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At a meeting of the Scott County Board of Supervisors begun and held in the Supervisors' meeting room located at the Community Services Building in Gate City, Virginia on Tuesday the 7th day of May, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
L. Michele Glover
Eddie N. Skeen
Michael K. Brickey - Chairman
Danny M. Casteel
Christopher S. Maness – Vice-Chairman
Stefanie C. Addington

ABSENT: None.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Danny M. Casteel gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby amends the agenda by moving item 8g to item 13 and adding item 8j Meeting Date and Time to new business.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby approves the April 2, 2024 minutes.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the April 16, 2024 minutes.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey opened Citizen Expression Period to receive public comments.

Amy Branson a life time resident of Russell County, Virginia stated that she is here to talk with the Board as downstream neighbors. She spoke about a mega landfill locating at the Moss 3 site that would accept up to 6,000 tons of trash per day via rail and truck. It would be out-of-state trash. It is not a private landfill for our county. Russell County is getting ready to make a decision that will affect you, your district, and the people of your district. The Moss 3 Landfill Movement has a Facebook page, and we invite you to join our Facebook page. She went on to say that you might not think it affects you, but it does. Our environment is important. Our Clinch River is important. It is one of the most biodiverse rivers in the United States if not the world. Dr. Jess Jones spoke at our last Board meeting to talk about how valid their efforts had been to increase the mussel population. We have tourism and Mann's Farms. That is an important part of our revenue. We want to maintain a positive environment in the Clinch River. Ms. Branson stated that she would love for the Scott County Board of Supervisors to consider writing a letter of opposition to the Russell County Board against the private landfill that would take out-of-state trash. We currently have a contract with Blountville. If this landfill was for our trash, she stated that she would not be as opposed. This is about making money, and it is a private company.

Bobbie Powers stated that Scott County is nothing but large tracks of farm land. We do not have a lot of businessmen, doctors, or lawyers. She asked how many rich farmers the Board knows and went on to say that she worries for the Board's mental health if they think the people of this county can afford a 23 percent tax increase. Most people here are just seeing a tax increase and panicking. She questioned what happens when you can't pay your tax ticket. They take your land. Studies show that millennials will not be able to afford a home so how will our children be able to pay that much tax. Millionaires and billionaires like Bill Gates will be able to afford it. These families have been here for years, and this is a legal land grab. The citizens are here tonight to appeal to your better nature and common sense. We are here at your mercy. If we cannot have a board to protect us, we will have to vote new members in. Ms. Powers questioned where the 23 percent came from. She stated that we are in the middle of a depression, and the Board wants to impose a 23 percent tax increase like King George. Ms. Powers stated that her family has $250,000 worth of property in Scott County. She went on to say that she would vote for a 90 year old farmer, plumber, coal miner, or someone off the street before she will vote for someone who voted for a tax increase.

Peggy Tyus of Snowflake Road complained about dirt roads. She went on to say that it is hard to believe that there are that many dirt roads in Scott County. She inquired about getting more funds allotted for roads. The dirt roads are in real bad shape. Snowflake Road is terrible. She pointed out that she called the Virginia Department of Transportation. They called me back once, but haven't returned my last call. She inquired about the Virginia Department of Transportation being at the next meeting to give an update. Ms. Tyus stated that the Six Year Plan does not work, but she would like for Snowflake Road to remain on the plan. She thanked the Board for their service.

Valerie Reno from District Two stated that she voted for most of the Board. She went on to say that she chose to live in Scott County not once but twice. Ms. Reno pointed out that she is originally from Michigan but left that state because of taxation like this. There are farmers, retirees, and disabled people who cannot afford this. She noted that she works in retail with the public 50 to 60 hours per week. Ms. Reno noted that those people say they do not know how they are going to pay this ridiculous tax that the Board is proposing. It is a shame. She inquired where the Board works. She specifically asked Supervisor Maness where he works.

Supervisor Maness replied that he works from his basement.

She asked the Board how many are retired and can afford this tax.

Supervisor Casteel replied no.

She asked the Board where they shop.

Supervisor Casteel replied across the State line.

Ms. Reno replied that is where most of us are talking about moving to. She noted that her sister lives in Nashville and does not pay the tax that she pays here. She went on to say shame on me for not paying attention to the tax imposed on me two years ago. She went on to say that her property is unusable with a small yard. Ms. Reno reported that she pays $700 per year for taxes, and there will be a for sale sign in her yard if this tax is approved. There are no county benefits. There is no road crew, and there are tree limbs hanging everywhere. She noted that her car was hit by a tree limb three years ago and suggested hiring a road crew with this 23 percent tax increase instead of having inmates pick up trash because that is not safe. She noted that she loved living here but not anymore. Ms. Reno told the Board that they have to give the people something besides high taxes.

Jeff Watson from District Five reported that his father had a Class A license and was a building contractor in Scott County for over 30 years. His brother owned a store. He explained that he is on disability and cannot afford to pay anymore. He inquired about the amount taxes will increase next if there is a 23 percent increase this year. People cannot pay it. The cost of living has gone up 50 percent, but we got 2.5 percent cost of living increase that won't buy our groceries for a week. Mr. Watson reported that he was given some land and cannot take care of it or afford someone to take care of it. He pointed out that the county has two building inspectors. There was one building inspector for years. He stated that is $100,000 each so get rid of one of them.

Roger Stidham stated that he is not going to sugar coat it. The County threw money up a hog's ass with the building at Riverside. He went on to say that all the money is in Tennessee. He requested that the Board stop throwing money away and cut some. Mr. Stidham stated that people cannot be hit anymore. The Board has to make hard decisions. There is a lot that does not benefit us.

Debbie Kindle stated that she would sell any of her properties for what they are appraised. She questioned what jobs have been brought in to this county.

Danny Casteel replied ask John Kilgore.

In addition she asked if members of the Board have gone to any ribbon cuttings.

Danny Casteel replied no.

Ms. Kindle stated that there is no place to buy anything in this county. She inquired about things Scott County has to entice anyone to come here. She asked if anyone would like to buy her property. Ms. Kindle stated that we are being double taxed. The only thing that you can buy in Scott County other than groceries is furniture unless you want to buy clothes at Dollar General. She went on to say that everyone goes to Tennessee, and it is like being double taxed. She pointed out a 23 percent tax increase, and stated that everyone here needs to be campaign managers for someone else.

Sharon Nelson from Boozy Creek stated that the Board has an almost impossible job. It is very difficult to be leaders in a county when there are so many things that are not working. Ms. Nelson stated that there are a lot of things with the budget that she is not aware of, and she asked the Board to forgive her if she says something out of line. She respects the job of the Board, and she appreciates what everyone has said about the taxes and not having any businesses here. The one thing that was not mentioned is the school district and how they manage other students coming outside our county. She spoke about the Board's inability to speak with and have adult conversations with the School Board to figure out what is going on long term. If we cannot figure out what to do with all the students coming out-of-state, paying for it, and looking to having it match, something is not right with that. I see a lack of leadership and a lack of vision. We cannot keep going the way we are year to year and expect this to not happen next year. It does not look like it will get any better next year. We need the Board to be visionaries to see where we are going to be two, three, five years from now so that the people of this county can have a home and raise their children. The Board needs to have the vision to thrive not survive. Ms. Nelson stated that she would like to see something moving with the School Board and see what we can do there.

Gary Baker stated that the Economic Development Authority should have begged those gun manufacturers to come to Scott County. He went on to say that he does not want to see anyone but the sheriff's deputies driving a county vehicle home. He stated that there is no sense in that. The farmers are the big tax payers. They pay 45 percent of the taxes, and the Board needs to do something to help them. He inquired about the schools having a long range plan and commented that the students can't write their name or make change. It costs $18,000 per year for each student. He urged the Board to hold off on increasing taxes and micromanage like Redwine and Hood did when they were on the Board. He went on to say that he would not like being called a liar like Eddie Skeen was called.

Fritz Falin from East Carters Valley pointed out that it is seen on the news that people are crossing the border illegally, and that is going on where he lives. More and more people are living in Scott County and keeping their Tennessee tags. In addition, they are giving a Tennessee address to get out of paying income tax. That affects the entire state. They are also living in Tennessee and coming to Scott County to get an education. He went on to say that he has been told that the State gives the county grants, but who pays that back. It is not Kentucky people. They need to pay their part. If a Scott County student goes to Dobyns-Bennet High School, they have to pay tuition. Mr. Falin stated that he was also told that means more jobs for Scott County and more grants. He went on to say that tax money pays that employee. It needs to be policed better. Mr. Falin stated that he could get Tennessee tags put on his vehicles, but it would not be right and God is watching him. I am not going to do something that I am not supposed to. He went on to say that God has blessed him, his family, and his income. Everyone needs to be treated fairly no matter if you are man, woman, or whatever you are this day and time. Mr. Falin stated that there are more Tennessee cars passing by his home than Virginia. It is not right. I don’t care to feed the hungry, but people need to help themselves instead of beating the Government. That is our tax dollars. Mr. Falin stated that he has observed so many cars from Tennessee dropping off students at Weber City School. It is a road block in that area, and he pointed out several schools on the State line that this occurs. It needs to be checked out and if no one else does, Mr. Falin stated he will. He stated that it is like being pregnant. Either you are or you aren’t. You can’t be a little bit. We need to open our eyes. Mr. Falin asked the Board who did not vote for the tax increase.

The Board replied that they have not voted on a tax increase.

Supervisor Maness added that there has been a lot of confusion about that.

Supervisor Michael Brickey added that a tax increase has not been proposed.

Mr. Falin stated there are people in this county choosing between their groceries and their medicine. He went on to say that the Board has a hard job, and he would not do it. Any time you talk about politics or religion, there is a fifty percent chance of making someone mad or glad.

Chad Culbertson from Snowflake stated that he and his wife have been married for 30 years and acquired close to 500 acres. We work six to seven days a week, have three small businesses, and generated revenue for the county. Mr. Culbertson stated that he works at Eastman and his wife is a Director of Nursing. He went on to say that he can afford the taxes, but he is not sure if his son or his future grandchildren can hold on to this 500 acres. He added that it has been a goal of his to obtain this land, and he wants to keep it. Mr. Culbertson stated that he loves Scott County and does not want to leave and would like to retire soon. If taxes continue to be raised, Mr. Culbertson stated that he may have to keep working. He pointed out that the Lord has blessed him, but there are a lot who cannot afford it. He noted that he does not know a lot about local government, but he is interest in it. There is a lot of waste in the Federal Government, and he is confident that there is some waste here. He suggested cutting the budget before raising taxes, and he offered his services. He noted that he is a manager at Eastman and is always having to cut. Eastman does not gouge the customer for money because we are over budget. Costs are cut and sometimes it hurts. Mr. Culbertson stated that there is no doubt waste in this county. He stated that he would try to get more involved, keep up with what is going on, and is willing to assist with the budget. If you have to raise the taxes to balance the budget, you have to do it. Mr. Culbertson suggested looking at other avenues first.

Kim Osborne Frances stated that she has lived in Scott County her entire life and has owned a business in Scott County for over 40 years. She went on to say that she owns Southern Graphics. During that time, Scott County may have spent $40,000 in her business. She indicated that she could help Scott County if she gets to bid on their work. She stated that she has talked to the Supervisors, and she has not got the business, but that is not what she is here about today. She inquired about the breakdown of county vehicles and the amount of gas paid for those county vehicles. She stated that she requested that last night and was told that she would have it today.

County Administrator Freda Starnes reported that the county has 79 vehicles, and we will respond to your FOIA request.

Ms. Frances stated that she has seen several people during elections that came into to her business with good hearts and good intentions. They wanted to be a part of Scott County Government. They wanted to help the families and businesses in this county. They talked about changes they wanted to see made and things we could do differently to help the county and elderly. Some of them never ran a second term and some did. She went on to say that she sat in this room last night and watched how this Board treated one man who tried to come in here and make a difference and help the people and be honest and open with a proposal to lower taxes and keep from taking food out of people's mouths. She stated that she could not believe what she heard as the Board talked to this man. She stated that she has a better understanding why Scott County cannot move forward and get around the old guard. In addition, she stated that she has respect for all those who stand up and try to change things and make this a better place to live and not tax people out of their property and across the stateline.

Bobbie Powers requested copies of the budget and board packets. She stated that the budget is online but the packet is not and that shows where the money is being spent. She noted that it is required that those in attendance be provided with the agenda and packet information.

The County Attorney replied a request needs to be made ahead of time.

Supervisor Maness provided her with a copy that she requested.

Debbie Kindle noted that she has rental property. She spoke about housing in Scott County and the difference in Tennessee. She told the Board that they need to get up with the times if they keep raising everything. She inquired about the Board funding the Scott County Housing Authority. The Kingsport Times newspaper has a one bedroom listed at $900 - $1,200. She noted that she has a two bedroom with a disabled person. Housing pays $357, and she gets $500 for it. She noted that she works two jobs to make ends meet. People cannot keep taking on more and more to survive. She told the Board to take a deep soul search on their decision tonight because God is watching.

Jeff Watson inquired about the cost to tear down the old jail and what will be put back in that place.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that the cost is $117,777.

Chairman Michael Brickey added that a sally port needs to be put back to get the prisoners from the jail in the courthouse without going through families and people they may have harmed to make it safer. We have a trailer that they are staying in right now. We got bids two years ago because we thought the judge was going to make us build another courtroom. The bids were 28 million dollars and 33 million dollars.

Kasey Bellamy from Yuma stated that she grew up here and has never seen it the way it is now. The roads are not paved and there are pot holes everywhere. She inquired about how the money is being used. It is not for paving the roads. In addition, she inquired about the 79 county vehicles including first responders or is that just the council and members of the council. Not only should the gas be considered but the maintenance. Ms. Bellamy stated that she can’t do the maintenance on her vehicles because the oil is so expensive. She inquired about tax dollars keeping the Board’s vehicles maintained. She stated that she is driving 5,000 miles overdue because she cannot afford to buy the oil. She suggested thinking about the needs and then the wants. She went on to say that a good school system is needed, and back in her day, the Pledge of Allegiance was said along with an early morning prayer. That has been taken out of our school system. She suggested giving new businesses a tax break and volunteer fire fighters a tax break. The younger generations need to be involved. Ms. Bellamy stated that Scott County is different from other counties. Scott County is God based. Scott County needs to be community based with farms that provide food to those that need it. There are opportunities here the Board just needs to open their eyes and see them.

Ben Christian from Gate City stated that he does not think everything should be outsourced to Tennessee. Mr. Christian added that he hopes everyone here has come with good intentions, but may have a different way of saying it. Mr. Christian stated that he has several homes in Scott County and can afford the taxes, but he does not want to. Mr. Christian stated that he came aggravated but is now concerned because of a lack of vision to get out of what we are in. He went on to say that he knows enough about dealing with budgets that you have to cut something real deep or hit something real hard when there is an issue. He pointed out that he pays for his boys to go to Christian school. He noted that he does not get a tax break. He noted that he wishes that his company could make more of an impact in Scott County. Mr. Christian stated that he lives in Manville and a lot of the homes in that area do not have anyone in them. Mr. Christian stated that he has bought homes in this very room from the tax sale and benefited from that. Tax revenue might go down if people just leave homes behind. Those homes may be sold by the county, and people may or may not buy them. He added that a long term vision is needed, and he wants his boys to be able to afford taxes.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Brickey closed Citizen Expression Period.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen addressed the Russell County Landfill letter of opposition that Amy Branson requested.

Bill Dingus offered to send the DEQ link they have on their web site to the entire Board.

Supervisor Maness suggested that a provisional letter be drafted for consideration.

Chairman Michael Brickey replied that we do not know enough about it yet, and he requested that Bill Dingus send the link.

Supervisor Maness agreed that it should be considered later.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about making the agenda packet available to the public.

County Administrator Freda Starnes pointed out that the new Civic Clerk software has a portal that information is published to for the public.

An unidentified person in the audience noted that a lot of residents do not have access to that or are not tech savvy. If the Board put more money in the school budget, maybe they could learn how to use it.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that there are a lot of mandates from Richmond. We do not control how much we give the school. The Board gives them exactly what we have to and that has gone from 4 million dollars to 9 million dollars. The state mandates what we give the school. It is the same for the jail. Scott County pays for their inmates only. A lot of what you are blaming the Board of Supervisors for is mandated. The Board does the best we can to cut everything possible. The judge tells us what we need to do at the courthouse. The Board does not want tax dollars doing all this.

There were many random comments from unidentified people in the audience.

Chairman Michael Brickey noted that the casino funding is approximately $650,000 that can go to the schools, public safety, and transportation. Part of that has already been designated for the school and public safety.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey opened a public hearing to receive public comments on the possible adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Scott County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance at Section 14 to update references to Virginia Code Sections concerning dangerous dogs and to add to new Section 15 to prohibit dogs running at large and running at large in a pack.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Brickey closed the public hearing.

The County Attorney explained that a property owner who does not want a dog on their property can have the issue addressed with the change in this ordinance.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby adopts the following:

Ordinance NO: 2024-02

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SCOTT COUNTY
ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL ORDINANCE

It is ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County, Virginia, that Ordinance No. 2022-01, Ordinance to Amend the Scott County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance, is hereby amended at Section 14. Compliance with State Comprehensive Animal Laws, to update references to Virginia Code Sections, and to add a new section at Section 15., with subsequent sections renumbered, Running at large and running at large in a pack prohibited, and shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

The words and phrases used in this ordinance shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in Code of Virginia, Title 3.2, Chapter 65 "Comprehensive Animal Care," unless otherwise defined in this ordinance.

Section 2. Rabies inoculation; vaccination of dogs and domesticated cats against rabies required.

(a) The owner or custodian of any dog or domesticated cat in Scott County four months of age or older shall have such animal vaccinated for rabies by a currently licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician who is under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on the premises. The supervising veterinarian on the premises shall provide the owner or custodian of the dog or domesticated cat with a certificate of vaccination. The vaccine used shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture for use in that species. The owner or custodian of the dog or domesticated cat shall furnish within a reasonable period of time, upon request of the animal control officer, humane investigator, law enforcement officer, State Veterinarian's representative, or official of the State Department of Health, the certificate of vaccination for such dog or cat.

(b) Rabies clinics, approved by the appropriate health department and governing body, shall be held at least once per year when the governing body finds that the number of resident veterinarians is otherwise inadequate to meet the need.

Section 3. Dog license required; what dog license shall consist of.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a releasing agency that has registered as such annually with county animal control to own a dog four months old or older in Scott County unless such dog is currently licensed, as required by the provisions of this ordinance.

(b) A dog license shall consist of a license receipt and a metal tag. The tag shall be stamped or otherwise permanently marked to show the jurisdiction issuing the license and bear a serial number or other identifying information prescribed by Scott County.

(c) No license tag shall be issued for any dog unless there is presented to the

Treasurer of Scott County ("Treasurer"), or other agent charged by law with the duty of issuing license tags for dogs, satisfactory evidence that such dog has been inoculated or vaccinated against rabies by a currently licensed veterinarian or currently licensed veterinarian technician who was under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on the premises.

Section 4. How to obtain a license.

Any person may obtain a dog license by making oral or written application to the Treasurer, accompanied by the amount of license tax and current certification of vaccination as required by this ordinance or satisfactory evidence that such certificate has been obtained. The Treasurer shall only have authority to license dogs of resident owners or custodians who reside within the boundaries of Scott County and may require information to this effect from any applicant. Upon receipt of proper application and current certificate of vaccination as required by this ordinance or such satisfactory evidence that such certificate has been obtained, the Treasurer shall issue a license receipt for the amount on which he shall record the name and address of the owner or custodian, the date of payment, lifetime license or the year for which issued, the serial number of the tag, whether male or female, whether spayed or neutered, or whether a kennel, the vaccination expiration date, and deliver the metal license tags, which shall bear the words "Scott County, Virginia Dog Tag" and an assigned number. The tag and receipt shall together constitute the dog license. The information thus received shall be retained by the Treasurer, open to public inspection, during the period for which such license is valid. The Treasurer is authorized pursuant to Virginia Code Section 3.2-6527 to appoint as agents for the sale of dog licenses, veterinarians in Scott County, who may issue dog licenses as provided in this Ordinance under agreement with the Treasurer. The agents shall be compensated the sum of one dollar from each dog license tax for such service. All kennel licenses must be purchased in the Treasurer's Office. The kennel license tag shall show the number of dogs authorized to be kept under such license and shall have attached thereto a metal identification plate for each of the dogs numbered to correspond with the serial number of the license tag.

Section 5. Amount of license tax.

There is hereby provided and levied upon dogs in Scott County, four months old or older, either a lifetime license tax of $30 or an annual license tax of $5 per dog for a one-year tag and $10 per dog for a three-year tag, $100 for an annual kennel license of 20 to 50 dogs, and $200 for an annual kennel license for more than 50 dogs.

A lifetime dog license shall be valid only as long as the dog's owner resides in Scott County and the dog's rabies vaccination is kept current.

No license tax shall be levied on any dog that is trained and serves as a guide dog for a blind person, that is trained and serves as a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing impaired person or that is trained and serves as a service dog for a mobility-impaired person.

As used in this section, "hearing dog" means a dog trained to alert its owner by touch to sounds of danger and sounds to which the owner should respond and "service dog" means a dog trained to accompany its owner for the purpose of carrying items, retrieving objects, pulling a wheelchair or other activities of service or support. Such dogs shall however be currently licensed and vaccinated against rabies although no license tax is imposed. The applicant shall present satisfactory evidence to the Treasurer or appointed agent at the time of application for the license that the dog is, in fact, a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog and is and will be utilized as such.

Section 6. Veterinarians to provide treasurer with rabies certificate information; civil penalty.

(a) Each veterinarian who vaccinates a dog against rabies or directs a veterinary technician in his/her employ to vaccinate a dog against rabies shall provide the owner a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate. The veterinarian shall forward within 45 days a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate or the relevant information contained in such certificate to the Treasurer.

The rabies vaccination certificate shall include at a minimum the signature of the veterinarian, the animal owner's name and address, the species of the animal, the sex, the age, the color, the primary breed, whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered, the vaccination number, and expiration date. The rabies vaccination certificate shall indicate the locality where the animal resides.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each vaccinated animal that is not already licensed to apply for a license for the vaccinated dog. If the Treasurer determines, from review of the rabies vaccination information provided by veterinarians, that the owner of an unlicensed dog has failed to apply for a license within 90 days of the date of vaccination, the Treasurer shall transmit an application to the owner and request the owner to submit a completed application and pay the appropriate fee. Upon receipt of the completed application and payment of the license fee, the Treasurer or other agent charged with the duty of issuing the dog licenses shall issue a license receipt and a permanent tag. The Treasurer shall retain only the information that is required to be collected and open to public inspection pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance and shall forthwith destroy any rabies vaccination certificate or other similar record transmitted by a veterinarian to the Treasurer pursuant to this section. All unissued kennel license tags for the current license year shall be destroyed at the end of such year.

The Treasurer shall remit any rabies vaccination certificate received for any animal owned by an individual residing in another locality to the local treasurer for the appropriate locality.

Any veterinarian that willfully fails to provide the Treasurer with a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate or the information contained in such certificate may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10 per certificate. Monies raised pursuant to this subsection shall be placed in the locality's general fund for the purpose of animal control activities including spay or neuter programs.

An annual report shall be made to the Board of Supervisors on the number of license tags issued and receipts from such tax.

Section 7. When license tax payable.

(a) The license tax prescribed in Section 5 is due not later than 30 days after a dog has reached the age of four months, or not later than 30 days after an owner acquires a dog four months of age or older and each year thereafter.

(b) Licensing periods for individual dogs shall run concurrently with the rabies vaccination effective period. Any kennel license tax prescribed pursuant to Section 5 shall be due on January 1 and not later than January 31 of each year.

Section 8. Displaying receipts; dogs to wear tags.

(a) Dog license receipts, issued by the Treasurer or appointed agent at the time of purchase of dog license tags, shall be carefully preserved by the dog owner or custodian and exhibited promptly on request for inspection by the animal control officer or other law enforcement officer. Dog license tags shall be securely fastened to a substantial collar by the owner or custodian and worn by such dog. It shall be unlawful for the owner to permit any licensed dog four months old or older to run or roam at large at any time without a license tag. The owner of the dog may remove the collar and license tag required by this ordinance when: (1) the dog is engaged in lawful hunting; (2) the dog is competing in a dog show; (3) the dog has a skin condition that would be exacerbated by the wearing of a collar; (4) the dog is confined; (5) the dog is under the immediate control (leash) of its owner; (6) while engaged in a supervised formal obedience training class; or (7) during formally sanctioned field trials.

(b) The owner of a kennel shall securely fasten the license tag to the kennel enclosure in full view and keep one of the identification plates provided therewith attached to the collar of each dog authorized to be kept enclosed in the kennel. Any identification plates not so in use must be kept by the owner or custodian and promptly shown to the animal control officer or other officer upon request. A kennel dog shall not be permitted to stray beyond the limits of the kennel enclosure; but this restriction shall not operate to prohibit dogs being temporarily removed from the kennel while under the control of the owner or custodian to exercise, hunt, breed, show or engage in field trials. A kennel shall not be operated in any manner to defraud the county of the license tax payable on dogs which cannot be legally considered as kennel dogs or in any manner to violate other provisions of this division. If a kennel dog is found to be running at large, meaning roaming, running or self-hunting off the property of owner or custodian and not under the owner's or custodian's immediate control, in addition to other penalties provided by this ordinance, the kennel license of the owner of such dog may be revoked if it appears to the court that the provisions of this section have been violated by reason of carelessness or negligence on the part of such owner, and such owner thereupon shall be required to pay an individual license tax on each dog.

Section 9. Duplicate license tags.

If a dog license tag is lost, destroyed or stolen, the dog owner or custodian shall at once apply to the Treasurer for a duplicate license tag, presenting the original license receipt. Upon affidavit of the owner or custodian before the Treasurer that the original license tag has been lost, destroyed or stolen, the Treasurer shall issue a duplicate license tag that the owner or custodian shall immediately affix to the collar of the dog. The Treasurer shall endorse the number of the duplicate and the date issued on the face of the original license receipt. The fee for a duplicate tag for any dog shall be $1.

Section 10. Effect of dog not wearing a license tag as evidence.

Any dog not wearing a collar bearing a valid license tag shall prima facie be deemed to be unlicensed, and in any proceedings under this ordinance the burden of proof of the fact that such dog has been licensed, or is otherwise not required to bear a license tag at the time, shall be on the owner of the dog.

Section 11. Impoundment of unlicensed or unvaccinated dogs, redemption and disposition of such dogs.

(a) Any dog found running at large by the Scott County Animal Control Officer without the license tag as required by Section 3 of this ordinance, or any dog which has not been vaccinated against rabies as required by Section 2 of this ordinance may be seized and impounded in the Scott County Animal Shelter ("Animal Shelter"). If the owner of the dog can be immediately ascertained and located, a summons may be issued and the dog, in lieu of impoundment, may be released to its owner upon presentation of a valid rabies certificate for such dog and the current license receipt or tag for the dog. The dog shall be held in the Animal Shelter for a period of not less than five days, such period to commence on the day immediately following the day the dog is initially confined in the shelter, unless sooner claimed by the owner thereof, or unless the dog is rabid or suspected of being rabid, in which case the dog shall be held for further observation or disposed of in accordance with State law.

(b) The operator or custodian of the Animal Shelter shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain whether the dog has a collar, tag, license, tattoo or other form of identification. If such identification is found on the dog, the dog shall be held for an additional five days, unless sooner claimed by the rightful owner. If the rightful owner can be readily identified, the operator or custodian of the Animal Shelter shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the animal's confinement at the Animal Shelter within the next 48 hours following its confinement.

(c) Any dog impounded and not rabid nor suspected of being rabid may be redeemed by its owner at any time within the five-day period set forth above upon:

(1) Payment of a boarding fee of $13 the first day of confinement and $3 per day thereafter;
(2) Purchase and presentation of a license tag, if unlicensed; and
(3) Presentation of a valid rabies vaccination certificate pursuant to this ordinance.

(d) At the expiration of the five-day or ten-day period as applicable, provided above, if the dog has not been claimed, it shall be deem abandoned and become property of the Animal Shelter. The dog may be euthanized in accordance with the methods approved by the State Veterinarian; or adopted after purchase and presentation of a license tag and rabies certificate, written application for adoption in accordance with State law, and payment of an adoption fee of $30; or otherwise disposed of in accordance with State law. The Scott County Humane Society or any rescue approved by the county must pay a transfer fee of $10.

(e) No provision herein shall prohibit the immediate euthanasia of a critically injured, critically ill, or unweaned dog for humane purposes in accordance with State law.

(f) The Animal Shelter shall be operated in accordance with the requirements of State law and the regulations of the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 12. Destructive dogs; keeping prohibited; exception.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any dog within Scott County which is known by such person to be destructive of property or which has a tendency or propensity to attack other dogs without provocation; provided that such dog may be kept where there have been made adequate provisions to protect other dogs and property from attack, injury or destruction by such dog.

(b) An actual attack by such dog upon any other dog or destruction of property which occurs off the property of the owner of such dog shall be deemed prima facia evidence that there were not such provisions made, in any prosecution under this section.

Section 13. Destructive dogs, impoundment and control.

(a) In the event any person is charged with a violation of Section 12 of this ordinance, the dog allegedly kept in violation thereof may be impounded by the Scott County Animal Control Officer in the Scott County Animal Shelter until such time as the owner thereof shall redeem such dog by providing evidence of the adequate provisions to be made to protect other dogs and/or property from such dog, which provision may include securing of the dog on the premises of the owners, with defined limitation of access, or muzzling, or both; any dog released under such conditions shall be kept under such secured provisions, and any person failing to so keep such dog secured shall be guilty of a separate violation of section seven of this ordinance.

(b) The owner of such dog redeeming the dog from impoundment as provided above shall also pay a boarding fee of $13 for the first day and $3 per day thereafter and shall furnish a proper dog license and rabies inoculation certificate for such dog.

(c) Any such dog not redeemed from impoundment within five days of the disposition of the original charge of a violation of Section 13 of this ordinance by the court shall be destroyed in a humane manner. Provided, however, that any disposition of the original charge of a violation of Section 13 other than a finding of guilty shall nullify the effect of this section.

Section 14. Compliance with State Comprehensive Animal Laws.

The provisions of this ordinance are intended to compliment, not supercede, the State Comprehensive Animal Care Laws, Virginia Code Sections 3.2-6500 et seq., including but not limited to Sections 3.2-6540-3.2-6540.04, 3.2-6540.1, and 3.2-6542, Control of Dangerous Dogs, Vicious Dogs and the Virginia Dangerous Dog Registry, respectively, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance.

Section 15. Running at large and running at large in a pack prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow such dog to run at large, at any time, within the county, even though the dog is both lawfully licensed and vaccinated. A dog shall be deemed to run at large while roaming, running, or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under the owner's or custodian's immediate control. However, a dog shall not be considered "at large" if, during the hunting season, it is on a bona fide hunt in the company of a licensed hunter or during field trials or training periods when accompanied by its owner.

(b) A dog shall be deemed to be "running at large in a pack" if it is running at large in the company of one or more other dogs that are also running at large. The owner or custodian of any dog found running at large in a pack shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount of $100 per dog so found. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited by the Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 3.2-6534.

(c) Any dog found running at large by the Scott County Animal Control Officer in violation of this section may be seized and impounded in the Animal Shelter. The owner or custodian of such dog redeeming the dog from impoundment shall pay a boarding fee of $13 for the first day and $3 per day thereafter.

Section 16. Unlawful acts; penalties.

The following shall be unlawful acts and shall constitute Class Four Misdemeanors punishable by a fine of not more than $250 for each violation:

(a) License application - For any person to make a false statement in order to secure a dog license to which he/she is not entitled.

(b) License tax - For any dog owner to fail to pay the license tax required by this ordinance and for the year in which it is due. In addition, the court may order confiscation and the proper disposition of the dog.

(c) Removing collar and tag - For any person to remove a legally acquired license tag from a dog without the permission of the owner or for any owner to remove such collar and license tag other than as provided in this ordinance.

(d) Concealing a dog - For any person to conceal or harbor any dog on which any required license tag has not been paid or rabies vaccination obtained.

(e) Diseased dogs - For the owner of any dog with a contagious or infectious disease to permit such dog to stray from the owner's premises if such disease is known to the owner.

(f) Any other violation of this ordinance for which specific penalty is not provided.

(g) All fines collected under the terms of this ordinance shall be paid over to the Treasurer and shall be credited to the Scott County General Fund.

Section 17. Payment of license tax subsequent to summons.

Payment of the license tax subsequent to a summons to appear before a court for failure to do so within the time required shall not operate to relieve such owner from the penalties provided.

Section 18. Severability intent.

Should any article, section, subsection, or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 19. Enforcement.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Scott County Animal Control Officer.

Section 20. Conflicting ordinances.

All conflicting ordinances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 21. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be in force and effect in Scott County upon adoption.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Town of Dungannon Mayor Debra Horne, Nina Begley, and Christy Farmer addressed the Board about funding for the Dungannon Independence Day Celebration and the 1973 policy regarding building inspections and permits for incorporated towns. Ms. Horne explained that the town is paying fees and feels like the amount the town is being charged should fall to the one getting the permit. Furthermore, the Building Inspector is issuing permits without the person going through the permit process with the town first. In addition, Ms. Horne requested that the 1973 policy be reviewed.

Public Works Director Bill Dingus explained that the town's fee is in lieu of having a Building Inspector. Mr. Dingus stated that he did not know about the Building Inspector issuing permits without a town permit. He agreed to have a meeting and talk about that and the 1973 policy.

On a motion by Danny Casteel, duly seconded Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby funds the Dungannon Independence Day Celebration $1,000 from Board Contingency.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Buddy Delp with the High Knob Music Festival gave an update on a free family music festival to be held on June 15, 2024. He thanked the Board for their support in the past and stated that it would be appreciated if the Board supported the event this year.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby funds the High Knob Music Festival $900 from Board Contingency.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Break: 7:50 p.m.

Reconvene: 8:00 p.m.

Appalachian Harvest General Manager Adam Pendleton gave a presentation upon the request of Supervisor Eddie Skeen and invited the Board to tour the facility in Duffield.

On a motion by Christopher A. Maness, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ratifies a Memorandum of Understanding between Dickenson County and Scott County for the Wildwood Health & Wellness Center Project (Said MOU attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 60).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby adopts the following:

RESOLUTION 2024-02
A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FEE AND SPECIFY EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes that environmentally sound disposal of solid waste is essential for our community; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors aims to manage solid waste efficiently and responsibly;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Effective July 1, 2024, the Transfer Station Tipping Fee shall be $60.00 per ton.
2. Solid waste weighed at the Transfer Station will have the tipping fee applied in the following categories:
    - Bagged Commercial Waste: any nonhazardous solid waste derived from a commercial establishment that can be placed in a trash bag, which shall not exceed forty (40) gallon capacity.
    - Commercial Waste: all materials or substances from any retail, wholesale, or commercial establishment.
    - Industrial Waste: all materials or substances related to manufacturing, processing or production.
    - Structural Waste: all building materials resulting from erecting, removing, repairing, remodeling or razing buildings or other structures.
3. Exemptions from the Transfer Station Tipping Fee shall apply to individual residents as described in Article 4, Section 1, (d), (e), and (f) of the Scott County Solid Waste Control Ordinance who dispose of solid waste in the following categories:
    - Household Waste: any waste material, including garbage, trash, and refuse, derived from households, including single-family and multiple-family residences, hotels, motels, bunkhouses, ranger stations, crew quarters, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day-use recreation areas.
    - Bulk Waste: appliances, furniture, bedding material, automobile parts, mechanical equipment, mechanical parts, and carpet.
    - Yard Waste: all materials from trees, shrubbery, leaves, fallen branches, lawn trimmings, and other woody waste.
    - Animal carcass: agricultural animals, pets, wildlife. No more than two per trip.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

County Administrator Freda Starnes reported that there is no funding from the State to add roads to the Six Year Plan. She added that there will be a public hearing on the Six Year Plan at the June Meeting. She has not heard back about the traffic count on dirt roads. She went on to say that the Board can prioritize the roads now or wait until January. She noted that a traffic count on Ford Branch Road will be done again since those numbers did not appear to be correct.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about adding roads to the secondary system.

Ms. Starnes replied that would be a rural addition. There is an option to set aside five percent of the funds from the Six Year Plan for rural addition projects. Rights of way would have to be obtained and the road would have to be brought up to standards.

Supervisor Chris Maness suggested leaving it as is. That may set a precedent if we take in more roads with so many unpaved roads. He added that it will take 60 years to complete them all.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked Supervisor Maness if he does not want to take any roads into the system for the next 60 years.

Supervisor Maness replied no, but it will be a hard sell since there are 250 miles of unpaved roads.

