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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 12th day of July, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Darrel W. Jeter.

Chairman Danny P. Mann opened the meeting, gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Jeremy P. Herron, this Board hereby removes item 10 from the agenda.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter.

On a motion by Jeremy P. Herron, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves the June 14, 2023 minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter.

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

Peggy Tyus spoke about overgrown bushes along roadways and recommended contractors if the Virginia Department of Transportation does not have enough employees to do maintenance. She inquired about funding to hire more Virginia Department of Transportation employees. Ms. Tyus noted that grade work is needed, gravel is needed, and pot holes need to be fixed on Snowflake Road. She requested assistance from Delegate Terry Kilgore to get primary road funds moved to secondary roads. In addition, Ms. Tyus addressed problems with ditches.

Candidate for Treasurer Kevin Helms reported that he has been listening to the residents and their concerns. He went on to say that he has lived in Scott County most of his life, raised a family here, and owns a small business in the county. Mr. Helms stated that he wants to see Scott County win with a focus on common goals. That is moving forward financially and improve the quality of life in Scott County. He added that this can be accomplished by working together. Mr. Helms pointed out that his campaign is focused on investing rather than the lack of investing as he has discovered. Wise County has earned over one million dollars since July 1st in interest alone. Scott County is on track to earn less than \$2,000. Furthermore, Mr. Helms pointed out that Scott County only budgeted \$10,000 for interest earnings. Unfortunately, Scott County will not meet that goal. Mr. Helms commended the Treasurer of Wise County for being committed and having a vision. He declared to give that same level of commitment to the people of Scott County if elected. In addition, Mr. Helms stated that he would like to explore changing the tax deadline or move to twice per year billing since November is a difficult time for people with increased heating bills and holidays. Mr. Helms stated that many counties already do that, and he would if it helps the people of Scott County. Mr. Helms indicated that he is a candidate with ideas and will strive to make things happen.

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

Chairman Danny Mann pointed out that he met with the Secretary of Transportation in Richmond, and he does not know what it would take to get funding moved from primary roads to secondary roads. In addition, Chairman Mann stated that he voiced his opinion about paving where it is not needed, but the reply was preventive maintenance. Virginia Department of Transportation does not ask the Board of Supervisors about anything they are doing. The Board of Supervisors can only email local Virginia Department of Transportation employees about road issues. He went on to say that bushes along roadways are hanging out three feet over the pavement. This is an issue on every road. Chairman Mann went on to thank Kevin Helms for attending the meeting and expressing his thoughts on the future of this county.

Chairman Danny P. Mann opened a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia to consider an access easement for ingress/egress across real property owned by Scott County on Greens Chapel Lane, Dungannon, Virginia, tax map number 24 A 6, for the use and benefit of tax map number 24 A 5, owned by Jennifer and David White, which has a special use permit for a campground, also known as Devil's Fork Campground.

Chairman Mann reported that Brenda Meade could not attend the public hearing, but she sent a list of questions. Chairman Mann stated that Ms. Meade would like to know why the access is not across the White's property and what happens to the easement if they sell the property.

County Attorney Sally Kegley replied that the easement would transfer if the property is sold.

Jennifer White addressed why the access cannot be across her property. Ms. White explained that the property is land locked. She stated that her brother owns the property beside her, but it is still not her property. Ms. Meade went on to say that the engineer recommends a sand system. She pointed out that could be done on her property, but an RV cannot be parked on top of it, and it takes a huge space for that system so that is why we asked to use the county property.

County Attorney Sally Kegley clarified that the easement is just for travel.

Ms. Meade replied that it is just for travel instead of continually asking to drive over the property.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Mann closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Selma G. Hood, this Board hereby approves an easement for ingress/egress across real property owned by Scott County on Greens Chapel Lane, Dungannon, Virginia, tax map number 24 A 6, for the use and benefit of tax map number 24 A 5, owned by Jennifer and David White, which has a special use permit for a campground, also known as Devil's Fork Campground. (Said Deed of Easement attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 1).

