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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 4th day of February 2026 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 (excused at 2:05 p.m.)
Stefanie C. Addington.
- ABSENT:

None.

Chairman Christopher S. Maness called the meeting to order.

Stefanie C. Addington gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the agenda by adding Virginia Department of Transportation – Allan Sumpter under 9a. New Business.

- 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 Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby amends the minutes by changing 65 acres to 65,000 acres and PIT Program to PIPP Program on page 354.

- 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 to receive public comments.

Peggy Tyus from Snowflake Road spoke about dirt roads. She went on to say that Scott County has more dirt roads than any other county in Virginia. Ms. Tyus stated that more funding is needed for dirt roads. She thanked the Virginia Department of Transportation for keeping the roads passable during the bad weather. She noted that the dirt roads are last during bad weather, but she understands that. She questioned where funding comes from to pave the side roads. Ms. Tyus stated that she would like to see Scott County become more prosperous with more businesses and revenue for Scott County. She requested that Snowflake Road remain on the Six Year Plan.

Mayor of Dungannon Melissa Gillenwater and Vice-Mayor Marybeth Lawson requested funding for the Dungannon July 4th Celebration. Ms. Gillenwater noted that the event started 44 years ago, and she spoke about the activities planned for the event. Ms. Gillenwater noted that the event will be bigger this year, and they want everything to be free. Veterans will serve as Grand Marshalls for the 250th freedom parade. Ms. Gillenwater requested \$2,000 for the celebration. She noted that solar panels are being placed behind the depot and Town Hall in Dungannon. Also, Ms. Gillenwater reported that a grant has been received to redo the basketball courts, playground equipment, and to purchase the land next to the depot.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out that one of the water projects has been funded for that area.

Bobbie Powers from Dungannon followed up on her correspondence with Treasurer Kevin Helms regarding the status of the county reconciliations. After two weeks of silence, Ms. Powers stated that she received an email from Mr. Helms. In that email, Ms. Powers stated that he attempted to direct her to the school board for answers on matters that fall squarely under the Treasurer's control. Ms. Powers reported that she corresponded with the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and they confirmed that the responsibility for oversight and reconciliation of all local funds belongs to the Board of Supervisors and the Treasurer. At the start of this inquiry, the County Administrator stepped down. Ms. Powers stated that raised a fair question as to the departure being a response to the looming fiscal challenges, or a sign that she felt she no longer had necessary control over the process to ensure its integrity. Ms. Powers stated that she is eager to see if the books are truly completed but more than a status update is needed. Ms. Powers noted that she has four technical questions that were forwarded to Mr. Helms. She inquired why the two-million-dollar discrepancy was suddenly missing from the 2024 records if it was handled correctly in prior years. If it has not been handled correctly, Ms. Powers questioned why it is being identified as a discrepancy now. Also, Ms. Powers inquired about this specific amount being resolved for the 2025 fiscal year. Given the 2024 completion resulted in a disclaimer of opinion, Ms. Powers inquired who verified the 2025 reconciliations are accurate and supported by sufficient evidence documentation at this time. Ms. Powers questioned if the 2025 reconciliations show zero variance between the general ledger and a bank statement or is the two million dollars or any other amount still being carried as an unreconciled item. In light of the state auditor's confirmation that oversight is the local responsibility, what specific changes have been made to the reconciliation process this month to ensure the 2025 audit does not result in another disclaimer? The State Auditor has made it clear the buck stops here. Ms. Powers stated that we all want completed to mean the books are fully balanced and transparent.

Maggie Dorton and Lester Begley addressed the Board about Mr. Begley losing his home on February 19, 2025 that was due to a flooding event in Fort Blackmore. Since then, she reported that they have reached out to the Virginia Department of Transportation. She went on to say that area had flooded before but never to that level. She pointed out that he moved there in 1985, and it was never to that mark with the rainfall at that time to have caused that much flooding. Ms. Dorton stated that she waited eight days and not one person had come out to assess the situation that flooded the house, blocked the road, and got on the railroad tracks. It was a hazard for the entire county. Ms. Dorton stated that she spoke to someone at the Virginia Department of Transportation in Fort Blackmore and asked them lots of questions. She told them that the places they blocked off the flooded road were bad places because you had to back up a half mile. Multiple Virginia Department of Transportation vehicles went through the water. An eighty-year-old man got stuck in the water. She went on to say that a Virginia Department of Transportation employee went through the water that was in the road and never came to assess the situation to see why the water was in the road. She asked that employee if a work order had been put in, and she was told that a work order does not have to be done for maintenance if they see it themselves. It has been almost one year, and nothing has been done to the drain tile. That is not the only drain issue. There is another one that goes under the railroad track that is eating away from the bank that holds the swinging bridge. That drain tile needs to be removed. Until maintenance is done, she pointed out that Mr. Begley cannot rebuild due to the potential of another flood. Ms. Dorton noted a nearby hollow where the creek is now level with the road. When Mr. Begley's home flooded, Ms. Dorton stated that Jeff Brickey had been contacted. Mr. Brickey brought FEMA representatives, and they took all the information and told us they would be in contact. That information disappeared, and Mr. Begley has received zero benefits. Ms. Dorton pointed out that LENOWISCO contacted them several months ago. She went on to say that LENOWISCO received fifty million dollars to assist people in this area. There were four people affected in Scott County from the flood event. The first initial amount they offered was a very small amount, and we turned it down because it was not enough to build a decent porch. Ms. Dorton stated that LENOWISCO contacted her yesterday to say that the property had been reassessed and was a total loss. It is based on the tax tickets. She pointed out another house that has been offered the same amount that is basically a shack and has no bathroom or running water. Ms. Dorton questioned how that could be compared to her father's home and justified. She went on to say that FEMA told them not to do anything until we heard from them, but we had not heard anything back. Ms. Dorton and Mr. Begley went on to say that they cannot put anything back until the issues are fixed with the drain tile that is sinking and causing a dip in the road.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he could follow up with FEMA. He noted that LENOWISCO is helping with the Governor's recovery funds that he opened for Helene and the February storms. Mr. Wilson pointed out that it is state-wide. LENOWISCO is assisting more with Southwest Virginia. He noted that Mr. Dingus and Mr. Williams filled out inspection sheets. The original inspection did not classify it as total loss, but that was changed to total loss. That was all turned in. Mr. Wilson stated that he could follow up with LENWOSICO, but we don't have any bearing on what is calculated for payout.

Supervisor Danny Casteel inquired about the height of the water in Mr. Begley's home.

Ms. Dorton replied that there was 24 inches of water in his home. She went on to say that FEMA deems it a total loss once the water goes above electrical outlets. At this point, the mold makes it impossible to live there.

Mr. Begley inquired about a statute of limitations.

Chairman Maness stated that he has not heard of any.

Mr. Wilson added that the Governor's funding is from a previous administration, so they are trying to get it out as soon as possible.

Ms. Dorton replied that she is not sure about signing for what is being offered or not.

Mr. Dingus stated that an assessment of the property was completed for the LENOWISCO Governor’s funding and a form was completed. Our initial letter with FEMA stated that the house was damaged more than 51 percent of the value of the home which in FEMA standards is a total loss. However, the form provided by LENWOISCO for the State funding did not follow that; therefore, our building official checked what was appropriate based on what we saw that day. Since that time, they sent a revised letter that we could check that it was a total loss. Mr. Dingus explained that part is the reason for the governor’s funding. It is a systematic delay from FEMA across the nation. He went on to say that the responsibilities that FEMA has historically taken were put on the States. The information that FEMA took is not lost. It is in their database. The funding from the State is a different route to get you something until the Federal Government gets their game in order.

Ms. Dorton replied that she has contacted FEMA, and FEMA tells her that there is nothing.

Mr. Dingus asked if FEMA had come out since the initial inspection.

Ms. Dorton replied they did not come back out. Jeff Brickey was supposed to be in contact with them. Ms. Dorton pointed out that every time she contacts Mr. Brickey, he says that he will contact FEMA and get back in touch, but he never does.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he would follow up with Mr. Brickey and FEMA. He pointed out that FEMA is passing it down to the individual states so a lot of this is filtering through them.

Ms. Dorton questioned if she should sign for the funding tomorrow.

Mr. Dingus replied that she should get her clarification if that is what she wants.

Chairman Maness expressed that he is sorry that they are going through this.

Ms. Dorton replied that they had tried to handle it themselves. She went on to say that drains need to be fixed before moving forward.

Supervisor Casteel questioned if Mr. Begley is living in a yard barn.

Mr. Begley and Ms. Dorton replied yes. Ms. Dorton went on to say that it is a 40 x 14 yard barn that is sitting on another person’s property.

Supervisor Casteel inquired about Mr. Begley recently getting out of the hospital.

Ms. Dorton replied that his health is not good. She went on to say that his health has declined since leaving his home, and we could really use some help.

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

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby funds the Dungannon Fourth of July Celebration \$2,000 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.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he spoke with the Army Corps of Engineers about a permit to clean out Cove Creek. In addition, Mr. Wilson reported that he sent an email to Scott Jerrell after the Army Corps of Engineers had mentioned that the Extension Office might be able to help gather information needed for them to determine how to proceed. Mr. Wilson reported that he requested that someone with the Army Corps of Engineers send a list of what they need or contact Scott Jerrell. Mr. Wilson stated that he has not received a list or a call, but he would follow up.

Mr. Fields stated that he talked to the Army Corps of Engineers as well. He went on to say that they requested the linear feet, and he pointed out that it would be measured in miles instead of feet. Mr. Fields reported that the Army Corps of Engineers replied that there is no way that would be approved.

Mr. Wilson replied that 800 feet would probably be the most approved unless they could permit it in sections. They are looking for the width of the creek, the average depth of the water, and any other information that goes into their decision on how much material can leave the creek.

Mr. Fields stated that it is about to be flood season, and the creek has no channel to flow.

Supervisor Casteel added that the creek is filled up and will make another channel through the fields. The creek is filled up and needs to be cleaned out.

Mr. Fields replied that the solution is simple if it was allowed.

Supervisor Casteel replied that the Government does not want to fix problems, but they want to be the problem.

Mr. Wilson stated that he did receive a reply from Morgan Griffith's office. He went on to say that office will continue to work on it, and they know of the conversation with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Bill Dingus pointed out that property owners can create berms between the creek and their home to protect their home in case of a flood.

Mr. Wilson added the berm needs to be backed off the creek bank.

Mr. Fields noted that will not solve the problem.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that they don't pay to fix the damage the water does to property even though they claim to own it. Supervisor Casteel pointed out if it was his water that did damage to property, he would be sued. Mr. Casteel stated that he has been working with Morgain Griffith's office for nine months and still does not have the problem solved; however, he expressed appreciation for the County Administrator's help with the situation. Mr. Casteel pointed out that it is flood season again. He noted that there are always roadblocks just like Mr. Begley with FEMA. Mr. Casteel stated that he does not know why everything must be complicated when it can be fixed.

Mr. Fields stated that everything is in place, and we just need permission.

Mr. Wilson agreed. He went on to say that he hopes to get permission to proceed. The Army Corps of Engineers know that someone is lined up to take the material.

Mr. Casteel suggested that someone from the Army Corps of Engineers come out and look at the creek to get a better understanding of the situation.

Mr. Fields stated that he sent some photos to the Army Corps of Engineers, but there is nothing like seeing it in person.

Chairman Maness stated that the Board would keep pushing forward with it.

The County Administrator stated that he would keep in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers, and he encouraged Mr. Fields to do the same.

Recreation Director Derrick France presented a plaque to the Nickelsville Area Recreation Association and Nickelsville Seniors for their dedicated volunteer work at Keith Memorial Park.

Tommy Green spoke for the volunteers stating that he had been involved with Keith Memorial Park since 2000. He went on to say that Joe Meade had a vision for the park. Mr. Meade turned it over to Lowell Marshall and Larry Vicars. Mr. Green pointed out that Larry Vicars graduated from Nickelsville High School and left Scott County to work all over the world, and he is a fixer. From there, he took care of the park for 15 years and is now retired. Mr. Green pointed out that is why the volunteers had to turn over the operations of the park to the county because we have all gotten older. The county has taken over the leadership through the Recreation Director Derrick France along with the help of the Nickelsville Planning Commission. Mr. Green noted that there are many others who have volunteered at the park, and they appreciate the help from the county throughout the years.

Chairman Chris Maness inquired about any additional information from the Virginia Department of Health regarding the cancer cluster.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he does not have anything to add.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington noted that she requested that Public Service Authority Director Mike Dishman attend the meeting today.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen reported that Mr. Dishman does not have anything to add to the Health Department report. Supervisor Skeen stated that he is not speaking for the Public Service Authority; however, he is on that board. He went on to say that there was enough information and no need to add more as far as the cancer situation. If Mr. Dishman had any more to add, Supervisor Skeen stated that he thinks he would. The professionals are with the Health Department and not the Public Service Authority. He noted that they follow all their testing procedures.

Supervisor Addington stated that she wanted Mr. Dishman to verify.

Supervisor Skeen noted that has been stated several times.

Supervisor Addington replied that it should come from Mr. Dishman.

Chairman Maness noted that the Board of Supervisors would try to get that by email at the very least. He went on to say that the Extension Office is offering water testing kits. The Virginia Department of Health will release their next report as soon as they get their data for 2024.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that it would be in March.

Supervisor Addington reported that a flier would be placed on the county webpage regarding the water testing kits. The cost is \$70.00. The kits can be picked up at the county Extension Office on March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The water sample can be collected and returned to the Extension Office on March 4, 2026.

County Administrator Josh Wilson updated the Board on the Regional Improvement Commission funds. He reported that the Regional Improvement Commission took no action on changing the split for the gaming tax. There was not a letter sent to Richmond, and it was left up to the localities. Mr. Wilson inquired whether the Board of Supervisors would like him to send a letter stating their position to keep the split the same that was decided by them at the meeting last month. Mr. Wilson clarified that the split of casino gaming tax is with 14 localities in Southwest Virginia. The gaming tax from the casino is split equally with those localities. The City of Bristol expressed interest in a bigger portion since they are the host. He went on to say that it would be \$200,000 less for Scott County based on this fiscal year.

Supervisor Casteel noted that Bristol is getting additional revenue from people who come to Bristol for the casino.

Mr. Wilson reported that the funds can be used for public safety, education, and transportation. He pointed out that a letter is submitted each year indicating the percentage for each of those categories.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby authorizes that Josh Wilson send a letter to Senator Pillion and Delegate Terry Kilgore stating that Scott County requests the casino revenue gaming tax split with localities remain the same (Said letter attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 90).

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: 10:16

Reconvene: 10:31

Virginia Department of Transportation Resident Engineer Allan Sumpter gave an update on snow operations for the last two weeks. Mr. Sumpter stated that concentration has been on primary roads and then secondary roads. He noted that all roads have been plowed at least once and are currently getting ice patches cleared with the rising temperatures. The majority of unpaved roads have been plowed and stone will be added. When unpaved roads thaw, Mr. Sumpter stated that people will call about them being muddy and in need of gravel. However, those roads will be much worse if a grader is put on them. Therefore, those roads will be worked as weather permits, and stone will be put in the worst areas. Mr. Sumpter reported that it will be spring before the unpaved roads are in ideal condition. Mr. Sumpter confirmed that the Wise Residency was not out of salt despite rumors on social media. He pointed out that other areas were affected by heavier storms and asked for salt. Mr. Sumpter stated that this area was in the best shape in the Bristol District; therefore, 1,200 tons of salt were transferred to the interstate to help them through the storm. There would not have been any salt transferred if this area was left in a condition that the Virginia Department of Transportation could not perform the job. Mr. Sumpter went on to say that there is an adequate supply of salt. He noted that the effect salt has is not great with low temperatures. He went on to say that salt works with 20-degree temperatures, adding calcium chloride with it works with temperatures in the teens, not much of anything works with single digit temperatures.

He reported that very fine stone was added for traction. Mr. Sumpter stated that he is pleased with the job done during the storm.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that everything Mr. Sumpter reported is 100 percent true, and he noted that everyone must work together.

Mr. Sumpter pointed out that there have been times in the past when we needed salt and other locations have given it. He went on to say that a new facility for salt storage will be built on Bray Road.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he received complaints about the gravel going to the middle of the road on River Bluff Road.

Mr. Sumpter replied that traffic does that sometimes.

There was discussion as to the condition of River Bluff Road, farmers getting to their animals to feed them, and the road being closed to school buses.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen noted that River Bluff Road is on the Six Year Plan this year.

Mr. Sumpter replied that part of the project is to widen that road. He went on to say that unpaved roads are the last to clear because they are frozen and no chemical can be applied because that creates mud.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that guardrail is needed along Copper Creek from the train trestle at Speers Ferry going to Manville.

Mr. Sumpter noted that a lot of roads were washed out from recent flooding resulting in eight to ten million dollars in damage. He went on to say that work is being done to get a pipe for Route 72. It is a 120-foot section that goes underneath the railroad. Mr. Sumpter stated that work is being done with the district, and railroad clearance is needed. He noted that the cost is approximately \$120,000.

Mr. Casteel indicated that the pipe had stopped up and he could see where the water had been on the railroad and Mr. Begley's home.

Mr. Sumpter noted that several channels ran into that area, and there was so much water at one time. He went on to say that the bridge division takes care of all structures such as the swinging bridge. They installed the pipe, and we will be in contact with them about that concern and what needs to be done. He requested contact information from Ms. Dorton to provide updates.

Mr. Casteel pointed out that the guardrail has fallen on Route 72 from Dungannon to Wise County.

Mr. Sumpter pointed out that guardrail is one of our difficult issues. There is one guardrail contractor that takes care of interstates as well. That will have to be placed on the priority list.

Mr. Casteel inquired about it being widened.

Mr. Sumpter replied that would have to be a Smart Scale Project, and it would be a slim chance.

Mr. Sumpter noted that the Six Year Plan process was completed last year, but we were a little late. The process should involve the road being selected by the Board of Supervisors in April to add to the Six Year Plan and hold a public hearing in May. Mr. Sumpter reported that funding is unknown at this time; however, we hope to be where we were last year. He went on to say that he is waiting to see the financials for some projects, and he noted that some are probably over budget. Mr. Sumpter noted that Dean Hollow was partially funded. If there is any funding left, that can be put into a new project. Mr. Sumpter suggested that the Board make a priority list, but that is up to the Board. Mr. Sumpter requested that the Board select a road to add to the Six Year Plan in April and hold a public hearing in May with that road on the Plan.

Supervisor Casteel questioned the difference in cost with tar and gravel roads versus paved roads.

Mr. Sumpter replied that roads would be paved from now on instead of tar and gravel. Mr. Sumpter stated that it is more cost effective to pave them.

Mr. Sumpter reported that he had a discussion with Supervisor Skeen and the County Administrator about trash pickup. Mr. Sumpter pointed out that trash pickup is not at the top of the priority list. Other resources are relied upon to help with that. Mr. Sumpter noted that Virginia Department of Transportation works with other entities that go out and pick up trash. Mr.

Sumpter noted an agreement with the Sherriff’s Office that can be entered into for an off-duty deputy to bring offenders out for trash pickup. Virginia Department of Transportation supplies orange bags. Some counties load the bags onto a trailer and haul it to the dump. He went on to say that Virginia Department of Transportation pays \$25 per hour for eight hours to off-duty deputies to bring offenders out for trash pickup. Also, Litter Control Officers have community service people and court ordered people to pick up trash.

County Administrator Josh Wilson acknowledged that he spoke with Sheriff Edds, and he replied that there were no off-duty deputies interested in participating in that program. Mr. Wilson reported that the county has a Litter Control Officer that also works with Animal Control.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the School Resource Officers during the summer.

Mr. Sumpter clarified that Virginia Department of Transportation does not participate in the decisions about security.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he inquired about having discussion about an agreement.

Mr. Wilson noted that it would be up to the Sheriff’s Office. As far as School Resource Officers, Mr. Wilson noted that they have continuing education training during the summer.

Mr. Sumpter responded to comments Ms. Tyus made during Citizen Expression about paving side roads. Mr. Sumpter pointed out that is maintenance. That is not funding that can be used to pave roadways.

Mr. Sumpter pointed out House Bill 1480 if passed would change the amount of unpaved funding from 25 million dollars to 50 million dollars annually in case the Board would like to send their support for that.

Supervisor Skeen expressed appreciation to Mr. Sumpter for always following up.

County Administrator Josh Wilson stated that he and Mr. Brickey had spoken about naming the bridge near Gate City High School after Ford Quillen. He noted that it would take a resolution from the Town of Gate City and the County. That could be brought to the March meeting if the town and Board of Supervisors choose. The county would be responsible for the cost of the sign.

Mr. Sumpter noted that it must go to the Transportation Board to get passed

Jack Troutman spoke about Nickelsville Days and requested funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the event.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby funds Nickelsville Days \$2,000 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.

Brandy Martin with Isaiah 117 gave a presentation about a place where children who are removed from their homes can go while waiting for placement with a foster family. She went on to say that the Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting home with volunteers who provide clean clothes, toys, and other things to reduce the trauma for children. She reported that the organization is looking for land or a house donation and a fiscal agent. (Said presentation be attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 92).

There was discussion about using opioid funding. Supervisor Michael Brickey pointed out that there is county-owned property available in Scott County that could be utilized that was occupied by the Extension Office.

County Administrator Josh Wilson reviewed the budget calendar. There was discussion as to not having a budget committee this year.

It was the consensus of the Board to not have a budget committee this year.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Christopher S. Maness, this Board hereby designates County Administrator Josh Wilson as the designated Certifying Officer and Environmental Responsibility Certification.

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

Voting nay: None.

Amy Vicars presented bookkeeping.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

\$7,683.21 to 1000-35800-405863-000-0000-0000-0000-01400 Litter Control’s VA (DEQ) Department of Environmental Quality (EPS) Extended Polystyrene Campaign FY26 Grant – Miscellaneous Grant 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.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby appropriates the following:

\$2,310.00 to 1000-31200-401108 Sheriff’s Department – Payroll/Other
\$176.72 to 1000-31200-402100 FICA

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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby accepts Litter Control’s VA (DEQ) Department of Environmental Quality FY2026 Competitive Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant award totaling \$500.00 and appropriates \$500.00 to the already established budget expense code for Litter Control – Grant Supplies 1000-35800-406010.

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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby accepts Sheriff’s Office – VA (DCJS) Department of Criminal Justice Services Operation Ceasefire 557678-2026 grant award# 560382 totaling \$250,000.00 and appropriates per grant award amounts in the already established budget department code 31290.

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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby accepts Sheriff’s Office – VA (DCJS) Department of Criminal Justice Services Operation Ceasefire Forensic & Analytical Technology 560082-2026 grant award# 560377 totaling \$250,000.00 and appropriates per grant award amounts in the already established budget department code 31290.

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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby accepts Sheriff’s Office – VA (DCJS) Department of Criminal Justice Services CY2026 Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (VSTOP) Formula Grant Program for Continuation Applicants award# 26-Y3520VA24 totaling \$66,667.00 and appropriates per grant award amounts in the established budget department code 31250.

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 Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby accepts VA Department of Fire Programs (VDP) – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Grant Program FY26 totaling \$100,000 and establishes budget expense code 1000-32200-406021-000-0000-0000-0000-03201 Protective Equipment and revenue code 1000-02404-324799-000-0000-0000-0000-03201 Miscellaneous Grant Revenue.

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: 12:20 p.m.

Reconvene: 12:30 p.m.

Tina Seay presented applications for appointments.

Appointment - Crooked Road Board

Darrel Jeter W. Jeter nominated John Kilgore

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints John Kilgore to serve a one-year term on the Crooked Road Board.

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

Voting nay: None.

Appointment - Courthouse Facilities Committee

Stefanie C. Addington nominated Lisa McCarty

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Lisa McCarty to serve a one-year term on the Courthouse Facilities 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.

Appointment – Housing Authority

L. Michele Glover nominated Joe Horton

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Joe Horton to serve a four-year term on the Housing 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.

Appointment – Planning Commission

Stefanie C. Addington nominated Rodney Baker

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Rodney Baker to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission.

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

Voting nay: None.

Appointment - Southwest Virginia Regional Recreation Authority

Michael K. Brickey nominated Eugene McClellan

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Eugene McClellan to serve a three-year term on the Southwest Virginia Regional Recreation 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.

Appointment – Tourism Development Committee (Hiltons)

L. Michele Glover nominated Jeffrey Arrington

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

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 – Tourism Development Committee (Duffield)

Michael K. Brickey nominated Amber Shupe

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Amber Shupe to serve a three-year term on the Tourism Development Committee representing Duffield.

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

Voting nay: None.

Abstain: Christopher S. Maness.

Appointment – Tourism Development Committee (Duffield)

Christopher S. Maness nominated Courtney Stidham

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

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 – Tourism Development Committee (Nickelsville)

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Alanna Dingus

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Alanna Dingus to serve a three-year term on the Tourism Development Committee representing Nickelsville.

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 – Tourism Development Committee (Nickelsville)

Stefanie C. Addington nominated Loran Anderson

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation appoints Loran Anderson to serve a three-year term on the Tourism Development Committee representing Nickelsville.

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.

It was noted by the County Administrator that the Economic Development Authority voted to dispose of the Pioneer Center

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: 93).

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

- a. General County Fund 1000 be allowed the sum of \$817,367.27 for voucher numbers 50027996-50028002, 50028004-50028006, 50028008, 50028038-50028055, 50028057-50028062, 50028064-50028072, 5002812650028188, 50028190-50028248, 50028250, 50028252-50028270, 50028301-50028312, 50028314-50028322, 50028324-50028327, 50028329-50028343, 50028381-50028393, 50028400-50028404, 50028406-50028448 and wire 770, 771, 772, 773, and 774 and payroll/DD Fund 1000 \$616,929.68.
- b. Animal Shelter Fund 1010 be allowed the sum of \$1,847.75 for voucher number 50027997.
- c. Regional Improvements Fund 1050 be allowed the sum of \$58,555.73 for voucher numbers 50028056, 50028063, 50028313, 50028328, 50028405.
- d. Courthouse Maintenance Construction Fund 1090 be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 50028323.
- e. Health Insurance REIMB Fund 1098 be allowed the sum of \$250,102.00 for wire 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, and 764.
- f. Courthouse Security Fund 1210 be allowed the sum of \$606.08 for wire 773 and 774 and payroll/DD Fund 1210 \$2,562.28.
- g. Motor Vehicle Violation Fines 1225 be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 50028189.
- h. Weapons Permit Fund 1230 be allowed the sum of \$311.10 Wire 773 and 774 and Payroll/DD Fund 1230 \$626.53.
- i. Sheriff’s Community Outreach Fund 1280 be allowed the sum of \$334.14 for voucher number 50027996.
- j. Sheriff’s Miscellaneous Fund 1285 be allowed the sum of \$188.92 for voucher number 50028410.
- k. Law Library Fund 1305 be allowed the sum of \$445.03 for voucher numbers 50028003 and 50028247.
- l. CWAO Collection Fund 1310 be allowed the sum of \$1,142.48 for voucher numbers 50028382 and 50028393 and Wire 771, 772, 773, and 774 and Payroll/DD Fund 1310 \$1,566.00.
- m. CWAO Forfeiture EQUIT Fund 1315 be allowed the sum of \$224.79 for voucher number 50028249.
- n. IT Technology Fund (Clerk) 1405 be allowed the sum of \$38,209.00 for voucher number 50028067.
- o. Wireless Grant – 911 Fund 1505 be allowed the sum of \$5,871.70 for voucher numbers 50028037 and 50028251 and Wire 773 and 774 and Payroll/DD Fund 1505 \$1,520. 48.
- p. American Rescue Plan Act Fund 1610 be allowed the sum of \$740.00 for voucher number 50028007.
- q. Social Services Fund 5000 be allowed the sum of \$317,811.49 for voucher numbers 50027899-50027995, 50028073-50028080, 50028171-50028274, 50028295-50028300, 50028370-50028380, 50028394-50028399 and wire 765, 766, 767, 768, and 769 and Payroll/DD Fund 5000 \$112,700.19.
- r. CPMT Fund 5500 be allowed the sum of \$83,813.61 for voucher numbers 50028472-50028486.

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 noted that the Economic Development Authority received a grant in the amount of \$212,125.00 from the Tobacco Commission to support the Carter Fold by hiring an Executive Director. He went on to say that the position would work with both the county and Carter Fold that has a 501(c)(3) Board. Mr. Wilson reported that the grant is for three years and benefits would be paid by the county. This would keep the Carter Fold locally controlled through a 501(c)(3) Board and the county. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Carter Fold is a big asset to Scott County, and 2027 is the 100th Anniversary.

Chairman Maness questioned who the person would report to and what happens when the grant funds run out.

Mr. Wilson replied that the person would report to him. The hope is that the position will be self-sufficient with the revenue from ticket sales.

Chairman Maness inquired about the cost of benefits.

Mr. Wilson replied approximately \$40,000 per year.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter stated that he is not in favor of it because the county will have to pay for it all after three years, and it is a private business.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about the financials.

Mr. Wilson replied that Economic Development Director John Kilgore would have a better idea about that. He pointed out the benefits to the county are exponential as far as the tourism aspect. On Saturday nights, you see a lot of different states represented along with foreign countries. It would be a huge detriment to the county if that were to shut down. It is important to have local control because it is a local asset.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that if you do it for one private business, you will have to do it for other private businesses.

Economic Development Director John Kilgore explained that it has been a venue for 50 years and the Carter Family is 100 years old. It all started in a small store in 1974. They have a museum, venue, and a small house. Mr. Kilgore pointed out that he has been at the Carter Fold and seen people from Brazil, Japan, South Africa, and UK. They come from everywhere, not just the United States.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that it is unique. There is nothing else in the county that matches it.

Mr. Kilgore added that it is the most important asset on the Crooked Road. Mr. Kilgore went on to say that the Carter Fold has crowds every Saturday night, and it has the history of the Carter family.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter questioned why there needs to be someone to oversee the Carter Fold if it is so well known.

Mr. Kilgore pointed out that Janette Carter managed it for years, and now Rita is doing that. She is getting older and wants to get a director, and the Board needs a director. Hopefully, the funds for that will come from the revenue. The Carter Fold is in the black, and they do have an annual budget.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter suggested that they hire a director and leave the county out of it since they are in the black.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he noticed it is a 50/50 match, and he questioned where that would come from.

Mr. Kilgore replied that there is an application to another foundation, and we are looking for other sources as well. Mr. Kilgore stated that the grant is through the Economic Development Authority, but we are not on that board.

Mr. Wilson noted that it is an investment for the county that could go away, which would be awful for Scott County, or it could be gobbled up by Bristol or another organization.

Supervisor Brickey inquired about what is not covered with the grant.

Mr. Kilgore replied that the benefits would not be covered.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that grants never last.

Supervisor Brickey questioned whether it could support itself after three years.

Mr. Kilgore replied that it could if managed correctly.

Mr. Wilson stated that he could see that person helping the Tourism Director. He went on to say that Brittany Robertson does a great job as Tourism Director, but having someone else to bounce ideas off of and help with advertising would be huge.

Supervisor Skeen questioned the parking situation at the Carter Fold.

Mr. Kilgore pointed out that they have permission to park across the road.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that Scott County missed the boat and lost it to Bristol. He went on to say that it is privately owned as stated by Supervisor Darrel Jeter.

Supervisor Skeen stated that it is a good idea, but he would like to see the financial statements, trends in ticket sales, and organizational structure.

Chairman Maness inquired who would hire the director.

Mr. Wilson replied that he and John Kilgore would go through the applicants. Mr. Wilson went on to say that he would interview along with John Kilgore, Rita, and someone from the Carter Fold Board.

Mr. Kilgore pointed out that the Carter Fold is a 501(c)(3) not privately owned.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that no taxes are being collected.

Mr. Kilgore replied that tax revenue comes when people visiting the Carter Fold spend time in Scott County and spend money at restaurants.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he would vote for it if a profit can be shown, but he will vote against it if no profit is shown.

County Administrator Josh Wilson talked about growing up in Scott County, going to the Carter Fold, and moving away. He went on to say that no matter where you go, people might not know where Scott County is, but they know the connection if you mention the Carter Fold.

It was the consensus of the Board to review financials for Carter Fold and revisit the matter.

Mr. Wilson stated that can be provided; however, it will delay it a month.

Economic Development Director John Kilgore gave an update (Said update attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 94).

There was discussion regarding Riverside.

Park and Recreation Director Derrick France gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 95).

Mr. France pointed out a leak in the water tank at the park that is used to water the golf course. He went on to say that it is essential to have a water source for the golf course by the first of May. Mr. France pointed out an underground tank that would cost approximately \$28,000, and he requested that the Board consider that option.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby authorizes up to \$28,000 from the Capital Improvement Project Fund for the purchase and installation of underground water tanks at the Scott County Park and Golf Course.

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.

Commissioner of the Revenue Tammy Tiller reported that supplements are complete and approved for printing. She noted that \$600,000 should come from the supplements. Ms. Tiller stated that she has the greatest staff. Everyone has worked very hard. However, Ms. Tiller acknowledged that her office dropped the ball but is very close to being back on track. Ms. Tiller stated that she takes full responsibility. In the process of making changes, she noted that something was done that caused this.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about this being a problem next fall.

Ms. Tiller replied that she would be on top of it better.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen referenced the monthly budget report. He questioned delinquent real estate tax collection. The budget report shows 4.1 million dollars, and the budget was \$140,000.00. Supervisor Skeen stated that he checked with Treasurer Kevin Helms and was told that it should be \$800,000 instead. Supervisor Skeen questioned decisions being made based on this data.

County Administrator Josh Wilson pointed out that Mr. Helms would be speaking later at the meeting. Mr. Wilson stated that he does not know the conversation between everyone and the previous budget cycle. Mr. Wilson pointed out that he spoke with Mr. Helms, and there has not been any faulty information as far as the current budget.

Ms. Tiller reported that she takes information from the previous year for her part of the budget. In addition, she looks at the building permits to see what might be added to the values and projects that. It is an overall guesstimate.

Ms. Tiller requested that the Board consider adopting an ordinance to exempt a one percent local tax for propane. She noted that some of the adjoining counties have that exemption, and a couple of people have complained about the tax. Ms. Tiller stated that she wanted to make the board aware of it. Ms. Tiller stated that she put approximately 400 of the 762 forms in the mail for businesses this year. Ms. Tiller stated that we have to all work together. She pointed out that it is not just on John Kilgore, but it is all of us working together. She asked that people not fuss at Treasurer Kevin Helms if their tax bill is not correct and see her about that.

Chairman Chris Maness was excused from the meeting.

Break: 2:05 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:19 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson L. Michele Glover presided over the remainder of the meeting. She introduced Treasurer Kevin Helms to answer a question Supervisor Skeen has regarding the monthly budget report and delinquent tax collection reflected in that report.

Treasurer Kevin Helms reported that he is working in two computer systems. Primarily, the registered system is in the Brights computer system. He went on to say that closeouts are transported into the Munis computer system. When creating the new department for real estate and personal property tax collection, Mr. Helms explained that things had to be copied, and that is where a clerical error occurred. The 2025 collections were falling into a delinquent tax bucket rather than a current tax bucket. Mr. Helms stated that he runs a report every five to six weeks. He went on to say that approximately \$880,000.00 in delinquent taxes have been collected since April.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out that he wants to make sure when decisions are being made that it is not based on faulty information.

Mr. Helms replied that the budget committee is looking at projections for real estate that are based on the year before with possibly some land changes or redemptions altering that, but the two are not related at all.

Public Works Director Bill Dingus gave an annual report for 2025 that encompasses solid waste management, general properties, building/zoning, animal control, and litter control to maintain essential services, support county infrastructure, and respond to the needs of the community (Said report attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 96).

Supervisor Eddie Skeen recommended that a letter be sent in support of House Bill 1480 that would increase funding for rural paving.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby authorizes a letter in Support of House Bill 1480 that would increase funding from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 for rural paving (Said letter being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 91).

- Voting aye:

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

None.
- Absent:

Christopher S. Maness.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen pointed out comments made by Bobbie Powers about the audit during Citizen Expression Period. He went on to say that Ms. Powers contacted the Auditor of Public Accounts, and he has read that response. Mr. Skeen reported that the Auditor of Public Accounts does not have a lot of oversight. He noted that the Code of Virginia 15.2-2511 requires local officials to notify the Auditor of Public Accounts if the audit is delayed and financial reports are not submitted by December 15th. He pointed out that Scott County has not notified the Auditor of Public Accounts as of July 27th, and they will report the comparative report information to Richmond in February.

Mr. Wilson replied that we do have a draft of the audit, and he did notify them that it is forthcoming. Otherwise, the reporting is done by the auditing firm.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen spoke about a zoom call to work on trash pickup, Virginia Department of Transportation will pay for getting the trash picked up. In addition, Supervisor Skeen spoke about Dungannon receiving 1.2 million dollars for a water project, and Nickelsville is getting \$40,000.00 for an activities planning grant. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that he would be involved with the LENOWISCO community meetings. Supervisor Skeen spoke about a fire department turnout gear grant awarded to Scott County fire departments. He went on to say that Jennifer Pike was involved with getting those grants.

County Administrator Josh Wilson pointed out that those funds would be split evenly among all the departments in the county.

Supervisor Skeen reported that emergency personnel and county leaders are requesting to revamp or look at our emergency shelter situation and how we can improve communication. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that the Dollar General in Nickelsville is converting to a Dollar General Market, and T-Mobile is being added to the Nickelsville Tower. He pointed out that Dungannon received a half million dollars to upgrade their train depot for an emergency shelter that will have solar panels and storage batteries, and the Duffield food hub received a grant for a similar situation. Supervisor Skeen noted that Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency will be assisting with income tax returns. He went on to say that community volunteers have been trained to do that beginning February 2, 2026 at the main office on Military Lane in Gate City for people with incomes of \$67,000 or less and limited forms, and Dungannon will be on February 12, 2026 at Hanging Rock Parkway at the former headstart building. Supervisor Skeen stated that someone called him about door-to-door solicitation, and he recommended discussion on the process for people to register.

Michele Glover advised that they need to go through the Sheriff's office.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he did not vote for the golf course water tank because there should have been a second opinion on the cost before granting the funds.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington stated that someone messaged her about being on the Tourism Committee for Fort Blackmore and Dungannon.

Mr. Wilson stated that an application is needed. Hopefully, we will have more for the next meeting.

L. Michele Glover stated that she would like to make a motion to censure Supervisor Eddie Skeen and Supervisor Danny Casteel for violating the Rules of Procedure when they spoke about closed session discussions outside of closed session.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen requested an explanation to the public as to what she is talking about.

Chairperson Glover stated that there was some information through closed session that Supervisor Skeen and Supervisor Casteel told publicly to some people.

Supervisor Casteel requested that she state what he was supposed to have said.

Chairperson Glover stated that it was under closed session.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated in generic terminology he recommended someone that he thought very highly of that worked at multiple levels of state government. At the end of the interview, Supervisor Skeen stated that he made a phone call and told them that they had a good interview. He went on to say that it was someone that he had known for some time, and they set a high bar.

Chairperson Michele Glover read the rules of procedure for closed session. She stated that documents, information, and discussions from a closed session, attorney client privilege communication, and other confidential information shall not be disclosed without the approval of the board. In the event confidential or privileged information either authorizes the disclosure or reaffirm the confidentiality and or claim of privilege, the board may in its discretion sanction or censure a member for improper disclosure of confidential or privileged information. That was in closed session; therefore, Michele Glover stated that this needed to be done.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby censures Supervisor Eddie N. Skeen and Supervisor Danny M. Casteel, for violating the Scott County Board of Supervisors' Rules of Procedure when they spoke about Closed Session outside of Closed Session.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Michael K. Brickey, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: Eddie N. Skeen and Danny M. Casteel.

Absent: Christopher S. Maness.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen brought up a hotel in Weber City that was a topic discussed at a Republican meeting, and he was told that Supervisor Stefanie Addington was present. He inquired if Ms. Addington was present and recalled that being discussed.

Supervisor Addington replied that she was not the one who told that.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about Supervisor Addington being at the Republican meeting.

Supervisor Addington replied that she is sure that she was there.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that it was not discussed by any members of the Board.

Chairperson Michele Glover specified what was done today is not about a hotel.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that he would like to make a motion to censure Stefanie Addington for discussion of a hotel project at a Republican meeting.

Supervisor Michael Brickey pointed out that is hearsay.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that he heard that Mr. Kilgore discussed it.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington pointed out that Supervisor Skeen is going to censure her because Mr. Kilgore stated that.

Supervisor Skeen told Supervisor Darrel Jeter he was there and heard the discussion.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that he was there, but it was not Stefanie Addington.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about Supervisor Darrel Jeter hearing what Mr. Kilgore stated at the meeting.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that he could not help what Mr. Kilgore stated. He is not on the Board.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked County Attorney Sally Kegley to comment on Mr. Kilgore’s discussion of a closed session topic with other supervisors present.

County Attorney Sally Kegley replied that she did not have a comment about a Republican meeting.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen clarified if Sally Kegley was aware of that being discussed.

Ms. Kegley replied that she has no personal knowledge of that.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he was not there. By 12:00 o’clock that day, Supervisor Casteel stated that he heard that same comment twice. Supervisor Casteel noted that his reply to them was that he did not know anything about it.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter pointed out that it should not be going on right now.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that he had been called out about that before so why not talk about it.

Chairperson Michele Glover clarified that is not why she brought it up.

It was noted by the County Administrator that there is a motion on the floor.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington questioned what it is for.

Supervisor Skeen replied that it is for the hotel project discussed in closed session. He went on to say that was two days following closed session. Supervisor Skeen stated that he did not talk about it until three weeks later. He went on to say that he was getting calls about it.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby censures Supervisor Stefanie C. Addington for discussing a possible hotel outside of closed session.

Voting aye: Eddie N. Skeen and Danny M. Casteel.

Voting nay: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Michael K. Brickey, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Absent: Christopher S. Maness.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen spoke about the situation with the Board that probably led up to this. He went on to say that this county selected four new members and two were independents. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that was sending a message for change and to work out problems. Supervisor Skeen stated that is what he is trying to do and resolve problems in the county. He asked if the previous board members see it as a responsibility.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he would like to see the board work together.

Chairperson Michele Glover stated that is what the board needs to do.

Supervisor Michael Brickey stated that he does not want to create problems and then try to solve them. He went on to say that he does not want to look at people doing a great job and try to get rid of them. Supervisor Brickey stated that he does not want to judge people that are working here, and most of them have been judged the last two years. Supervisor Brickey added that he does not think any of them could say that they feel good about working for the county anymore because of that.

Chairperson Michele Glover admitted that she was one of the four. At the beginning, she stated that she was for that. Once she was in the position, she saw what each person did and how hard they work for the county. Then, Michele Glover stated that she looked back on what she was told about people not doing their job, and she watched and listened. She determined that everyone works hard and has the heart for the job. Michele Glover apologized for being the person she was. Michele Glover admitted that she made mistakes and should not have jumped before she watched and listened. She went on to say that she appreciates each one of the county employees.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out what Michele Glover just stated is the absolute truth. He went on to say that he does not know anyone's job. He thought in the past that someone had it made until he had to do their job and realized that it was not a pie job.

Supervisor Casteel inquired if Eddie Skeen was present at Yuma school with Allan Sumpter about getting a turning lane.

Mr. Skeen replied yes. He went on to say that we voted that day, and they were already there working.

Supervisor Casteel pointed out that everyone voted for the Weber City School additions being built except him and Supervisor Skeen. He noted that the construction had already started before we voted.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen added that he was hired to solve problems, and he did not know that Virginia Department of Transportation paid for people to pick up trash. Supervisor Skeen stated that he inquired about previous boards and what they have done to solve problems, and the person he was talking to said they had done nothing.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter replied that he could tell him a lot if he wanted to hear it. He went on to say that the second story was built on the Community Services Building. The Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue were moved out of the courthouse to make room for the judges. He went on to say that the landfill had to be closed when he came into office.

Supervisor Casteel stated that Bill Dingus told him that it was not their job to pick trash up off the road, and that was the responsibility of Virginia Department of Transportation. He went on to say that he must have told him right or they would not be willing to pay to get it done. He went on to say that he assumed it was the county's place to pick it up, but it made sense. Mr. Dingus stated that it was on the state's rights-of-way. He went on to say that Bill Dingus told him the truth one hundred percent.

Mr. Dingus replied that he would not tell Supervisor Casteel anything that he knows is not right, and if he makes a mistake and gives bad information, Mr. Dingus stated that he would eat a crow and find the good information.

Supervisor Casteel stated that he would be the first man to raise his hand if he makes a mistake.

Michele Glover stated that assumptions were made in the beginning, but you can go to the source and get an honest answer. Supervisor Glover stated that she is in it to help the county and District Two because that is what they voted for her to do, to be their voice, to help them, to listen to them. If she does not know the answer, Ms. Glover stated that she knows where to go to get answers.

Supervisor Casteel referenced Mr. Begley who is 80 years old and living in a yard barn. He went on to say that no one has helped him, and that is shameful and disgraceful. He went on to say that he is trying to help the people not only in District Five but all over the entire county. Supervisor Casteel stated that he would be the first to raise his hand if he makes a mistake, but he does not like to get blamed for something he did not say.

Supervisor Skeen asked Supervisor Addington if she thought he should resign as Supervisor.

Supervisor Addington stated that she was not going to answer that. She went on to say that she is not at liberty to discuss it.

Supervisor Skeen stated she does not have enough character to say he should resign and is not representing the people of District Three.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter made a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen stated that the people of Nickelsville have an option if they do not think he is representing them well. That is called a recall, but he would like to know if the board feels that way.

Chairperson Glover stated that is something that Supervisor Skeen needs to ask the people in District Three not another board member.

Supervisor Addington agreed that is something for the folks in District Three.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby adjourns the meeting until March 4, 2026.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Christopher S. Maness.

CHAIRMAN

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