

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD JUNE 2, 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  
C. ERIC YOUNG, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
STEPHANIE RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS:  
JIM TALBERT, RICHLANDS NEWS PRESS  
WARREN HINKLE, THE VOICE  
ABSENT: AARON M. GILLESPIE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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### MINUTES

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

Supervisor John Rhudy 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 listed on the revised agenda and requested board approval.

Supervisor Breeding requested one additional addition to Executive Session A(29) Contract negotiations on the water/sewer agreement for Project Jonah.

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 approves the revised agenda format incorporating the requested revisions/additions.

### MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN

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 minutes from the May 5, 2026 meeting. A copy is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Cruey wished to thank Captain McNerlin for his many years of service and mentorship, since he will be retiring in July.

Supervisor Breeding questioned on item B, regarding the attached table.

Executive Assistant to the Board, Stephanie Russell, replied that the attached table was found on page 24 of the agenda packet.

County Administrator Eric Young, confirmed with Arlene Matney, Director of Finance, that the items listed on the attached table were funds received by the County such as reimbursements, grant awards, payroll adjustments, etc. Administrator Young also stated that item G had been requested by the Department of Social Services for a non-working vehicle with over 239k miles.

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 items A, B, C, D, E, 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. Consider ratifying poll to spend \$7,000.00 from contingency for stone for fairground access road and dumpster pad
- D. Consider ratifying poll to permit the library to spend \$5k in their FY26 budget for restroom improvements - Richlands public library upstairs
- E. Declare surplus one (1) 9mm Glock 47 service weapon from the Sheriff's Office, serial CBKA891 and sell same to retiring Captain McNerlin for \$1.00, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 59.1-148.
- F. Ratify Poll to authorize planning grant application for Amonate Always Community center renovation
- G. Surplus Unit 27 and information required to remove from the vehicle from the automobile insurance policy (Social Services)

**Consent Calendar Items  
June 2, 2026 Meeting**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Description</b>
Natasha Hunt	5051	73010-1150	\$250.00	Payroll reimbursement
Local Law Enforcement Grant Program		31020-6010	\$2,419.00	TCSO – grant award
CMCS	252563	31020-1150	\$599.69	Reimbursement for overtime - CITAC officers
Commonwealth of Virginia	7724	22010-5510	\$5,596.30	CWA reimbursement – Spring Institute (conference)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***Engineering – Kenneth Dunford  
Cedar Bluff Transfer Station***

Mr. Dunford notified the Board that the permitting with DEQ will need to be updated, which requires an advertisement in the paper and includes a thirty (30) day comment period. Mr. Dunford suggested picking a temporary site before advertising as to limit the amount of confusion and phone calls from the public. Mr. Dunford also stated that the temporary site can only take household trash and cannot receive bulk items due to regulations from DEQ.

Administrator Young responded that a temporary site needs to be decided on fairly soon.

A brief discussion between Supervisors Presley, Rhudy and Breeding commenced suggesting possible sites. Mr. Dunford agreed with the suggestion of a small, caged portion of the Claypool Hill Mall parking lot for approximately 3-4 months as a possible temporary location.

Administrator Young suggested using Tim Danielson’s contact at the Claypool Hill Mall and would have him reach out to them.

***Leachate Tank***

Ken Dunford informed the Board that the Leachate Tank is still on track, with the variance ending June 8, 2026. Mr. Dunford further stated that once the variance period ends, we should be able to get the permit.

County Administrator Eric Young reminded the Board that the Public Hearing would be held later in the evening at 6:20 regarding the grant application for the Leachate Tank. Mr. Young also suggested holding off on the construction until a decision is received on the grant application.

Mr. Dunford agreed, stating he only wanted to be ready with the design and permitting so everything could move forward timely.

### ***Paving Schedule***

Mr. Dunford reported to the Board that the paving bids will be back by June 16<sup>th</sup> and plans to bring the list of roads to the June 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting for approval. Mr. Dunford stated that he will have to go back before the CST Committee as well, but due to the time constraint he does not believe that will happen before the next board meeting. Mr. Dunford also stated he will be meeting with VDOT later in the week regarding Shamrock, Songbird and Sparrow since plans include discharging into their drainage system.

Mr. Dunford conveyed to the Board that Buckhorn Street had been graded, but the road keeps washing out. Mr. Dunford requested scheduling a meeting with Mr. Young and Supervisors Rhudy and Breeding to discuss further.

### ***Smart Scale Project***

Mr. Dunford explained to the Board that every year his department does a smart scale project through VDOT, which they fund 100%. Mr. Dunford advised that the only requirement is that a Resolution of Support be passed by the Board and the project specs be entered into VDOT's computer system.

Mr. Dunford presented a preliminary sketch which VDOT created for the US Route 460 and Crab Orchard Road intersection. Mr. Dunford described VDOT's proposal as each lane of 460 having a turnaround area, depending on whether you wanted to turn onto Crab Orchard or Business 19. Mr. Dunford said the current intersection area is so wide and does not allow for proper traffic control when having to navigate 4 (four) lanes. Mr. Dunford also said the application is due on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Supervisor Rhudy questioned if it would not be easier to install a red light? Mr. Dunford replied that VDOT will not install a red light, he has asked in prior years and they responded that under no circumstance would they install a red light. Supervisor Rhudy retorted, how many accidents do you have to have before they will install a red light?

County Administrator Eric Young stated that in 2016 during the Star Study, this intersection ranked the second most dangerous in Tazewell County, only behind the intersection in Claypool Hill (Lowe's). In order to clarify, he said, if I want to turn onto Crab Orchard as I'm traveling towards Richlands or turn to go to Fisher's when heading to Bluefield, I would have to pass the current turnoff and come back up on the opposite side of 460, Mr. Young asked.

Mr. Dunford replied yes, you would have to first pass your intended destination, use the turnaround area and come back up to the turn off.

Supervisor Cruy reported that the stretch of 460 between there and Cuz's is notorious for accidents caused by animals, whether it be bear, deer or cows. Supervisor Breeding stated that there's also farm vehicle traffic and trailers carrying livestock in that area.

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 Resolution in Support of VDOT's Smart Scale Project for US Route 460 and Crab Orchard Road (Bus 19). A copy of VDOT's preliminary plans/sketch is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**Millstone Hollow Road**

Mr. Dunford stated that while the subject of Millstone Hollow Road would be coming up after Executive Session, he wanted a quick explanation that the Resolution proposed would be for VDOT to take in a portion of that road. Mr. Dunford continued, VDOT will take it into the state system at zero cost to the County, mainly since they have already installed a pipe under the road. As part of the legal requirement my department must go out and check for any issues, which we have and we did not find any issues, Mr. Dunford concluded.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Resolution to bring Millstone Hollow Road into VDOT's Secondary Road System. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING – 4:29 pm**

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruely, 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 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.

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| <p><b>Executive/Closed Meeting – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Capital Waste Services -tire shredder</li> <li>▶ A(5) Project RESORT</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with Wise County re: solid waste disposal</li> <li>▶ A(1) Personnel County Administrator's annual review</li> <li>▶ A(1) Personnel County Attorney's annual review</li> <li>▶ A(3) Property acquisition Baptist Valley Convenience Center</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations with SEH for new school design</li> <li>▶ A(3) Property disposition in Tazewell</li> <li>▶ A(5) Project Ironchef</li> <li>▶ A(29) Contract negotiations on the water/sewer agreement for Project Jonah</li> </ul> |
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**RETURN/CERTIFICATION/REPORT OF ACTION – 6:47 pm**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such executive/closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive/closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following votes hereby recorded.

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

Ayes: Five (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Absent during vote: None (0)

Report of Action: One (1)

### **ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### ***Property acquisition Baptist Valley Convenience Center***

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 temporarily relocate the Baptist Valley Convenience Center to the Fairgrounds until we are ready to occupy the new permanent site.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### ***Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Leachate Tank and Resolution to apply for CDBG funds for the Leachate Tank {2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing}***

County Administrator Eric Young reminded the Board that the County is hoping to install a leachate tank at the landfill, in order to reduce the cost of transporting leachate when our area experiences excessive rain events or winter storms. The leachate tank has been designed and permitted and now we are hoping to apply for the block grant to assist with construction costs, said Mr. Young.

Mr. Young introduced Jordan Dillon, Director of Economic Development with the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, who was in attendance to discuss the CDBG.

Ms. Dillon provided the Board with a 2026 CDBG informational handout, which summarized the grant guidelines; eligibility policies, application deadline, eligible project types, etc. Ms. Dillon stated that under the current guidelines, we are required to advertise and conduct two (2) public hearings. Ms. Dillon advised that the first (1<sup>st</sup>) public hearing occurred on May 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., and tonight's public hearing would be the second (2<sup>nd</sup>).

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.

Mr. Young recited the Resolution as advertised for the Board's review and approval.

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 Resolution to apply for Virginia Community Development Block Grant for leachate tank. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Administrator Young also noted for the benefit of the public; that the County issued bonds this spring in order to borrow funds for a tire shredder, make renovations to the Cedar Bluff Transfer Station, to renovate a fire station and to build the leachate tank. Mr. Young stated he hoped to receive the grant funds for the leachate tank, leaving additional monies for the remaining projects.

***Public hearing for disposition of property in Burke's Garden***

In County Attorney Aaron Gillespie's absence, County Administrator Eric Young reminded the Board that they had voted earlier to convey property to a church, adjacent to property the County owns in Burke's Garden. Mr. Young explained that after extensive research conducted by Attorney Gillespie, he advised that he was unable to find proof that the County actually owns the parcel in question which they want us to convey to them. Mr. Gillespie suggested to Mr. Young that a Quitclaim Deed be prepared, basically meaning that we are not promising that we own the property, but whatever interest we have in it, we transfer to them.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

► ***Fred Lawless, 4230 Gose Mill Road, Tazewell, VA***

Mr. Lawless addressed the Board, stating he had received a copy of the Quitclaim Deed prepared by Mr. Gillespie and the Methodist Church members had reviewed and approved the Deed. Mr. Lawless further stated the Methodist Church also supported the Resolution as advertised.

Supervisor Presley then called a second time for public comments either in person or over the phone. Hearing none, Supervisor Presley called a third and final time for public comments. The hearing was then closed.

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 Resolution as presented in the agenda and the accompanying Quitclaim Deed. A copy of the Resolution and Quitclaim Deed are available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***FY27 Budget presentation by County Administrator***

Administrator Eric Young prepared a short presentation outlining the FY27 County Budget, listing such key purchases as fourteen (14) new Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office (\$563,000), landfill cell 5A construction (\$1,545,000), renovating restrooms in all high schools (\$1,200,000), a new fire station (\$1,020,000) with paid part time fire fighters (\$569,000), an updated phone system (\$80,000) and a 2% cost of living increase for county employees (\$88,219).

Mr. Young advised the Board of stringent surges to the FY27 budget; including a 17% health insurance premium increase (\$561,000) and a 2.4 million dollar (\$2,400,000) increase in school funding. Mr. Young clarified for benefit of the public; the state requires each County contribute a set amount in order to receive the funding

provided by the state and this fiscal year our contribution increased by 2.4 million. The total amount of our required local match now exceeds all real property tax revenues, said Mr. Young.

The budget also includes a \$1/hour increase in pay for County Administration Personnel (\$122,720), to offset significant increases to minimum wage and state pay increases for certain positions, Mr. Young stated.

Mr. Young also provided a breakdown of the Fire Protection Budget (\$2,041,650), the proposed budget will be offset by the revenues received from the Bristol Casino and the meals tax enacted in 2025.

An overview of all major expenses was provided by Mr. Young; law enforcement (\$5,281,942), education (\$18,104,134), the Regional Jail (\$4,498,716), Fire and EMS (\$3,682,231), landfill (\$4,470,000), water/waste water (\$719,502) and Social Services (\$1,636,992) {total of all major expenses \$38,443,000}.

Additionally, Mr. Young provided an overview of the major revenue streams; local sales tax (\$6,600,000), real property tax (\$18,284,026), coal/gas severance tax (\$1,985,000), personal property tax (\$10,685,589), melas tax (\$750,000), cigarette tax (\$325,000) and the casino revenues (\$1,100,000) {total of all major revenue streams \$39,729,615}.

Mr. Young also prepared a Decision Matrix as part of his presentation, listing various expenses to be cut and/or added back into the budget, depending upon the State's FY27 adopted budget and the County's required school contribution depending upon any state subsidies. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Based upon Mr. Young's presentation and the still unknown final budget for the state, the Board of Supervisors will hold a recessed meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in order to hold a budget workshop. The FY27 budget will be adopted at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting later this month.

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. There were not any public comments, the hearing was then closed.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS – SCHEDULED**

##### **► *Brad Pyott – Billy Wagner Park***

Mr. Brad Pyott appeared before the Board to discuss the progress made on the Billy Wagner Park project since his last appearance in September 2025, and also outlined future plans currently being developed. Mr. Pyott reiterated that at his prior appearance, the Board donated \$12,500 towards the project and implied a donation match may be possible in the 2027 budget. With the Board's additional donation and the \$106,000 already collected the project should be on track for an October 17<sup>th</sup> completion, said Mr. Pyott.

The Board discussed briefly and deferred the donation request until after the final budget has been adopted.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS – UNSCHEDULED**

Chairman Presley opened the floor for any unscheduled citizen comments

► **Jordan Dillon, Director of Economic Development, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission**  
Ms. Dillon reappeared before the Board to discuss funding received under the DHCD flood grant. Ms. Dillon requested the Board's approval and subsequent Chairman's signature, giving the County Administrator, Eric Young, authority to sign the relevant grant documents on behalf of the County as needed.

The Board was in agreement and Chairman Presley signed Ms. Dillon's request, giving Eric Young, County Administrator, signing authority on the DHCD flood grant.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL/COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE**

##### ***Consider declaring surplus and donating SATIRA trailer to Cumberland Mountain Community Services (VIN 5LBBE142171014751)***

County Administrator Eric Young conveyed that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office requested that the SATIRA (Substance Abuse Task Force in Rural Appalachia) trailer be donated to Cumberland Mountain Community Services.

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 Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby moves to surplus and donate the SATIRA trailer (VIN 5LBBE142171014751) to Cumberland Mountain Community Services

##### ***Resolution to bring Millstone Hollow Road into VDOT's Secondary Road System***

Administrator Young stated that this matter had been taken up earlier under Ken Dunford's Engineering Report to the Board.

##### ***Consider approving WSA internet access grant for Tannersville and the Cove***

Mr. Young recapped for the Board, that earlier in the year Gigabeam discontinued internet service to the Tannersville/Cove area. Mr. Young continued, in an effort to remedy the situation for those who do not have access to Point Broadband, the Board discussed providing a grant to assist in purchasing a Starlink dish and establish internet service. The Wireless Service Authority met, approved the Board's proposal and requested that a Resolution be prepared, said Young.

Supervisor Rhudy requested two (2) changes to the proposed Resolution; if Whitten Valley could be substituted in place of Tannersville and the \$2500 administrative fee to Economic Development instead be a donation to the Cove Fire Department.

Mr. Young agreed, stating the Resolution could be amended to reflect that they be a resident of Whitten Valley Road or the Cove fire district, in addition to the \$2500 administrative service charge for Economic Development the \$2500 be donated to the Cove Fire Department.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Supervisor Cruet 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 Resolution Approving Wireless Service Authority's Whitten Valley/Cove Internet Access Assistance Program, with amendments thereto. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***Consider approving Ambulance Lease Agreement with EO***

Administrator Young reminded the Board that EO (a subsidiary of United Way) is the organization hopefully building the daycare in Bluefield and as part of that program they offer vocation exposure, such as an EMT. Mr. Young said that earlier in the year the Board decided to lease the decommissioned ambulance to EO for two (2) years, with the agreement that if the daycare is built in Tazewell County the ambulance would be given to them free of charge.

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster, seconded by Supervisor Cruvey 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 Ambulance Lease Agreement with EO. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***Consider approving categorical transfer of funds from debt service to capital in the School Board FY26 budget***

Mr. Young advised the Board of the School Board's request to transfer \$296,120.50 from debt service to their capital account in order to pay for the invoices found inside the agenda packet on page 63. Mr. Young stated the monies would be used for a lift inspection, a trailer (to haul backhoe), EV student trainer, roof repairs to THS and GHS, LED shop lights and a maintenance truck/snow plow.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and 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 School Board's request to transfer \$296,120.50 from debt service to capital in the School Board FY26 budget.

***Consider approving United Way relief funds disbursement for Hurricane Helene victims***

Administrator Eric Young stated in February 2025, the United Way awarded the County funds for Hurricane Helene victims. Mr. Young called the Board's attention to their revised packet, wherein we have prepared a list recommending payments for each participant; citing the address, description of damages and the proposed amount to be given. Mr. Young further stated that a remainder of \$11,596.71, will be left in the program.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and seconded by Supervisor Cruvey 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 make the disbursements as provided by the chart presented. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***Consider ratifying poll for payment of \$11,962.00 (total overtime for four people – snow/ice removal and storm preparation by maintenance staff 11/1/25 – 5/31/26)***

Mr. Young informed the Board overtime for four (4) maintenance employees due to snow and ice removal on weekends and for storm preparation from November 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026. Mr. Young explained that it would cause an undue hardship if we allowed the four employees to take the accrued comp time, so we are requesting overtime pay in the amount of \$11,962.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruvey and 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 ratify the poll approving overtime pay in the amount of \$11,962.00 for the four (4) maintenance staff employees for snow/ice removal and storm preparation 11/1/25 – 5/31/26.

***VDOT Resolution for Signature Authority***

Administrator Young explained that each year the County enters into an agreement with VDOT agreeing on the County's share of the project and VDOT is requesting that should the project run over into the next year, the agreement would stand.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 VDOT's Resolution for Signature Authority, with the amended change of County of Tazewell, not City of Tazewell. A copy of which is available in the County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

***Solicitation for proposals to purchase the PSA assets***

Mr. Young stated that the County received one (1) response on the solicitation for proposals to purchase the PSA assets from Virginia American Water. Mr. Young requests that a committee be appointed to meet with representatives from Virginia American Water to discuss negotiations.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and 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 appointing Supervisor Presley and Supervisor Cruey as committee members, with Supervisor Breeding as an alternate.

Me. Young asked Stephanie Russell, Executive Assistant to the Board to coordinate dates in July for the committee members to meet with representatives from Virginia American Water.

***Relocation of the Baptist Valley Convenience Center***

Earlier this evening it was voted on to temporarily relocate the Baptist Valley Convenience Center to the Tazewell County Fairgrounds, said Mr. Young. I am requesting \$8,000 from contingency in order to install fencing, Mr. Young requested.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 transferring \$8,000 from contingency to install fencing at the fairgrounds, in order to temporarily relocate the Baptist Valley Convenience Center.

**Appointments**

***Animal Shelter***

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 reappoint Jim Talbert to serve on the Animal Shelter Board.

***Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee***

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and 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 reappoint Larhonda Lindsey for a two (2) year term to serve on the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and 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 appoint Jamie Tuggle for a one (1) year term to serve on the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee, as Brad Ratliff's replacement.

***Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 16, 2026 meeting.

***Clinch Valley Community Action***

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey and 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 reappoint Chris Plaster, David Larimer and Adrianna Culbertson to Clinch Valley Community Action.

***Cumberland Plateau Planning District***

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 reappoint F. Bradley Pyott (citizen – Town of Tazewell) to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission.

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and 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 reappoint J.R. Absher (citizen – Town of Cedar Bluff) to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission.

***Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster and 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 reappoint Ramona Simmons to the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority.

***Enterprise Zone Committee***

County Administrator Eric Young informed the Board that each year the County reviews the Enterprise Zone to verify whether any property needs to be added or deleted therefrom. This committee usually meets once or twice a year, Mr. Young concluded.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby moves to appoint Allen Neal (replacing Glenn Catron) for the Southern District to the Enterprise Zone Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 reappoint Curtis Breeding for the Western District (citizen) to the Enterprise Zone Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey and 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 accepts Supervisor Cruey's resignation to the Enterprise Zone Committee and elects Supervisor Presley as the Board of Supervisors' representative.

***Industrial Development Authority (IDA)***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 16, 2026 meeting.

***Tazewell County Road Viewers***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster and 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 reappoint all current members of the Tazewell County Road Viewers; Russell Stowers, Scott Rasnick, Curtis Gillespie, Clyde Sparks and Jim Reynolds.

***Tazewell County Transportation Safety Commission***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 16, 2026 meeting.

***Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCDEA)***

Upon motion of Supervisor Plaster and 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 reappoint Supervisor Curtis Breeding to VCDEA.

***Wireless Service Authority***

The Chairman directed that this matter be deferred to the June 16, 2026 meeting.

***Bristol District Regional Transportation Improvement Commission (Casino Revenues)***

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 reappoint Eric Young to the Bristol District Regional Transportation Improvement Commission.

**BOARD CONCERNS**

***Supervisor Cruey***

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey and seconded by Supervisor Breeding and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves donating \$5,000 from the Northern District's capital improvement fund to the Town of Pocahontas for mowing the Pocahontas Cemetery.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cruey and 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 \$1,000 from the Northern District's capital improvement fund to the Town of Pocahontas for fireworks to celebrate the Fourth of July.

***Supervisor Breeding***

Upon motion of Supervisor Breeding and seconded by Supervisor Plaster and adopted by a vote of 4 to 1 to 0, with all members present and Supervisor Cruey abstaining, all others voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby approves donating \$3,000 from the Western

District's capital improvement fund and \$1,000 from the Northwestern District to the Richlands Wrestling Club to assist with construction costs on the wrestling facility.

Supervisor Breeding discussed how well done and very nice the Veteran's Memorial (flag display) installed at the courthouse turned out and how members of the public have remarked and complemented the project since its completion.

***Supervisor Presley***

Supervisor Presley exclaimed he would like to see more done on the Project Ponderosa soon and how much the County would miss out if not followed through.

County Administrator Eric Young agreed and advised he was going to follow up with the engineers personally and the possibility of enlisting Ken Dunford, County Engineer, in charge of the project in an effort to move the pace along.

Upon motion of Supervisor Presley and 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 \$1,500 from the Eastern District to the Lions Club of Bluefield for the America 250 - Flag of Honor project.

***Supervisor Rhudy (Appointment)***

***Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee***

Upon motion of Supervisor Rhudy and 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 Lucie D'Amato for a two (2) year term to serve on the Tazewell County Tourism Development Committee for the Southern District.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON**

***PSA - Supervisor Presley***

Supervisor Presley stated that the current projects are moving along, with most working with engineering; Falls Mills upgrade, Pocahontas line replacement/extension, the water project at Ebenezer Church, etc.

***IDA - Supervisor Breeding***

Supervisor Breeding said the IDA is working to enhance relationships with property owners for possible data centers. Supervisor Breeding also stated he spoke with representatives at Pocahontas Land, regarding the 300 acres of land they own in hopes of using the land for future projects.

***CPPDC - Supervisor Plaster***

Supervisor Plaster mentioned a quick meeting, wherein the budget was approved. Supervisor Plaster advised that the main focus for Tazewell County with the CPPDC is the urgent needs flood project; there are currently five (5) flood projects in the works with Tazewell County and Richlands being two (2) of the flood projects.

***RDA - Supervisor Breeding***

Supervisor Breeding revealed that the RDA is still working on a few initiatives on the contingency plan. Supervisor Breeding also spoke about the lack of cell service in certain parts of Cavitt's Creek Park, possibly working with Cumberland to install a tower to boost the signal/service.

Supervisor Breeding also spoke to the Athletic Director of the Richlands Cross Country Team regarding hosting future events such as their Southwest District meet.

***Supervisor Rhudy***

Supervisor Rhudy offered to volunteer for the archery project at the Bluestone, possibly marking off the various areas/zones.

**RECESSED @ 8:39 p.m.**

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 to recess until Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. for the budget workshop.

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Charles "Chuck" Presley Jr., Chairman

