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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 June 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.

Supervisor Michael K. Brickey gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this board hereby amends the agenda by removing John Kilgore from county department reports and adding school funding under County Administrator – miscellaneous.

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this board hereby approves the April 29, 2026 minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this board hereby approves the May 6, 2026 minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this board hereby approves the May 6, 2026 budget workshop minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this board hereby approves the May 15, 2026 budget workshop minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this board hereby approves the May 22, 2026 budget workshop minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

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

Beryl Maness requested that the Board waive building permit fees for Fairview Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

With the new computer system, Bill Dingus explained that they would be required to pay for the permits and then refunded.

Danny Kestner from East Carters Valley questioned what the new Supervisors campaigned on and if they kept their word. He thanked Danny Casteel and Eddie Skeen for trying to help the taxpayers. He pointed out that over 400 students from Tennessee attend school in Scott County. Yuma and Weber City schools are being remodeled to hold the increase. The taxpayers are paying for this. He went on to say that the elderly and people on fixed income are most affected by this, and it is not right. Mr. Kestner stated that the Public Works Department is supposed to take care of our trash. There are citizens coming to this board almost every month with complaints about dumpsters being full, trash flying from the trash trucks, waste sites closing early, and trucks being broken down. Mr. Kestner stated that there are no real solutions from the Public Works Department, and we might as well be putting our money in a paper shredder. Mr. Kestner pointed out that there are cameras at waste sites and questioned how many tickets have been given and how much money this has generated. Mr. Kestner inquired about what the citizens are paying for the Economic Development Authority. He went on to question if it is jobs, tax growth, new business that comes and stays. Mr. Kestner pointed out that the county paid over $2 million for the Riverside Property in Weber City fifteen years ago, but there are no jobs and no tax on it. He questioned how much interest has been paid on the loan for that property. He addressed complaints about the Animal Warden and Litter Control Officer not responding to calls and no follow up to the problems. In addition, Mr. Kestner noted that the Animal Warden and Litter Control Officer drive their county trucks home, and he questioned how much gas that would cost in one year. The Board needs to listen to the taxpayers and not the department managers. Mr. Kestner pointed out that the population in Scott County is dropping, and we need jobs, businesses that come and stay, and no Tennessee students. He requested that each Supervisor and the County Administrator talk with the taxpayers and stop the budget increase.

Gary Baker from Boozy Creek spoke about the budget, COLA, and tax rates. He suggested getting rid of one employee if there are two in the same office. He pointed out that 26 percent are senior citizens in Scott County. The population is going down, 16 percent of the citizens are children, and 46 percent are paying taxes. If the school cannot provide reimbursement, Mr. Baker suggested cutting them. Mr. Baker made a correction from the last meeting when he stated that the reassessment cost $600,000 and noted that it was $300,000 instead. Mr. Baker predicted that property values will increase with the reassessment. He requested that the board consider raising personal property tax instead of real estate tax. Mr. Baker stated that the board should bust the Economic Development Authority if they do not give the funding to the county from the sale of the Pioneer Center.

Christina Hurd from District Two reported that she works with Scott County Strong and tries to be at every event. She noted a FOIA request concerning data centers, and one building not being taxed in Scott County. She pointed out that the Pioneer Center was sold for $740,000, but it is valued at $3,000,000. In addition, she addressed an ordinance limiting data centers.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the name of the one not being taxed in Duffield

Ms. Hurd replied that the name is Advanced Technology.

Bob Tyus spoke about Snowflake Road. He noted that the road is on the Six Year Plan, but everyone will be dead by the time three miles are paved. He suggested reclassifying Snowflake Road to a primary road to get more work done on that road. He noted that some secondary roads are getting resurfaced.

Gary McNew from Stanleytown pointed out that 26 percent of the population in Scott County is 65 or older, 20 percent are on welfare, and 41 percent live and work in Scott County, Virginia. Most work in Tennessee. He noted that the county should not have given Weber City Fire Department funding to purchase a fancy door for their building since they serve Weber City. He noted that the school wants 1.5 million dollars to pick up 14 million dollars from the state. He suggested charging extra for the services provided to the school. He went on to say that the fire tax will take money out of the citizen's pocket, and they cannot stand that. Mr. McNew urged the Board to save money instead of spending it.

Jennifer Pike from Fort Blackmore addressed the Board to clarify confusion and misinformation concerning her appointment with the Heart of Appalachia Board. She went on to say that the board was provided with incorrect information. Ms. Pike stated that she has been a loyal board member on behalf of Scott County since the appointment and never took compensation for attending meetings which is allowable. She reported that the Heart of Appalachia Executive Board voted on June 4, 2025, to seek her professional assistance in the upcoming General Assembly session. Ms. Pike responded that she would need to consult with the State Ethics Council for an opinion on representing the Heart of Appalachia while still holding her position. She pointed out that the Executive Director of the Ethics Council sent her an email that clearly states that it is not a conflict to do both representing the Heart of Appalachia before the General Assembly while serving Scott County as a voting board member. At the October 4, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, Ms. Pike noted that her board appointment was added to the agenda. She went on to say that the Board of Supervisors was told by the County Administrator that she had taken a position with the Heart of Appalachia and cannot serve on the board in a voting capacity anymore. Ms. Pike clarified that she is not an employee of the Heart of Appalachia and never entered a contract or received any compensation from them. Based on the information that the Board of Supervisors received, it was concluded that she should be removed from the Board of Directors; however, the proper removal process was not initiated as outlined in the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states that there is a removal process for appointed Board members that are sworn in by the Circuit Court Clerk. That includes malfeasance, incompetence, and gross neglect of duty. Ms. Pike stated that she does not meet any of the criteria for removal. Ms. Pike stated that she has received no communication from the County Administrator or County Attorney regarding this, and she continued to attend the Heart of Appalachia meetings and vote on business matters. Ms. Pike stated that she had been wronged. At the May 22, 2026, meeting, this matter was discussed as a result of receiving a letter from her attorney; however, the Board chose not to correct the error. Ms. Pike stated that she will continue to serve in her appointed capacity until notified by the Scott County Circuit Court Clerk that she has officially be removed. When a wrong decision is made, Ms. Pike urged that it be corrected. She went on to say that this is not the end of the matter, and she will continue to fight for her rights as a citizen of Scott County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Bill Dockery from Midway pointed out to the board that they are voted in to take care of problems. He went on to say that people are trying to figure out why taxes are being raised. If the Board manages money right, Mr. Dockery pointed out that the board will not have these problems. He questioned why the Carter Fold was given $40,000. Mr. Dockey stated that the Economic Development Authority does nothing for our county, there is nothing here, and people do not want it. He suggested cutting salaries and hiring someone in this county to do the reassessment.

Kathy Riley from Copper Creek Road spoke about the reassessment. She noted the last reassessment increased values by 40 percent. There were some businesses that remained the same or went down. Ms. Riley noted that wants override needs. She went on to say that the county paid too much for Riverside, the call center left, and there is a church now that does not pay any taxes. Also, she noted that there are too many $100,000 plus salaries, and a three percent increase would be another $3,000 added on to that. Some have an assistant and do what. Ms. Riley stated that she has a budget, she bought a car, and she paid taxes on that car. She questioned why she must keep paying taxes on that same car again. Ms. Riley pointed out that everyone is leaving Scott County. The Board cannot spend correctly, and she would love to trim the fat off the budget.

Margaret Couch from Duffield stated that taxes are the price we pay for services. She went on to say that it is not reasonable to imagine that we have a functioning community with everything that includes and nobody has to pay for it. She thanked the board for their work.

Darrell Dougherty spoke about Addington Frame Road and Snowflake Road. Mr. Doughtery expressed appreciation for everything the board is doing to get Snowflake Road paved. He addressed Midway Road that needs attention due to tractor trailers hauling trash from the Transfer Station. He expressed appreciation to Eddie Skeen for his help with Snowflake Road. Mr. Doughtery went on to say that he would move if he did not own a farm in Scott County, and he pointed out that the county population is getting smaller.

Richard Kern from Weber City addressed the Board. He stated that he wanted to come and listen to others speak, see how they interact with the board, and the way things are responded to. Mr. Kern stated that he agrees with the lady who spoke about there being no way that we can have things without paying for it. Mr. Kern noted that part of the social contract is taxes, and we agree to a social contract with our government. Mr. Kern stated that we will give up freedom and pay taxes to be serviced properly and be given the things that we need for security, liberty, and freedom. Mr. Kern stated the problem he hears is that we are upholding our end of the social contract and paying taxes, but we do not have certain things that are supposed to be provided on your end of the contract. He went on to say that there is no trash pickup, paved roads, and a lack of jobs. He pointed out a $3 million building being sold for $700,000. Mr. Kern stated that he is all for paying taxes to make sure that we have all these things, but we don't have these things. If we do not have these things, your end of the contract is not being upheld. That is why you see the frustration here today. There are some who don't want their real estate raised and want it to put on personal property instead, and then there are some who don't want that, so you will never make everyone happy. If the basic needs of the people are being taken care of, then we have every reason to expect taxes. When the basic needs are not met, outrage from the citizens should be expected.

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

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby approves refunding building inspection permit fees to Fairview Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

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.

There was discussion about comments Ms. Hurd made during Citizen Expression regarding an ordinance for data centers.

Chairman Maness suggested that Ms. Kegley review what other Virginia counties have done.

Ms. Kegley replied that is part of the zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission would initiate that and is waiting for more guidelines from the State. Ms. Kegley stated that the Planning Commission will be looking into it in the coming months, and we will do what we can to have regulations to benefit the county.

Chairman Maness stated that he would attend those meetings.

There was discussion among the Board regarding comments made by Ms. Pike during Citizen Expression Period.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby confirms in writing that the Board of Supervisors reported removal of Jennifer Pike from the Heart of Appalachia Board is withdrawn with no cause or effect and that the board had improperly attempted to remove her and replace her by mistake.

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 stated that he and Supervisor Eddie Skeen were censored over something that he supposedly said to Ms. Pike, and they just admitted that they made a mistake. He pointed out his sign that says less taxes, and he encouraged everyone to stay to see what is done on taxes later today.

There was discussion among the Board regarding comments made about the Animal Warden and Litter Control Officer driving county vehicles home. It was noted that they have a ten-minute drive to Scott County.

There was discussion among the Board regarding taxes being paid on buildings in Duffield and if the data center paying $5,000 in taxes is reasonable.

Chairman Maness stated that was for another building in Duffield. That was not an actual data center building; therefore, that is something that needs to be brought up with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

There was discussion about citizens paying too much on their personal property because it was assessed retail.

Chairman Maness replied that is something to discuss with the Commissioner of the Revenue as well.

There was discussion about secondary roads being reclassified as primary roads.

Chairman Maness stated that the Board of Supervisors cannot do that. That is something that needs to be discussed with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

There was discussion about Carter Fold funding. It was noted that the Board of Supervisors was not involved with that. The Economic Development Authority made the decision to fund the Carter Fold $20,000 for three years. The Board of Supervisors took no action on that.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that there was an ordinance four to five years ago where the county is in the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority and joined to have a lower tax rate for data centers to attract them here. There is an ordinance for new data centers, but that would not affect this one.

There was discussion about trash pickup in Weber City. It was noted that the Town of Weber City voted not to do that anymore. The county does not have trash pickup.

Myron Fields updated the Board on Cove Creek. He went on to say that three permits have been completed and turned in, and three additional permits are needed. Mr. Fields stated that he is waiting for approval. He noted that certain areas of the creek do not require a permit.

Kim Howell with Planning District One presented an annual report and pointed out that 100,000 hours of services have been provided with 4,797 individuals served from ages 18-64. Ms. Howell pointed out that a ten percent match is mandated by the Code of Virginia. She spoke about a crisis center, supplemental housing, opioid abatement, and a recovery center located in Duffield (Said report being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 128).

BREAK: 10:23 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:45 a.m.

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby adopts the following:

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SCOTT COUNTY VIRGINIA'S SMART SCALE PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of prioritizing transportation projects for funding by the Commonwealth Transportation Board based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide, as set forth in the General Assembly's House Bill 2 (HB2) effective as of July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes the new transportation funding formula set forth in House Bill 1887 and approved by the Virginia General Assembly in February 2015 and the High-Priority Project Program, as defined in § 33.2-370 as the statewide competitive funding program and the

Highway Construction District Grant Programs, as defined in § 33.2-371 as the Bristol District competitive funding program; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes that applicable projects submitted by eligible localities in the Bristol District will be scored on five weighted factors as follows: Economic Development (30%), Safety (40%), Accessibility (10%), Congestion Mitigation (10%), Environmental Quality (10%); and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes that applicable projects must meet a defined need according to the VTRANS statewide transportation vision document and be located within a corridor of statewide significance, within an identified regional network, and/or within a local urban designated growth area, or specifically address a safety issue; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Scale (formerly known as HB2) project identified within Scott County is the US 23 at Natural Tunnel Parkway Intersection Realignment project; and

WHEREAS, the US 23 at Natural Tunnel Parkway Intersection Realignment project scope currently consists of realigning the existing intersection at US 23 and Natural Tunnel Parkway (Route 871) and will shift it approximately 100ft to the north to improve sight distance. The project will reconstruct a northbound right-turn lane on US 23 with 150ft of storage and 150ft of taper and a southbound left-turn lane with 400ft of storage and 200ft of taper. Project will construct a westbound right-turn lane on Natural Tunnel Parkway with 100ft of storage and 100ft of taper; and

WHEREAS, the description of the scope is its current iteration, with the understanding of the potential for minor modifications or adjustments possible up to application submission. As well as the acknowledgement of any significant changes that alters the project's primary benefits will include a new resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scott County Board of Supervisors approves and supports the submission of the aforementioned project via the SMART SCALE application process for the FY2028 Six Year Improvement Program Cycle, with the candidate project pre-application submission deadline of April 1, 2026 and full application submission deadline of August 3, 2026.

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 L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves an engagement letter with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, PLLC for audit services (Said letter of engagement attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 122).

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

Voting nay: None.

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

Resolution No: 2026 – 08

RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2027 CASINO GAMING TAX PROCEEDS USAGE

WHEREAS, Scott County is a beneficiary member of the Bristol Transportation District Regional Improvement Commission, which directs funding to its 14 members on an equal share basis, dividing casino gaming tax proceeds to the benefit of education, public safety, transportation or some combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Improvement Commission is charged with disbursing the funds annually and with auditing the use of such funds to ensure compliance with the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Improvement Commission has requested all member localities to indicate their planned budget uses of the funds derived from the gaming tax; and

WHEREAS, Scott County has not yet adopted its FY27 budget while anticipating completion of final budget action from the Virginia General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 3rd day of June 2026, does hereby resolve to direct sixty percent (60%) of its Fiscal Year 2027 gaming tax proceeds to public safety and forty percent (40%) of its Fiscal Year 2027 gaming tax proceeds to education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scott County Board of Supervisors directs its representative to the Regional Improvement Commission to convey this intention to the Commission and to provide such documentation as may be required to the Commission in support of this funding.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of June 2026.

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.

Economic Development Director John Kilgore presented the Enterprise Zone Incentives for approval.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Eddie N. Skeen, this Board hereby directs that a check be issued to Tempur Sealy in the amount of $96,710.40 for the 2025 Enterprise Zone Incentives (Enterprise Zone Incentives Request for Payment attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No:123).

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 Eddie N. Skeen, this Board hereby directs that a check be issued to VFP, Inc in the amount of $37,425.44 for the 2025 Enterprise Zone Incentives (Enterprise Zone Incentives Request for Payment attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 124).

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

Voting nay: None.

Tina Seay reported that no applications were received for the Tourism – Gate City representative, Tourism-At-Large representative, nor Planning Commission opening.

It was the consensus of the Board to advertise those positions again.

Ms. Seay pointed out that there are two positions open for the Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board. One application was received from Josh Wilson.

Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board – four-year term

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Josh Wilson

On a motion by Christopher S. Maness, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Josh Wilson to serve a four-year term on the Mountain Empire Community College Advisory 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.

It was the consensus of the Board to advertise the remaining opening on the Mountain Empire Community College Board again.

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: 129).

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington this Board hereby orders that:
a. General County Fund 1000 be allowed the sum of $1,150,568.10 for voucher numbers 50030323-50030329, 50030331, 50030334, 50030467, 50030672-50030683, wire 891-895 $371,757.78, and Payroll/DD $711,893.44.
b. Delinquent Tax Litigation Fund 1105 be allowed the sum of $260.50 for voucher number 50030332.
c. Courthouse Security Fund 1210 be allowed the sum of $6,233.75 for voucher numbers 50030680 and 50030682 and Wire 893-895 $1,377.26 and Payroll DD 260625 $4,759.52.
d. Weapons Permit Fund 1230 be allowed the sum of $1,152.18 for voucher number 50030680 for Wire 893-895 and Payroll DD $745.40.
e. Law Library Fund 1305 be allowed the sum of $251.00 for voucher number 50030330.
f. CWAO Collection Fund 1310 be allowed the sum of $2,711.70 for voucher numbers 50030673 and 50030683 Wire 892-895 and Payroll DD $1,537.77.
g. Wireless Grant – 911 Fund 1505 be allowed the sum of $16,627.23 for voucher number 50030333 Wire 894-895 and Payroll DD 260625-DD.
h. Social Services Fund 5000 be allowed the sum of $490,596.58 for voucher numbers 50030227-50030322, 50030459-50030466, 50030515, 50030663-50030671, 50030758-50030788, 50030792-50030801 Wire 886-890 $89,159.08 and Payroll DD 260625 $136,279.09.
i. CPMT Fund 5500 be allowed the sum of $97,180.35 for voucher numbers 50030839-50030853.

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 a quarterly report from Extension Agent Scott Jerrell. Mr. Wilson reported on the VA250 event. Also, Mr. Wilson stated that he has had numerous meetings with the school division about the budget. He noted that Supervisor Skeen inquired about carryover funds from the school division. Mr. Wilson reported that he reached out to several school districts about carrying over funds from one year to the next, and he heard back from Dickenson and Lee Counties. Mr. Wilson asked the County Attorney to correct him if he is wrong, but this Boad would need to allow the school to carry over funds. Without any direction, textbooks are the only thing that can be carried over. Dickenson County did carry only textbooks and changed that a number of years ago. According to the Dickenson County Administrator, they average about $1.5 to $2 million carryover funds every year. That is put into a reserve fund for anything that may arise for the school. They received a letter from the school division requesting that the unspent funds be appropriated to the next budget year. That does not reduce the county's obligation to the school. It is placed in an account that the county collects interest from. The situation is the same in Lee County as far as how they handle their unspent funds. They have a capital projects fund and earn interest as well. In Scott County, there have been no unspent funds in the past several years, and that is why there has been no request for reappropriation. Mr. Wilson reported that he did not hear back from Wise County or the City of Norton.

Supervisor Skeen inquired about there being a blanket policy on that.

County Administrator Wilson stated that he would have to look into that more, but a policy would probably cover it.

Supervisor Skeen questioned the disadvantage of doing that.

Mr. Wilson replied that he does not think there would be any disadvantage. They are going to spend it if they need too. The county could earn interest on any unspent funds, but it would still be their money to use. No budget requirement could be offset with that.

Chairman Maness clarified that the school could not offset their request for funding with any of the funds carried over.

Mr. Wilson replied that the county would have to fund the required match.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen asked if Supervisor Brickey worked as an interim Superintendent in Lee County.

Mr. Brickey replied yes.

Mr. Skeen asked if Mr. Brickey is familiar with their budget.

Mr. Brickey replied no.

Mr. Wilson reported that his twin boys were born May 9th, and he appreciates everyone's support. He went on to say that he attended the Bristol Regional Commission meeting and was elected to serve as Secretary for that Commission. He attended the Carter Fort Chapter DAR 40th Anniversary, and it was a great event. Mr. Wilson reported that he went on WJHL with Brittany Robertson and Jeff Arrington to promote the VA250 event, and there is something scheduled with WCYB as well. Mr. Wilson reported that he attended the Regional Industrial Facilities Meeting. He pointed out that we are getting close to receiving some revenue sharing. In addition, Mr. Wilson stated that he attended the Weber City Town Council meeting, and they are talking with the Sheriff about a law enforcement contract. Also, Mr. Wilson reported that he attended the Governor's Economic Development Input Session. He went on to say that he attended the Southwest Virginia Economic Forum at UVA Wise. Mr. Wilson stated that he attended two Economic Development Authority meetings. He went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation confirmed that the Ford Quillen bridge naming in Gate City was approved.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen inquired about the CSX railroad crossing letter.

Mr. Wilson stated that letter has not gone out yet. He went on to say that he wanted to get a better understanding. He pointed out that he, Sally Kegley, and Bill Dingus talked with Mr. Perry and looked it over. Currently, he has access through his neighbor's property, but that could change with a new owner. Mr. Wilson noted that he would follow up with Congressman Griffith's Office. He noted that they will be holding their local office hours here next Wednesday morning for anyone that has anything to talk about.

Supervisor Skeen stated that he had requested that county employees be contacted about communication and follow-up with citizens that call in.

Mr. Wilson replied that it was specifically Animal and Litter Control that was being discussed, and he pointed out that they are doing a really good job. He noted that Supervisor Jeter called in about some kittens left at the Yuma Waste Site, and the cameras were utilized to catch the person.

Supervisor Jeter noted that eleven kittens were left there, and the Animal Control Officer called him back about charges pending.

Mr. Wilson noted that he sent a letter to the Department of Education about the ADM calculation but has not heard back yet.

Supervisor Skeen asked Mr. Wilson if he had any idea why that number was higher this year.

Mr. Wilson replied that he does not know.

Recreation Director Derrick France gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 130).

Chairman Chris Maness pointed out the Southwest Virginia Economic Development Forum was great. He went on to say that he is trying to get the slides for that to share with the board. Some of the data showed where Southwest Virginia ranks among other rural areas and that is concerning, but it shows areas where we can improve also.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen noted that Nickelsville Days is coming up Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. At our last meeting, we discussed small business appreciation month. One person was contacted about doing some work, so it does help to get some coverage. He noted that a lot is going on with Clinch River tourism. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that he and Supervisor Casteel attended a Clinch River State Park meeting, and that park is progressing. Also, he met with Chuck Bridwell that is redoing a campground in Dungannon, and there will be a boat ramp access for guests. He went on to say that Mr. Bridwell owns property on River Bluff that he is leasing to Clinch River Park for a launch site that is now open. Last year, the Fort Blackmore Highway 72 bridge launch and parking area upgrades were completed. He noted the purpose for that is to get shorter distances between floats. Supervisor Skeen stated that he has been working to get a launch site in the Hill Station area. He went on to say that there is a launch site at Clinchport. He pointed out that Clinch River Life is open with tubing rentals and camping. He noted DWR improvements at Speers Ferry Bridge and Copper Creek intersection. He recognized the Clinch River Campground on Anglers Way Road, and Natural Tunnel being a hub for a lot of activity. Supervisor Skeen pointed out that the lack of progress with the Economic Development Authority is one thing that the Board hears at almost every meeting. He went on to say that this board requested $740,000 from the Economic Development Authority toward our budget this year which they denied. Supervisor Skeen stated that he asked the Economic Development Director John Kilgore what has been done to develop new business and industry in the last 20 years, and he did not have an answer. He went on to say that is why we struggle with the budget. One of the Economic Development Authority board members suggested that the Board of Supervisors should look at raising taxes or cutting services, but he forgot to mention the reason he is there is to develop new business and industry in Scott County. Supervisor Skeen stated that he thinks there is no confidence on that board to do those things; therefore, he proposed a vote of no confidence for the Economic Development Authority board members and director and requests their resignation.

Chairman Maness asked if that was a motion.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen replied that it is a motion.

Supervisor Danny Casteel second the motion.

There was discussion among the board.

Supervisor Skeen asked the County Attorney Sally Kegley to give a background on how a no confidence vote from our board would play out.

Ms. Kegley replied that she is not sure because it has never happened before, and she would have to look into that. Usually, a resignation is based on some kind of malfeasance.

Supervisor Skeen suggested that it might be better to go with a vote of no confidence and pursue the resignation based on Ms. Kegley's research.

Chairman Maness inquired about any teeth to a no confidence.

Ms. Kegley replied that there could be teeth to a resignation request. No confidence is just a statement. There would be no teeth to that.

Supervisor Eddie Skeen amended his motion to send a letter of no confidence. He requested further research on resignation to be addressed later at another meeting.

There was further discussion. It was noted that it is difficult to get people to apply for openings on Boards now. A suggestion was made to speak with the members of the Economic Development Authority and Director individually to give them a chance to defend themselves first. There was discussion as to funds for Economic Development grant match and rent received by the Economic Development Authority from tenants.

On a motion by Eddie N. Skeen, duly seconded by Danny M. Casteel, this Board hereby directs sending a letter of no confidence vote to the Economic Development Authority members and Director of Economic Development.

Voting Aye: Eddie N. Skeen
Danny M. Casteel.

Voting Nay: Darrel W. Jeter
L. Michele Glover
Michael K. Brickey
Christopher S. Maness
Stefanie C. Addington.

Motion Failed

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel being County Administrator.

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 Michael K. Brickey, 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 Michael K. Brickey, 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.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by L. Michele Glover, this Board hereby approves an HVAC stipend agreement for maintenance (Said agreement attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 125).

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

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by L. Michele Glover, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby approves a job description for Finance Director (Said job description attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 35 Attachment No: 126).

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

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

Chairman Maness adjourned the meeting to a budget workshop at 1:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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