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At an adjourned budget workshop 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 Friday the 22nd day of May 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
Stefanie C. Addington.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman Chris Maness called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves the agenda.

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

Voting nay: None.

Bart Shelton presented a draft budget and related reports (Said budget and reports attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 121).

County Administrator Josh Wilson reported that the school has agreed to pay the supplies for SRO Officers. He went on to say that the school has requested direction from the Board of Supervisors in order to pass their budget. In addition, they have teacher contracts to consider.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he spoke with Mr. Ferguson about dual enrollment. The school has zero in their budget for dual enrollment, and 20 percent comes from the parents. In addition, Supervisor Skeen stated that he asked Mr. Ferguson why the school has not reconciled each year. Mr. Skeen stated that he was told it is because we did not ask. He went on to say that the school system should pay for what they owe the county. The expansion at Weber City and Yuma is to accommodate teachers and programs. It is not due to an increase in student count.

There was discussion about school enrollment.

Chairman Maness stated that it looks like we need an independent consultant regarding the school system.

County Administrator Josh Wilson reported that he reached out to the auditors to look at the ADM to see if it is accurate; however, the auditors do not have access, and it is impossible for them to get access to that.

It was noted that the school system did not offer to supplement Central Accounting since 1968.

There was discussion among the Board as to Scott County having some of the oldest schools in the state and consolidation.

County Administrator Wilson pointed out that the school system will not fund the shared expenses if the Board chooses not to fund the non-SOQ. He went on to say that the question is do we raise the tax rate to meet our services or lower services.

There was discussion among the Board about people not getting their personal property tax bill, and the Commissioner of the Revenue not knowing how many did not get a bill.

Commissioner of the Revenue Tammy Tiller stated that she would bill people if they tell her that they did not receive a bill.

Supervisors Darrel Jeter, Michele Glover, and Michael Brickey agreed to fund non-SOQ.

Chairman Maness polled the Board as to funding the non-SOQ.

Darrel Jeter – Yes

Michele Glover – Yes

Eddie Skeen – No

Chris Maness – Yes

Michael Brickey – Yes

Danny Casteel – No

Stefanie Addington – Yes

Break: 10 15 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:31 a.m.

There was discussion about tax collections. It was noted that 93.31 percent of real estate tax has been collected and 89 percent of personal property has been collected.

It was the consensus of the Board to request \$740,000 from the Economic Development Authority.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the sales agreement and HOA with Solinity.

County Attorney Sally Kegley replied that there is no sales agreement nor HOA.

There was discussion about raising the county decal tax for vehicles.

Supervisor Addington pointed out that we are at the top of the limit now.

There was discussion to offer an incentive to cut budgets, consolidate Animal Control and Litter Control into one job, allow Animal Control or Litter Control on-call to take a vehicle home and park the other vehicle, eliminate multiple job titles, public works fill in for the Building Inspector, designate four cents of current tax for fire departments.

There was discussion about expenses with the Thomas Village Community Center and the audit. The impact of minimum wage increasing, and a retirement incentive plan for those over the age of 62.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen suggested that the proposed budget be placed online for citizens to view.

Bill Dingus replied that a synopsis is published.

There was discussion about increasing the elderly and disabled tax relief.

Chairman Maness polled the Board for those in favor of a two-cent tax increase if the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance is amended to reflect an increase.

Darrel Jeter – Yes

Michele Glover – Yes

Eddie Skeen – Yes

Chris Maness – Yes

Michael Brickey – Yes

Danny Casteel – No

Stefanie Addington – Yes

Chairman Maness polled the Board for those in favor of a fire tax.

Stefanie Addington – Yes

Darrel Jeter – No

Eddie Skeen – No

Michele Glover – Yes if designated from the current tax

Michael Brickey – No

Danny Casteel – No

Chris Maness – Yes

There was discussion as to advertising the budget synopsis on June 10th and June 17th to adopt the budget by June 30th.

There was discussion about a letter received by the County Attorney requesting that Jennifer Pike be reinstated to the Heart of Appalachia Board. It was noted that Ms. Pike was appointed to the Heart of Appalachia Board and later hired as a lobbyist and paid by the Heart of Appalachia. The Board debated that being a conflict of interest, whether the position should have been open for appointment, and whether Josh Wilson should have been appointed to the unexpired term. It was noted that Jeff Hess with the Heart of Appalachia clarified that the Heart of Appalachia will recognize whomever the Board of Supervisors appoints.

Chairman Maness polled the Board about reinstating Jennifer Pike to the Heart of Appalachia Board.

- Darrel Jeter – No
- Michele Glover – No
- Eddie Skeen – Yes
- Chris Maness – Yes
- Michael Brickey – No
- Danny Casteel – Yes
- Stefanie Addington - No

Chairman Maness adjourned the meeting to June 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

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