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At an adjourned 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 Monday the 23rd day of June, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
 L. Michele Glover
 Eddie N. Skeen
 Michael K. Brickey
 Christopher S. Maness
 Stefanie C. Addington.

ABSENT: Danny M. Casteel.

Chairman Chris Maness opened the meeting, gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby approves the Agenda.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Danny M. Casteel.

Acting County Administrator Bill Dingus reported that there was an error on the budget synopsis. He pointed out that the personal property tax rate was advertised at \$1.75; however, that rate is \$1.65. Mr. Dingus clarified that there is no tax increase in the FY26 budget.

Chairman Chris Maness opened a public hearing to receive comments on the FY26 budget and tax levies.

Wendel Burke expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for what they have done to take care of EMS in Scott County. Mr. Burke went on to say that he hopes everyone recognizes what Scott County has done.

Roger Carter expressed appreciation for more funding. He stated that we can keep EMS and fire strong. Hopefully businesses will see that we have them protected with the ISO ratings. He noted that Bill Dingus and Sally Kegley worked hard on this. The Scott County Lifesaving Crew is better, and we will be able to retain and hire people.

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

Bart Shelton announced that \$20,905.00 needs to be added to the budget under capital projects 1000-94000-408130-08022. for the Commissioner of the Revenue software that will not be completed until next year. Also, \$37,000 remaining for the Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency grant received this past year will be removed from the budget and added to the general fund. Mr. Shelton reported that the Regional Improvement Funds were originally budgeted for the school system; however, those funds have been moved to the general fund. \$681,000 of the Regional Improvement funds will go to EMS, \$10,000 will go to the MECC Promise Program, and \$179,000 will go to replacing communication equipment. The school funding will come from the general fund.

Mr. Dingus added that he would change the county reporting of funds to the Regional Improvement Committee.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about the \$225,000 contribution from the school.

Mr. Shelton replied that the \$225,000 is not really a contribution. There is \$225,000 less in the FY25 budget.

Mr. Dingus pointed out that the school system budgeted more students than enrolled.

Mr. Shelton suggested that the school provide the county with calculations each year.

Supervisor Addington pointed out that is based on the March ADM each year, and it can be found on the Virginia Department of Education website.

Mr. Dingus noted that the \$225,000 is funding that the county did not owe the school system this year based on enrollment. That can be used for EMS.

Supervisor Skeen stated that we asked Mr. Ferguson for \$300,000, and he came down to \$225,000. Mr. Skeen stated that he felt like when he left the meeting that the county would benefit by \$225,000.

Mr. Shelton replied that we are but not for FY26.

Mr. Dingus explained that \$225,000 was not owed to the school by the county because they had less students than was budgeted.

Supervisor Skeen asked if the school has been utilizing that money in previous years or reimbursing the county.

Supervisor Addington replied that the school is not reimbursing the county. Sometimes they have to draw more funds. That number is known in March.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he thought the \$225,000 was going to EMS.

Mr. Shelton stated that it will, but the funds are being added to the general fund.

Supervisor Skeen reported that EMS made 27 visits to school grounds last year. There is someone at all the football games. He added that Mr. Ferguson did appreciate that.

Acting County Administrator Bill Dingus reported that United Way collected funds for Hurricane Helene victims in the amount of \$38,241.36. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in December. Also, a United Way Fund was established. Mr. Dingus stated that he was contacted in April about a second installment in the amount of \$8,066.09 that required another Memorandum of Understanding. He reported that he got a consensus from the board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. In addition, the County Attorney advised that both should be ratified by the Board today. He went on to say that a committee has been formed to distribute the funds. Jeff Brickey and Lana Mullins will be serving on that committee, and he requested that a member of the Board of Supervisors serve on the committee as well. The Department of Social Services staff will collect and process the applications, those will be brought to the committee for approval, and an invoice will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Chairman Chris Maness appointed Michele Glover to serve on the committee.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby ratifies a Disaster Recovery and Relief Funding Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Southwest Virginia and Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery and Relief Funding Memorandum of Understanding Addendum with United Way of Southwest Virginia (Said documents being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 55).

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Danny M. Casteel.

Chairman Maness adjourned the meeting to June 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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