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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 January, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
 Marshall D. Tipton
 Jeremy P. Herron
 Danny P. Mann – Chairman
 Michael K. Brickey – Vice-Chairman
 Selma G. Hood
 Stefanie C. Addington

ABSENT: None.

County Administrator Freda Starnes called the meeting to order.

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

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby sets the term of office for Chairman and Vice-Chairman at one year.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Chairman Board of Supervisors

Darrel W. Jeter nominated Danny P. Mann and Michael K. Brickey seconded

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Danny P. Mann to serve as Chairman.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Abstain: Danny P. Mann

Chairman Danny Mann presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors

Stefanie C. Addington nominated Michael K. Brickey

Jeremy P. Herron nominated Marshall D. Tipton

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Jeremy P. Herron, this Board hereby ceases nominations.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Voting for Michael K. Brickey – Danny P. Mann, Darrel W. Jeter, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting for Marshall D. Tipton – Selma G. Hood and Jeremy P. Herron.

Abstain - Michael K. Brickey and Marshall D. Tipton

Michael K. Brickey was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby sets the meeting day and time on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves the Rules of Procedure (Said procedure being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 71).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the agenda.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves the November 17, 2022 minutes.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the December 7, 2022 minutes.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Jeremy P. Herron, duly seconded by Selma G. Hood, this Board hereby approves the December 19, 2022 minutes.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Abstain: Marshall D. Tipton.

Chairman Danny Mann opened Citizen Expression Period to receive public comments.

Resident of Cox Chapel Road Jacob Hubbard spoke about the need for maintenance on Cox Chapel Road. He pointed out that the total length of that road is 3.6 miles. There is .9 miles that is paved, and 2.2 miles that is not paved with a lot of issues. There are 14 households on the gravel road, and there are five households on the paved portion. The residents of Cox Chapel Road would like the road paved or better maintained. Cox Chapel Road has been on the road plan two times. The residents would like to know why a portion of Cox Chapel Road was paved and not the entire road. He went on to say that the citizens are concerned about the mud and wear and tear on their vehicles. Mr. Hubbard noted that he bought a farm to raise premium products. His customers are unable to drive their cars to his property to purchase his products. Also, property values decrease due to the condition of the road.

Peggy Tyus spoke about Snowflake Road. She requested that Snowflake Road be placed on the Six Year Plan even though the plan does not work. She went on to say that she called in a work order for some gravel. Ms. Tyus stated that she was contacted about a work order for Gillenwater Loop instead of Snowflake Road. Ms. Tyus pointed out that Gillenwater Loop Road is paved. She went on to say that another Virginia Department of Transportation representative is supposed to contact her. Ms. Tyus noted that a portion of the road that she complained about last month was improved somewhat. There are still areas that have not been addressed. Ms. Tyus suggested that Delegate Terry Kilgore be contacted about changes needed with the Virginia Department of Transportation. She went on to say that Scott County needs help with dirt roads but realizes it is out of the hands of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Tyus concluded that she would like Snowflake Road placed on the Six Year Plan.

Joe Broadwater spoke about the housing development at Riverside. He went on to say that property connects to his property and his neighbor's property. He inquired about the number of homes that will be built on the Riverside property. Mr. Broadwater added that he is a union president, and there are tough decisions to be made. He pointed out that he does not know where 60 homes could be sold in Scott County right now. Mr. Broadwater went on to say that it is relevant that people in Scott County have housing, but across the state line there is no state tax, and 75 percent of the people he works with live in Tennessee for that reason. Mr. Broadwater stated that he made his choice to live in Scott County because he loves it and was raised on Big Moccasin. Mr. Broadwater went on to say that he had \$480.00 taken out for State tax, and he does not know how these homes could be sold since you can go across the state line and not pay that tax. The number of homes to build at Riverside should be determined first. There are homes being built in Tennessee now; therefore, it is not the time to do this. Mr. Broadwater stated that he would be afraid to do this project right now with all that is going on in Washington. In 2008 and 2009 this guy and the president shut down half of his plant and sister plant in Kingsport. If we had not been bought by an American company, we would be closed right now. Mr. Broadwater requested that the Board look at this project before agreeing to do it. Not out of disrespect for the houses or developer, but for our county. He pointed out that the county has suffered losing Daugherty Brothers Chevrolet, King Ford, Birmingham Bolt, and everything associated with the mines. In addition, he mentioned high interest rates. Mr. Broadwater thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and concluded that there is no better place to live in the world than Scott County.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter spoke relative to some property the school owns at the Sports Complex that they do not need and would like to sell. He noted that the school would like to keep the money from the sale of the property. Supervisor Jeter pointed out that the county would collect taxes on the property if it is sold. Currently, the county is not collecting any taxes. Supervisor Jeter went on to say that County Attorney Sally Kegley has reviewed it.

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

Chairman Mann reported that the County Administrator has been in contact with the Virginia Department of Transportation about Cox Chapel Road. Chairman Mann inquired about any work that was done on that road recently.

Mr. Hubbard replied that they have worked the road; however, it is back to the way it was.

Chairman Mann stated that is typical of unpaved roads. There are over 200 miles of them in Scott County. Chairman Mann questioned the unpaved road issues being fixed unless they are all paved. A portion of Cox Chapel Road was paved because that was all the funding would do at that time. Last year, there was not enough funding to do a project. Chairman Mann stated that he met with the Secretary of Transportation in Richmond about this, and it is a General Assembly issue. In addition, Chairman Mann stated that he pointed out paving that did not need to be done on primary routes. However, primary funds cannot be used for secondary roads. Chairman Mann stated that the General Assembly is in control of that, but he would like for the Board of Supervisors to have more control of that besides sending work orders. Chairman Mann pointed out that there were 34 roads on the six year plan at one time. They were taken off and put back on in order as funding became available. The Six Year Plan has not been working although it may eventually get there.

Supervisor Jeremy Herron pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation wants the Board to do work orders, but there are over 2,000 work orders. Virginia Department of Transportation does not have the manpower. They need more funds to hire more people to get the job done. In 2008, the Blueprint Plan came along, and that is when all these cuts began. That is when the Virginia Department of Transportation shops closed in Fort Blackmore and Nickelsville. Something has to change in the Legislature. Even if Snowflake Road is added to the Six Year Plan, it would be another six years before any of it is paved. Virginia Department of Transportation needs to start maintaining these roads.

Mr. Hubbard inquired about who he needs to talk with next.

Chairman Mann directed Mr. Hubbard to Delegate Terry Kilgore.

Supervisor Jeter added that Richmond needs to send more funds.

Chairman Mann pointed out that the developers of the Riverside property are in attendance, and there is an agenda item for that.

Chairman Danny Mann pointed out that the school system did not ask the Board of Supervisors to purchase the property at the Sports Complex so we can vote on that today.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that it is premature to vote on that. The school is requesting an indication of what the Board of Supervisors will do.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter explained that there are three tracks across from the Sports Complex the school wants to sell, and they want to keep the area that was leveled off for parking.

It was the consensus of the Board that the school system can keep the funds from the sale of the property across from the sports complex. Furthermore, the Board will take a formal vote at a later time.

Chairman Danny P. Mann opened a public hearing on a special use permit application submitted by the Scott County Economic Development Authority for single family dwelling, attached, single family dwelling, detached, townhouse; two family dwelling at tax map # (s) 146B7 A 20 on Riverside Park Lane in Scott County, VA.

Building/Zoning Administrator David Gilmer presented an application from the Economic Development Authority for a special use permit. He pointed out the location, noted the property is zoned commercial, and adjoining property owners were notified of the public hearing (Said presentation is attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 75).

No one spoke.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby approves a special use permit for the Scott County Economic Development Authority for single family dwelling, attached, single family dwelling, detached, townhouse; two family dwelling at tax map # (s) 146B7 A 20 on Riverside Park Lane in Scott County, VA.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Chairman Danny P. Mann opened a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit Application submitted by Johnny G. Steffey for minor auto repair at tax map # (s) 168-10-10 in Scott County, VA.

Building/Zoning Administrator David Gilmer presented an application from Johnny Steffey for minor auto repair. He pointed out the location, noted the property is zoned residential/agricultural, and adjacent property owners were notified (Said presentation being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 76).

No one spoke.

On a motion by Jeremy P. Herron, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves a special use permit for Johnny G. Steffey for minor auto repair at tax map # (s) 168-10-10 in Scott County, VA.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Auditor Ron Bostic presented the Fiscal Year Ended 2022 audit. He went on to say that a clean opinion was given.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Selma G. Hood, this Board hereby accepts the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 audit.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Commonwealth's Attorney Kyle Kilgore and S.C.O.T.T. Service Staff Jessica Keith, Justin Venable, and Shannon McMurray gave an update.

Mr. Kilgore recognized the tireless work of the S.C.O.T.T. Service Program staff. He pointed out that clients are excited to qualify for the program. He added that his predecessor saw the drug related issues and the need for this program. Mr. Kilgore noted that this program saves the county money and offers us a chance to change lives. He went on to say that there are a lot of addiction charges that never get resolved. This program gives them a reason to stay clean and improve their situation.

Justin Venable reported that there has been 1.1 million dollars in jail savings costs and 3.3 million dollars overall. There has been \$250,000 saved in labor costs and \$1,000,000 overall. There are currently 60 participants, 84 have completed the program, and there is a 60 percent success rate.

Jessica Keith pointed out that Shannon McMurray has discovered a new recovery program for the participants in this program.

Supervisor Tipton referred to the Veterans Memorial as a possible project.

The S.C.O.T.T. Service staff urged the Board to let them know of roads that need attention for trash pickup.

Bill Dingus pointed out that the S.C.O.T.T. Service workers want to see a project completed that they are involved with before they leave the program.

Supervisor Addington expressed appreciation for the fantastic job.

Supervisor Brickey pointed out that the S.C.O.T.T. Service staff have done a great job.

Break: 9:40 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:00 a.m.

Claude Williams addressed Gillenwater Loop and the proposed bridge abandonment by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Mr. Williams addressed the historical significance and safety of the bridge. He went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation wants it off their inventory. Mr. Williams pointed out that Calvin Sneed does articles on bridges, and he is doing an article on this bridge. Exiting on the west end of the road is a safety issue due to sight distance. It is safer on the end that the Virginia Department of Transportation wants to close. Mr. Williams requested that the Board agree to keep the bridge as it is. Mr. Williams went on to say that he does not think the Virginia Department of Transportation is spending any money on that road since he mows along the road and plows the snow.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby directs that the Gillenwater Loop Bridge remain as it is.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves Moseley Architects Amendment-02 in the amount of \$83,027.00 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to demolish the courthouse annex building and old jail building and authorizes the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents (Said document attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 74).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves a job description for a Building Inspector/Zoning Assistant (Said job description attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 73).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves a Crooked Road Community sign project to be located at the Lee/Scott and Tennessee/Virginia lines.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Supervisors Michael K. Brickey, Marshall D. Tipton, and Danny P. Mann volunteered to attend the legislative reception in Richmond leaving Monday, January 30, 2023 and returning Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

There was discussion as to postponing the February 1, 2023 Board meeting.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the Budget Calendar for FY 2024 (Said calendar being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 72).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 33 Attachment No: 77).

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board orders that:

- (a) Social Services be allowed the sum of \$357,681.49 for voucher numbers 4080664 - 4080782 with voucher numbers 4080547 and 4080615 voided and payroll electronic tax.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,501,679.81 for voucher numbers 2098364 – 2098369, 2098371 – 2098383, 2098385 – 2098388, 2098390 – 2098397, 2098399 – 2098406, 2098408 – 2098435, 2098437 – 2098445, 2098447 – 2098451, 2098452 – 2098495, 2098496 – 2098497, 2098498 – 2098506, 2098508 – 2098513, 2098515 – 2098517, 2098519 – 2098526, 2098527 – 2098561, 2098562 – 2098580, 2098582 – 2098583, 2098585, 2098587 – 2098591, with voucher numbers 2098104 and 2098161 void and payroll electronic tax.
- (c) Fund 11 be allowed the sum of \$1,664.14 for voucher numbers 2098444 and 2098496 payroll electronic tax payment.
- (d) Fund 46 be allowed the sum of \$1,243.26 for voucher numbers 2098375, 2098444, 2098459, 2098586, and payroll electronic tax.
- (e) Fund 35 be allowed the sum of \$134,840.00 for voucher numbers 2098370, 2098446, 2098507, 2098514, 2098581, and 2098584 and payroll electronic tax.
- (f) Fund 55 be allowed the sum of \$55,622.69 for voucher numbers 5511337 – 5511354.
- (g) Fund 45 be allowed the sum of \$1,734.53 for voucher number 2098518 and payroll electronic tax.
- (h) Fund 16 be allowed the sum of \$189.82 for voucher number 2098483.
- (i) Fund 2 be allowed the sum of \$1,760.00 for voucher number 2098436.
- (j) Fund 18 be allowed the sum of \$1,046.44 for voucher numbers 2098374, 2098407, 2098462, and 2098537.
- (k) Fund 27 be allowed the sum of \$259.23 for voucher number 2098389 and 2098462.
- (l) Fund 17 be allowed the sum of \$68.46 for voucher number 2098462 and payroll electronic tax.
- (m) Fund 37 be allowed the sum of \$123.90 for voucher number 2098398.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter expressed appreciation to the staff.

Supervisor Marshall Tipton suggested that a tax assessor's office be considered in the upcoming budget. He added that other counties do better with that office. He expressed appreciation to the staff and Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tipton stated that he is thankful for a good report from his doctor. He pointed out that the Board works collectively and looks at the best interest of the citizens. A lot of blame is placed on the Board of Supervisors, and we shoulder that even though the blame is not ours. He commended the Board for willing to drive forward to help the citizens of our county. He went on to say that the Board navigates issues when faced with them. The Board has debated an assessor's office, and he is still of the mind-set that may be the best way to go. Supervisor Tipton requested that the Board think about that.

Supervisor Jeremy Herron suggested that the Board of Supervisors and citizens send another letter regarding the road conditions.

After much discussion, it was proposed to discuss the road issues at the legislative reception and prepare a letter to review at the next meeting.

Supervisor Michael Brickey addressed a zero based budget. Departments start with what they had remaining the previous budget year. In addition, he pointed out that the budget needs to allow for a rainy day fund. He proposed that the Board look at the amount that goes to education from the state, local, and federal level. He pointed out that the federal level provides the least amount of funding.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington thanked the staff and stated that she looks forward to a good and prosperous year.

Chairman Danny Mann pointed out that there will be a 3.5 million dollar increase from the reassessment from personal property and real estate taxes. The cost for the Regional Jail and school system is a 3.1 million dollar increase. The Board has 55 budgets to fund. There had to be an increase in pay to get garbage truck drivers. This tax increase was horrible. Chairman Mann commented on a clean audit that was reported by the auditor earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Marshall Tipton replied that the tax rate was actually lowered from what was proposed.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby adjourns the meeting to February 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

CHAIRMAN

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