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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 Wednesday the 5th day of March, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

- PRESENT:

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

None.

Chairman Christopher S. Maness called the meeting to order.

Supervisor L. Michele Glover gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby amends the agenda by adding item 8f - Lana Mullins - Auxiliary Grant Assist.

- 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 approves the February 5, 2025 and February 14, 2025 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 Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby directs that those speaking during Citizen Expression Period be limited to five minutes to speak and give their name and where they are from.

- 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 Christopher S. Maness opened Citizen Expression Period to receive public comments.

Peggy Tyus from Snowflake addressed the Board. She reported that Snowflake Road is washed out, and she noted the difficulty for vehicles, buses, and mail carriers that travel the road. Ms. Tyus pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation has been cleaning out drain pipes; however, more drain pipes are needed. She thanked Virginia Department of Transportation for work done on Addington Frame Road, and expressed hope that Delegate Kilgore will get more funding for dirt roads. Ms. Tyus spoke about the need for more businesses in Scott County to increase revenue. She thanked the Board for all they do and requested that Snowflake Road remain on the Six Year Plan.

Bobby Powers stated that she is aware of the five-minute rule that was just passed; however, she has some things to address from the last meeting. She went on to say that she is normally the first one to speak and then goes to work. Ms. Powers stated that she debated on what to say; however, there were a few people who made it personal at last month's meeting. Ms. Powers pointed out that Mr. Dingus was very curious as to the location of her property. Ms. Powers noted her name and stated that she is from Dungannon, and her address is 5248 Hanging Rock Parkway. Ms. Powers went on to say that her daddy was Bobby Couch, and her property is above Danny Ray. She noted that Danny Ray and Jack Compton can tell about her daddy. She went on to say that her daddy was a felon before he was 18 for making moonshine, and he was a coal miner. In addition, she stated that her daddy built his cabin with a chainsaw. Two Scott County deputies came to the back door and tried to serve him with a warrant for his arrest. Ms. Powers stated that her daddy told the police that he saw their bullet proof vests, but they don't make one for the face. Those deputies left, and the warrant disappeared. In 2000, Ms. Powers reported that a Coeburn deputy was mad at another deputy inside the police department, and he shot the police station window out. Ms. Powers went on to say that it was all over the news, everyone was looking for the deputy, and that man came to her family farm. She went on to say that he came to a felon's house when he was in need. Ms. Powers stated that the law loved her daddy, bought moonshine from him, but he was disrespected by the ones who did not like him. Ms. Powers stated that there are people in both counties that know she is telling the truth, but she specified that she did not tell the stories to impress. Ms. Powers stated that an outlaw in the woods raised her. She went on to say that you cannot destroy her because she is built different. Ms. Powers added that she came to last month's meeting to criticize the Board's leadership skills and argue that a 9:00 a.m. meeting time dampens liberties. She went on to say that other county meetings are as empty as this one, but they still have their meetings at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Powers pointed out that, as she was walking away, Ms. Addington uttered under her breath that some people should pay their taxes. She noted that Ms. Addington showed her true colors that day and showed the county if they go against the Board they could be retaliated against. Ms. Powers stated that several tax payments have been made on that land. She explained that her parents died the same day five years ago, and her ex had to pay the state \$175,000 to keep the farm in the family. There is a difference in couldn't and wouldn't. Ms. Powers stated that anyone in this room

could have a tragedy preventing them from paying taxes for a while. Ms. Powers stated that showed the citizens of this county that they better not fuss or their affairs will be looked into. Ms. Powers stated that she wants everyone to listen close to what she is about to say. She stated that the Board can do their level best to take everything she owns, but she will still stand her ground because people like her cannot be destroyed. Ms. Powers stated that she is built different. The Board showed their cowardness, did not have the backbone to punch below the belt with her standing two feet in front of them, and Ms. Powers stated that the people of Scott County saw that. She stated that was the best compliment of the day. Ms. Powers requested an apology to the citizens of Scott County and stated a county leader is held to a higher accountability of ethics and standards. At the last meeting, Bobbie Powers, pointed out that Chris Maness asked that she blame the Board instead of Freda. Ms. Powers stated that she would not want to be judged for another person's sins. Ms. Powers told Chairman Maness to let blame lay where it falls. She recalled Freda reporting, at the last meeting, that the county does payroll for 950 employees and acted like it would take another person to do accounting. Ms. Powers pointed out that accounting programs have two choices that include hourly or salary by the click of a mouse. With the proper software, it should take no more time than it does now. Ms. Powers noted that the county got roughly ten million dollars in Covid funds. Some on the Board voted for the pay study increase to be done by a law firm. That law firm decided to give everyone a 45 percent pay increase with different titles. She stated that no one questioned the ethics or feasibility of county-wide wages at such an increase. In the years we were struggling, Ms. Powers stated that most got a 45 percent salary increase. Instead of wage increases, she suggested introducing caps on salaries. Ms. Powers stated that she had pleasant banner with Mr. Jeter, Danny and Eddie and enjoyed candid talks before the meeting. She addressed the departure of Ms. Starnes. Ms. Powers stated that she would not charge people an arm and leg to see accounting records or email back and forth with the Code of Virginia prolonging the process. Furthermore, she would not walk away from a \$127,000 salary all because someone wanted to see accounting books. Instead, she would ask the lawyer what had to be redacted and would open the books to the public. If there is something to be found, the next administration will find it. They will not want an accounting error hanging over their head. Ms. Powers stated that she sent up a prayer asking for the next County Administrator to be moral, fortitude, and forthright with all things concerning county finances. Ms. Powers stated that she realizes it is sometimes difficult to be a good Board member, but the Board members are held to the responsibility of representing their entire district. She went on to say that she hopes, when things get hard, members of the Board will stand up for many in their district and not the few they call buddies. Normally, Ms. Powers stated that she says her three cents and goes to work. Going forward, Ms. Powers stated that she will be taking the entire day off on meeting days because she would hate to not be here if Bill or Stefanie wants to lean in for a kiss.

Renda Keith, Jennifer Bear, Courtney Farmer, and Rebecca Devine with the Nickelsville Planning Commission requested funding for Nickelsville Days. In addition, the group reported that they are in the process of organizing an event to feed all first responders in Scott County and requested help with the cost of that as well (Said request for Nickelsville Days being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 25).

Katherine Stallard from Big Moccasin stated that she owned Critter Sitter and Grooming in Wise County, moved to Scott County in 2012, and retired in 2018. She went on to say that she has been the voice of the voiceless animals since she was big enough to drag a stray dog home and let her mom and dad deal with it until a home could be found. She pointed out that she got an animal law book so she can explain the code section that is not being enforced. On February 13th, Ms. Stallard stated that she called Animal Control about crates that had ducks or chickens in them and left out in the cold and sleet. She stated that Animal Control was going to check into it. She went on to say that she never heard back, but noticed nothing was done about it. The crates are still there with ducks or chickens in them. Ms. Stallard stated that she has called about this person who lives in a camper behind Snowflake Mercantile. She went on to say that he had a collie tied up behind the store for months, and it disappeared. He had a walker hound that killed his chickens, and it disappeared. Now, he has a pit bull mix or boxer mix on a three-foot chain tied up to a dog house that is open. Ms. Stallard stated that it has been there all winter in all types of weather, and he cannot even give it a bale of straw. Ms. Stallard stated that he had goats, and she called Animal Control about them being huddled together in ice cold weather. Animal Control told her that livestock do not have to have shelter. Ms. Stallard stated that goats do not like to get wet. Ms. Stallard stated that this person also had a miniature pony, and it disappeared. He had two Great Pyrenees, and one of them disappeared. Then, Ms. Stallard stated that she saw some puppies. On February 6th, the Great Pyrenees mother got out of the fence and went to the neighbor, Katrina Repass. Ms. Repass and her dog stepped out on her patio, and the Great Pyrenees grabbed her dog and slung it. Her husband got the Great Pyrenees off the dog and rushed it to a veterinarian in Duffield. The dog passed away the next day. Ms. Stallard stated that she would study the animal laws book. Last month, Blakley Taylor was here and asked Bill Dingus about volunteering at the shelter, and he told her that he is not willing to work with anyone who bashes the animal shelter on Facebook. Ms. Stallard stated that she puts animals curled up in 20 degrees with no shelter on Facebook so people would call dispatch, and she will continue to take pictures and put them on Facebook. She asked the Board if a resident of Scott County and taxpayer can go to the Animal Shelter any time that it is open to the public.

Danny Casteel stated that he did not see any reason that she could not go to the animal shelter.

Bill Dingus added that she can go to the shelter at any time. There is a difference in going to the shelter as a citizen looking to adopt and volunteering behind the scenes when staff is not there. He explained that it is necessary to vet people and make sure that they are partners with us.

Ms. Stallard asked if she can go as a citizen.

Mr. Dingus replied that there is no reason that Ms. Stallard cannot go to the shelter.

Kevin Barnett from Gate City reported that Scott County Ministerial Association, Town of Gate City, and other groups have come together to start a fire wood ministry. He went on to say that downed trees as the result of Hurricane Helene are good for fire wood. There are people with elevated electric bills that need assistance, and burning wood is cheaper. However, the elderly and disabled cannot cut the wood. Mr. Barnett stated that the ministry needs a dump trailer to collect the wood, and he requested funding from the Board to assist with this purchase. He added that he has reached out to other groups as well. Mr. Barnett pointed out that the Lord has provided the wood through the disaster. He went on to say that the group wants to clean up the county and fill a gap for those in need of fire wood.

Sheriff Jeff Edds reported on the 2024 year-end stats (Said report being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 21).

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that he visited the Regional Jail with Darrel Jeter and Larry Vicars. The Regional Jail has video capabilities that can be tied into the court system. There are three rooms that could possibly reduce the number of cases at the courthouse by fifty percent. Supervisor Skeen asked Sheriff Edds how that would affect staffing at the courthouse if video was done from the Regional Jail.

Sheriff Edds stated that would depend on what the judge wants. He went on to say that reducing the number of cases would not affect his office much because there still has to be someone in those courtrooms.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about the Sheriff asking for more people in his budget request.

Sheriff Edds replied that he has in the past.

Supervisor Skeen addressed the number of deputies on night shift.

Sheriff Edds replied that there are at least two.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about the Sheriff needing more people.

Sheriff Edds replied, absolutely, more are needed. He pointed out the response time being an issue with only two on a shift.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about taking people away from the courtroom and adding more on the street.

Sheriff Edds pointed out that the court system runs the same. In addition, an extra person needs to be there on probation violation court days. There will always have to be someone there for court.

Supervisor Skeen stated that it was brought to his attention that a person's home was broken into in 2023, and there was no investigation process that he was aware of. The person provided some evidence that was left at the home that included a phone, cigarettes, and a lighter. The investigator told him that they could not use it. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that it was discussed with the Commonwealth's Attorney. A deputy did pick up the phone and was able to get some evidence from it, but that was one year later. Supervisor Skeen asked about the investigation process.

Sheriff Edds pointed out that no investigation is the same. He asked that Captain Daniel Ross speak about the matter.

Captain Daniel Ross of Criminal Investigations addressed the matter and noted that there will not be a lot of comment he can give on an active case.

Supervisor Skeen noted that the person gave the investigator some evidence but was told that he could not use it.

Captain Ross replied that something can be taken into custody if consent is given by a property owner.

Supervisor Skeen noted, if that information was available in 2023, that could have prevented other homes from being broken into. In addition, Supervisor Skeen stated that the investigator cannot speak with the resident in Nickelsville until they speak with the person who owns the phone.

Captain Ross replied that will depend on the investigation. Not only that, there are different techniques depending on the crime and timeframe.

Supervisor Skeen questioned if the investigator would typically go to the site of the crime.

Captain Ross replied that it depends on the severity of the crime. The road deputies do an initial investigation, and they will contact investigations if a more in-depth investigation needs to be done. Follow-ups would depend on each investigation as well.

Supervisor Skeen pointed out that an investigator had not been there until they picked up the phone. It just seems like a long process, and the case had been closed until the home owner asked him to get involved. He asked why that would happen.

Captain Ross explained that case status is different. There are different types of closed and inactive. There may not be any more leads, but the case could be reopened at any time. There is also the active side of it. If a case is inactive, it does not mean that it is shoved to the side. Captain Ross pointed out that he would not be happy with as many as ten additional investigators because the department is completely covered up. If a case is inactive, it will be put in the back until something new comes up with it.

Supervisor Skeen noted that he got involved. The phone was the key piece, but your investigator did not want to take it one year ago. The homeowner was asked to come to the Sheriff's Office to talk about the case, but no one would let him in.

Captain Ross explained that the office is open during business hours. After that, there is a phone adjacent to the front door with instructions on contacting dispatch who then contacts a deputy. There has been conflict of information with regard to contact with our investigator and conflict with information that we have provided. Captain Ross stated that he spoke with the investigator about that as well.

Danny Casteel mentioned a home in Dungannon that was broken into several times. The neighbors several miles away knew about it, and the person who was doing it was pointed out. They were caught several times, and nothing was done about it.

Captain Ross stated that he was not aware of it.

Danny Casteel stated that he would like to meet with investigations later about that.

Perry Carrol from Red Hill Road in Gate City thanked Supervisor Eddie Skeen for keeping the public informed in county government and encouraging citizens to be involved and participate in county government. He thanked Supervisor Skeen for bravely representing all taxpayers and inviting us to participate. Supervisor Carrol stated that he wanted to come and say that after seeing the attack on Mr. Skeen in the newspaper.

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

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby funds \$1,000 from Board Contingency to Nickelsville Days.

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 L. Michele Glover requested that the Nickelsville Planning Commission come back and let the Board know when they have a date for the first responders' meal

Supervisor Chris Maness stated that anyone making a funding request should have a specific amount and let the Board know if other organizations have been approached for funding as well. Supervisor Chris Maness inquired about Mr. Barnett seeking funding from other sources and how much has been collected for the trailer.

Mr. Barnett replied that he has talked with the towns, Wadlow Gap Ruritan, and there have been donations from citizens. There has been close to \$1,000 collected for the trailer.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen talked about the PIPP program that assists individuals with fuel. A representative with the Department of Social Services will be speaking later about the program. He suggested that Mr. Barnett visit with them.

Bill Dingus pointed out a grant for non-profits that he would send Mr. Barnett.

The Board requested that Mr. Barnett report back on what has been collected next month.

There was discussion among the Board as to the concerns John Berry expressed at the last meeting regarding a school bus route on Bunker Road and size of the water line for fire hydrants near Berrytown Road.

Chairman Maness noted he spoke with the Virginia Department of Transportation, and they did some maintenance on Bunker Road, but he has not heard about the school bus route.

Chairman Maness stated that Mr. Berry was concerned about the four-inch water line not being sufficient for the fire hydrants. He requested that Supervisor Eddie Skeen talk with Mr. Berry about the water line in that area.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby funds \$735.00 from Board Contingency to the Scott County Community Garden.

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.

Shannon Steffey with the Lonesome Pine Regional Library gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 22).

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ratifies a letter of support for LENOWISCO Planning District’s ARC Grant (Said letter being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 18).

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 Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby ratifies a letter of support for Scott County Telephone Cooperative’s BEAD Grant (Said grant attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 20).

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 NO: 2025 – 03

CONFIRMING DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2025
AND DECLARING AN END TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Coordinator of Emergency Management for the County of Scott, Virginia, declared a Local Emergency approximately 10:00 AM EST Sunday, February 16, 2025, due to excessive rainfall and flooding occurring on February 15 and 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.21(A) requires the governing body to confirm the declaration within forty-five (45) days and to designate an ending date for the Local Emergency

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County, Virginia, that the Board confirms the declaration of February 16, 2025, and due to all emergency actions have been taken, designates March 5, 2025, at 9:00 AM EST as the date of cessation of the Local Emergency in Scott County.

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 Maness addressed the Six Year Plan for secondary roads. He pointed out that there must be funding available to add roads to the plan, and it looks like there will be funding available this year.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Dingus reported that roads need to be finalized for the Six Year Plan at the April or May meeting. Mr. Dingus stated that the Board could be thinking about which road they would like to add for discussion at the April meeting, and he added that there are criteria to consider as well. He pointed out that Virginia Department of Transportation will only add roads to the Six Year Plan that can be funded. Once roads are added to the plan, they will be completed.

Supervisor Michele Glover requested that the criteria be sent to her.

Chairman Chris Maness suggested discussion of road proposals at the April meeting, and finalize at the May meeting.

Department of Social Services Director Lana Mullins reported on the Auxiliary Grant Program. She went on to say that the program has a budget deficit. The program is for the aged, blind, and disabled population. This payment is specifically for paying their assisted living needs. Social Security and SSI payment also go into it, and this grant pays the balance of those assisted living facilities. Ms. Mullins stated that this is different from Medicaid. Medicaid does not pay for assisted living facilities. She noted that this began with the Social Security Act in 1972. The SSI program was implemented in 1974. At that time, it was decided that the State would administer the Auxiliary Grant Program. She pointed out that it is based on the Code of Virginia. It is 80 percent funded through the General Assembly and 20 percent locally funded through the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mullins added that this

is submitted in our budget each year. Ms. Mullins stated that she is speaking to the Board today because there is a deficit in the budget due to an increase in caseload and a payment increase to assisted living facilities that was mandated by the General Assembly. The budget for the Auxiliary Grant Program was \$400,000. To date, \$458,345 has been spent. This is \$60,000 more at this point of the year than we spent total last year. There are three months remaining in the budget year. The state has allocated another \$184,000 to complete this fiscal year, and Scott County would be responsible for a 20 percent match which is \$37,000. There has been a steady increase in the aging population. There are about fifty people who receive an Auxiliary Grant, and there are applications pending. This is an area of our budget that cannot be controlled because it is based on eligibility and the assistance program. It is the only assistance program that has a local match. Ms. Mullins requested a 20 percent match in the amount of \$37,000 to draw down \$184,000. She added that Department of Social Services will absorb any of that cost that they can with funds that are remaining in other areas of their budget.

Mr. Dingus inquired if their budget request for 2026 includes the increase.

Ms. Mullins replied that it does include the increase. She went on to say that it was increased substantially.

Chairman Chris Maness inquired as to when the additional funds are needed.

Ms. Mullins stated that there are enough local funds for the match over the next few months. She wanted to make the Board aware of it and be transparent about this need before any funds have to be transferred at the end of the budget year.

Amy Vicars presented the bookkeeping.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

Capital Projects

\$80,000 to 1000-94000-408320-000-0000-0000-0000-08027 Capital Project Funds – Building Construction/Maintenance Shop Project from Community Work Program Fund 1325.

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 Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

Electoral Board

\$325.00 to 1000-13100-403148-000-0000-0000-0000 Electoral Board – Election Officials Services and \$1,589.41 to 1000-13100-403510-000-0000-0000-0000 Electoral Board – Printing of Election Ballots

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 Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

\$20,261.68 to 1000-35500-405848-000-0000-0000-0000 Emergency Services – Disaster Expenses

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. Ms. Seay explained that there were no applications received for the Community Policy Management Team or Housing Authority.

The Board directed that both openings be advertised again and placed on the April agenda.

Appointments - Public Service Authority

Stefanie C. Addington nominated Kevin Barnett
Michael K. Brickey nominated Joe Horton
Danny M. Casteel nominated Eddie Skeen

Voting for Kevin Barnett – Stefanie C. Addington and Christopher S. Maness

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

Voting for Eddie N. Skeen – Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey, Danny M. Casteel, and Christopher S. Maness.

Eddie Skeen and Joe Horton were appointed to serve a three-year term on the Public Service Authority.

Appointment Recreation Advisory Board District Six

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Ashley Kincer

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Ashley Kincer to serve a three-year term on the Recreation Advisory Board District Six.

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.

Appointment Recreation Advisory Board District Five

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Curtis Wesley Adams, Jr.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby appoints Curtis Wesley Adams, Jr. to serve a three-year term on the Recreation Advisory Board District Five.

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.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Dingus presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 23).

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby orders that:

- (a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$305,498.86 for voucher numbers 50021468-50021468, 50021470-50021519, 50021673-50021679, 50021714-50021719, 50021847-50021856, 50021939-50021952 and 50021469 voided, wire 420, 421, 422, 423, and payroll/DD Fund 5000.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$687,790.53 for voucher numbers 50021520-50021533, 50021535, 50021601-50021603, 50021605-50021650, 50021652-50021654, 50021656-50021658, 5021660-50021662, 50021664, 50021666-50021670, 50021672, 50021720, 50021722, 50021724-50021764, 50021783-50021810, 50021812-50021818, 50021820-50021846, 50021879-50021937, and wire 416, 417, 418, and 419 and payroll/DD Fund 1000.
- (c) Health Insurance Reimb. Fund be allowed the sum of \$232,848.00 for wire 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415.
- (d) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$314.94 for voucher number 50021662.
- (e) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$419.12 for voucher numbers 50021534 and 50021752.

- (f) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of \$19,641.12 for voucher numbers 50021604, 50021659, and 50021819 and wire 418 and 419.
- (g) CPMT be allowed the sum of \$79,053.95 for voucher numbers 50021953-50021971.
- (h) CWAO Collection Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,484.12 for voucher numbers 50021834 and 50021846 and wire 416, 417, 418, and 419.
- (i) IT Technology Fund (Clerk) be allowed the sum of \$9,725.03 for voucher numbers 50021524 and 50021663.
- (j) American Rescue Plan Act be allowed the sum of \$963.04 for voucher number 50021663.
- (k) Delinquent Tax Litigation Fund be allowed the sum of \$76.00 for voucher number 50021655.
- (l) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines Fund be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 50021721.
- (m) Coal Road Tax Fund be allowed the sum of \$4.73 for voucher number 50021665.
- (n) Regional Improvements Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,988.00 for voucher number 50021723.
- (o) Courthouse Maintenance Construction be allowed the sum of \$5,486.00 for voucher number 50021938.
- (p) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of \$140.06 for voucher number 50021889.
- (q) Local Assit. & Tribal Consisten. be allowed the sum of \$5,985.76 for voucher number 50021732.
- (r) Sheriff's Forfeit Seizure Fund be allowed the sum of \$59,233.64 for voucher numbers 50021651 and 50021811.
- (s) Opioid Settlement Fund be allowed the sum of \$10,254.00 for voucher number 50021671.

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.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Dingus reported on damage from the February flood. He noted that mitigation efforts resulted in no river affects on homes; however, some agricultural damage occurred. He went on to say that there were some homes affected by stream flooding caused from Hurricane Helene debris. There has been no federal declaration; however, the flooding event may possibly be combined with Hurricane Helene.

Supervisor Danny Casteel mentioned a home affected by stream flooding.

Mr. Dingus replied that United Way and Red Cross have coordinated efforts to help those people.

Tourism Director Brittany Robertson gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 24).

Chairman Chris Maness noted a request from Blake Lawson to abandon a portion of Fraleytown Road; however, he stated that no Board action is needed today.

Supervisor Michael Brickey pointed out that this was brought up before, and it was determined to be a short cut to the industries in Duffield.

Chairman Maness replied that the Board could ask Mr. Lawson to attend the next meeting.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter thanked the staff and Board.

Supervisor Michele Glover suggested a permanent change to allow citizens a maximum of five minutes to speak at public hearings as well as Citizen Expression Period.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby approves a permanent change allowing a maximum of five minutes to speak during Public Hearings and Citizen Expression Period.

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 Michele Glover noted calls that she received related to roads. Supervisor Glover went on to say that she contacted Virginia Department of Transportation yesterday and will be in contact with those individuals soon.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen noted that he contacted Allan Sumpter with Virginia Department of Transportation about anything he would like shared at this meeting. Supervisor Skeen reported that Virginia Department of Transportation has been working on storm damage. They have been in an emergency operations mode since the flood, and they will have contractors working on those projects. In addition, they are working on gravel roads. Supervisor Skeen noted that they met with a landowner on Antler Springs Road to improve the school bus turn-around location. He went on to say that he received a call from a school bus driver about overhanging trees on the roadway, and Virginia Department of Transportation will address that. Supervisor Skeen stated that any bus drivers or law enforcement can contact him about road issues. He attended an agricultural destination center meeting with Brittany Robertson, and Bill Dingus. The Horse Park is being considered for a regional plan for tourism. In addition, Supervisor Skeen reported that he went to the Regional Jail with Darrel Jeter and Larry Vicars looking for opportunities to reduce the number of trips for inmates. There are three rooms for video conferencing at the Regional Jail. It was estimated that 50 percent of the cases could be heard through video conferencing and reduce costs. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that they do not like to leave the Regional Jail with inmates due to risks. In addition, there are sometimes overtime costs associated with transports. In addition, he reported that the Superintendent at the Regional Jail offered a diesel transport vehicle to Scott County at no charge.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter stated that a use for the vehicle needs to be established due to insurance costs. He inquired if S.C.O.T.T. Service had a vehicle.

Mr. Dingus replied that they have a Tahoe and another SUV.

Supervisor Jeter replied that they could get this diesel van at no cost.

Supervisor Skeen stated that they are planning more meetings to reduce costs with the Regional Jail. In addition, they stopped by the Pioneer Center about the roof and toured that building. He reported that Appalachian Harvest is looking for local growers. They provide 1,200 to 1,500 food boxes per week, and they are seeing a decrease in funding

Chairman Maness added that some of their grants have been frozen. He encouraged the Board to contact their local representative because that is a lifeline for many regionally.

Supervisor Glover stated that the boxes contain healthy products that people really need.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he attended the Scott County Fire Fighters Association meeting in conjunction with the Public Service Authority Director Mike Dishman and Joe Horton. He went on to say that they were trying to improve communication and hydrant use abilities. The E911 Coordinator is going to be a big part of this. He reported on Yuma Sewer Project, Hiltons Sewer Project, and Central Scott County Water Project that is in the bidding process. He encouraged anyone needing those services to sign up at the Public Service Authority office. Supervisor Skeen noted that there is no cost if signing up before the project starts. He addressed the Fairview Flower Gap Water Project as well.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter noted that the Fairview Flower Gap project will be coming from Lee County. Lee County will be doing the project and extending it into Scott County.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen reported that Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency will be doing tax returns. The Virginia Department of Housing local loan bus will be in Weber City again on March 13th. There are great incentives for first time home buyers. He reported on the Virginia Department of Housing Habitat for Humanity projects meeting in Dungannon at the Blueberry Hill property on March 13th. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency is working with the PIPP program to assist people with their electric bills. He also reported that Farm Bureau made some progress at the legislative session in Richmond. The large animal veterinarian scholarship is being funded. Supervisor Skeen recognized, new residents in Scott County, Steven and Jennifer Pike. He pointed out that Mr. Pike is the Director of Spearhead Trails that has been funded 3.3 million dollars. His wife, Jennifer, is a Trade Representative for professional fire fighters and law enforcement that will receive more funding as the result of her work in Richmond.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A.5 Prospective Industry being Weber City and A.1 Personnel being County Administrator.

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 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 L. Michele Glover, 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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby reaffirms and ratifies a previous motion made on September 7, 2022 for a county moral obligation in the amount of six million dollars for a prospective company, Project Delta, working in conjunction with the Economic Development Authority and Tobacco Commission (Said motion attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 19).

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 Chris Maness adjourned the meeting until April 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

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