

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD APRIL 7, 2026 AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651

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

MINUTES

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

Supervisor Curtis 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 Attorney Aaron Gillespie, explained the additions and deletions listed on the revised agenda.

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 the revised agenda format incorporating the requested revisions.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the minutes from the March 3, 2026, meeting as well as the minutes from the March 16, 2026, meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Supervisor Crucey, 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, C, D, E and H of the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 3 to 0, with all members present, with Supervisor Crucey and Supervisor Rhudy abstaining due to conflict and all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves items F and G, 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. Transfer \$2,000 from contingency fund to donate to the 4H summer camp program (VCE – Tazewell County) payable to extension office.
- D. Refund for Pocahontas Land, LLC - \$2,357.12 (2025 1st half billing) \$2,357.12 (2025 2nd half billing). Received depletion reports 3-12-2006.
- E. Ratify poll to transfer additional appropriation from School Boards Debt Service Category to Capital Improvement Category of \$98,000 for IT improvements listed on March 3, 2026 request.
- F. Declare surplus the following vehicles:
 - a. 2005 Ford Pickup VIN # 1FTZR15E65PA10327
 - b. 2002 Ford Truck VIN # 1FTNF21L02ECO4344
 - c. 2006 Ford Van VIN # 1FDSE35L46DA47284
 - d. 2009 Dodge 4D SDN VIN # 2B3KA33V49H539987
 - e. 2010 Ford Bus VIN # 1FDSE4FS9ADA79136
 - f. 2008 Jeep Sport Utility VIN # 1J8GN28K28W176454
- G. The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to surplus the following vehicles:
 - 2017 Ford Explorer VIN # 1FM5K8AR2HGD59005
 - 2003 Ford Van VIN # 1FBSS31L23HA00489
 - 2007 Ford F-150 VIN # 1FDNF20527EA83547
- H. United Way funds received as a flow through. Checks will be issued to citizens affected by the flood. From: 4-100-091050-7041 - \$95,497 (Received FY2025) To: 4-100-035050-8109-1 - \$95,497

**Consent Calendar Items
April 7, 2026 Meeting**

Source	Check #	To Acct	Amt	Description
Natasha Hunt	5046	73010-1150	\$600.00	Payroll reimbursement
CMCS	251796	31020-1150	\$597.52	Reimbursement for overtime for CITAC officers
TCSO		31020-6009	\$464.12	Claim of 2/7/26 (Safelite)
Natasha Hunt	5048	73010-1150	\$250.00	Payroll reimbursement
N Tazewell Lions Club	1114	73010-6012	\$200.00	Library donation
Lawrence Brothers	36267	73010-3099	\$500.00	Library donation
The Old Jail, LLC	1293	73010-3099	\$100.00	Library donation
Michael & Cecelia Hymes	2411	73010-3099	\$100.00	Library donation
Wood Wealth Mgmt. (Michael Wood)	1049	73010-3099	\$300.00	Library donation

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineering – Kenneth Dunford

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Mr. Dunford notified the Board that he is extremely close to submitting the permit for review.

Paving Schedule

Mr. Dunford reported to the Board that the Coal Severance Tax Committee (CST) will be meeting early next week. Mr. Dunford stated that by using the coal severance tax funds, he plans to pave fifteen (15) roads next year. Mr. Dunford said he would provide an update at the May board meeting, after the CST committee has met and approved the paving schedule.

Questions/Comments

Supervisor Cruely inquired about the drainage issues along Songbird Lane and Sparrow Road and whether the repairs would be made prior to paving those roads?

Mr. Dunford replied that he will also be requesting coal severance funds in order to begin fixing the drainage issues along the roadways, with the Falls Mills and Yards area at the top of the list.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jan Cordle – Tazewell County PSA Update

At the request of Ms. Cordle, the Chairman deferred this matter until the May 5, 2026 meeting.

Virginia Cooperative Extension Volunteer Proclamation

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 adopt a proclamation designating the week of April 19th – 25th as National Volunteer Week. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Robert’s Rules of Order

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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

Consider approving Airport Authority’s Amended Charter

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie explained that the Airport Authority had requested certain changes to their charter, as provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Gillespie stated that some of the requested changes dealt with how money is to be handled, how to procure services and an updated list identifying all of the Airport Authority members.

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 passes the Resolution adopting the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority as amended and presented. A copy of the Resolution and amended charter is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Consider approving Tazewell County Fire Company By-Laws

Attorney Aaron Gillespie presented to the Board the revised Fire Company By-Laws; stating that the Fire Chief’s Association had already agreed to these changes, and are now requesting that the Board approve the revised by-laws.

Barry Brooks, Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, provided clarification by stating the by-laws will be a “living document”. Mr. Brooks stated the by-laws being presented were a combination of all of the fire districts by-laws and the Fire Chiefs complied the relevant information and removed anything which was out of date or no longer needed. Mr. Brooks further stated that depending on the need, the by-laws could be changed or updated every year or on a as needed basis.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie and Barry Brooks conferred briefly discussing the various versions of the proposed by-laws. Attorney Gillespie requested that this matter be deferred to assure the correct version was being submitted for the Board’s approval.

The Chairman deferred this matter until after Executive Session.

Ratify poll for donation to CVCA for Richlands residents' utility relief from Northwestern District funds

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruely 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 ratifies the poll to donate to Clinch Valley Community Action (CVCA) for Richlands residents' utility relief from Northwestern District funds.

Ratify poll to donate \$35,000 from contingency to DSS for their utility assistance program

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruely 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 ratifies the poll to donate \$35,000 from contingency to Department of Social Services (DSS) for their utility assistance program.

Supervisor Plaster clarified for members of the public; the Board chose to donate the funds to help offset citizens' abhorrent electrical bills specifically in the Town of Richlands. The Board also wanted to help other citizens throughout the County and all of the Supervisors decided to donate to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for their utility assistance program, which residents can apply for financial hardship due to their electrical bills, Supervisor Plaster concluded.

Appointments

Planning Commission

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the May 5, 2026 meeting.

Clinch Valley Community Action

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the May 5, 2026 meeting.

Animal Shelter

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the May 5, 2026 meeting.

Emergency Services 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 appoint Mike Brown to the Emergency Services Committee.

Industrial Development Authority

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby moves to appoint Rachel Patton to Curtis Breeding's unexpired term.

Recreation and Parks Facility Authority

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby moves to appoint Kyle Cruely to Suzanne Brinegar's unexpired term.

COMMITTEE LIAISON

Planning Commission - Supervisor Cruely

Supervisor Cruely stated a meeting was not held last month therefore there was no new business.

IDA - Supervisor Breeding

Supervisor Breeding stated the IDA just finished the engineering study for the County’s gas project from Pounding Mill Branch and extending that line down to the college (joining up with Russell County), this study was based on a grant received from Governor Youngkin a couple years ago. Supervisor Breeding continued that the project will now move on to the funding stage.

Supervisor Breeding notified the Board that the IDA is still negotiating with a group to come into the Bluestone and it has been appealed to VCEDA, with VCEDA giving their approval.

PSA - Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley explained that currently there were many projects going on at the PSA, with Thompson and Litton working on a few in Falls Mills, Pocahontas and Richlands. Mr. Presley continued in the next couple of years some of the debt will be taken off, which will give room for some new debt due to upgrades.

ESC - Supervisor Rhudy

Supervisor Rhudy stated the Emergency Services Committee met to come up with a recommendation for a Certificate of Need to recommend to the Board on behalf of ProMed. Mr. Rhudy also stated that the interview process for the Fire Chief was held, out of five (5) potential candidates it was narrowed down to two (2) for follow-up interviews.

CPPDC - Supervisor Plaster

Supervisor Presley said he was present at the meeting and was able to meet other Supervisors overall, it was great to network with everyone.

RDA - Supervisor Breeding

Supervisor Breeding said the RDA will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to go over some important matters.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:46 pm

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy, seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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. The County Administrator attended by phone.

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| <p>Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Baptist Valley convenience area ▶ A(29) Contract modifications – landfill construction ▶ A(29) Contract discussion re: CWS landfill management ▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with CWS to amend contract to pay for tire shredding and leachate transport terms |
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RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:25 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: None (0)

The County Administrator joined the meeting by phone.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE

Consider approving Tazewell County Fire Company By-Laws

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie presented to the Board the twenty-one (21) page by-laws for the Tazewell County Fire Company, which was revised March 2026. Mr. Gillespie stated he conferred with EMS Director Barry Brooks and County Administrator Eric Young and the copy now presented before the Board is the correct and amended version. Mr. Gillespie requested that the Board adopt the Fire Company By-Laws as presented.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 Tazewell County Fire Company By-Laws as presented. A copy of the by-laws is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Tazewell County Fire Company Budget and Consider Casino funding allocation for FY27

County Administrator Eric Young (attending via speakerphone) explained that this year the County allocated 100% of the casino funds to fire and EMS services (public safety). Mr. Young stated that each year the County has to notify the Commission how we are going to spend those funds and this year we are anticipating the amount to be 1.1 billion for FY27. Mr. Young went on to say that the projected revenues for the meals tax has fallen short at \$750,000 as opposed to the \$900,000 that was estimated.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 requests that the Bristol Regional Transportation District Improvement Commission to allocate 100% of the county's revenues from the Bristol Casino be allocated to public safety.

The County Administrator left the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing regarding an ordinance to grant tax exempt status to preferred Legacy, Inc., d/b/a Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care

Supervisor Presley explained that the public hearing is being held to determine Legacy Hospice's request to be granted tax exempt status.

Supervisor Presley opened the floor for public comments either in person or over the phone.

Tammy Vencill – Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care

Ms. Vencill provided to the Board copies of letters from citizens who were unable to attend the meeting but wished to be considered.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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 make the letters of support on behalf of Legacy Hospice a part of the record. Copies of the letters are available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Melissa Honaker – 12529 River Mountain Road, Lebanon, VA

Spoke in favor of the Ordinance granting tax-exempt status to Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care.

Mrs. Honaker explained Legacy Hospice had cared for a family member in their final weeks and were wonderful.

Sandy Tatum – 2476 Wardell Road, Cedar Bluff, VA

Spoke in favor of the Ordinance granting tax-exempt status to Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care.

Ms. Tatum had a family member and a friend use Legacy Hospice, which in turn led to her becoming a volunteer.

Chris Blankenship – Richlands, VA

Spoke in favor of the Ordinance granting tax-exempt status to Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care.

Ms. Blankenship spoke about their non-profit business model and the fact that they do not turn anyone away due to coverage or inability to pay.

Angie Martin – Princeton, WV

Spoke in favor of the Ordinance granting tax-exempt status to Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care.

Chairman Presley having opened the floor for citizen comments, called a second time for public comments. Hearing none, Chairman Presley called a third and final time for public comments either in person or over the phone. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruet 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 to grant tax exempt status to Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care; doing business as an appropriate non-profit at Tax Map No.: 124A0025A, pursuant to Code Section 58.1-3651 of the Code of Virginia. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Supervisor Crucey spoke in support of Legacy Hospice and the dire need for such a business in Tazewell County.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie also stated that Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care did file the appropriate paperwork with his office in order to be considered for tax exempt status for Tax Map No.: 124A0025A.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED

► *Pro Med Certificate of Need Request*

Giles Hartman, Director of Operations for ProMed Ambulance Service

Giles Hartman on behalf of ProMed, returned to request the Board of Supervisors' approval for ProMed to open an ambulance company in Richlands.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie acknowledged that pursuant to the recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee that no official action be taken at this time. Mr. Gillespie stated that there are two (2) stipulations / recommendations that the committee is requesting; one would be to see a business plan from ProMed for the committee to review and the second would be for ProMed to enter into a mutual aid agreement so that ProMed would take so many 911 calls and not only patient transport.

► *Beda Ferguson and Jeanette Wilson– Friends of Juneteenth*

Jeanette Wilson appeared before the Board on behalf of Friends of Juneteenth. Ms. Wilson invited the public to this year's Juneteenth celebration on Main Street, including a cookout, guest speakers and a choir performance. Ms. Wilson also stated that local colleges and area hospitals will be on hand setting up booths for informational purposes and blood pressure checks. Ms. Wilson thanked the Board for their donation last year and requested a donation for this year's 42nd celebration.

The Board discussed briefly and requested the Executive Assistant, Stephanie Russell, to find out last year's donation amount and from which account, then report back to the Board at the May 5th meeting.

► *Frank Belcher – Salina Road*

Frank Belcher of Salina Road, Tazewell, VA., came before the Board to request the installation of speed bumps on Salina Road, around Pyott Boone. Mr. Belcher states 2 cars cannot pass in certain areas along Salina Road and this would hopefully curb the speeding.

The Board conferred and decided since Salina Road is an orphan Road they would need to confer with County Engineer Ken Dunford and discuss their options.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED

Chairman Presley opened the floor for any unscheduled citizen comments

► *Mike Adams – 3972 Baptist Valley Road*

Mike Adams spoke before the Board requesting the Board's assistance with demolishing the dilapidated houses and trailers along Baptist Valley Road. Mr. Adams said these properties are eye sores, bringing down the property values and becoming hangouts for the transient population and drug users. Mr. Adams stated that West Virginia is hard at work tearing down the empty structures/buildings, why not Tazewell County?

The Board agreed, they advised Mr. Adams they are currently working on this issue and have budgeted \$50,000 for this purpose. Supervisor Presley stated he would have Dave White take a look at the properties especially for any public safety issues, currently the Board is hoping to do one (1) per district and see how it goes from there.

Supervisor Cruey advised that West Virginia is using leftover COVID money to accomplish demolition along with grants from the State, while Virginia chose not to allocate funds for that purpose. Supervisor Cruey also noted that the properties have to meet certain criteria from a legal stand point before the County is able to tear it down.

Supervisor Presley agreed and noted that West Virginia also had congressional help in addition to the grants.

County Attorney Aaron Gillespie also requested that Mr. Adams leave some contact information with our Executive Assistant, Stephanie Russell, so my office could look into whether or not the properties create a structural danger or public nuisance, since the County requires an on-location evaluation/review process before any action can be taken.

Supervisor Presley then called a second and third time for any unscheduled citizen comments.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Rhudy

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Supervisor Rhudy suggested setting up an Agricultural Advisory Committee to handle some of the citizen complaints/issues concerning litter pick up and tire removal. I spoke with Administrator Eric Young and he suggested I get with Extension Agent, John Blankenship, to see if he would facilitate and host the meetings possibly on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Tire Storage (Litter pick up)

Supervisor Rhudy questioned that since we own the landfill, could we possibly start storing the littered tires at the landfill until the tire shredder is operational?

County Attorney Gillespie replied that our permitting has a capacity limit and only allows a certain number of tires that we are able to keep on site at the landfill. However, we may be able to store the tires at a different location, I would suggest speaking with Eric Young and Ken Dunford on this matter.

Project Pondersa

Supervisor Rhudy stated he has a producer (who is currently leasing a lot of land in Tazewell County); he's a direct marketer of beef, who would like to sit down with the County Administrator, Chairman Presley and myself to discuss Project Pondersa. This gentleman will be in the area weekly for the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor Presley suggested setting a meeting in evening maybe next week according to everyone's schedules.

Supervisor Cruey

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 \$20,000.00 to the Pocahontas Center for Christian Action; to help cover the cost of a new roof, from the Northern District Capital Improvement Fund.

Supervisor Cruey explained that the Baptist Valley Fire Department has requested money to help cover fuel costs. Mr. Cruey stated that he and Supervisor Presley have already spoken with Administrator Eric Young during the Budget Committee meetings regarding this request. Mr. Cruey advised that the fire department has recently had a change in leadership and unfortunately past leadership spent almost all of their funds, so they are needing some money. Mr. Cruey further advised that when we disbanded the Tazewell County Fire Department there was approximately \$30,000 left in that account and since Baptist Valley is now covering some of that coverage area, I would like to transfer \$5,000 of that remaining \$30,000 (currently in the general fund) plus an additional \$2,000 from my district funds.

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 donating \$7,000 to Baptist Valley Fire Department to help cover outstanding bills, fuel and equipment costs; \$5,000 from the General Fund (contingency) and \$2,000 from the Northern District Capital Improvement Fund.

Supervisor Presley

Supervisor Presley requested that Executive Assistant, Stephanie Russell, prepare a Resolution for the Graham High School basketball team for winning the State Championship in Richmond, Virginia.

Supervisor Presley notified the Board that there will be a joint meeting with the school Board at the end of the month.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley, seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves donating \$250.00 from the Eastern District Fund to the GHS Educational Foundation to help cover the costs of a banquet at Fincastle (for their academic society).

Supervisor Breeding

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 donating \$250.00 from the Western District Fund to help pay for fishing poles for the kid's fishing day at the Tazewell Country Club.

*check should be made payable to The Longbeards of NWTF, attention Billy Sullivan.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 7:25 pm

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 Board enters into a second 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(3) Property acquisition in Richlands for proposed new school
- ▶ A(3) Property acquisition in Pocahontas for ATV trails
- ▶ A(3) Property disposition – Burke’s Garden
- ▶ A(1) Personnel regarding Tazewell County Fire Company Fire Chief
- ▶ A(1) Personnel in Engineering
- ▶ A(3) *Property acquisition in Baptist Valley convenience area*
- ▶ A(29) *Contract modifications – landfill construction*
- ▶ A(29) *Contract discussion re: CWS landfill management*

RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 9:06 pm

The Board of Supervisors returned to public session and Supervisor Cruey read the following certification:

**CERTIFICATION OF
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING
TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive/closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following votes hereby recorded.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Certification:

Ayes: Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: One (1)

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property disposition – Burke’s Garden

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 Attorney to enter into lease agreement negotiations with Burke’s Garden Methodist Church for property owned by Tazewell County located at Tax Map No. 119 A 0014.

OTHER BUSINESS

Victory Life International Center

This matter will be deferred until the recessed meeting on April 21, 2026.

RECESSED MEETING / ADJOURN @ 10:26 p.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruet, 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 recess until April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

A copy teste:



Charles "Chuck" Presley Jr., Chairman

