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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 2nd day of July, 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 Chris Maness called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington 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 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 Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby approves the May 16, 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 Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves the June 4, 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 approves the June 4, 2025 budget workshop 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 approves the June 23, 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.

Chairman Chris Maness opened Citizen Expression Period to receive public comments.

Peggy Tyus of Snowflake Road spoke about 252 miles of dirt roads in Scott County with bushes, potholes, washboards, and dust. She went on to say that Virginia Department of Transportation cannot work without money, and it takes a lot of workers to take care of dirt roads. Ms. Tyus pointed out that she tried to get in touch with Terry Kilgore. She went on to say that things would change if Terry Kilgore had to drive on dirt roads. Ms. Tyus noted that not much is happening at the Riverside property. She thanked the Board of Supervisors for all they do and requested that Snowflake Road remain on the Six Year Plan.

Robert Chapman addressed the Board in regards to a letter of support for a grant to purchase property near the Daniel Boone Interpretive Center that is part of the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail.

Supervisor Danny Casteel spoke about Hanging Rock, High Knob, and Guest River parks that need maintenance. Mr. Chapman replied that would fall under the Forest Service.

Darrell Dougherty from Addington Frame Road addressed maintenance needed on Route 671. He went on to say that is his school bus route. He invited the Board of Supervisors to ride along with him on the bus to see for themselves. Mr. Dougherty stated that it is embarrassing when he takes the bus on field trips because the bus is so dirty from the road he travels daily. He recognized that it takes funds to maintain roads.

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

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves a letter in support of the Department of Conservation and Recreation/Virginia State Parks’ funding application to the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation for a historical recreation trail property acquisition that could link the Danial Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center to the historical Kane Gap area (Said letter attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 56).

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 Skeen reported that he spoke with Allan Sumpter with the Virginia Department of Transportation about clearing brush before school opens. In addition, Supervisor Skeen informed Ms. Tyus that Snowflake Road is scheduled to be paved in about four years. He pointed out that the Board cannot do much about getting dirt roads paved. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that there are people who can, and that is Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Pillion.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby directs that an invitation be extended to Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Todd Pillion to attend a meeting for road discussion.

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.

Isaac Stanley with Scott County Soil and Water Conservation addressed the Board about changes to the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that a public hearing is required.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby authorizes advertisement for a public hearing on changes to the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

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/Public Works Director Bill Dingus presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Sullivan County Solid Waste and Scott County Public Works. He went on to say that Sullivan County Solid Waste has constructed a recycling center, and they invited Scott County to bring recycling materials to that facility at no cost. They will be accepting paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum and steel cans. Mr. Dingus stated that he would talk with the drivers and work on the logistics here in the county. He pointed out that it has been a number of years since Scott County has been able to recycle; therefore, we have to get back into that. The recycling bins have been staged at the transfer station and other amenities are at the solid waste centers. Recycling is something that the public has wanted; however, the public will have to be disciplined at the solid waste centers to not contaminate the recycling materials. Mr. Dingus stated that he is hopeful that will not occur.

Supervisor Michele Glover suggested advertising in the Scott County Virginia Star and Kingsport Times News for the public to be aware of this, and the solid waste attendants need to be made aware as well.

Mr. Dingus replied that we need to be ready to receive the recycling materials before advertising. He added that may take a couple months and noted that the drivers will have extra routes with recycling. Mr. Dingus stated that he is hopeful that recycling will divert the amount of waste going to the landfill. He noted a savings of \$47.00 per ton that could be diverted from the landfill.

Chairman Maness inquired about each solid waste site being equipped for recycling.

Mr. Dingus replied that is part of the logistics that will be looked at. He went on to say that we are still in negotiations with the Virginia Department of Transportation about the Moccasin Gap site. That could be a big recycling site.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he talked with people who feel that is one of the better sites in the county because of the location.

Mr. Dingus replied that we are trying to acquire that property from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Casteel requested more trash bins at some of the solid waste sites. He noted the rusted bottoms on some of the bins.

Mr. Dingus replied that there are replacements. He noted the limitation of bins due to the capacity of the truck.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that the Clinchport site is down to five bins.

Mr. Dingus replied that he would check on that.

Supervisor Casteel inquired about the Scott County Vocational School refurbishing the dumpsters.

Mr. Dingus replied that the turnaround is slow, but they do a good job. He went on to say that we have welding capability and can do it ourselves. It takes time to do that, and we do not have people available because they are driving trucks. When we get fully staffed, Mr. Dingus stated that will be easier to do.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter inquired if there would be one cardboard recycling bin at each site.

Mr. Dingus replied probably.

Supervisor Jeter suggested a sign directing that the cardboard be broken down.

Mr. Dingus replied that there is a slit in the bin for cardboard. He noted that one truck will go to each site to collect the cardboard; therefore, there will be times when bins will be full at some sites before it is collected and taken to the recycling center in Sullivan County. The drivers cannot get the trash and the cardboard at the same time. It is a special route for the drivers to collect the cardboard at all the sites for it to be feasible. Mr. Dingus stated that the biggest concern is the sites being open and not manned.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked if Mr. Dingus foresees the gate being closed at sites more often due hauling recycling material.

Mr. Dingus replied that usually occurs on Monday because there is one truck running on Saturday, and most people take their trash to the waste sites on Saturday. He noted that a recycling route would not be planned for Monday. Mr. Dingus stated that it is inevitable that the solid waste sites will fill up when sites are open 24 hour per day six days per week.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked Mr. Dingus if he has looked at the potential savings due to recycling.

Mr. Dingus replied that he has not had a chance, but any diversion that goes to the landfill reduces what is going through the transfer station, trips going to the landfill, and sites filling up. Mr. Dingus stated that he could provide the Board with the savings after recycling for one year. He noted that there is 13,000 tons of solid waste per year.

Supervisor Skeen pointed out that Russell County went through a recycling program last year, determined that it was not cost beneficial, and discontinued the program.

Mr. Dingus replied that it is break even at best; however, it is about being good stewards and saving landfill space. He added that people want to recycle.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter inquired about one truck running on Saturday and how they know which sites to visit.

Mr. Dingus replied that they have two routes and go to the big sites. There is only one driver on Saturday to avoid having two not working through the week. There are five employed and two that need to be hired. He pointed out that the mechanic has a CDL license and has driven a lot lately. The Solid Waste Manager has a CDL as well. He noted that there are five packer trucks and three roll off trucks.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves signing a Memorandum of Understanding between Sullivan County Solid Waste and Scott County, Virginia Public Works for acceptance of recycling material (Said MOU attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 57).

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 reported that no applications were received for the Building Code Appeals Board nor the Planning Commission openings.

County Administrator Josh Wilson presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 58).

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby orders that:

(a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$227,248.00 for voucher numbers 50024010-50024099, 50024101-50024105, 50024175-50024190, 50024280-50024289, 50024342-50024349 with voucher number 50024100 void and wire 519, 520, 521, 522, 523 and Payroll/DD Fund 5000 \$120,279.15.

(b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$383,073.19 for voucher numbers 50024106-50024109, 50024111-50024122, 50024124-50024136, 50024138-50024140, 50024142-50024146, 50024166-50024168, 50024172-50024174, 5002410-50024265, 50024267-50024279, 50024290-50024302, 50024341, 50024388-50024415, 50024417-50024464, 50024466-50024469, wire 524, 525, 526, 527, and 528 and payroll/DD Fund 1000 \$338,59673.

(c) Regional Improvement Fund be allowed the sum of \$52,000 for voucher number 50024110, 50024169, 50024170, 50024303.

(d) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$786.89 for voucher number 50024294 and wire 524, 526, 527, and 528.

(e) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$210.32 for voucher number 50024138.

(f) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of \$894.66 for voucher number 50024171 and wire 524, 527, and 528 and payroll/DD fund 1505 \$1,462.27.

(g) CPMT be allowed the sum of \$68,760.12 for voucher numbers 50024374-50024387.

(h) CWAO Collection Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,135.53 for voucher numbers 50024291 and 50024302 and wire 525, 526, 527, and 528.

(i) American Rescue Plan Act be allowed the sum of \$825.47 for voucher number 50024266.

(j) Health Insurance Reimb. Fund be allowed the sum of \$256,248.00 for wire 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535.

(k) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 50024123.

(l) Weapons Permit Fund be allowed the sum of \$320.10 for wire 527 and 528 and payroll/DD Fund 1230 \$673.51.

(m) Sheriff's Miscellaneous Fund be allowed the sum of \$363.25 for voucher number 50024137 and 50024416.

(n) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of \$128.30 for voucher number 50024402.

(o) IT Technology Fund (Clerk) be allowed the sum of \$74.53 for voucher number 50024266.

(p) Coal Road Tax Fund be allowed the sum of \$133.06 for voucher number 50024141 and 50024465.

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 Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby funds Duffield Daze \$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.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that County Administrator Josh Wilson needs to be appointed to the Regional Jail Authority.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby appoints County Administrator Joshua M. Wilson to serve on the Regional Jail Authority.

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 Josh Wilson thanked the Board of Supervisors for hiring him. He went on to say that he looks forward to working with everyone. In addition, Mr. Wilson noted that he looks forwarding to working with the citizens of Scott County, and it is an exciting time for him.

Chairman Maness expressed appreciation to Mr. Wilson and noted that the Board is glad to have a Scott County native back.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that he is glad that the Board did not have to raise taxes, and the county is still in good shape. He thanked the budget committee for all their hard work.

Supervisor Michael Brickey pointed out that this is the sixth year since he has been on the Board that taxes have not been raised. He went on to say that a statement was made last month about the Board giving themselves a raise. Supervisor Brickey reported that it has been 20 years since members of the Board of Supervisors have been given a raise; therefore, that statement was false.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Dingus reported that the Treasurer’s Office has collected \$437,000 in delinquent taxes since April. He went on to say that delinquent taxes fell below one million dollars for the first time in many years.

Supervisor Addington noted that Scott County will receive \$98,000 from the casino for the month of May. She pointed out that we have underestimated what we will receive if we continue down that path.

Tourism Director Brittany Robertson gave a presentation (Said presentation being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 59).

Superintendent of Schools John Ferguson requested that the Board grant a one-year exemption from the Virginia ban on expanded polystyrene for Scott County Schools.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover this Board hereby grants a one-year exemption regarding the Virginia ban on expanded polystyrene for the Scott County Public Schools 2025-2026 school year due to no reasonable alternative to the food service containers used and compliance causing a significant economic hardship.

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 thanked the staff during the transition. He went on to say that the Board appreciates the staff. Supervisor Maness recognized Bill Dingus, Bart Shelton, Tina Seay, Amy Vicars, and Sally Kegley for their hard work.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen spoke about an article in the Kingsport Times News regarding the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). He went on to say that Scott County was declared at risk which is unchanged from previous years and qualifies for ARC matching funds for water and sewer projects. This would be geared toward the Public Service Authority. He addressed the unemployment rate and poverty rate. Supervisor Skeen noted that Dungannon is an area that is economically distressed and qualifies for a higher percentage of grants. In addition, Supervisor Skeen addressed an email from the Economic Development Director John Kilgore regarding the Enterprise Zone and how it affects small businesses. Supervisor Skeen noted that Mr. Kilgore is looking at small business participation. Small Business owners can contact Mr. Kilgore about incentives and low interest loans. Also, Supervisor Skeen stated that the Virginia Department of Transportation is scheduled to do maintenance on the Nickelsville pedestrian bridge this month. He went on to say that drain replacement is needed on Antlers Spring Road, and the bus turnaround will be done on July 14, 2025. Supervisor Skeen gave an update on the mowing schedule. He noted that the primary roads will be finished this week, and secondary roads are 85 percent complete. Supervisor Skeen addressed the transfer station requiring cash, and he inquired about implementing a debit or credit card method of payment.

Assistant County Administrator/Public Works Director Bill Dingus replied that there is probably a way, but there is a fee associated with that. Mr. Dingus stated that he could look into it. He pointed out that people can set up accounts and can be billed. He went on to say that has been discussed with building inspection and animal shelter fees.

Supervisor Skeen reported on a meeting with the Superintendent at the Regional Jail in Duffield. He reported that the Superintendent suggested ways to reduce our costs with transferring the inmates back and forth for court appearance. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that Judge Kilgore likes to see the inmates in the courtroom, but he is open to a meeting with the County Administrator when he gets settled in. Also, Supervisor Skeen inquired about the Recreation Department extending hours at the golf course to increase revenue.

Mr. Dingus replied that he has not heard anything back from the Park and Golf Course Director.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he and Chairman Maness met with Superintendent of Schools John Ferguson about contributing \$300,000 to offset the county contribution to lifesaving crews. Supervisor Skeen noted that \$225,000 was placed back in the general fund. That amount came from the actual number of students enrolled being lower than what was projected. He went on to say that has not happened before. Supervisor Skeen noted that there is no reconciliation, and he recommended having discussion each year with the school system.

Mr. Dingus replied that funding was never in the possession of the school system, and it was not drawn from the general fund.

Supervisor Brickey noted that can go both ways.

Supervisor Skeen stated that it should go back into the general fund when it is overestimated. He noted that bordering counties have looked to cut school budgets. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that Wise County has 2,000 more students than Scott County; however, the budgets are similar. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that there are 421 Tennessee students attending Scott County schools. It is costing 1.5 million dollars and \$3,000 per student. He reported on the percentage of Tennessee students attending Scott County schools. Supervisor Skeen pointed out grants that have been requested for Weber City and Yuma schools to add office space with no commitment to the county. He went on to say that the school system is the county's largest employer. There is one employee per five students. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that it is the opinion of Superintendent of Schools John Ferguson that Tennessee students benefit the Scott County taxpayers by reducing the composite index percentage and lowering the county taxes. Supervisor Skeen stated that he needs to get a better understanding of the composite index. If that is the case, Scott County needs to recruit more Tennessee students.

Chairman Maness added that Supervisor Addington has a good presentation on the composite index. He went on to say that she has done the research and shown how it works.

Supervisor Skeen replied that is a big part of our budget, and he would like to share that with everyone.

Break: 10:30 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:45 a.m.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington gave a presentation on the local composite index for Scott County (Said presentation being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 60).

Supervisor Michael Brickey pointed out that the state, federal, and local funds divided by the number of students is approximately \$20,000 per student, and he has a problem with that. At one time there had to be a written reciprocal agreement with states for students to go back and forth. If Scott County students go to Tennessee, it is approximately \$10,000 per year, but it is nothing if Tennessee students come to Scott County. He went on to say that he is not aware of anyone who would sign a reciprocal agreement and agree to that. He added that cars are sent to bring students to Scott County. Supervisor Brickey stated that he kind of has a problem with that. Supervisor Brickey stated that people have talked with him about the students from Tennessee competing with Scott County students for valedictorian and salutatorian, and college scholarships being tied to that. In addition, they are taking positions in sports from our Scott County students. Supervisor Brickey stated that there are different ways to look at this. At one time, it was noted that Scott County is getting more federal money, but we are not.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington reported that this looks at the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors. The school has their own budget. Supervisor Addington pointed out that the Board of Supervisors has no control over what the school board sets as tuition.

Supervisor Brickey pointed out that there was discussion at one time about charging a tuition versus charging an admission fee. He reported that there is a difference.

Supervisor Danny Casteel recalled that it should not be called a tuition fee. That allows the money to stay in the county instead of it going back to the state.

Supervisor Brickey stated that there is a whole lot involved with this and nothing to do with the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Addington replied that is what she is saying. The only thing that the Board of Supervisors can and should look at is what could be the implication if the school system decides to charge a tuition. She pointed out the effect it is going to have on the county. The Board of Supervisors have no control over setting a tuition. Supervisor Addington stated that she wanted to show what the effect would be if that occurred. She is not saying it is right or it is wrong. Supervisor Addington stated that her presentation was based on the Virginia Department of Education website.

Supervisor Brickey pointed out that the composite index for Scott County is based on several factors from our people in Scott County that includes their income and taxes, but the parents of the Tennessee students are not counted into that. He concluded that there is a problem with that somewhere.

Supervisor Skeen replied that Supervisor Brickey made a good point. He went on to say that another thing we have not talked about is dual enrollment. Those students also qualify for dual enrollment for community college, and there is a cost with that somewhere.

Supervisor Addington replied that is probably a cost, but the only thing she wanted to show is how this calculation works.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he would like to look at it further, and he requested a copy of the presentation.

Chairman Maness pointed out that there is nothing anyone can do unless they are planning to be on the School Board.

Supervisor Skeen asked about the Board of Supervisors acting on the total school budget.

Chairman Maness replied that things can be cut, but you probably would not have the full board in support of that.

Supervisor Skeen stated that this might be a year long discussion. It is a big part of our budget, and it is growing. He noted the \$20,000 cost per student.

Supervisor Danny Casteel stated that he does not think it is right for those on the School Board to have been employed by the school system, and Supervisor Casteel noted that is a conflict of interest.

Chairman Maness stated that might be true, but there is nothing that the Board of Supervisors can do about that.

Supervisor Skeen stated that Superintendent of Schools John Ferguson did have concerns that the Board of Supervisors would cut the school budget.

Chairman Maness replied that the things the Board of Supervisors could cut are things that he does not want to cut.

Supervisor Addington pointed out the discretionary funds Supervisor Skeen spoke about. She added that the county contributes 16 percent and the state provides 84 percent of those discretionary items. Supervisor Addington stated that those are programs that she would never be in favor of cutting.

Chairman Maness noted those discretionary items include school lunches, math and reading specialists, foster care, and school breakfast.

Supervisor Addington pointed out that she put the presentation together so that the Board could have a better understanding on how this is calculated. She went on to say that she is not in favor of cutting the discretionary items.

Supervisor Michele Glover noted that the taxpayers need to realize that it is their money.

Supervisor Skeen compared Wise County to Scott County and the cost per student being greater in Scott County. He concluded by saying that the Board will continue to have discussion throughout the year. He requested a copy of the presentation.

Supervisor Skeen pointed out that the county paid \$250,000 to the Tobacco Commission due to failure of Mountain Top Timber. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that the restitution check came in, the Board directed that to the Economic Development Authority, and he is recommending that it go back into the general fund.

Chairman Maness pointed out that Supervisor Skeen voted that the restitution be directed to the Economic Development Authority as well.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby requests that the restitution that was granted to the Economic Development Authority be returned to the general fund and distributed to the Economic Development Authority if they have a need.

After much discussion, Supervisor Eddie Skeen withdrew his motion. The matter was postponed until the August meeting.

Supervisor Skeen spoke about the need for a lawn mower at Keith Memorial Park. He noted conflicts that might occur if S.C.O.T.T. Service does the mowing. He requested input on purchasing a mower.

Supervisor Addington pointed out that the county has to follow a procurement policy to purchase anything over \$5,000.

Chairman Maness stated that the first time he heard about this was Monday.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he would arrange a meeting with Mr. Vicars next week.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out volunteers doing the work at Keith Memorial Park and the need for a mower.

Supervisor Bill Dingus replied that there is a part-time employee mowing.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter went on to say that they need something to mow with. There are a lot of volunteer hours at the park. He suggested that the Board of Supervisors pay half.

Chairman Maness directed that the County Administrator meet with Mr. Vicars and the matter be discussed at the August meeting.

Chairman Maness adjourned the meeting until August 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK