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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 3rd day of December, 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 Danny Casteel gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Josh Wilson requested that Scott County Life Saving Crew and Sheriff’s Office be added to the agenda under New Business.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen suggested that Scott County Schools Composite Index Update and Commissioner Personal Property Tax Update be added as an agenda item.

Chairman Chris Maness suggested that the composite index be discussed during Board of Supervisors comments, and the personal property tax be added under New Business.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby amends the agenda by adding Scott County Life Saving Crew to New Business Item d, Sheriff’s Office to New Business Item e, Commissioner Personal Property Tax Update to New Business Item f, and Bookkeeping before Item 10 - Appointments.

- 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 November 5, 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.

Bobbie Powers stated that she is here today to address a financial crisis that is unfairly burdening every property owner and taxpayer in Scott County. She spoke about the massive annual deficit related to educating Tennessee students whose families reside near our border. Ms. Powers went on to say that the school board claims that, since section 22.1-5 grants discretion to waive tuition, they can set the rate to zero without meeting any other conditions. This assertion misrepresents the law and is the core of the problem. If the General Assembly had intended to allow tuition to be waived freely, Ms. Powers stated that it would not have specified the conditions of tuition or agreement for non-resident enrollment in subsection 22.1-5 by specifying the conditions excluding the free waiver option making the school board's current undocumented tuition free action a contravention of the statute. Ms. Powers pointed out that the reciprocity condition is mandatory. She went on to say that the school board relies on subsection 22.1-5 to admit students from a contiguous state. This subsection is not an open-ended waiver. It requires that the border state grant the same privileges to residents of the Commonwealth. This is a mandatory condition presenting the reciprocity requirement that must be affirmatively established and documented by the board before any tuition can be waived. Statutory construction requires documentation. The school board's position relies on the principle that the general assembly mention of two options to charge tuition or make an agreement excludes a free waiver. However, the board's own policy shows their understanding of this requirement. The board's admission policy JEC section H explicitly mentions this policy does not preclude contractual arrangements to permit students not otherwise eligible to attend Scott County Public Schools. This demonstrates the board understands the enrollment relies on a formal action. Ms. Powers noted that the school board's claim that a waiver exists, but the minutes documented that waiver does not render the action. This renders the action illegal. Discretionary power exercised by a public body to spend 1.25 million and taxpayer funds must be reflected in the public record. An undocumented waiver is a contravention of both the statute and Freedom of Information Act. Given that Mr. Brickey remembered a cross border share agreement was once formalized and board members were aware of this historical precedent at the June meeting or possibly before, Ms. Powers asked why it is merely procedural. She went on to say that it is directly responsible for forcing Scott County Taxpayers to cover over a million dollars annually. Much research went into at-large Supervisor Stefanie Addington's presentation of the school board budget, but Ms. Powers questioned why the critical action of investigating the cross-share termination and school board's reasons for termination was ignored. She inquired if this is a fundamental neglect of the board's duty to protect our county funds. Ms. Powers stated that we can quantify this financial pressure using the current local data that the board used the last time the board sought to raise taxes. With Judge Kilgore's recusal, Ms. Powers stated that she expects the County Attorney Sally Kegley will try to leverage her pro se status for a technical dismissal. Ms. Powers went on to say that she will promptly challenge that action with a motion to rehear. She noted that this case will be reviewed and noted that the courts grant latitude to unrepresented litigants. Ms. Powers stated that the Board should understand that whether they force her to take the long difficult route around a hog's ass for a ham sandwich or act reasonably, the ultimate outcome is the same and conduct today will bear weight in that pending hearing. Ms. Powers stated that she wonders what the court's reaction will be when it's clear the school board had every opportunity to seek direction from the General Assembly or council yet deliberately chose the course that guarantees the taxpayer foots the entire bill; therefore, I respectfully urge the board to take the following formal action to immediately authorize and direct the County Attorney's office to transmit and approve final draft of a proposal to the Tennessee Director of Schools and formally begin the negotiation process for the interstate K12 educational cost sharing agreement. She stated that we need to move from discussion to decisive action. Ms. Powers thanked the Board for their time and considering her critical request.

Peggy Tyus from Snowflake spoke about 253 miles of dirt roads in Scott County. She went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation needs more funding. Ms. Tyus noted a pond that has formed at the end of Snowflake Road. She went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation plans to bring gravel to fill the hole. The road cannot be scraped due to the wet weather. She questioned whether Terry Kilgore knows the condition of dirt roads in Scott County. In addition, Ms. Tyus asked what is happening with Riverside.

Gary Baker from Boozy Creek expressed condolences to Supervisor Michele Glover with the loss of her parents. He addressed paving and clearing ditches on Boozy Creek. Also, Mr. Baker requested feedback regarding the pediatric cancer cases in Scott County.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington replied that a meeting will be held with the Virginia Department of Health today. The Health Department is leading the investigation with the cancer cases. Megan Smith held a meeting on things for parents to watch for with their children.

Mr. Baker pointed there will be a mess if the personal property tax tickets are not changed from retail to loan value. If people pay their taxes, there will have to be a refund.

Jeff Arrington from Hiltons expressed condolences to Supervisor Michele Glover with the loss of her parents. Mr. Arrington spoke about rights protected by the second amendment. He went on to say that the second amendment does not grant us any rights. We are endowed our unalienable rights by our creator. The second amendment protects the individual right to bear arms. This unalienable right ensures the right to self-defense against any and all threats. Mr. Arrington stated that we see division in this country and state and overreach from our government. Mr. Arrington stated that we must set aside our differences and stand united for the common good to protect our freedoms and preserve these natural rights for our children and our prosperity. Mr. Arrington stated that he stood before the Board several years ago requesting to establish Scott County as a second amendment sanctuary county. Mr. Arrington pointed out that resolution was adopted unanimously by the Scott County Board of Supervisors at that time. Even though there was no expiration date set on that resolution, Mr. Arrington stated that he is requesting that the Board of Supervisors reaffirm that resolution today. The resolution does not serve as any legislative law; however, it does serve to assert and preserve individual rights in the face of resistance. It is our voice to say what we know to be the truth. It establishes that we will resist any infringements upon our unalienable rights that violates the state or federal constitution. The newly elected administration to the state is bringing with it a new set of philosophies and proposals that will challenge our individual ability to exercise our freedom of choice and rights. These philosophies present a danger to our rights. As advocates of self-defense including the right to bear arms, a person has the right to choose if and how to protect themselves. No one should be forced to exercise that right, and no one should be stripped of the liberty to exercise that right. The second amendment to the federal constitution says it best when it explicitly states shall not be infringed. He went on to say that we are working closely and coordinating with other elected officials across the county as well as across the Commonwealth to preserve these individual liberties. Mr. Arrington stated that we want to be ahead of the curve come January as this new administration rolls in. There is an effort underway to reaffirm the Second Amendment sanctuary status across the entire Commonwealth. He went on to say that we hope the Board will reaffirm your commitment and oath to the state and federal constitution to ensure the incoming administration understands that our unalienable rights shall not be infringed.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about any new legislation.

Mr. Arrington replied that there have been some bills pre-submitted. An injunction was filed for any private sales to require a background check. The incoming Attorney General has stated that private sales require a background check. There have been some filed regarding assault weapons. Mr. Arrington stated that there is no such thing as assault weapons, but there are firearms. He went on to say that there are others that will be submitted soon.

Donald Perry from Hiltons reiterated what Jeff Arrington stated about the sanctuary status. Mr. Perry went on to say that it is vital, and we cannot let someone step over our God given right. It starts at the local level, and he requested that the Board adopt the resolution.

Myron Fields from Stanleytown inquired about the progress of the Cove Creek Project.

County Administrator Josh Wilson reported that there were two meetings with NRCS. He went on to say that they reviewed some projects that NRCS had looked at. Cove Creek was listed as ineligible. After the problems that Mr. Fields brought up at the November meeting were addressed, Cove Creek was changed to eligible. Mr. Wilson pointed out that all the projects listed as eligible will go to the national office; however, they are backlogged due to the government shutdown. He went on to say that we are waiting on that office.

Mr. Fields inquired about letters being sent to different entities requesting assistance with Cove Creek.

Mr. Wilson noted that no letters were sent, but they are aware of this problem.

Mr. Fields pointed out that Cove Creek was dry during the summer, but it is running now.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he took pictures four weeks ago and the creek was dry. He noted the problem with the creek overflowing into fields and rock washed out. Mr. Casteel stated that he has contacted Congressman Griffith's office several times. A lot of them are passing the buck to get themselves out of it. Mr. Casteel noted that we can all see that there is a problem. The creek should have been worked on this past summer when it was dry. Mr. Casteel recalled that Mr. Begley's house was flooded a year ago, and he does not know the status of that. Supervisor Casteel stated that he would do whatever he can to help with the situation.

Chairman Maness pointed out that no action was taken at the last meeting for a letter to be sent regarding Cove Creek; however, we are working on this.

Supervisor Skeen stated that it appears there has been progress, and he suggested that Mr. Fields be notified more promptly.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he would have to bring it before the Board when the project is funded.

Mr. Fields stated that he is waiting on a visit from Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would was there, and would come back.

Mr. Fields requested that Mr. Wilson give him a call so that he would be there.

Carol Carter addressed the Board in support of Myon Fields. He went on to say that he owns property downstream on both sides of the creek. The creek is filled up so there are no banks. A few houses are susceptible to flooding. He noted damage to Mabe-Stateltown Road, hay fields, pasture loss, and soil erosion.

Supervisor Casteel inquired about the creek at Mr. Carter's property.

Mr. Carter stated that the last time the creek was cleaned out was the summer of 1977. There is no creek bank at all. Some places, it is about three to four feet from the top. He noted that the last September event is compared to 1977. Mr. Carter noted that there are a lot of large trees that he has not been able to cut.

Junior Jennings addressed the Board concerned about Cove Creek. He stated that Danny Casteel came to his property to look at the creek issues. He went on to say that there are big trees in the creek that could take his bridge out and could cut the road in half.

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

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby authorizes a letter to Morgan Griffith, Terry Kilgore, Todd Pillion, and the Army Corp of Engineers requesting assistance with Cove Creek being cleaned out (Said letter attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment 84).

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 Danny Casteel suggested sending the letter to the Governor as well.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen addressed Riverside and housing.

Peggy Tyus requested that Snowflake Road be included in the Cove Creek letter being sent to legislators.

Chairman Maness replied that can be brought up at the legislative meetings in Richmond.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen addressed sending a letter to the Department of Education regarding Ms. Powers comments during Citizen Expression Period.

County Attorney Sally Kegley replied that she emailed the Department of Education. She advised that it is best that the matter not be discussed due to pending litigation.

Chairman Maness noted that there is a meeting scheduled with regard to cancer cases.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby funds a grant match in the amount of \$25,000 from Opioid Fund for the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board to seek a regional Opioid Abatement Grant to continue funding the ROPES program.

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

Voting nay: Danny M. Casteel.

An update was given on the Virginia Association of Counties Conference sessions attended by Stefanie Addington, Josh Wilson, Sally Kegley, and Bill Dingus (Said update attached to the minutes of this meeting (Said update attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No 85).

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2025- 13

RESOLUTION OF SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of, and visitors to, Scott County to keep and bear arms, the Scott County Board of Supervisors previously adopted A Resolution in Affirmation of the Oath of Office and Regarding a Commitment to Respect, Preserve, and Enforce the Second Amendment (US Constitution) and Art. 1 § 13 (VA Constitution), and

WHEREAS, certain legislation has been passed in the Virginia General Assembly that allows localities to, by ordinance, ban otherwise lawfully possessed and transported firearms from certain public spaces, causing law-abiding citizens to be exposed to a patchwork of local ordinances as they travel throughout the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the significant economic contribution made to our community by tourists and visitors and does not wish to discourage travel to Scott County, and

WHEREAS, Scott County wishes to welcome all law-abiding citizens who wish to live in, visit, or otherwise participate in the economy of our community, including those citizens and visitors who choose to legally carry a firearm for personal protection, and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors does not wish to infringe on the rights of the citizens of, or visitors to, Scott County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its continued opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of, and visitors to, Scott County to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County, Virginia:

That the Scott County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that Scott County, Virginia will not exercise any authority granted to it by § 15.2-915(E) of the Code of Virginia to regulate or prohibit the otherwise legal purchase, possession, or transfer of firearms or ammunition.

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

Voting nay: None.

BREAK: 10:15 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:32 a.m.

County Administrator Josh Wilson noted a meeting regarding the Scott County Life Saving Crew. He went on to say that everyone is in agreement with turning control of the Scott County Life Saving Crew back to the Scott County Life Saving Crew with the exception of the audit to provide oversight until it is complete.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby turns control of the Scott County Life Saving Crew back to the Scott County Life Saving Crew.

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.

Sheriff’s Edds addressed the Board in need of a couple vehicles. He explained that one is totaled and another one may be totaled following evaluation. He went on to say that insurance paid \$17,600. There is a vehicle available for \$44,038.79.

County Administrator Josh Wilson added that the remaining amount could be paid from the regional jail funds. Mr. Wilson recommended that one vehicle be purchased.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby authorizes the purchase of one vehicle with Regional Jail funds for the Sheriff’s Office.

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 obtaining additional deputies through the Compensation Board.

Sheriff Edds replied that he has pursued that, and it goes nowhere. He noted that there is a Virginia Code section the Compensation Board goes by.

County Administrator Josh Wilson reported that he received an email from Commissioner of the Revenue Tammy Tiller. He went on to say that Ms. Tiller posted on the Commissioner of Revenue Facebook page that she is addressing concerns and questions. It was noted that the vendor they used had an issue with a clean loan versus retail value. That information got switched, and they are working through that. There will be some adjustments made through abatement and/or supplements. Mr. Wilson went on to say that Ms. Tiller is working on that. The mistake was that got switched somehow in the system.

Amy Vicars presented bookkeeping.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby accepts Litter Control’s VA DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) Litter Prevention and Recycling Program and the EPS (Extended Polystyrene) Campaign FY26 Grant award totaling \$24,481.91.

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

Voting nay: None.

Tina Seay presented applications for appointment.

Appointment – Economic Development Authority

L. Michele Glover nominated Lynn Fansler
Danny M. Casteel nominated Timothy Edwards

Voting for Lynn Fansler – Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Michael K. Brickey, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting for Timothy Edwards – Danny M. Casteel, Eddie N. Skeen, Christopher S. Maness.

Lynn Fansler was appointed to serve a four-year term on the Economic Development Authority.

Appointment – Economic Development Authority

Michael K. Brickey nominated Eric Lane
Eddie N. Skeen nominated Clayton Williams

Voting for Eric Lane – Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Christopher S. Maness, Michael K. Brickey, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting for Clayton Williams – Eddie N. Skeen and Danny M. Casteel.

Eric Lane was appointed to serve a four-year term on the Economic Development Authority.

Appointment - Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

Stefanie C. Addington nominated John Kilgore

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints John Kilgore to serve a two-year term on the Regional Industrial Facilities 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.

The Community Policy Management Team appointment was postponed until the January meeting since there were no applicants.

County Administrator Josh Wilson presented the claims and related reports (Said reports attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 86).

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby orders that:

- (a) General Fund - 1000 be allowed the sum of \$920,920.06 for voucher numbers 50026890-50026915, 50026917-50026920, 50026922-50026924, 50026926, 50026989, 50026991-50027007, 50027009-50027022, 50027024-50027036, 50027076-50027085, 50027087-50027098, 50027100-50027107, 50027109, 50027111-50027115, 50027117-50027122, 50027124-50027126, 50027130, 50027133-50027144, 50027175-50027194, 50027196-50027198, 50027200-50027213, 50027215-50027218, 50027221-50027227, 50027229, 50027231-50027235, 50027246-50027257 with Wire 685, 687, 699, 700, 701, 702, and 703 with Payroll/DD Fund 1000.
- (b) Regional Improvement Fund – 1050 be allowed be the sum of \$90,000.00 for voucher numbers 50027116, 50027123, 5007195, 50027214, and 50027219.
- (c) Health Insurance Reimb. Fund – 1098 be allowed the sum of \$246,035.00 for wire 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, and 710.
- (d) Delinquent Tax Litigation Fund – 1105 be allowed the sum of \$2,464.00 for Voucher Numbers 50026925 and 50027128.
- (e) Courthouse Security Fund -1210 be allowed the sum of \$524.03 for voucher number 50027131 and Wire 702 and 703 Payroll/DD Fund 1210.
- (f) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines fund - 1225 be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 50027086.

- (g) Weapons Permit Fund - 1230 be allowed the sum of \$311.10 for Wire 702 and 703 and Payroll/DD Fund 1230 \$626.53.
- (h) Sheriff’s Community Outreach Fund - 1280 be allowed the sum of \$16,657.94 for voucher numbers 50027185, 50027199, and 50027230.
- (i) Sheriff’s Miscellaneous Fund – 1285 be allowed the sum of \$2,767.35 for voucher numbers 50026921, 50027008, 50027084, 50027099, 50027108, 50027110, 50027125, 50027129, 50027184.
- (j) Law Library Fund – 1305 be allowed the sum of \$239.00 for voucher number 50026916.
- (k) CWAO Collection Fund – 1310 be allowed the sum of \$1,139.01 for voucher number 50027247 and 50027257 and Wire 700, 701, 702, and 703 and Payroll/DD Fund 1310.
- (l) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund – 1320 be allowed the sum \$2,000 for voucher number 50027220.
- (m) IT Technology Fund (Clerk) Fund – 1405 be allowed the sum of \$150.00 for voucher number 50027132.
- (n) Wireless Grant – 911 Fund -1505 be allowed the sum of \$5,914.84 for voucher numbers 50026690 and 50027127 and Wire 702 and 703 and Payroll/DD Fund 1505.
- (o) American Rescue Plan Act fund -1610 be allowed the sum of \$14,095.59 for voucher numbers 50026927, 50027023, and 50027228.
- (p) Social Services Fund – 5000 be allowed the sum of \$313,568.61 for voucher numbers 50026790-50026889, 50027069-50027075, 50027145-50027148, 50027168-50027174, 50027236-50027245, 50027309 and Wire 694, 695, 696, 697, and 698 and Payroll/DD Fund 5000.
- (q) CPMT Fund-5500 be allowed the sum of \$77,873.59 for voucher numbers 50027311-50027327.

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 requested that the county office close at noon on December 19, 2025 for a Christmas Party at the Scott County Park.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves closing the county office at noon on December 19, 2025 for a Christmas party at the Scott County Park and Golf Course.

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 noted that he was using his salary to purchase food for the Christmas party.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen suggested paying for the food with county funds.

County Administrator Josh Wilson requested that county employees be granted an additional four hours holiday on December 24, 2025.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby grants an additional four hours holiday on December 24, 2025.

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 Director Brittany Robertson requested that the Tourism Committee be restructured. Ms. Robertson requested two representatives from each community to better coordinate events throughout the county. Ms. Robertson pointed out that she has a great Tourism Committee; however, it would be even better to have representatives throughout the entire county.

County Administrator Josh Wilson asked the County Attorney about the Tourism bylaws being amended.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that would be up to the Tourism Committee to amend the by-laws. The Board of Supervisors could support having more members on the committee that they would be appointing to that committee.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby supports expanding the Tourism Committee.

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 pointed out that Public Service Authority Director Mike Dishman was unable to attend the meeting today. Mr. Wilson pointed out that Mr. Dishman submitted his report (Said report being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 87).

Chairman Maness requested that Mr. Dishman attend the next Board meeting.

Chairman Maness stated that he had a meeting with the Virginia Department of Transportation earlier this month. He noted that Supervisor Skeen was at that meeting as well. Chairman Maness stated that there was discussion about several projects that would be submitted for funding. He noted that dirt road funding was brought up, and that was determined to be an issue for Terry Kilgore and Todd Pillion to obtain more funding for dirt roads.

Supervisor Casteel inquired about taking some of the funds for road repairs such as paving and put toward the county unpaved roads.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that the Board has tried to do that.

County Administrator Josh Wilson pointed out that would not be eligible because that question was brought up in one of the transportation sessions at the VACO conference, and the answer was no.

Supervisor Brickey stated that it has been quoted several times that he made a statement. Supervisor Brickey clarified that he was referring to the State of Virginia when saying they use to require a cross-border agreement. Supervisor Brickey stated there has never been an agreement with any other county. He went on to say that Washington County, Sullivan County, Kingsport, Hawkins County, and Hancock County have never had a reciprocal agreement with Scott County. Supervisor Brickey pointed out that he did say they, but he was referring to the State instead of the Scott County School Board.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the staff for all they do.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that a project is selected every two years as a SMART Scale project. It is usually a safety issue. He went on to say that Natural Tunnel intersection, Highway 23 and 65 intersection, and Anglers Way have been discussed. Supervisor Skeen stated that he received an update from Mr. Sumpter. Virginia Department of Transportation is seeing requests for gravel and road maintenance, and they are following up on all those requests. They are prioritizing those and dumping gravel in potholes instead of the entire road. Supervisor Skeen reported that Virginia Department of Transportation took care of school bus driver issues on Big Moccasin. He addressed work in the Yuma community, River Road, Fort Blackmore, and Nickelsville. Supervisor Skeen urged school bus drivers and Sheriff's deputies to contact him about any road issues. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that Supervisor Glover had requested mapping of sewer projects, and that is now on the Public Service Authority website. Supervisor Skeen addressed weatherization through Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency and the Blueberry Hill Project in Dungannon. He pointed out that there has been a price reduction, and some financing opportunities. He spoke about the Daniel Boone Trail funding from the Daniel Boone Interpretive Center to Kane Gap. Supervisor Skeen reported that Bush Mill received a grant for improvements. He spoke about the Virginia Disaster Relief Program noting that Mr. Begley has submitted his application, and they are waiting on the inspector report.

Bill Dingus replied that report was submitted this week.

Supervisor Casteel thanked everyone who has been working on that project.

Supervisor Skeen spoke about the composite index. He went on to say that someone reached out to him about Supervisor Addington's presentation. Supervisor Skeen questioned where Supervisor Addington pulled the data from for her presentation on the composite index.

Supervisor Addington replied that everything came from the Virginia Department of Education website. Supervisor Addington asked who reached out to Supervisor Skeen.

Supervisor Skeen replied that his name is Dr. Tom Brewster. He is a highly regarded Administrator and faculty member of a major university.

Supervisor Addington asked if he is familiar with the composite index.

Supervisor Skeen state that Dr. Brewster is a former Superintendent of Pulaski Schools and appointed by the Governor to work with the Virginia Department of Education and appointed to several education boards in Virginia. Supervisor Skeen went on to say that Dr. Brewster confirmed that accepting out-of-state tuition does not affect the composite index. In our case, Tennessee student count would be included in the total average daily membership.

Supervisor Addington disagreed. She went on to say that she has read it verbatim, and it absolutely affects that number. If tuition is charged, they are not included in the average daily membership at the end of the year.

Supervisor Michael Brickey addressed admission fee as opposed to tuition. He pointed out that it depends on the wording.

Supervisor Skeen stated that Dr. Brewster pointed out that any tuition collected stays in the school district. He went on to say that a statement was made that it goes to the state.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that the Board was told that tuition collected would go to the state; however, an admission fee would stay here.

Supervisor Skeen stated that Dr. Brewster checked with Tazewell County, and they keep their funds. Tazewell County charges \$500.

Supervisor Addington asked if that was an admittance fee.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he did not get into that.

Supervisor Brickey stated that Tazewell County has a set number they take from West Virginia and will not go over that number. Supervisor Brickey noted a meeting he was in with the Virginia Attorney General. It was brought up that Scott County has 450 students from Tennessee, and the Attorney General conferred with his aids about that being legal.

Chairman Maness stated that this is a School Board issue.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that the board should pause.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel being County Administrator and County Attorney and (A) (7) Legal Counsel being a pending declaratory judgement petition.

Voting aye:	Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey, Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.
Voting nay:	None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby 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 Danny M. Casteel, 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 Chris Maness adjourned the meeting to January 7, 2026.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK