operate fire department vehicles under any circumstances. Any driver with more than one DUI, DUID, and DWI within the last 15 years are also prohibited from operating any vehicles of the fire department.
- G. The Chief has the final decision on who can drive department vehicles.
- H. No fire department vehicles can be taken off the fire department property without the Fire Chief's approval or his designee on non-emergencies

SECTION 2 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The department District Chief may grant a leave of absence request to any member for a period of not greater than twelve (12) months. Medical requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 3 MEETINGS AND DRILLS

- A. There shall be a minimum two (2) drill/training events conducted each month.
- B. The District Chief will be responsible for maintaining a training log of the training conducted and members present. This will be forwarded to the Battalion Chief for review and a copy will be filed with Public Safety
- C. Battalion and District Chiefs shall be responsible for planning of the training and safety of the drill/training activities.

SECTION 4 FIRE REPORTS

- A. All fire reports shall be filed into the National Emergency Response Information System - NERIS
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Time and date
 - 3. Cause and Origin if possible. Note: May notify (VSP)
 - 4. Responding agencies
 - 5. Record information about any injury to a personnel member
 - 6. Type of call i.e. Structure type and area of involvement A, B, C, D

7. Insurance information.
8. Civilian injuries or deaths
9. Amount of water used i.e. Hydrant
10. Narrative by the incident commander

SECTION 5 INJURY REPORTS

- A. If a member is injured during an emergency incident or training event, he/she shall report the injury to the supervisor as soon as safely possible.
- B. Upon returning to the station the company officer shall document the situation surrounding the incident. This should include a statement from the injured member as well as statements from any witnesses to the event. The documentation shall be forwarded up the chain of command to the fire chief.
- C. Any injuries reported to the chief or officer in charge. A report form will be filled out by the injured member and the chief or officer as soon as possible back at the station.
- D. If any member is injured while performing department activities and needs to be taken to the hospital. One member from the department will travel with them to the hospital. The injury report will be filled out at the earliest convenience by the officer in charge.

SECTION 6 FIRE CADETS

- A. Must be a minimum of 16 years of age.
- B. Must be a county resident
- C. Must follow the same rules as all firefighters
- D. The fire cadet shall become a regular member upon the 18th birthday
- E. Must have a signed departmental permission form from one or both parents.
- F. Fire cadets shall NOT under any circumstances respond in an emergency status to the station for calls. They are not permitted to respond on fire apparatus in emergency status.
- G. Cadet firefighters cannot make entry into any LDH environments to include structural fires. This includes mop up operations as well. Cadet firefighters shall stay in the warm zone for support operations i.e. bottle change outs etc.

SECTION 7 FIREFIGHTER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Firefighting operations
- B. All rescue operations
- C. All Haz-Mat operations
- D. All motor vehicle extrications
- E. All forestry fires
- F. Any other duties deemed necessary by the chief or officer in charge

SECTION 8 DRIVER/PUMP OPERATOR

- A. Operation of fire apparatus while responding to, operating on scene, or returning from an incident is the responsibility of the Engineer/DPO.
- B. Routine maintenance of the apparatus and any equipment carried on it.
- C. To restock the trucks with supplies upon return from a call.

SECTION 9 FORESTRY FIRES

- A. All persons operating at a fire scene shall be under the control of the Battalion Chief or company officer in charge. Division of Forestry supervisor shall assume command of wild land fires within the county.
- B. Any member issuing forestry firefighting equipment shall be responsible for its return to our trucks.

SECTION 10 TRAINING

- A. All fire personnel shall strive to promote through the ranks by obtaining certification in Firefighter I and II, Pump Operations course and company officer leadership (FOI) as courses become available. All members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities in Fire Officer and Fire Prevention courses etc. VDFP or NFA
- B. All members are responsible for turning in copies of their training records and certificates to their Battalion Chief.
- C. A training record of all members within the Fire Company will be on file at the Public Safety Office.

SECTION 11 CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. All members will conduct themselves in a professional manner while on duty as well as off duty.
- B. Members will always conduct themselves in a professional manner while in uniform with Fire Company emblems on them.
- C. Members must always keep in mind that **YOU** are a representative of the Tazewell County Fire Company. Your actions are direct reflection upon our agency.
- D. To protect to Tazewell County and the public, members shall seek approval from the battalion chief prior to posting any pictures or information regarding the Tazewell County Company.

SECTION 12 RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

Tazewell County Fire Company business meeting may be opened by a prayer. Any member has the right to not to participate in any of the departments religious proceedings based on their religious beliefs. All participations in any and all religious activities at department functions are strictly voluntary.

SECTION 13 UNIFORM CODE

- A. All fire personnel will wear full turnout gear and SCBA while operating in and around LDH environments. Appropriate PPE SHALL be donned during fire ground operations.
- B. All fire personnel will don full turnout gear when conducting vehicle extrication operations.
- C. The officer in charge can make changes on level and type of PPE to be worn at the scene based on situation at the scene.
- D. All fire personnel will wear a traffic vest during any operations on or near a road way.
- E. Personnel shall only wear PPE or uniforms approved or purchased by the Tazewell County Fire Company. Any deviation must be approved by the battalion chief.
- F. The battalion chief or officer in charge will advise the uniform for certain events such as parades, funerals and official functions. Uniformity is key.

SECTION 14 UNIFORM CLASSIFICATIONS

- A. **Class A** uniform includes long sleeve or short sleeve dress shirt with tie, dress shoes and dress pants. (Jacket)
- B. **Class B** uniform includes Polo shirt and BDU style pants and black tactical style boots.
- C. **Class C** uniform includes department issued BDU's shirt and pant and black tactical style boots.
- D. **Class D** uniform includes department tee shirt and blue jeans.

SECTION 15 SOCIAL MEDICA AND DIGITAL IMAGES

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect nonpublic employee data, the public, the operations of Tazewell County Fire Company, and public confidence in Tazewell County and its employees and volunteers. This policy is not intended to limit the right to freedom of speech or expression, but is intended to protect the rights of this organization, its members, and the public they are sworn to protect. Employees and volunteers are advised that their speech, directly or by means of instant technology either on or off duty and in the course of their official duties that has a connection to their professional duties and responsibilities, may not be protected speech under the First Amendment.

Speech that impairs or impedes the performance of Tazewell County Fire Company, undermines discipline and harmony among co-workers, or negatively affects the public perception of Tazewell County may be sanctioned.

B. DEFINITION

Social media are internet and mobile-based applications, websites and functions, other than email, for sharing and discussing information, where users can post photos, video, comments and links to other information to create content on any imaginable topic. This may be referred to as “user-generated content” or “consumer-generated media.”

Social media includes, but is not limited to:

1. Social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Snap-chat, Tik Tok, and online dating services/mobile apps.
2. Blogs
3. Social news sites such as Reddit and BuzzFeed.
4. Video and photo sharing sites such as YouTube, Instagram, SnapChat, Tik Tok, and Flickr.
5. Wikis, or shared encyclopedias such as Wikipedia.
6. An ever-emerging list of new web-based platforms generally regarded as social media or having many of the same functions as those listed above.

C. PROFESSIONALISM AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The appearance of professionalism is important to public safety and the public’s confidence and trust. Accordingly, an employee’s or volunteers personal use of social media shall not use any work-related images, department logos, or any images which depict an employee or volunteer in any uniform or in which the employee or volunteer uses their job title or is otherwise identified as an employee or volunteer of the department, without prior approval from an officer appointed to review all images and approve release and dissemination of such images. Similarly, in order to maintain the appearance of professionalism and public confidence, no employee or volunteer shall post any material on any social media that is detrimental to the effective operation Tazewell County Fire Company. Employees and volunteers shall not disseminate protected, private, nonpublic, or confidential information including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Matters that under investigation.
2. Victim, patient and employee information protected by HIPPA confidentiality laws.
3. Personnel matters/data that are protected from disclosure by law.

D. OWNERSHIP OF WORK-RELATED IMAGES

All photos, videos, digital images, or recordings taken by any employee or agent of Tazewell County while responding to any fire or other emergency or while engaged in any training are “work-related images” and are the property of

Tazewell County. Work-related images include, but are not limited to, any written, auditory, and/or visual messages communicated via or on Tazewell County resources or via or on personal devices and/or social media, videos, or pictures gathered while on Tazewell County business.

E. PERMISSION TO TAKE WORK-RELATED IMAGES

Work-related images shall not be taken of any emergency response, training exercise, or fire except as permitted by policy or as directed by the Chief Officer. All work-related images shall be taken using Tazewell County issued equipment, unless otherwise directed by the officer in charge of the scene. Work-related images taken by Tazewell County employees and volunteers using privately owned equipment are also governed by this policy.

F. REASONS FOR TAKING WORK-RELATED IMAGES

Photos or other recordings may be taken to assist in the diagnosis or treatment of accident/fire victims. Such images should be forwarded to the appropriate medical care provider and then be deleted from Tazewell County files. Work-related images, including recordings showing possible evidence of a crime, must be forwarded to law enforcement. Other work-related images used for internal, departmental purposes such as training or publicity shall be taken in a manner that minimizes the possibility of identifying accident victims.

G. CONTROL AND DISSEMINATION OF WORK-RELATED IMAGES

All work-related images shall be stored in the Tazewell County computer system and be governed by the records management policies and procedures. Work-related images shall not be stored, retained, or disseminated in any manner by anyone other than the officer(s) appointed to review all images and approve retention, release, or dissemination and cannot be used for personal profit or business interests or to participate in personal political activity.

H. REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Any employee or volunteer becoming aware of or having knowledge of a posting or of any website or webpage in violation of this policy may anonymously report possible violations to any Tazewell County Fire Company Officer.

I. POLICY VIOLATIONS

Violation of this policy may be considered an extraordinary breach of the public's expectation of privacy and of Tazewell County Fire Company rules and regulations regarding the use of social media and may subject the offender to discipline and possible termination.

ARTICLE VII - POLICIES AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 With the consent of the Director of Public Safety and the Emergency Services Committee, the Administrative Chief shall promulgate any additional rules and policies as may be necessary and proper for effective conduct of the Department, as well as any amendments thereto.

SECTION 2 These By-Laws may be amended by (1) a Majority of the Membership voting by secret ballot yes or no on approval of such amendments presented to them in writing at the annual election of District Chiefs and approval by the Board of Supervisors; (2) or the Board of Supervisors may approve amendments to the Bylaws by resolution at a public meeting which shall be effective pending approval by the membership at their next regularly held election of District Chiefs.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 – DUTIES AND TERMS OF INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Inaugural Board of Directors, and all subsequent Directors, shall institute fiscal policy, conduct financial related fiduciary engagements, and govern the financial business of the Company. The Inaugural Board of Directors and any subsequent Director shall not oversee or implement policy as it relates to the normal course of business or daily activity of TCVFD. Nothing herein may defer or alter the governing authority of the Inaugural Board of Directors or any other subsequent Directors in all matters related to the Company.
- B. The Inaugural Board of Directors shall consist of the following individuals: One member of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County as appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Inaugural Administrative Fire Chief, the Public Safety Director of Tazewell County, the three Battalion Chiefs, and one District Chief.
- C. The County Administrator of Tazewell County shall be an *ex officio* member of the Inaugural Board.
- D. The offices of the Inaugural Board of Directors shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the remaining shall be voting members.
 - i. The Chair shall preside over the Inaugural Board meetings and direct the activities of the Inaugural Board.
 - ii. The Vice-Chair shall act in the capacity of the Chair upon absence of vacancy.
 - iii. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee and provide for the accurate and timely reporting of finances to the Inaugural Board. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Company, sign checks, request payments from the Board of Supervisors, maintain financial statements, receipts, disbursements, and expenses, and any other matter that the Administrative Fire Chief deems appropriate.
 - iv. The Secretary shall provide for the timely recording and dissemination of meeting minutes.
- E. The Inaugural Board of Directors shall serve a term as follows:
 - i. The Chair shall serve a term of three (3) years;
 - ii. The Vice-Chair shall serve a term of two (2) years;

- iii. The Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years;
 - iv. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years; and,
 - v. Any other member shall serve a term of one (1) year.
- F. In the event of a death, resignation, or removal of any Inaugural Board of Directors, the remaining Inaugural Directors shall nominate and approve a replacement Director(s) for the remainder of the term. Any vacancy that may occur should be filled within thirty (30) days and in conformity with these bylaws.
 - i. The Inaugural Board may recommend removal of any other Inaugural Board member from his or her position except the position filled by the Administrative Fire Chief and the member from the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County. A two-thirds majority of the eligible voting members present at the following regular meeting is required to approve removal.
- G. The Chair or Vice-Chair, or in their absence a member of the Inaugural Board chosen by the quorum, shall preside at all meeting of the Board. The Chair shall determine all questions concerning the application of rules of procedure subject to a vote by the members of the Inaugural Board of Directors.
- H. Quorum shall consist of a majority of the Inaugural Board of Directors. In the absence of a quorum, no business shall be conducted and not votes may be taken.
- I. The Inaugural Board of Directors shall set the date, time, and place of its regular meetings and shall post notice of such regular meetings on the Tazewell County website. The Inaugural Board shall meet, at minimum, bimonthly. The Chair may cancel any meeting because of inclement weather and reschedule the meeting by giving notice to each of the Board members as soon as practicable.
- J. Special meetings of the Inaugural Board may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Inaugural Board by providing written notice to each of the Inaugural Board members as soon as possible prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify what matters will be discussed at the special meeting. Only those matters identified in the written notice of the special meeting may be considered by the Inaugural Board at the special meeting unless the entire membership of the Inaugural Board agrees to discuss other items.
- K. The Inaugural Board may go into closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. A motion to go into closed session, citing the appropriate section of the Act allowing such closed session, shall be adopted prior to going into closed session. The Inaugural Board may invite staff or others into the closed session. Following the closed session, the Inaugural Board must certify, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, which to the best of each member's knowledge only those public business matters exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion to go into closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.
- L. In the event that an Inaugural Board member is not present for two consecutive Board meetings, the Chair will contact the Inaugural Board member to determine the reason for the absences and if that member desires to continue serving or if they want or need to resign.
- M. Inaugural Board of Directors members shall not receive compensation for their service on this Board. However, the Inaugural Board of Directors is authorized to

procure external professional services for the execution of administrative duties if the services cannot be obtained from within the Company.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES AND TERMS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS (SUBSEQUENT TO INAUGURAL BOARD)

- A. The Tazewell County Fire Company shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board shall institute fiscal policy, conduct financial fiduciary engagements, and govern the financial business of the Company. The Board of Directors and any subsequent Director shall not oversee or implement policy as it relates to the normal course of business or daily activity of TCVFD. Nothing herein may defer or alter the governing authority of the Inaugural Board of Directors or any other subsequent Directors in all matters related to the Company.. Further, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for filling all vacancies or appointments to its Board.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the members of the Inaugural Board members until their respective terms expire and any subsequent Director elected or appointed.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following individuals: One member of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County as appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Administrative Fire Chief, the Public Safety Director of Tazewell County, the three Battalion Chiefs, and one District Chief.
- D. The County Administrator shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors.
- E. Each Board member's terms, excepting the Inaugural Board members, shall stagger between calendar years so each group shall elect or appoint respective director(s) in each respective year.
- F. Excepting Inaugural Board member's terms, all other Board of Directors shall serve terms as follows:
 - i. The Chair shall serve a term of three (2) years;
 - ii. The Vice-Chair shall serve a term of two (2) years;
 - iii. The Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years;
 - iv. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years; and,
 - v. Any other member shall serve a term of one (2) year.
- G. The offices of the Board of Directors shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and one other voting member. Specific functions of the Directors shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - i. The Chair shall preside over the Board meetings and direct the activities of the Board.
 - ii. The Vice-Chair shall act in the capacity of the Chair upon absence of vacancy.
 - iii. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee and provide for the accurate and timely reporting of finances to the Board. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Company, sign checks, request payments from the Board of Supervisors, maintain financial statements, receipts, disbursements, and expenses, and any other matter that the Administrative Fire Chief deems appropriate.

- iv. The Secretary shall provide for the timely recording and dissemination of meeting minutes.
- H. In the event of a death, resignation, or removal of any Board of Directors, the remaining Directors shall nominate and approve a replacement Director(s) for the remainder of the term. Any vacancy that may occur shall be filled within thirty (30) days and in conformity with these bylaws.
 - i. The Board may recommend removal of any elected Board member from his or her position. A two-thirds majority of the eligible voting members present at the following regular meeting is required to approve removal.
- I. The Chair or Vice-Chair, or in their absence a member of the Board chosen by the quorum, shall preside at all meeting of the Board. The Chair shall determine all questions concerning the application of rules of procedure subject to a vote by the members of the Board of Directors.
- J. Quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors. In the absence of a quorum, no business shall be conducted and not votes may be taken.
- K. The Board of Directors shall set the date, time, and place of its regular meetings and shall post notice of such regular meetings on the Tazewell County website. The Board shall meet, at minimum, bimonthly. The Chair may cancel any meeting because of inclement weather and reschedule the meeting by giving notice to each of the Board members as soon as practicable.
- L. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board by providing written notice to each of the Board members as soon as possible prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify what matters will be discussed at the special meeting. Only those matters identified in the written notice of the special meeting may be considered by the Board at the special meeting unless the entire membership of the Board agrees to discuss other items.
- M. The Board may go into closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. A motion to go into closed session, citing the appropriate section of the Act allowing such closed session, shall be adopted prior to going into closed session. The Board may invite staff or others into the closed session. Following the closed session, the Board must certify, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, which to the best of each member's knowledge only those public business matters exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion to go into closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.
- N. In the event that a Board member is not present for two consecutive regular Board meetings, the Chair will contact the Board member to determine the reason for the absences and if that member desires to continue serving or if they want or need to resign.
- O. Board of Directors members shall not receive compensation for their service on this Board. However, the Board of Directors is authorized to procure external professional services for the execution of administrative duties if the services cannot be obtained from within the Company.

SECTION 3 – STANDING COMMITTEES

The Inaugural Board of Directors and any other subsequent Board of Directors shall have and maintain the following standing committees:

- A. Financial Committee – this committee shall be comprised of the Treasurer, the Administrative Fire Chief, and one other member appointed by the said Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall act as the Chair of this Committee. The Financial Committee shall address any and all financial interests of TCVFD, oversee financial obligations, debts, expenses, any relevant tax preparations, bank accounts, accounts receivable and accounts payable, any other financial issue the Administrative Fire Chief deems necessary. This Committee shall convene one per month at a date and time as selected by the Treasurer.
- B. Fire Chiefs Committee – this committee shall be comprised of the Administrative Fire Chief, three Battalion Chiefs, and one current member of the Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association. The Administrative Fire Chief shall chair this Committee. The Fire Chiefs Committee shall hear concerns presented by any Battalion Chiefs or District Chiefs and shall review general operations of TCVFD. This Committee shall be responsible for considering any information, data, or other materials received by the Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association. This Committee shall convene at least once per quarter during the year and the date and time for any meeting will be selected by the Treasurer.

SECTION 4 – MEETING SCHEDULES

Any Board of Directors shall have one annual meeting in October of each year. All other meetings shall occur at the discretion of the applicable Board of Directors or at the request of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES OF TCVFD

The TCVFD shall be responsible for its own financial decisions, debts, obligations, and other financial arrangements. In addition to its own responsibilities, TCVFD shall:

- A. ACCOUNTS: All checks, bank accounts, money market accounts, deposit accounts, or other financial accounts in the name of TCVFD shall bear the name and/or seal of two individuals; to-wit: the Administrative Fire Chief and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
- B. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY: All checks or other negotiable instruments executed on behalf of TCVFD shall be signed by the Administrative Fire Chief and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors. All checking accounts or other accounts that utilize negotiable instruments shall require the signature of the Administrative Fire Chief and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
- C. DEBIT/CREDIT TRANSACTION: Any and all charges to any debit card, credit card, or any other type of card utilized by TCVFD shall be accompanied

by a receipt and the same must be reported to the Finance Committee within the same month of the transaction.

- D. RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES: All expenses paid by way of check, cash, credit card, debit card, other card, negotiable instrument, or other means shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the same shall be ratified by the Board of Directors.
- E. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL: Any and all requests for money, payments and other monies outside of the budget approved by the Board of Supervisors must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE X – GOVERNING LAW

These Bylaws shall be governed in accordance with and interpreted through the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Should any action or process be instituted as it relates to these Bylaws, it shall occur in the Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Virginia.

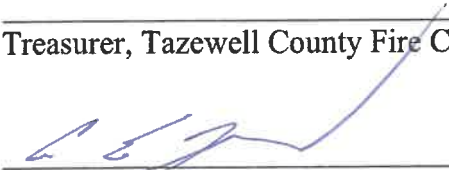
These Bylaws of the Tazewell County Fire Company were adopted by a majority of the membership of the Fire Chiefs Association and submitted to the Board of Supervisors for incorporation into the Enabling Ordinance by the Board on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Chairman, Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association

Vice Chairman, Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association

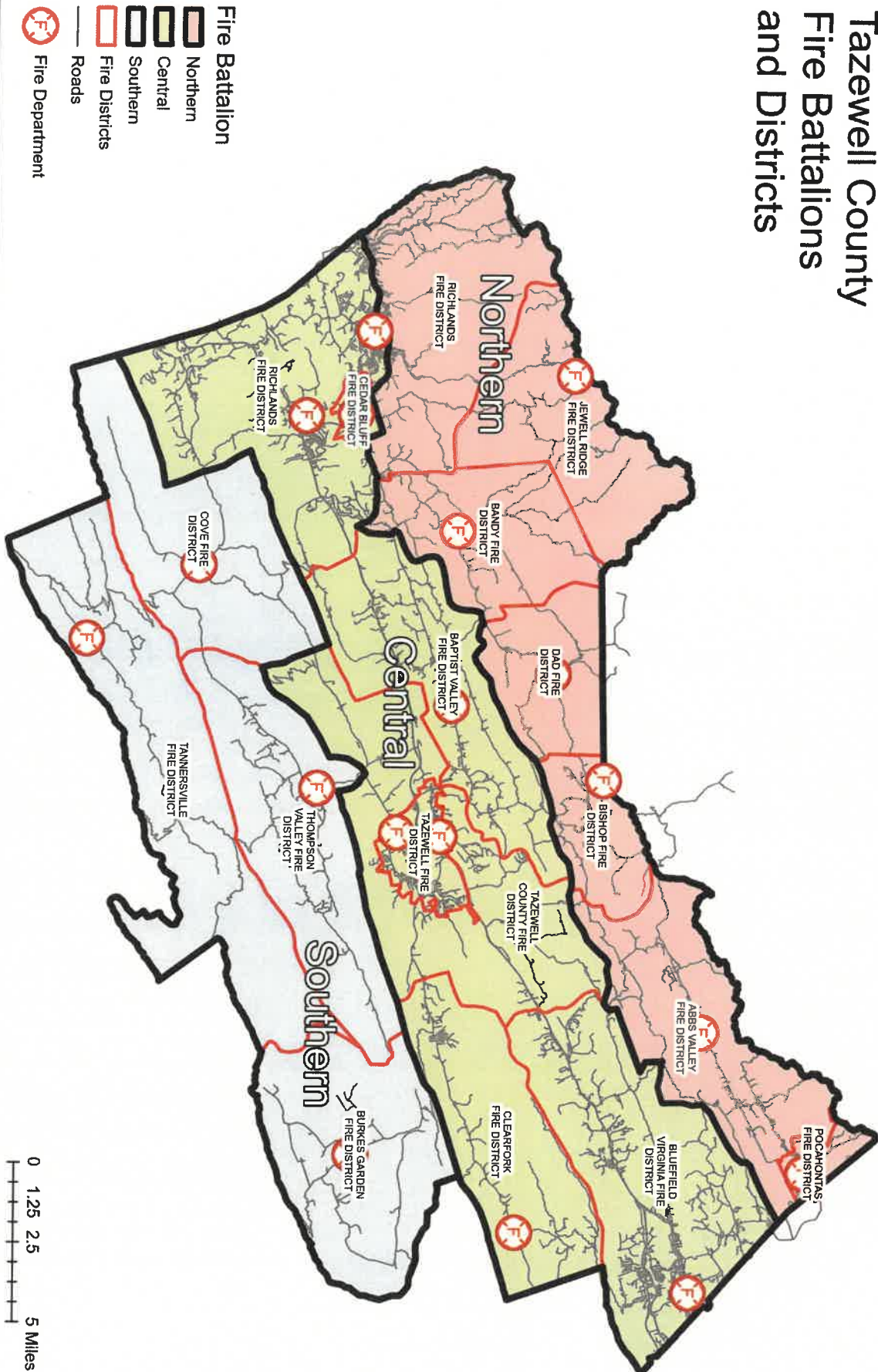
Secretary, Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association

Treasurer, Tazewell County Fire Chiefs Association



County Administrator, Tazewell County

Tazewell County Fire Battalions and Districts



VIRGINIA: AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEVELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA 24651, FROM THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026, THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING A MOTION, AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: 08-04-015

Date: AUGUST 4, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR RICHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") held a regular meeting on the 4th day of August, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m., to discuss matters as identified in the Revised Agenda as adopted at said meeting;

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of October, 2025, the Board of Supervisors declared an emergency, that remains present and ongoing, as it relates to regular flooding and dangers to children and the community at the Richlands Elementary School;

WHEREAS, certain improvements to the drainage system along U.S. Route 460 Business having been previously made by the Town of Richlands now permits safe storm water discharge and further development of flood mitigation structures;

WHEREAS, improvements to the drainage system on the said school's property can be made to avoid flooding, preserve public property, avoid risk to children attending the school, and to eliminate any further disruption to operations, traffic, or other activities at the said school;

WHEREAS, an additional procedure is required to prevent further harm and to increase public safety with costs of such additional improvement is likely to exceed \$50,000.00 which requires procurement by newspaper advertisement, sealed bidding, and months of review, negotiations, and other tasks;

WHEREAS, if such additional improvements are delayed any further for the procurement of the same, there remains a strong likelihood of flooding and operational disruption at the school during the school year;

WHEREAS, if such additional improvements are delayed any further for procurement of the same, the approaching fall and winter season could jeopardize a timely and efficient completion of this necessary improvement;

WHEREAS, upon the opinion of the County Engineer, proceeding with the first project as referred to in the October 7 Resolution without the additional improvement would cause unnecessary delay and potential design flaws;

AND WHEREAS, as recent as July 22, 2026, officials from the Tazewell County Public School System have alerted County officials of the ongoing water and flooding at the

said school location (a copy of the most recent correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Board finds that an emergency continues as of the October 7 date and it remains present with respect to flooding at the Richlands Elementary School;
2. That due to the ongoing emergency previously declared and based upon recent communication from Tazewell County Public School officials as referenced above, the Board further finds that an emergency exists with respect to flooding at Richlands Elementary School;
3. That due to such emergencies, pursuant to Virginia Code Ann. § 2.2-4303, et seq., including subsection (F), the County Administrator is hereby authorized to procure the necessary drainage improvements and structure improvements to prevent the building from flooding, as recommended by the engineering firm RES, by obtaining or receiving three written quotes from qualified contractors rather than advertising for sealed bids, provided the cost does not exceed \$100,000.00; and,
4. That the County Administrator is authorized to accept the lowest bid so procured or received and authorize the lowest bidder to proceed.

It is so **RESOLVED, AFFIRMED, and RECORDED** this 4th day of August, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Presley, Rhudy, Plaster, Cruey and Breeding</u>
MEMBERS ABSENT:	<u>None</u>
AYES:	<u>Five</u>
NAYS:	<u>None</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>None</u>

ATTEST:

Charles E. Presley
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

C. Eric Young
Tazewell County Administrator



Aaron Gillespie <aaron.gillespie@tazewellcounty.org>

Fwd: Richlands Elementary

1 message

Kenneth Dunford <kenneth.dunford@tazewellcounty.org>
To: Aaron Gillespie <aaron.gillespie@tazewellcounty.org>

Thu, Jul 23, 2026 at 4:24 PM

fyi
Thank you
Kenneth Dunford

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eugene Parkhurst** <eparkhurst@tcpsva.org>

Date: Wed, Jul 22, 2026 at 1:45 PM

Subject: Richlands Elementary

To: Kenneth Dunford <kenneth.dunford@tazewellcounty.org>, Christopher Brian Stacy <cstacy@tcpsva.org>

Good Afternoon Ken, I was wondering if you have a date to finish the Drainage construction problem at RES, We had a water issue there yesterday, we had about 12" of water around the new catch basin, for some reason it drains awfully slowly. I was there yesterday, the town of Richlands were installing a new sidewalk that got washed out from all the water coming down thru the Roma parking lot on the main road, The Town employee that was installing the new sidewalk told me some of the water drains down thru the new culvert but most of it comes down thru the Roma .there was so much water pressure yesterday that it blew the manhole cover off again. School starts in 3 weeks and it would be nice if this project got completed. Thank you

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Eugene "Geno" Parkhurst
Tazewell County Public Schools
Manager of Maintenance & Grounds
Work Cell: 276/979-6580
eparkhurst@tcpsva.org



Dear Tazewell County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Tazewell County Historical Society, I write in a spirit of collaboration regarding the work our organization continues to do for the citizens of Tazewell County and those with roots here.

Over the past year, the Historical Society has remained active in preserving and promoting the history of our county. We contributed to the research and development of the documentary, *A Silent Fire*, about the unresolved deaths of four Black children in the nineteenth century in Burkes Garden.

We have also been active in connecting Tazewell County to global communities. After being contacted by a historical and WWII commemorative society in Massa, Italy, we were able to facilitate communication between them and the family of Corporal Charles G. Casey, who was killed in action there during the town's liberation from Axis forces. As part of this work, we partnered with local organizations to share this history through outreach programming during the week of Veteran's Day.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year has been our work with the county's youth. We established a Youth Ambassador program and created a free membership initiative for high school students to encourage younger generations to become involved in preserving and understanding the heritage of Tazewell County. We believe local history only survives when the next generation is invited into the process, and our organization provides a venue for young people to use their gifts and talents to promote our shared history.

As a community-minded organization, we open the doors of our building to the local Boys Scout troop as a meeting and project space. Our building also houses an array of historical artifacts and documents that are available to the public during operating hours, which are made possible entirely through volunteer labor.

TCHS operates primarily through modest membership dues, donations, and book sales. We provide services to members and non-members alike, and much of our work is accomplished through volunteer effort and donated time. However, unavoidable operational expenses remain necessary to keep our doors open and services available to the public.

Our largest recurring expenses include electricity, insurance, internet service, and printing costs associated with research materials, programming, and outreach. In addition, we are facing important building maintenance issues. While we are fortunate to own our building, significant repairs are needed to the guttering, air conditioning system, windows, and porch, particularly where safety concerns exist. The Historical Society currently operates on an approximate monthly budget of \$1,500, and despite careful stewardship of our

limited resources, sustaining operations while continuing to provide community services remains a challenge. These services include genealogical research assistance, historical preservation efforts, educational outreach, and public events benefiting residents throughout Tazewell County. Our free genealogical research service is our most requested program, serving both residents of and visitors to our county.

We are proud of the work we do and the value we provide, but continued operation and future growth will require additional financial support. We respectfully ask the Board to consider an annual appropriation or project-specific funding for building preservation. Your support will enable us to continue preserving the history of Tazewell County and making it accessible to the public for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the citizens of Tazewell County.

Respectfully,

Jameson H. Jones, Ph.D. – President

Jerry Buchanan – Vice President



CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 1328 / LEBANON, VIRGINIA 24266
Tel.: (276)889-4910 / TDD# 1-800-545-1833 Ext. 418
FAX (276)889-4615
www.cprha.org

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July 8, 2026

Mr. Eric Young, County Administrator
Tazewell County Board of Supervisors
197 Main Street
Tazewell, Virginia 24651

RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes for HUD Developments

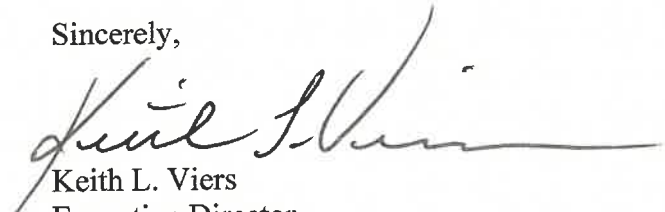
Dear Mr. Young,

On behalf of the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority, I am writing to request that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors waive the Authority's payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$9,953.50 for fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

I want to thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our request and ask that you signify your agreement by signing the attached statement as our auditor requires confirmation of your agreement.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this request. As always, we appreciate your interest in and the continued support of public housing in Tazewell County.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Viers
Executive Director

Attachment



I, as agent for the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, hereby agree to waive the payment in lieu of taxes for fiscal year of 2025. This agreement will require annual consideration for future waiver approval. The Authority has identified use of these funds for resident services.

Signed: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



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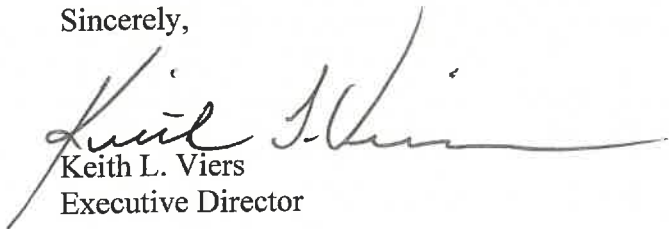
Dear Mr. Young,

On behalf of the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority, I am writing to request that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors waive the Authority's payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$9,720.12 for fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

I want to thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our request and ask that you signify your agreement by signing the attached statement as our auditor requires confirmation of your agreement.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this request. As always, we appreciate your interest in and the continued support of public housing in Tazewell County.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Viers
Executive Director

Attachment



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Signed: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

LEASE AGREEMENT

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this ____ day of August, 2026 by and between **BARNES L. KIDD and LINDA G. KIDD**, whose address is 7893 Baptist Valley Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, (hereafter, collectively "Owner") and the **TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, the governing body of a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereafter, "the County"), whose offices are located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2026 and discussed the matter of maintaining a Convenience Area for trash disposal in the Baptist Valley area;

WHEREAS, upon a motion and second of the same, the Board of Supervisors voted in favor, by a majority of votes, to enter into a Lease Agreement with the aforementioned parties for the purpose of keeping a Convenience Area open in the Baptist Valley area with the terms and conditions set forth below.

WHEREFORE, the parties herein, upon the consideration as mentioned below, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged and accepted, along with other good and valuable consideration not specifically enumerated herein, agree to the following:

I. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

This *Lease Agreement* shall be for a term of three (3) years, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2029. Either Party may terminate this *Lease Agreement* upon ninety days (90) written notice to the other Party, delivered to their above stated address. If Owner terminates this *Lease Agreement* without cause,

Owner must repay the County a portion of the consideration paid to Owner for term on a *pro rata* basis.

II. PROPERTY.

This *Lease Agreement* is for a portion only of certain property owned by Owner and located in Tazewell County, Virginia, being commonly known as Baptist Valley - Mundytown, on the south side of Baptist Valley Road, at the intersection with Adria Road, Baptist Valley, Virginia. Said parcel has Tax Map No. 074E 01 0015 and 074E 01 0003-0014 for tax identification purposes. The portion of said parcel to be occupied by the County is shown on a map attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* (hereafter, "the Property").

III. USE OF PREMISES.

Owner hereby grants and leases to the County use of certain areas within the above referenced Property, outlined as shown on the attached map, solely for collection of trash, garbage, or refuse. Said lease shall include the right for the general public to enter upon the Property, as herein described, to dispose of trash, garbage, or refuse in a dumpster(s) provided by the County. Said lease also includes the right for the County, upon its sole discretion, to station employees or agents onsite to monitor dumpster(s) use; to periodically enter onto the Property to empty, remove, replace, or repair said dumpster(s); and to clean the site.

IV. LIABILITY.

Owner does not provide warranty to the Property for any purpose. The County shall hold Owner harmless for any injuries to the County equipment or personnel

caused by the negligent acts of third parties. To the extent permitted by Virginia law, the County shall indemnify Owner for any claim against Owner arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the County's employees or agents. The County shall not indemnify Owner against claims arising from Owner's intentional or negligent acts or omissions.

V. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

The County shall, as a condition of this Lease: (1) purchase and maintain property insurance for the referenced Property for purposes as stated in Paragraph IV above; (2) maintain a fence around the site as shown on the attached map, including privacy slats, and locate its dumpster(s) within such fence; (3) maintain a gate regulating access to licensed property to prohibit public access when the convenience area is closed; (4) erect and maintain Jersey barriers between Existing Building A and the Property occupied by the County as shown on the attached *Exhibit 1*, such that the public must enter exclusively upon the Property to trash, garbage, or refuse; (5) clean the existing storm sewer drain at the corner of the property; (6) use reasonable efforts to keep the dumpster(s) site clean of debris; and (7) post the hours of operation at a visible location near the entrance to the property, as shown on the attached *Exhibit 1*.

VI. EARLY TERMINATION PAYMENT

In the event this Lease Agreement is terminated prior to the expiration of the Term for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to termination by the

Owner or County, the Owner shall be obligated to pay rent payment to the County on a pro rata basis through and including the effective date of termination.

Upon any early termination, Owner shall calculate the pro rata refund amount as follows: 1) identify the sum of all payments of rent made by the County in each calendar year; 2) for each prepaid rental year, Owner shall divide the total of rent paid for that respective year by the number of days in that period to determine the daily rent; 3) Owner shall calculate the number of days from and including the day immediately following the termination date through and including the last day of the prepaid period; and, 4) Owner shall then multiply the daily rental rate by the number of unused days to determine the pro rata refund amount for the respective prepaid period and shall sum all such amounts to arrive at the total refund due to the County.

Any refund due to the County shall be paid by the Owner within fourteen (14) days following the termination date.

VII. CONSIDERATION.

As consideration for this *Lease Agreement* and the County's use of Owner's property, the County shall pay rent payment to Owner in the sum of six thousand nine hundred sixty (\$6,960.00) per year for the term of this *Lease Agreement* as defined herein. Payment shall be made in full on or before August 15 of each respective year. In the event this *Lease Agreement* is terminated prior to the expiration of the Term for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to termination by the Owner or County, the Owner shall be obligated to pay rent

payment to the County on a pro rata basis through and including the effective date of termination.

IN WITNESS HEREOF and in agreement herewith, the Parties have affixed their signatures hereto:

BARNES L. KIDD

STATE of _____,

COUNTY of _____, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid by Barnes L. Kidd, whose identity was satisfactorily proven before me, on this ____ day of August, 2026.

My Commission Expires: _____

My Notary Registration No.: _____

Notary Public

LINDA G. KIDD

STATE of _____,

COUNTY of _____, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid by Barnes L. Kidd, whose identity was satisfactorily proven before me, on this ____ day of August, 2026.

My Commission Expires: _____

My Notary Registration No.: _____

Notary Public

C. ERIC YOUNG
Tazewell County Administrator

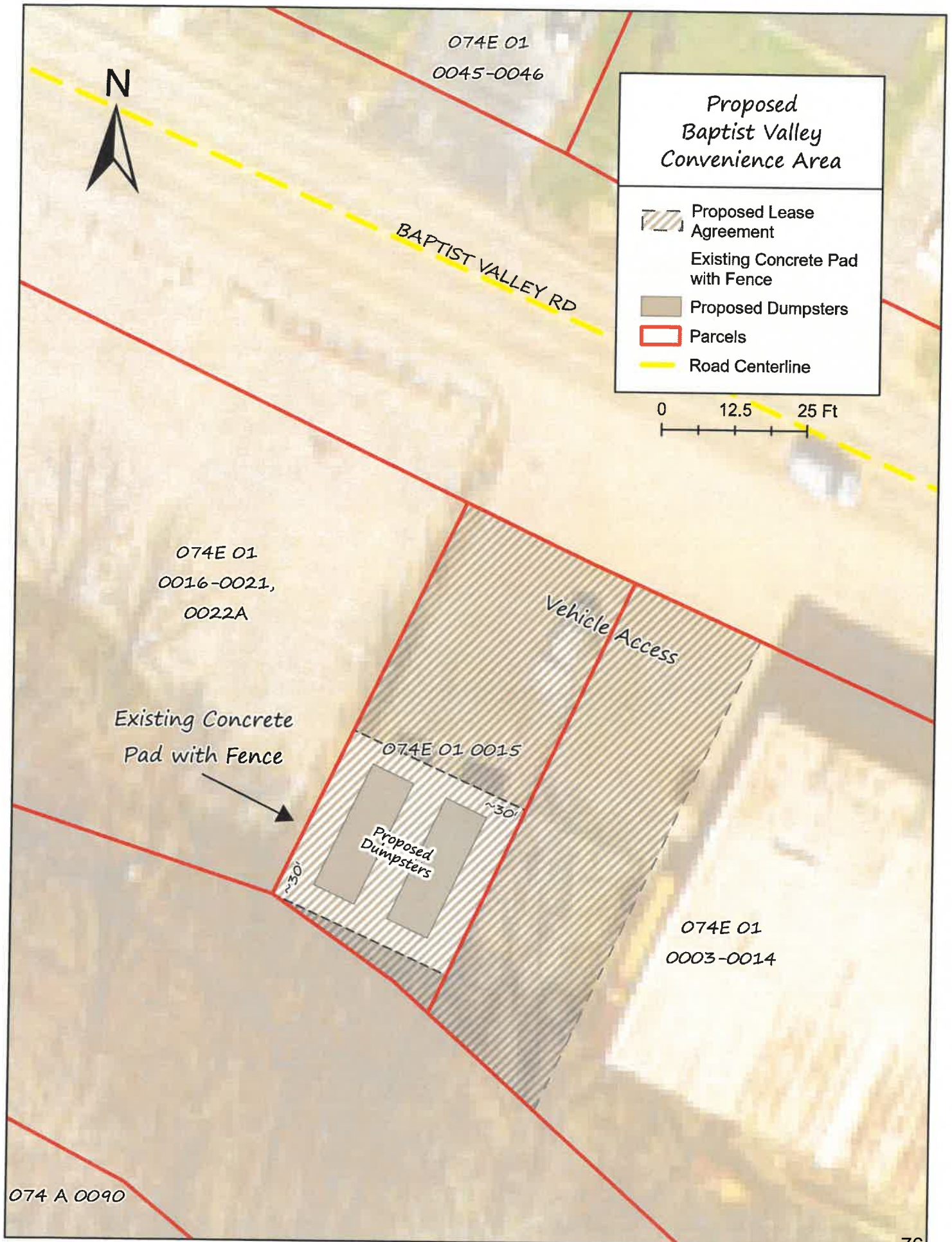
**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA,
COUNTY of TAZEWEEL, to-wit:**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid by C. Eric Young – Tazewell County Administrator, on behalf of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, whose identity was satisfactorily proven before me, on this ____ day of August, 2026.

My Commission Expires: _____

My Notary Registration No.: _____

Notary Public



TAZEWELL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD

(Four (4) Year Term)

Warren Hinkle
4432 Baptist Valley Road
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
276-596-0633
warrenhinkle@roadrunner.com
(reappointed 6-4-2019)

07-01-2023 6-30-2027

Jim Talbert
357 Brook Street
Tazewell, Virginia 24651
JTalbert@richlands-news-press.com

07-01-2026 6-30-2030

Dave Anderson
3124 Ridgeway Drive
Bluefield, Virginia 24605

RESIGNED

07-01-2022 6-30-2026

Missie Joyce
529 Cresswood Dr.
Richlands, VA 24641
missie.joyce@gmail.com
276-245-0951

07-01-2026 6-30-2030

John Absher
Town of Cedar Bluff
276-964-4889
jabshercb@gmail.com

07-01-2025 06-30-2029

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

AMOUNT OF PAY:None.

****Financial Disclosure 4required****

The Board of Supervisors make the appointments to the Board of Directors of the Animal Shelter.

Duties: To manage the business and property of the Tazewell County Animal Shelter

APPALACHIAN AGENCY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

(Four (4) Year Term)

Ginger Branton 07-01-2024 06-30-2026

(W): 1413 Front Street
Richlands, VA 24641
276-963-3385
(H): P.O. Box 436
Richlands, VA 24641
276-245-7559
gingerhb3@gmail.com

Ralph Mullins 07-01-2024 06-30-2026

161 Valley Drive
Richlands, VA 24641
276-963-0338

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon at the AASC office.

AMOUNT OF PAY: None, but reimbursed for travel.

****Financial Disclosure Required****

Duties: To promote and assure the highest level of services attainable for every elderly person in the District and to provide opportunities to live a more independent, dignified and meaningful life and to identify the unmet needs of older persons

Caleb Perkins – Four year terms not two year terms 6/5/26

CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

(One (1) Year Term)

Chris Plaster 106 Suffolk Avenue Richlands, VA 24641 chris@plasterlaw.com chris.plaster@cwa.tazewellcounty.org (appointed to fill Mike Dennis' unexpired term 4-21-2020)	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Adrianna Culbertson P.O. Box 623 Richlands, VA 24641 Adrianna.culbertson@sw.edu	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Dave Anderson 135 Court St., Suite 301 Tazewell, VA 24651 (Work) 276-385-1233 (Cell) 276-202-7005 (Filled the unexpired term of James Curtis Gillespie)	RESIGNED	07-01-2025 06-30-2026
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David Larimer 600 Six Farm Road Tazewell, Virginia 24651	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Jim Boyd PO Box 54 Richlands, Virginia 24641 276-964-4162 j.boyd2@roadrunner.com	(Fills unexpired term)	07-01-2025 06-30-2026
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MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: Lunch meeting at 12:00 noon - 3rd Thursday of each month except they do not meet in the month of June and November.

AMOUNT OF PAY: None -**Financial Disclosure Required**

Duties: To establish programs, receive and distribute grants and to promote social, education and economic life for the purposes of combating poverty situations.

ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED April 5, 2016

(One (1) YEAR TERM)

Eastern District

Kyle Cruey (citizen)	RESIGNED 6/2/26	07-01-2025	06-30-2026
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Western District

Tom Lester 194 E. Hillcrest Cedar Bluff, VA 24609	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Southern District

Allen Neal 757 Industry Road N. Tazewell, VA 24630 276-970-1305	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Northwestern District

Curt Breeding PO Box 494 Richlands, VA 24641 276-971-7416	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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Northern District

Ann Robinson	07-01-2025	06-30-2026
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PO Box 11
Falls Mills, VA 24613
304-887-2421

Chuck Presley 40 College Drive Bluefield, VA 24605 (Board Member)	07-01-2026	06-30-2027
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"Upon motion of Supervisor Stacy, seconded by Supervisor Asbury 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 appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Enterprise Zone Committee. The Enterprise Zone Committee will study the additions/deletions of properties in the County's Enterprise Zone." (April 5, 2016)

TAZEWELL COUNTY
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(Established 12-16-2003)

Per District 1 - (Two (2) Year Term)
1 - (One (1) Year Term)

SOUTHERN

Lucie D'Amato
847 Dogwood Road
Tazewell, VA 24651
757-692-3395

07-01-2026 06-30-2028

lgdamato04@gmail.com

Beth Clemons
P.O. Box 244
Tazewell, VA 24651
(276) 970-0134
(Filled the unexpired term of Beth Takach)

07-01-2026 06-30-2027

EASTERN

Denver Riffe
492 Pebblestone Drive
Falls Mills, VA 24613
(replaced the expired term of Lee Riffe)

07-01-2026 06-30-2028

Jeff Disibbio
1200 Heatherwood Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

07-01-2026 06-30-2027

NORTHERN

Dedra Cox
263 Mission Church Road
Bluefield, VA 24605
304-320-4353
dedracox38@yahoo.com

07-01-2023 06-30-2025

Warren Hinkle
4432 Baptist Valley Rd.
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
warrenhinkletcfp@gmail.com

07-01-2024 06-30-2026

WESTERN

Larhonda Lindsey
2037 Cedar Valley Drive
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
(Replaced the unexpired term of Sarah Romeo)

07-01-2026 06-30-2028

Jamie Tuggle
P.O. Box 258
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
276-202-9992

07-01-2026 06-30-2027

NORTHWESTERN

Rod Cury
215 Tazewell Avenue
Richlands, VA 24641
(fills unexpired term of Rick Wood)

07-01-2026 06-30-2028

Keshia Cole
118 Coleman Lane
Tazewell, VA 24651
276-971-5338

07-01-2024 06-30-2026

****Financial Disclosure Required** Pursuant to Section 15.2-5505 of the Code of Virginia –To promote tourism in Tazewell County, participate and assist in the planning of the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority and develop a tourism development plan for Tazewell County.**

TAZEWELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

(Three (3) Year Term)

EASTERN

Jack Asbury
PO Box 139
Bluefield, VA 24605

07-01-2024 06-30-2027

WESTERN

Jonathan Roberts
PO Box 584
Richlands, VA 24641
276-971-4546

07-01-2024 06-30-2027

SOUTHERN

Brian Hieatt
569 Peery Addition Road
Tazewell, Virginia 24651
(Reappointed 6-25-26)

07-01-2026 06-30-2029

NORTHERN

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07-01-2023 06-30-2026

Transportation Department
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Ex-Officio

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

AMOUNT OF PAY: Chairman only \$50 per month; \$600 maximum per year. Created by action of the Board of Supervisors at a meeting held May 3, 2005, to advise the County Administration and the Board of Supervisors in matters pertaining to transportation and safety in Tazewell County, Virginia.

WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY
(Established June 1, 2010)

(Four (4) Year Term)

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07-01-2025 06-30-2029

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Fills resignation of Rick Wood

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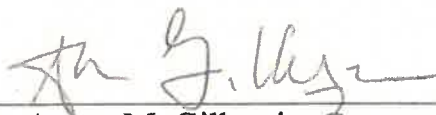
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TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND AND MERGE SEC. 12-3 OF
THE TAZEWELL COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND TO AMEND
ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES
ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN BURKES GARDEN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on AUGUST 4TH, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Tazewell County Administration Building, 197 Main Street Tazewell, Virginia 24651, that in accordance with Sections 15.2-1427, 46.2-915.1, and 15.2-1433 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and hereby gives notice of its intent to consider adopting an Ordinance that merges Sec. 12-3 of the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia with the Ordinance to Prohibit the Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Public Rights of Way in Burkes Garden and to amend the same so as to incorporate both into a new section within the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia. A complete copy of the ordinance in a form as hereby proposed for adoption is on file in the office of the County Administrator, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 and posted at the front door of the County Courthouse on Main Street in Tazewell, Virginia. All persons interested in commenting on the proposed ordinance are urged to do so. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act if special assistance is needed to participate in this public hearing, please contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-385-1200. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meetings.



By: Aaron M. Gillespie, County Attorney
Per order of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, IN THE TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD, ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026, THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED, UPON A MOTION AND SECOND:

Ordinance No.: 26-08-05

Date: AUGUST 4, 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RELOCATE SEC. 12-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA INTO A NEW SECTION

AND

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN BURKES GARDEN

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (“the Board”) desires to reconfigure and reorganize the current Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia as it relates to roads, traffic, and the use and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the most efficient way to resolve differences in areas of the Code of Ordinances is to hold a public hearing for the purposes of amending different sections within the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to merge Sec. 12-3 of the Code of Ordinances with the Ordinance entitled “*Ordinance to Prohibit Recreational Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Public Rights of Way in Burkes Garden*” into a single, unified section within a new Article under Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Board adopts, resolves, finds, ordains and otherwise confirms the following:

I. Ordinance to Amend and Relocate Sec. 12-3 of the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia into a new section.

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (“the Board”) held a hearing on February 20, 2013 and then subsequently enacted an Ordinance, Sec. 12-3, entitled [*Travel by all-terrain vehicles on certain state routes.*]. A copy of said Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is more appropriate to reorganize the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia by removing Sec. 12-3 and relocating such section, with amendments, to a separate location within the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the relocation of this material will enhance the organization and accessibility of the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1433, renumbering or rearranging sections, articles, or other divisions of any ordinance, the Board considered these changes along with substantive changes after a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to regulate the operation of vehicles on public highways within the County pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-1313 and other applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1 currently authorizes the operation of all-terrain vehicles on certain designated highways in Tazewell County subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and compliance with specified conditions;

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that its authority to regulate State routes and rights of way is limited; except that Virginia Code § 46.2-800.2 does permit the Board to allow ATV or UTV traffic on certain State Routes by resolution;

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Articles I through VII, regulates motor vehicles and traffic;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance to amend and relocate is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under Virginia Code §§ 46.2-800.2, 15.2-1427, 46.2-1313, 46.2-915.1 and other applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia;

WHEREAS, notice of intention to consider this Ordinance has been advertised in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1427(F), and a public hearing has been held as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Board, in consideration thereof, desires to amend Sec. 12-3 of the Code of Ordinances in its entirety and replace the same in a different section of the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County and specifically to include it within Chapter 12 of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances as set forth in the provisions below; and,

II. Ordinance to Amend Ordinance to Prohibit Recreational Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Public Rights of Way in Burkes Garden.

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (“the Board”) held a public hearing and then subsequently enacted an Ordinance on November 6, 2025 entitled “*An Ordinance to Prohibit Recreational Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Public Rights of Way in Burkes Garden*” (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference);

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to regulate the operation of vehicles on public highways within the County pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-1313 and other applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1(B) currently authorizes the operation of all-terrain vehicles on certain designated highways in Tazewell County subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and compliance with specified conditions;

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that its authority to regulate State routes and rights of way is limited; except that Virginia Code § 46.2-800.2 does permit the Board to allow ATV or UTV traffic on certain State Routes by resolution;

WHEREAS, The Tazewell County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Articles I through VII, regulates motor vehicles and traffic;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles on public roadways within Tazewell County poses safety risks to operators, passengers, and other motorists due to the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic on such roadways;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the compatibility of all-terrain vehicle and utility vehicle operations with state and local transportation plans and has determined that such operations are not consistent with the safe and efficient use of certain public roadways in Tazewell County;

WHEREAS, the Board finds there is a substantial impact on health, safety and general welfare of the public as it relates to the use and operation of ATVs and UTVs on certain roadways in Tazewell County, Virginia and that prohibiting the

operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles on certain public roadways within Tazewell County, except as specifically authorized by state law or this Ordinance, will promote public safety and welfare of the residents and visitors therein;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under Virginia Code §§ 46.2-800.2, 15.2-1427, 46.2-1313, 46.2-915.1(B) and other applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia;

WHEREAS, notice of intention to consider this Ordinance has been advertised in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1427(F), and a public hearing has been held as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, in consideration thereof, desires to more fully develop and further amend the previously described ordinance based upon the recitals herein and as set forth in the November 6, 2025 Ordinance (with the same incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim), and to amend Chapter 12 of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances to include the provisions as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2028 and 15.2-1433, in addition to the other Code Sections referenced above, the Board hereby amends the February 20, 2013 Ordinance, Sec. 12-3, and merges the same into a new section within the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia as set forth below;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2028, in addition to the other Code Sections referenced above, the Board hereby amends the November 6, 2025 Ordinance, "*Ordinance to Prohibit Recreational*

Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Public Rights of Way in Burkes Garden,” and further prohibits operation of ATVs and UTVs on any public right of way, including but not limited to improved streets and roads belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the County, located in boundary of the Burkes Garden Fire District, the Clear Fork Fire District, the Tazewell County Fire District, the Thompson Valley Fire District, the Tannersville Fire District, and the Cove Fire District or the respective “Fire Response Areas” as currently defined (The Boundary of said Districts at the time of enactment of this ordinance being as shown on the attached map, marked Exhibit 3), by persons who are not the owners of property which is subject to the public right of way or their employees, agents, immediate family, guests, or invitees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that amendments of the two above-described Ordinances are hereby and shall be MERGED, and that Chapter 12 of the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances the Tazewell County Code of Ordinances shall now include the following:

[NEW ORDINANCE BELOW]

Tazewell County Code of Ordinances

Chapter 12 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Article VIII. – Use of All Terrain Vehicles and Utility Vehicles on Routes within Tazewell County, Virginia.

Sec. 12-325. Title. – Travel by all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles on certain routes Ordinance.

Sec. 12-326. Definitions. – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings as set forth below:

- A. “All-terrain vehicle” or “ATV” means a motor vehicle having three or more wheels that is powered by a motor and is manufactured for off-highway use, as defined in Virginia Code § 46.2-100. “All-terrain vehicle” does not include four-wheeled vehicles commonly known as “go-carts” that have low centers of gravity and are typically used in racing on relatively level surfaces, nor does the term include any riding lawn mower.
- B. “Highway” or “public highway” or “public roadway” means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the Commonwealth, including streets and alleys, as defined in Virginia Code § 46.2-100.
- C. “Operator” means any person who operates, drives, or is in actual physical control of an all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle.
- D. “Utility vehicle” or “UTV” means a motor vehicle that is designed for off-road use, is powered by a motor, and is used primarily for utility purposes, including but not limited to vehicles commonly known as side-by-sides, UTVs, or multi-purpose off-highway vehicles.
- E. “Agriculture activity,” “agriculture activities,” “farm,” and “farming” mean any operation devoted to the production of crops, animals, or fowl, including the production of fruits and vegetables of all kinds, meat, dairy, and poultry

products, the housing of livestock nuts, tobacco, nursery, and floral products as defined and described in Virginia Code § 3.2-300.

Sec. 12-327. Prohibition on Operation.

A. General Prohibition. No all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle shall be operated on any state route in the County of Tazewell except in compliance with the Code of Virginia and this section or any other applicable section within the Code of Ordinances.

B. Specific Prohibitions. No person shall operate any all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle on any public highway or public roadway within the fire districts or fire response areas of Burkes Garden, Clear Fork, Thompson Valley, Tannersville, Tazewell County, and the Cove in Tazewell County, Virginia, except as specifically authorized by subsection C of this Section or other applicable provisions of state law.

C. Exceptions. The prohibition set forth in subsection A and B shall not apply to the following:

- i. **Authorized Crossings.** All-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles may cross a public highway by the most direct route where necessary to access off-road trails or private property, provided that:
 - a. The crossing is made at a right angle to the highway;
 - b. The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic;
 - c. The crossing is made quickly and safely; and,

- d. The operator complies with all other applicable provisions of state law including, but not limited to, Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1(A)(2).
- ii. **Designated Routes.** The following routes are exempted from this ordinance as follows:
 - a. Pursuant to this section, persons may operate ATVs or UTVs upon the below indicated routes, only under the conditions herein set forth in this section:
 - 1. Along the Pocahontas Trail in and between the Town of Pocahontas and Boissevain; across Virginia Routes 644, 663, 659, 627, 734, and 747 or on such courses as approved by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors by resolution after receiving public input during a public hearing;
 - 2. There shall be no issuance of any permit by the Recreational Development Authority or any agent thereto, as hereinafter described, until the County Administrator shall cause to be posted signs, whose design, number, and location are approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation, warning motorists that ATVs or UTVs may be operating on the highway;

3. ATVs or UTVs may only be operated on the routes herein set forth during daylight hours;
 4. ATVs or UTVs may only be operated on the routes indicated on the highway for at most one (1) mile between one (1) off-road trail and another;
 5. ATV or UTV operators shall, when operating on the highway, pursuant to this section, obey all rules of the road applicable to other motor vehicles; and,
 6. Such ATVs or UTVs shall operate at speeds of no more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- b. No ATV or UTV may be operated on any state route pursuant to this section unless the operator thereof is permitted to do so by the Recreational Development Authority of Tazewell County in accordance with this section. The following conditions, in addition to any that may be present in the Code of Virginia, apply to this section:
1. The Recreational Development Authority may issue permits to persons for operation of their ATV or UTV on state routes as described in this section. Such permit shall be issued only upon (1) a written acknowledgement by the permittee that the permittee has read and understands the limitations and

conditions set forth in this section and (2) an executed release of liability by the permittee.

2. The Recreational Development Authority may develop a form permit which shall include a map showing which routes the authority has approved for travel. The Authority may charge a fee for the permit not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for county residents and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for persons who are not county residents. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the authority may elect that any permit to operate an ATV or UTV upon a recreational trail developed by the Southwest Regional Recreational Authority (SRRA), or by another locality, or by a sister state, shall also serve as a permit to operate an ATV or UTV in accordance with this section.

iii. **Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.** All-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles operated by law-enforcement officers, firefighters, or emergency medical services personnel responding to emergencies in the course of official training exercises or drills.

iv. **Agriculture or Farming Activities.** All-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles used in conjunction with farming or agricultural activities

on or adjacent to the property where such farming or agricultural activities are conducted.

v. **Private Property Operations.** Members of the household or employees of the owner or lessee of private property operating all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles on such private property.

vi. **Authorized Government Use.** All-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles operated by County, state, or federal government employees or agents in the performance of their official duties, where such operation is authorized by proper authorities.

D. **Revocation of Prior Approvals.** Any and all prior approvals granted by the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1(B) for the operation of all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles on designated highways in Tazewell County are hereby revoked and rescinded with the exception of the following: approvals for operation along the Pocahontas Trail in and between the Town of Pocahontas and Boissevain and across Virginia Routes 644, 663, 659, 627, 734, and 747.

E. **Signs and Warnings.** The County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized and directed to coordinate with the Virginia Department of Transportation to remove any signs previously posted pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1(B) warning motorists that all-terrain vehicles may be operating on designated highways in Tazewell County.

Sec. 12-328. Prohibition on Operation.

Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle pursuant to the exceptions set forth in Sec. 12-326(B) of this Ordinance shall comply with all applicable requirements of state law, including but not limited to:

A. Age Restrictions. No person under the age of 16 shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any public highway, except that:

- i. Children between the ages of 12 and 16 may operate all-terrain vehicles powered by engines of no more than 90 cubic centimeters displacement; and,
- ii. Children less than 12 years old may operate all-terrain vehicles powered by engines of no more than 70 cubic centimeters displacement.

B. Protective Helmets. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any public highway unless the operator is wearing a protective helmet of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police for use by motorcycle operators.

C. Passenger Restrictions. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle with a passenger at any time, unless such all-terrain vehicle is designed and equipped to be operated with more than one rider.

D. Property Owner Consent. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle on another person's property without the written consent of the owner of the property or as explicitly authorized by law.

E. Driver's License. No person shall operate a utility vehicle on any public highway unless such person has in his or her possession a valid driver's license.

Sec. 12-329. Penalties.

A. Civil Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-915.1.

B. Separate Violations. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation of this Ordinance occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Additional Remedies. The civil penalty prescribed in this Section shall be in addition to any other penalties, remedies, or enforcement actions available under state law or County ordinance. Further, in addition to or in lieu of any criminal proceedings or other civil remedies, the County Attorney is authorized, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1432, to seek a judicial injunction against any person or entity to enforce the prohibition herein set forth.

D. Enforcement. This Ordinance may be enforced by any law-enforcement officer having jurisdiction in Tazewell County, including but not limited to the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and any Town police departments within the County.

Sec. 12-330. Notice to Law Enforcement.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-800.2(B), the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to notify in writing the Virginia State Police and all law-enforcement agencies within Tazewell County of the adoption of this Ordinance, together with a certified copy of the Ordinance.

Sec. 12-331. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- A. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- B. **Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** The Tazewell County Code of Ordinances Section 12-3 is hereby reserved as of the Effective Date (now Chapter 12, Article VIII, Section 12-325, et seq., previously enacted on February 20, 2013 and amended as merged on August 4, 2026); and, any and all other ordinances within the Code of Ordinances of Tazewell County, Virginia in conflict with Chapter 12, Article VIII, Section 12-325, et seq. shall be repealed to the extent that the conflict relates to the authorization of operating all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles on public roadways in Tazewell County.
- C. **Amendment Procedures.** This Ordinance may not be amended or repealed by any subsequent action of the Board to authorize use of ATVs on

any of the aforesaid rights of way, pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-800.2 or any other enabling statute, without at least one public hearing conducted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1427 as required for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any other ordinance.

D. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective on September 1, 2026 in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1427.

[END OF ORDINANCE]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that the former Sec. 12-3 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby RESERVED as of September 1, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any documents as may be necessary to confirm the prohibition described in this ordinance with the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police or other State agency, or the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office;

It is so **ORDAINED AND RECORDED** this _____ day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

Charles E. Presley, Jr.,
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

C. Eric Young
Tazewell County Administrator

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:
