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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 4th day of June, 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 Chris Maness gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves the agenda.

- 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 adopts the May 15, 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 L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby approves the May 6, 2024 minutes with a name correction in Citizen Expression from Vern Maze to Vern Mays.

- 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 Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby approves the May 7, 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.

Heather Damron thanked the Board for the letter sent to Russell County regarding the Moss 3 Landfill. She went on to say that the Board protected their residents by sending the letter.

Peter Saventeno of Antler Springs Lane spoke about the road deteriorating and becoming a safety issue. He spoke about an exposed culvert. Mr. Saventeno stated that cones have been placed around the exposed culvert, calls have been made, and confirmations have been received for work orders submitted. In addition, he spoke about a sink hole. Orange barrels were placed around the sink hole, but nothing else has been done to correct the issue. Mr. Saventeno spoke about the need for grading and gravel and issues the school bus has on this road. He pointed out that UPS and a school bus travel the road, and he is concerned about the safety of those traveling the road.

Chairman Michael Brickey pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation is in attendance and taking notes.

Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator Allan Sumpter noted that someone would be in contact with Mr. Saventeno, and he pointed out that the delay could be due to environmental issues.

Peggy Tyus spoke about Snowflake Road. She noted speed bumps, pot holes, and bushes. Ms. Tyus went on to say that she counted over 100 pot holes within three miles. She pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation never responded to a work order she made in February; therefore, she contacted them again and was told that they could not find the issue. In addition, Ms. Tyus stated that she has contacted the offices of Congressman Griffith, Senator Pillion, and Delegate Kilgore. If these people had to drive these roads, Ms. Tyus stated they would get funding for roads. She requested that Snowflake Road remain on the Six Year Plan for secondary roads.

Bobbie Powers reported that there was no Citizen Expression Period at the last special called meeting, and that is a violation. She distributed the law regarding that to those in attendance. In addition, she spoke about a FOIA request for emails between the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors. She addressed the Sunshine Laws regarding emails among the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator.

Gary Baker from Boozy Creek thanked the Virginia Department of Transportation for attending the meeting. He went on to say that they have permits to begin cleaning out ditch lines in our area. He went on to say that he spoke with Virginia Department of Transportation Wade Belcher about an area that needs to be addressed where a water line was installed. Mr. Baker suggested that the Board send a letter to the Governor about road maintenance being placed under the supervision of the county. Instead of taking care of the illegals, they need to be sending funds back to the Virginia Department of Transportation. Mr. Baker noted that Mr. Kilgore spoke about a hotel in Scott County, and he questioned if it would be filled with illegals. We need manufacturing or Sam's Club to bring in tax revenue. He added that it looks like the real estate tax will remain the same, but the personal property will be raised 10 cents. He inquired about the Commissioner of Revenue bringing in all the automobile values. Before the Board of Supervisors make that decision, Mr. Baker pointed out that needs to be known.

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

Chairman Michael K. Brickey opened a public hearing to receive comments on a Special Use Permit Application submitted by Theda D. Jennings for tax map # 170-A-13B on Lucy Drive in Gate City, VA to use the parcel as Retail Sales.

David Gilmer presented an application for a special use permit from Theda Jennings for retail sales off Lucy Road. He noted that she has gone through the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission approved the special use permit contingent upon Ms. Jennings getting an entrance permit from the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Health permit for a septic system. She has done that but has not implemented the Virginia Department of Transportation portion. She still has to go through the building department for permits. He clarified that she is required to install a barrier. Virginia Department of Transportation will allow her to use railroad ties for the barrier.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter inquired about her getting a Tax ID.

Mr. Gilmer replied that she would need to obtain that; however, that has nothing to do with his department. That would be the Virginia Department of Taxation.

Chairman Michael Brickey stated that he is confused as to what the Board can do.

Mr. Gilmer replied that it was approved contingent, and she has not implemented the barrier.

Theda Jennings stated that a Virginia Department of Transportation representative showed her where to put the entrance, and she paid a \$250 fee for the permit. She went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation gave her the measurements and told her that she has up to one year to install it. Ms. Jennings noted

that she plans to install reflectors because it is in a curve, and she is concerned that the barrier will cause a wreck.

Ms. Jennings went on to say that she was waiting to install the barrier closer to the time her business opens.

Supervisor Christopher Maness inquired about the impacts of not getting a special use permit.

Ms. Jennings replied that she would be at a standstill. She went on to say that she would like to add a restaurant and will be applying for a special use permit for that as well.

Chairman Michael Brickey inquired about being approved through the Department of Health.

Ms. Jennings replied that she was approved.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that the barrier needs to be done before the Board approves the Special Use Permit.

Ms. Jennings replied that the Virginia Department of Transportation told her that she has one year. She requested that the Board approve it and give her a couple weeks to get that done.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter inquired about the Tax ID.

Ms. Jennings replied that she is going to obtain a Tax ID.

Mr. Robbie Lewis stated that he lives a half mile from this location. He noted that Mr. Gilmer received multiple calls in opposition to this. There is a petition with 200 plus signatures who are opposed to this. He went on to say that at one time it was going to be apartments, CBD store, back to apartments, thrift store and antiques, and now a restaurant. People in the community are concerned because we do not know what it is going to be. Mr. Lewis stated that he is all about capitalism, but this is not on Main Street. This is a community where people live and farm. He addressed the need for special use permits to be scrutinized heavily especially in a community. It was discussed that she could change to a CBD store if the retail special use permit is approved. There was mention that the special use permit would follow if the property was sold. Mr. Lewis questioned why issue a special use permit when harm to the community far outweighs the tax revenue. Mr. Lewis stated that, by code, an antique store does not require a special use permit. At this point, Mr. Lewis stated that he is confused as to why a special use permit is needed if that is truly the intent. If the special use permit is granted, he does not know where this is going, and the people in the community will have to deal with it.

Michele Glover questioned how many signatures are on the petition.

Mr. Lewis replied over 200.

Ms. Jennings stated that no one came to her and asked what she was going to do with it. There was a rumor of a CBD store. After she researched that and found it was not legal, she stated that she was absolutely against a CBD store. She stated that she does not intend to be involved with that. She stated that she intends to do a thrift store, restaurant, and a lot of people are excited about it.

Chairman Michael Brickey suggested postponing indefinitely until we hear about the barrier, Tax ID, and special use permit.

Supervisor Michele Glover suggested looking at the curve due to safety issues.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Brickey closed the public hearing.

Chairman Michael Brickey postponed the special use permit indefinitely.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey opened a public hearing on the Secondary Roads Six Year Plan and Construction Budget for FY 2025.

Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator Allan Sumpter spoke about updating the Secondary Roads Six Year Plan. He noted that there are 255 miles of unpaved roads in Scott County. Normally, one or two roads can be added to the plan each year. He went on to say that inflation has impacted the plan. This year no roads can be added to the plan. He inquired about the Board working on a priority list for the future. Mr. Sumpter stated that he is confident that the Board will be able to add roads to the plan next year. Mr. Sumpter reviewed the roads that are on the plan.

Theda Jennings spoke about Route 990. She stated that the end of state maintenance sign was moved during the winter. She stated that sign was up for 25 years. When it snows, that part will not be graded. This affects three families. Ms. Jennings requested that the end of state maintenance sign be moved back.

Chairman Michael Brickey replied that the Virginia Department of Transportation representatives have taken note of that.

Milo Hill spoke about Route 652, Cox Chapel Road, in Rye Cove that was paved on both ends, but the middle section was not paved.

Supervisor Danny Casteel pointed out that the middle section is where most of the homes are but never got paved. They should have started on the end where the homes are located and paved that first instead of leaving the middle portion unpaved.

Mr. Sumpter stated that these are things you can take into consideration. It can be placed on the priority list for roads to choose from when adding to the plan next year.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Brickey closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Eddie N. Skeen, this Board hereby approves the Secondary Roads Six Year Plan and Construction Budget (Said Plan and Construction Budget attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 68).

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 a public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2025.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Michael Brickey closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the date for property values on vehicles to be submitted.

County Administrator Freda Starnes replied that she has those when starting on the budget, and that is the way it has been every year. That was in March, but she offered to check with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Supervisor Skeen mentioned that the Economic Development Authority returned \$115,000. He went on to say that the Board requested that the school return \$200,000 of the additional one million dollars they requested.

Supervisor Maness reported that Superintendent of Schools John Ferguson presented the request to the School Board, and they could not find a place to take the \$200,000.

Supervisor Skeen reminded the public that one million dollars requested by the school is tax payer's dollars. The \$200,000 was requested back due to out-of-state students that are not paying tuition. He went on to say that this will be discussed at the final budget session. He added that S.C.O.T.T. Service has a balance of \$337,000. It is Scott County funds that the Board of Supervisors control. As far as Mr. Skeen is concerned, that is on the table to be added back into the budget.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey opened a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for FY 2025.

County Administrator Freda Starnes noted that the only tax increase is personal property from \$1.65 to \$1.75. She went on to say that the Board will have another week to make a decision about the increase and adopt the tax levies at that time.

Supervisor Christopher Maness inquired about the transient tax increase.

Ms. Starnes replied that there will be a public hearing on that at a later time.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out that the Social Services budget request error is a factor.

County Administrator Freda Starnes explained that it was a calculation error in the amount of \$97,000 in the draft budget.

Gary Baker pointed out that a decision cannot be made on personal property until the Commissioner of the Revenue provides the values on vehicles. He noted that that is not correct if she gave you the values from last year.

County Administrator Freda Starnes stated that she would get the answer.

Susan Jessee from Russell County spoke about the tax increase. She went on to say that her husband owns land in the Scott County, and she does not know why taxes need to be raised. Ms. Jessee pointed out that the County Attorney makes \$200,000 per year. She added that none of the adjoining counties pay \$200,000 for an attorney. Ms. Jessee encouraged the board to look at the budget again to see where the money is being spent instead of raising taxes. She went on to say that it is difficult to make a living doing anything. You want to raise their taxes when they can barely purchase groceries and prescriptions. They are trying to raise children, send them to college, and give them a reason to stay in Scott County. Raising taxes is not the answer if you want the younger people to stay here. Scott County could boost their tourism if they would just look. It is unreal the amount of out-of-state people who come to Scott County. Scott County needs to grab what they have and run with it. Raising taxes in this county is ridiculous. There is a golden opportunity here. The younger generation love to hike. She went on to say that she loves to camp in Scott County and canoe the Clinch. She told the Board that their constituents elected them and believed in them. She encouraged the Board to think about it and focus on what this county offers. Scott County has a lot of beautiful places. Taxing these people is not the answer. There is a lot of potential in Scott County. The younger generation is going to keep this county going. She pointed out that they are leaving every day in Russell County due to the landfill. No one wants to buy a house or start a business with the potential of a landfill. If taxes are raised in Scott County, no one will come in. They will be leaving. Then, no one will be here to pay taxes. She suggested pulling people into the county instead of keeping them out.

Tommy Osborne from Boozy Creek pointed out that there were two gentlemen who volunteered their time to serve on a committee for economic growth at the last budget meeting he attended. He questioned what is going to happen next year with the budget. The Board cannot keep doing a tax increase. There are people who will volunteer their time and give input on economic growth instead of a tax increase. It is going to be the same situation next year. He suggested to think out of the box instead of raising taxes.

Michael Sluss stated that he is a lifelong resident of Scott County. He pointed out that some members of the Board ran their campaign on lowering taxes. Mr. Sluss stated that he has a 2018 Jeep Wrangler and paid \$400 in

personal property tax last year. He went on to say that he works for the school system making \$20,000 per year. He added that his monthly income is \$1,200, and his Jeep payment is \$600. He pointed out that he has other bills as well. Mr. Sluss stated that people like him cannot afford to pay more taxes. Mr. Sluss stated that he voted for one Board member who ran their campaign on lowering taxes. He stated that people his age cannot afford a tax increase, and he is working during summer school to pay his taxes.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Michael K. Brickey closed the public hearing.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented a funding request from Eric Smith with SECOR in the amount of \$75,000.00. She went on to say that the facility will open soon. If they house five people from Scott County, it would be a jail cost savings of \$90,000 for Scott County. She went on to say that SECOR has received funding from Wise, Tazwell, Russell, and Buchanan counties.

Supervisor Maness inquired about this funding being one-time or yearly.

The County Administrator replied that it would be one time from the Opioid pharmacy settlement to be received over the next ten years. Ms. Starnes stated that she could contact Mr. Smith about attending another meeting.

After much discussion, it was a consensus that Mr. Smith attend another meeting.

Virginia Department of Transportation Allan Sumpter gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 70).

Mr. Sumpter noted that all concerns expressed at the meeting will be looked into. All primary roads have been mowed. Mowing on secondary roads will begin on Monday in Hiltons and Yuma. He noted that Supervisor Skeen requested a mowing schedule. That schedule will list a zone instead of roads. Mr. Sumpter added that they are investigating their crews mowing instead of contractors.

Supervisor Glover inquired about the system being down earlier today. She had a resident who called her about Fowlers Branch Road pot holes and drainage. Supervisor Glover noted that her work order request did not process.

Mr. Sumpter replied that there are outages at times. He placed that on the list of concerns.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out that most all the school bus and sheriff survey concerns have been addressed. Supervisor Skeen inquired about anything with litter control the Board can do in advance of the mowing crews.

Mr. Sumpter replied that he cannot provide a list that shows when specific roads will be mowed. He will be providing zones. Litter control ahead of mowing on U.S. Highway 23 would be helpful.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen advised Public Works Director Bill Dingus that Virginia Department of Transportation would be providing a mowing schedule to aid with litter control ahead of mowing.

Mr. Sumpter added that there have been issues with mowing and orange bags, but that can be coordinated with Mr. Dingus.

Mr. Dingus suggested doing litter pickup after mowing since it is difficult to get the trash out of the vegetation, it is more difficult for motorists to see those picking up trash with the vegetation, and it is more difficult for those picking up trash to get off the road.

Mr. Sumpter agreed that it is more hazardous. The issue is that trash becomes shredded and scattered.

Mr. Dingus pointed out that the orange bags need to be picked up in advance of mowing because there has been an issue with those being shredded with mowing.

Supervisor Skeen mentioned Gillenwater Chapel Road and Greens Chapel paving.

Mr. Sumpter replied that Virginia Department of Transportation tried to do those with their crews so it took more than one year to complete since those crews also take care of road maintenance. Since then, we have gone back to contractors. Paving should begin soon on those roads. If grade work begins in the fall, the road has time to settle throughout the winter before being paved in the summer. A two season program provides a better product.

Supervisor Michael Brickley expressed appreciation for the paving in Daniel Boone, fixing the culvert at Sarah Circle, and Alley Valley project.

Supervisor Danny Casteel noted comments made by Mr. Campbell at the State shop regarding funding issues and gravel being distributed for emergency situations only.

Mr. Sumpter replied that is true. There are so many roads to take care of; therefore, gravel is distributed conservatively based on the needs and budget each month. He added that there are needs everywhere. We spread that out as much as we can.

Supervisor Danny Casteel noted a road that was not scraped during the last snowfall for seven days near the convenience center in Rye Cove. Supervisor Casteel stated that he was run off from the Fort Blackmore state shop. The funding was not there in February and March and probably not in April or May. All the road needs is one load of gravel. Supervisor Casteel stated that we are in bad shape if Virginia Department of Transportation cannot come up with one load of gravel. There are some roads on highway 65 and other roads as well that the shoulder is broke off. There is a low weight bridge sign on highway 65 that a gravel truck could not legally travel according the tonnage on the sign.

Mr. Sumpter replied that he would have the bridge crew look at that bridge.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen presented a petition to Mr. Sumpter with 160 signatures regarding sight distance at the Little Duck Road and Highway 71 intersection.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby funds Weber City Fire Department \$900 from Board Contingency for their Independence Day fireworks display.

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.

Amy Vicars presented bookkeeping.