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter

July 12, 2023

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby approves Housing Authority documents that include a Memorandum of Understanding for the completion of environmental reviews and Notice of no Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (Said documents attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment: 2).

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby adopts the following:

RESOLUTION NO: 2023 - 09

Investment Resolution

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors request that the Scott County Treasurer invest county funds in a safe, secure manner; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Administrator is to work in partnership with the Scott County Treasurer on investments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scott County Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to sign any necessary investment documents.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby accepts Commonwealth's Attorney's DCJS (Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services) Victim Witness Grant Program (Year 3) Grant # 24-O1150VW20 with the established budget code 22157/22205.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter

County Administrator Freda Starnes reported that no applications were received for the Comprehensive Policy Management Team (Private Provider) position.

The Board postponed the appointment until the August meeting.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented the claims and related reports (Said reports being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 3)

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Jeremy P. Herron, this Board orders that:

- (a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$359,619.81 for voucher numbers 5000000 – 5000090, 5000168 – 5000174, 5000182 – 5000192, 5000255 – 5000262, payroll electronic tax payment.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$2,011,897.08 for voucher numbers 5000092 – 50000118, 5000120 – 50000124, 5000126 – 5000161, 5000164 – 5000167, 5000175 – 5000181, 5000193 – 5000204, 5000225 – 5000254, and payroll electronic tax.
- (c) Courthouse Maintenance Construction Fund be allowed the sum of \$2,153.25 for voucher number 5000163.
- (d) Health Insurance Reimbursement Fund be allowed the sum of \$511,833.00 for voucher number 5000224.
- (e) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$4,572.21 for voucher number 5000254, and payroll electronic tax.
- (f) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 5000093.
- (g) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$398.62 for voucher number 5000119 and 5000123.
- (h) Technology Fund (Clerk) be allowed the sum of \$8,185.71 for voucher number 5000162.
- (i) Wireless Grant – 911 \$2,171.41 for voucher numbers 5000125 and 5000254 and payroll electronic tax.
- (j) American Rescue Plan Act Fund be allowed the sum of \$5,253.79 for voucher number 5000240 and payroll electronic tax.
- (k) CPMT Fund be allowed the sum of \$101,806.08 for voucher numbers 5000263 – 5000283.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Darrel W. Jeter.

Park and Recreation Director Derrick France gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 4).

Tourism Director Pam Cox gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 5).

Supervisor Marshall Tipton expressed appreciation to the staff, and noted that he enjoyed the Recreation and Tourism presentations. He pointed out two road issues on A.P. Carter Highway that involve tiles under the road that has lifted the pavement causing a safety issue.

Supervisor Herron expressed appreciation to the staff. He went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation has their priorities, and the Board questions those sometimes. Supervisor Herron pointed out that Scott County has a lot of swinging bridges, and he would hate to lose those. He went on to say that there are a lot of low water bridges, and it takes a lot to get debris removed from those tiles. Scott County will lose many things if something is not done about it; furthermore, Supervisor Herron pointed out that bridge name signs are not being put back up following bridge work.

Supervisor Michael Brickey addressed a ribbon cutting at LENOWISCO for broadband fiber optic for Lee, Wise, and Scott County. Supervisor Brickey reported that this includes 10,982 homes and will cover 95 to 97 percent of those counties. He pointed out that Bill Franklin has been instrumental in getting grants.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington expressed appreciation to the staff. She inquired about the picnic table area near the train trestle at Moccasin Gap.

Supervisor Brickey replied that he complained about that area needing to be cleaned up. It belongs to the Virginia Department of Transportation. He added that Gate City is establishing another picnic table area at the gazebo not far from that location.

Chairman Danny Mann pointed out some rumors about the Board of Supervisors moving to the TeleTech building in Weber City. He went on to say that is not happening, and it is not going to happen.

Chairman Danny Mann adjourned the meeting to August 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK