

VIRGINIA: At a recessed meeting of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors held February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, 108 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651

PRESENT: William B. "Bill" Rasnick, Chairman
Bill Wimmer, Vice-Chairman
Dave R. Anderson, Member
D. Michael Hymes, Member
Seth R. White, Member
James H. Spencer, III – County Administrator
Eric Young, County Attorney
Patricia Green, Assistant County Administrator
Ruth Groseclose, Administrative Assistant
Members of the Press – Charles Owens, Bluefield Daily Telegraph; Jim Talbert, Clinch Valley News/Richlands News Press; Warren Hinkle, Tazewell County Free Press

ABSENT: None

I. Call to order

The Chairman, William B. Rasnick called to order the recessed meeting of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and welcomed those present.

Supervisor Dave Anderson gave the invocation with Supervisor Wimmer leading those present in the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Agenda Approved:

Upon motion of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Wimmer 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 February 25, 2008 agenda format as written.

II. New business

A. School Facilities – OWPR

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion relative to the OWPR – School facilities proposal. The County Administrator, Jim Spencer said that Ron Tillet, Managing Director, with Morgan and Keegan, said that no action was needed by the Board of Supervisors during this meeting, but the Board would need to consider adopting a resolution approving the VPSA loan application for \$2,000,000 at its March 4, 2008 regular meeting.

Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Wimmer and Patricia Green attended the February 13, 2008 Executive Facilities Committee on behalf of the County. During the Executive Facilities Committee meeting the committee prioritized the list for facility improvements to schools. The Plan estimates the total project will cost \$26,277,500. The committee prioritized the list for improvements to elementary schools as follows 1. Richlands Elementary, 2. Tazewell Elementary, 3. Springville Elementary, 4. North Tazewell Elementary, 5. Cedar Bluff Elementary, 6. Graham Intermediate, 7. Dudley Primary, 8. Abbs Valley Elementary, 9. Raven Elementary.

Member Seth White said that the school board has indicated the entire \$2,000,000.00 would be accounted for school facility improvements. The subject of replacing windows in the schools was brought to the floor for discussion. The Board of Supervisors felt the replacement of windows in schools should be a first priority prior to the installation of heating & cooling systems. The County Administrator suggested that the OWPR Engineer attend a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to answer questions the Board of Supervisors might have concerning the upgrades.

The Board of Supervisors held a lengthy discussion of the renovation options, with Supervisor Anderson moving and with Supervisor White seconding the motion, which motion was adopted by a unanimous vote, authorizing and directing the County Administrator to submit the following questions to the Tazewell County School Board with regard to the OWPR – and that detailed answers to these questions be provided to the Board of Supervisors by Friday, February 29 in order for the Board of Supervisors to have time to review the answers prior to the March 4, 2008 subject public hearing with regard to the \$2,000,000.00 VPSA School Bond application.

1. Why coal fired boilers are being replaced with oil fired boilers? What is the financial impact on the annual energy costs?
2. What is Option B? Is it only air/heat for all buildings?
3. Why are we not doing true HVAC systems for all schools?
4. Are all the schools on the list provided planned to be opened for the next 20 years?
5. Why are bathroom replacements included in the study? Are they being constructed as handicapped accessible?
6. Are window replacements included for all schools that are being upgraded with air/heat upgrades?

III. TAZEWELL COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

Reconditioned pumper - purchase authorized

Following presentation by Bill Allison, Chief, Tazewell County Fire & Rescue, and upon motion of Supervisor White, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, and subject to legal review and approval, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby

authorizes and approves the amount of \$35,000.00 from the FY2007-2008 Contingency Fund Account payable to the Tazewell County Fire & Rescue Department, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 to purchase a reconditioned pumper from a dealership in Maryland. The pumper is the same type and same make as the previous pumper authorized for purchase with VRA loan funding during the February 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting, and which said funding to be sought by the County Administrator. However, the money is needed forthwith to purchase the vehicle for the Tazewell County Fire & Rescue. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the \$35,000.00 with said funding reimbursed to the County's Contingency Account when the VRA loan monies are received. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue said warrant in accordance with this action and which said warrant will be converted to negotiable check by the Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia.

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING/BUDGET SESSION – GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY08-09

The County Administrator, Jim Spencer and Patricia Green developed a list of Capital Projects that are ongoing or being proposed in the County. The follow is a list of projects that were discussed by the Board during the strategic planning/budget workshop:

Ongoing Projects

- ➡ Phase 4A Landfill
- ➡ Community Facilities Building
- ➡ Bluestone Project
- ➡ HVAC – Graham High School
- ➡ Field house – Richlands High School

- ➡ School Renovations
- ➡ PSA Capital Projects

Capital Project Approved – FY08 Budget

- ➡ Three (3) Fire Trucks (VRA Funding)
- ➡ County Garage move
- ➡ Brick replacement – Yong’s
- ➡ Bank Building purchase
- ➡ Airport Condemnation
- ➡ Recreation Projects
- ➡ Fairgrounds upgrade
- ➡ Jewell Ridge dumpster/convenience area (Seth White questioned whether the Attorney received the lease agreement from the Coal Company. The answer was no. The County Attorney was requested to check on the status of the lease.)
- ➡ Animal shelter facility

Capital Projects - Proposed

- ➡ Gratton Convenience Area/dumpster site
- ➡ Bluestone Idea Site
- ➡ Richlands Library – proposed relocation
- ➡ Animal Shelter Project
- ➡ Replace/Repair – HVAC at the County Courthouse

- Renovations – Courthouse & Administration
- Parking lot
- School facilities project
- PSA Capital Project
- Bathroom facilities at Burkes Garden to accommodate the Annual Burkes Garden Festival activities
- Meals tax referendum suggested

Other Budget Concerns Affecting Up-coming Budget

- State budget cuts
- School Board's request for 5% increase plus step for teachers
- LEO's Retirement Increase/Law enforcement
- Regional Jail Increase

Goals/objectives

- Continue to aggressively seek to find alternative funding sources
- Regional Industrial Park for Western Tazewell County
- Improve/Maintain Infrastructure
- Create talented workforce through educational opportunities
- Continue job creation /retention efforts
- Use e-Government training/technology to make government more user friendly
- Develop CIP for Emergency Services Operations

- ➡ Continue with proposed Zoning and development of the Comprehensive Plan
- ➡ Broadband expansion
- ➡ Reassessment evaluation
- ➡ Tourism & Recreation Efforts – County wide
- ➡ Multi-Use Trials – earnestly pursue
- ➡ Seek new revenue streams/sources through meal taxes, etc.
- ➡ Ask for County Elected official to serve on VACo Board
- ➡ Zoning Board – investigate requirements/duties
- ➡ Potential water sources
- ➡ Non – User fees – ordinance that requires persons to pay minimum fee whether or not used
- ➡ Continue to pursue ways to utilize County owned property
- ➡ Regionalization
- ➡ CPPD – possibly utilize services for reassessment

Priorities FY 08-09

- ➡ School facilities
 - ➡ Economic Development
 - ➡ Expand tax base
 - ➡ Expansion of current businesses in County – What can we do to help?
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The Chairman, William B. Rasnick then announced that the budget workshops would commence March 4, 2008 and continue until the completion and adoption of the County Budget for FY08-09. The Budget Committee will hold Budget Workshops in the afternoon prior to each Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Board talked about various agencies and departments that would have a big impact on the County's budget this year, to wit: landfill, law enforcement, non-profits, emergency services, technology, reassessment courthouse, roads, travel & tourism.

Supervisor Hymes suggested that the Tourism Committee seek ways to market the Route 16 to Saltville – Buchanan Highway stretch of road. He said that the area is a great motorcycle trail and needs to be marketed as such. He also suggested that the CART presentations be held in locations throughout the County – such as Pocahontas.

Supervisor Hymes reiterated the need to utilize the Falls Mills School. He requested that the County Attorney contact the Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. and discuss using the school as a facility for transitional housing. The Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. asked for this several months ago. The County Attorney will give a report to the Board regarding this subject in the next few days.

Supervisor White wanted to know what the Public Service Authority (PSA) planned to do with the old PSA building at Claypool Hill. The County Administrator said that the building was put to bid several years ago, but the bids were rejected.

Now, the Chairman called for further business to be transacted and there being none and upon motion of Supervisor Wimmer, seconded by Supervisor White and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman, William B. Rasnick _____