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

E-911/Dispatch
\$756.43 to 1000-31400-406009 Vehicle & Powered Equip Supply

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 Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

Sheriff’s Office

\$7,839.00 to 1000-31200-405540 Sheriff’s Office – Conferences & Training

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 Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

Sheriff’s Office – DCJS Bryne JAG

\$3,323.00 to 1000-31200-406015-000-0000-0000-01361 DCJS Bryne JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) LOLE (Local Law Enforcement) Block FFY23 Grant – Police Supplies

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 Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

Park/Golf

\$2,340.40 to 1000-71110-406099 Park/Golf – Merchandise for resale

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.

Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Lindsay Fischer
Michael K. Brickey second the nomination

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Eddie N. Skeen, this board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Lindsay Fischer to serve a four-year term on the Lonesome Pine Regional Library 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.

Tourism Development Committee

Eddie N. Skeen nominated Courtney Stidham

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Courtney Stidham to serve a three-year term on the Tourism Development Committee.

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

Voting nay: None.

Abstain: Christopher S. Maness.

Planning Commission

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Jace Smith

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Jace Smith to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission.

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 Attorney Sally Kegley addressed advertisement for a public hearing on the Solid Waste Ordinance for changes to the tipping fee for sole proprietors because the fee is increasing July 1, 2024.

Owner of Clinch River Trash Service Mike Deel spoke about providing a service to the county for five years. He went on to say that his business continues to grow and continues to take on customers regularly. Mr. Deel pointed out that he provides a service to not only the residents but the county as well. That is trash the county does not have to haul. If we were not hauling the trash, the county would have the cost to haul it. Mr. Deel pointed out that the fee increase is huge, and he is not sure that he could continue to provide the service at that rate. The tipping fees are his biggest expense. He went on to say that he considered raising his rates but would probably lose a lot of customers. Some of those customers are elderly or handicapped, and raising the rates is not a realistic option. He requested help from the county. He went on to say that long term his business could be the solution to the waste management problem in the county to some degree.

Mr. Dingus added that Mr. Deel's business hauled 232 tons last year. 19.34 tons per month. That is the equivalent of two packer trucks or five full solid waste centers that the county did not have to haul to the transfer station.

Mr. Deel pointed out that he has been hauling 30 tons per month since January.

Mr. Dingus stated that he talked with Mr. Deel about his three commercial customers. He would not be exempt from the fee for the commercial customers.

There was discussion among the Board regarding the fee.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby authorizes advertisement for a public hearing to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance to include an exemption for sole proprietors with a tipping fee of \$40.00 at the transfer station.

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.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the sunshine laws brought up by Bobbie Powers during Citizen Expression Period and the emails being legal or illegal between Mr. Brickey and Mr. Kilgore. Supervisor Skeen inquired about the County Attorney being involved with those emails.

Ms. Kegley replied no.

Supervisor Skeen pointed out that he had a couple of legal Professionals state that was an illegal meeting. He requested that Ms. Kegley express her opinion on that.

County Attorney Sally Kegley asked if he was referring to a phone call with a citizen and Chairman Brickey.

Supervisor Skeen replied yes.

County Attorney Kegley advised that a quorum would be four or more members of the Board, and a meeting of three or more members of the Board is considered a meeting. She went on to say that she advised the Board to not correspond back and forth at one time. She did advise that the Board could send emails, but not simultaneously. Ms. Kegley pointed out that she has not seen that occur.

Supervisor Maness added that it is the frequency of the emails.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment 71).

On a motion by Michele L. Glover, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby orders that:

- (a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$427,095.05 for voucher numbers 50016065-50016165, 50016414-50016418, 50016443-50016452, 50016559-50016569, 50016680-50016684 and \$195,361.27 wire 191, 192, 194, 196, 198.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$102,476.66 for voucher numbers 50016166-50016183, 50016185-50016213, 50016215-50016236 and wire 190, 193-195, 197-201.
- (c) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$3,329.01 for wire 190, 193, 198.
- (d) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$208.80 for voucher number 50016214.
- (e) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of \$2,374.66 for wire 190 & 193.
- (f) Weapons Permit Fund be allowed the sum of \$506.94 for wire 190, 193, and 198.
- (g) CPMT be allowed the sum of \$103,818.75 for voucher numbers 50016710-50016730.
- (h) American Rescue Plan Act Fund be allowed the sum of \$30,920.00 for voucher numbers 50016184 & 50016231.

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 requested that the Board let her know if they will be attending the Virginia Association of Counties meeting next Tuesday.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that he only had three work orders that needed follow up with the Virginia Department of Transportation, and they were addressed immediately. There were no orange bag reports. He went on to say that he attended the LENOWISCO Board meeting and, SMART Scale projects were discussed.

County Administrator Freda Starnes noted that the dual left turn lanes project at McDonalds has already been approved. The Natural Tunnel Project was screened out. With some changes, that project will be looked at again in July.

Mr. Skeen noted that the Virginia Department of Transportation was able to take care of the school bus and sheriff survey items with the exception of a few. Supervisor Skeen pointed out the reason for eight or nine budget sessions is due to the lack of revenue. He went on to say that the citizens deserve a monthly update on economic development in Duffield, Dungannon, and Weber City from Mr. Kilgore. If we were making progress with Economic Development, we would not be going through nine budget sessions.

Chris Maness inquired about the update being an email or in person.

Supervisor Skeen replied an email.

Supervisor Maness suggested attending the Economic Development Authority meeting.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about the meeting Supervisor Maness attended.

Supervisor Maness reported that they are working on stuff, but cannot divulge information from closed session.

Supervisor Skeen replied that people want to know.

Supervisor Maness stated that an email update would just say that they are working on stuff because they cannot violate that.

Supervisor Skeen asked the County Attorney if the Economic Development Authority could do that.

The County Attorney advised that the Economic Development Director does that already with his quarterly update.

Supervisor Skeen made a recommendation that the Economic Development Director provide a monthly email update and report to the Board in person quarterly.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out that the County Administrator is excellent at the financial portion of her job. Supervisor Skeen requested that the County Administrator get more involved with problem solving with waste management and make suggestions in July.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter inquired about the issues.

Supervisor Skeen replied that some people are concerned about the closings, separation of the metal, and recycling.

Supervisor Michele Glover suggested that the Transfer Station employees attend the Board meeting to discuss their concerns and what is going on at the waste sites because we do not see it every day. She went on to say that the Board needs to hear it from them.

Supervisor Danny Casteel stated tires were dumped at the Rye Cove site. There are lots of things that the Board does not see especially in Carters Valley, Yuma, and Hiltons.

Assistant County Administrator/Public Works Director Bill Dingus explained that they were manned 48 hours per week. Then, the citizens wanted the sites open 24 hours Monday through Saturday, but they cannot be manned 24 hours per day. The hours were cut in half to save in that budget line item. If they are manned, \$250,000 would have to be put in the budget this year and reduce the number of hours they are open through the week. Closing every now and then when they are open 24 hours is inevitable. No one in this county has had to wait more than half a day to take their trash to a convenience center. Mr. Dingus pointed out that he does not take his trash on Monday mornings because they are full. The convenience that we provide causes a lot of problems that you are talking about. Those sites are open 133 hours per week, and we budget 24 hours of labor. If you want to close them every day and man them, that would take care of the Tennessee trash and the recycling bins being contaminated. The cost saved will not even reach the labor cost for that to happen.

Supervisor Skeen stated that there are different options. S.C.O.T.T. Service is one of them.

Mr. Dingus replied that S.C.O.T.T. Service would have to guarantee that they could provide 600 hours per week to man these sites six days per week and eight hours per day. Then, you have people who are out of jail manning these sites. Any place that we have S.C.O.T.T. Service workers, there are people with them at all times. Mr. Dingus stated that he is uncomfortable putting people out of jail at a solid waste center unsupervised; however, he will do what the Board wants. It is being done the cheapest and most convenient that it can be done. Anything else is going to cost money and affect convenience.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked the County Administrator if she would accept the challenge.

The County Administrator replied that she would see what she can do.

Supervisor Michele Glover requested that the building permit fees be placed on the July agenda for consideration.

County Administrator Freda Starnes suggested that being on the August or September agenda to give time to research what other counties are doing.

Supervisor Chris Maness expressed appreciation for the staff.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A.3 Real Estate being 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 Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, 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 Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, 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.

Chairman Michael K. Brickey adjourned the meeting to June 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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