Ms. Starnes replied that we can apply for revenue sharing for rural addition. It would require a match.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to seek a $4,000,000 line of credit for the school system.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Danny M. Casteel, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves the following golf course fees:

Green Fees
9 holes - $8.00
18 holes - $12.00

Cart Rentals
9 holes - $8.00
18 holes - $16.00

Monday Special
9 holes with cart $12.00
18 holes with cart $20.00

Thursday Senior Citizen Day (ages 50+)
9 holes with cart $12.00
18 holes with cart $20.00

Thursday Ladies Discount Day
9 holes with cart $12.00
18 holes with cart $20.00

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby changes the meeting day and time to the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. beginning with the July 2024 meeting. Rules of Procedures will be amended to reflect that change.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: Christopher S. Maness.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

$540 to General Properties – Contracted Maintenance 1000-43200-403324.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

$17,804.14 to 1000-94000-408104-000-0000-0000-0000-08026 Capital Projects – Communications Equipment Replacement.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

$40,357.25 to 1000-94000-408104 Capital Projects – Communications Equipment Replacement

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby accepts Circuit Court's Library of VA Records Preservation Grant 2023FY-049 and appropriates $21,889.00 in established expense code CCRPP LVA/Grant – Records/Books/Microfilming 1000-21940-405850-000-0000-0000-0000-01661.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Tina Seay presented applications for appointment.

Appointment – Mountain Empire Community College

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Adrienne Hood
Christopher S. Maness Second the nomination

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Adrienne Hood to serve a four-year term on the Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Ms. Seay noted that there are no applicants for the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 66).

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby orders that:

(a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of $455,376.63 for voucher numbers 50015395 – 50015420, 50015422 – 50015490, 50015746 -50015859, 50015902-50015907, 50015942-50015952, 50015982-50015987, with voucher number 50015421 void and wire 175, 176, 178, 179, 180, and 182.

(b) General Fund be allowed the sum of $2,125,352.42 for voucher numbers 50015501-50015525, 50015528-50015566, 50015568-50015583, 50015585-50015591, 50015593-55015594, 50015596-50015601, 50015603-50015610, 50015685-50015727, 50015759-50015793, 50015795-50015813, 50015815-50015825, 50015860-50015889, 50015891-50015894, 50015896-50015901, 50015921-50015941, 50015953-50015969, 50015971-50015975, 50016034-50016048, 50016050-50016055, 50016057-50016064 and wire 174, 177, 178, 179, 181, and 182.

(c) Health Insurance Reimbursement Fund be allowed the sum of $225,371.00 for voucher number 50015970.

(d) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of $4,776.85 for voucher numbers 50015562 and wire 174, 177, 182, 161, and 163.

(e) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of 398.62 for voucher numbers 50015584 and 50015810.

(f) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of $16,369.10 for voucher numbers 50015595 and 50015814 and wire 174 & 177.

(g) Weapons Permit Fund be allowed the sum of $506.94 for wire 174, 177, and 182.

(h) CPMT be allowed the sum of $98,764.96 for voucher numbers 50015988-50016008.

(i) American Rescue Plan Act Fund be allowed the sum of $22,792.30 for voucher numbers 50015567, 50015599, 50015794, 50015895

(j) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of $99.26 for voucher number 50015867.

(k) Upper Cliff Mountain Water Project be allowed the sum of $188,867.52 for voucher numbers 50016049 and 50016056.

(l) Delinquent Tax Litigation be allowed the sum of $2,222.20 for voucher numbers 50015592 and 50015890.

(m) Coal Road Tax Fund be allowed the sum of $329.51 for voucher numbers 50015527 and 50015602 with voucher number 50015526 void.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey, Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

It was the consensus of the Board to take more time to consider the presentation on opioid direct funding by Eric Smith.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen noted that he spoke with the Superintendent of Schools regarding advisors for the Promise Program. Gate City has one advisor. Twin Springs and Rye Cove share an advisor.

County Administrator Freda Starnes replied that she would pass that along at the next Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board meeting.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen spoke about the Virginia Department of Transportation matters that he has been working on that include Greens Chapel Lane, Obeys Creek, Luray Road, and Gate Road. He noted that there were no orange bag issues. He stated that he has a petition for the Little Duck Road and Route 71 intersection.

Ms. Starnes replied that he could give that to her to forward.

Supervisor Skeen pointed out that the school and sheriff survey road issues are being addressed during the summer. In addition, he is working to get a mowing schedule from the Virginia Department of Transportation. He reviewed the roads to be completed on the Six Year Plan that include Obeys Creek, Gillenwater Chapel, Greens Chapel lane, and Devil's Fork. He noted the Twin Springs Water Project and Midway Methodist Church Public Service Authority meeting. Supervisor Skeen stated that he received over 200 user agreements.

Supervisor Michele Glover invited everyone from District Two on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to a Town Hall meeting at the Boozy Creek Community Center.

Supervisor Chris Maness thanked the county staff for all they do and Freda Starnes for the work on the budget.

Bobbie Powers requested a copy of the by-laws.

John Kilgore presented the Enterprise Zone incentives.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby directs that a check be issued to Tempur Sealy in the amount of $83,353.70 for the 2022-2023 Enterprise Zone Incentives (Enterprise Zone Incentives Request for Payment attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 61).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby directs that a check be issued to VFP, Inc. in the amount of $67,928.72 for the 2022-2023 Enterprise Zone Incentives (Enterprise Zone Incentives Request for Payment attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book Attachment No: 62).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Economic Development Director John Kilgore gave a presentation (Said presentation being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 67).

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A.3 Real Estate being Gate City and A.7 Legal Counsel being the opioid litigation and A.5 Prospective Industry being in Duffield, Weber City, and Dungannon.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Michele L. Glover, this Board hereby returns to open session.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby gives the following:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Scott County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the 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 Scott County Board of Supervisors.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter
L. Michele Glover
Eddie N. Skeen
Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel
Christopher S. Maness
Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby authorizes the County Administrator to work on sell of real estate in Gate City.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby amends their opioid complaint to add Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) defendants, including related subsidiaries.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey adjourned the meeting to May 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN CLERK