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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 October, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Jeremy P. Herron.

Chairman Danny P. Mann called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Darrel W. Jeter gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves the October 4, 2023 agenda.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Selma G. Hood, this Board hereby approves the June 28, 2023 and September 6, 2023 minutes.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

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

Chris Maness spoke about a Veterans Dinner to be held on November 11, 2023 at Duffield Primary School. He went on to say that the Fairview Community Center and area churches will provide food. Mr. Maness requested funding to help with the cost of the required insurance in the amount of \$250.00.

Mr. Presley Bledsoe stated that he lives on the lower end of Fairview. Mr. Bledsoe explained that his spring water stopped during the dry weather, and he requested assistance to obtain water from the Public Service Authority that is one mile from his home.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter advised that a Public Service Authority meeting will be held next Tuesday in this meeting room, and he urged Mr. Bledsoe to attend.

Supervisor Selma Hood added that Mr. Bledsoe contacted her about this. She went on to say that she has been in contact with LENWOSICO and Lee County about this situation.

Ms. Peggy Tyus spoke about Snowflake Road and the need for dust control. She inquired about moving primary road funds to secondary roads.

Chairman Mann replied that he has already pursued that.

Ms. Tyus noted that Snowflake Road is on the Six Year Plan for 2028-29. She inquired about Snowflake Road dropping down if there are no funds.

County Administrator Freda Starnes replied that is a different pot of money.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Dingus added that it stays on the list.

Ms. Starnes pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation will be giving a report at the November meeting.

Ms. Tyus expressed appreciation for all the help given to those who live on dirt roads.

Supervisor Stefanie Addington stated that she is putting in a work order for dust control on Snowflake Road.

Mr. Fritz Falin spoke about the speed limit on East Carters Valley Road and suggested that it be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph due to the narrow road, more traffic coming from Tennessee, and the school bus making stops along the road. Mr. Falin pointed out that it is 25 mph on the other side and then it goes to 40 mph.

Chairman Danny Mann pointed out that the Virginia Department of Transportation does a traffic study to reduce the speed limit, and they will do that at the request of the Board of Supervisors. He added that the Virginia Department of Transportation will be at the November meeting.

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

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Selma G. Hood, this Board hereby contributes \$250.00 to the Veterans Honor Fund from Board Contingency.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby appoints Michael K. Brickey to serve as the voting representative at the Virginia Association of Counties annual meeting and Stefanie C. Addington to serve as an alternate.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented a request from the Housing Authority for a pay increase. She went on to say that a motion was made in 2015 to reduce the salary from \$50 to \$25 for all Boards and Commissions. The cost to the County would be \$4,000 to include an increase to \$50 for all Boards that are compensated.

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby increases the salary from \$25 to \$50 for those serving on Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby ratifies a letter of support for Friends of Southwest Virginia (Said letter of support being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 17).

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$75.00 for an unused land disturbing permit #8723A to the following:

Linda Overbay
1360 Farragut Avenue
Kingsport, TN 37664

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Danny P. Mann,
Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.
Voting nay: None.
Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

Assistant County Administrator Public Works Director Bill Dingus presented a job description for a Diesel Mechanic for the Board to consider. He went on to say that one of the big issues with solid waste operations is keeping trucks in operation. Costs have increased, and the budget was over by \$120,000 due to trucks being taken to shops in Tennessee for repairs. There are 14 sites where solid waste is picked up daily; therefore, it is essential that trucks are in operation. One option would be to add a stipend for a current employee who has been doing some of the maintenance and repairs on the trucks in addition to their current job; however, that could be too much work for one person. The other option would be to adopt a new diesel mechanic position. Mr. Dingus added that the county fleet minus the Sheriff's vehicles can be serviced as well. In addition, Mr. Dingus confirmed that there are a number of tools the county has, and there will be other tools purchased but not all at one time. Mr. Dingus added that a computer system has already been purchased so that codes could be read and systems reset.

There was much discussion among the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Michael Brickey made a motion to hire a Diesel Mechanic and Stefanie Addington seconded the motion.

County Attorney Sally Kegley advised that the job description needs to be adopted as well.

Supervisor Michael Brickey amended his motion and Stefanie Addington amended her second as follows:

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Stefanie C. Addington, this Board hereby adopts a new job description for a Diesel Mechanic and approves hiring a Diesel Mechanic effective October 1, 2023 (Said job description being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 18).

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Danny P. Mann,
Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.
Voting nay: None.
Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

County Attorney Sally Kegley requested authority to advertise for a public hearing on updates to the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance.

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby authorizes advertisement for a public hearing on updates to the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

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: 19).

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board orders that:

- (a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$398,052.68 for voucher numbers 50011685-50011695, 50011749-50011763, 50011822-50011836, 50011882-50011891, 5001390-5001414, 5001416-5001472, and voucher number 5001415 voided and electronic taxes and payroll.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,368,420.42 for voucher numbers 50011733-50011748, 50011764-50011783, 50011790-50011815, 50011837-50011851, 50011863-50011880, 5001473-5001507, 5001510, 5001512-5001514, 5001517-5001519, 5001521-5001536, 5001539-5001550, 5001552-5001563, 5001565-5001575, 5001577-5001579, 5001665, 5001667-5001683, 5001684, 5001696-5001697, 5001699-5001722, 5001724-5001729 and electronic tax and payroll.
- (c) Health Insurance Reimbursement Fund be allowed the sum of \$218,928.00 for voucher number 50011852.
- (d) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$4,903.65 for voucher number 50011850 and electronic tax and payroll.
- (e) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 5001698.
- (f) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$398.62 for voucher number 5001551 and 5001672.
- (g) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of \$2,015.11 for voucher number 5001723 for electronic tax and payroll.
- (h) American Rescue Plan Act Fund be allowed the sum of \$129,122.80 for voucher numbers 50011777, 50011784, 5001508, 5001509, 5001515, 5001516, 5001520, 5001537, 5001538, 5001571, 5001576, 5001666.
- (i) Delinquent Tax Litigation be allowed the sum of 56.00 for voucher number 5001564.
- (j) Weapons Permit Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,609.46 for voucher number 50011850 and electronic tax payroll.

(k) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of \$275.61 for voucher number 50011869 and 5001511.

(l) CPMT be allowed the sum of \$73,490.49 for voucher numbers 50011892-50011909.

(m) Sheriff Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of \$ 670.95 for voucher number 50011789.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

County Administrator Freda Starnes mentioned that the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities Authority is a regional group for Economic Development that she and Economic Development Director John Kilgore serve on and includes the counties of Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, and the City of Norton. Ms. Starnes reported on Project Thoroughbred. She went on to say that there was an announcement in August for 2.5 million dollars for abandoned mine land economic revitalization. The project will reclaim an historic coal loading facility and turn it into a grain processing, storage, and distribution terminal. The specialty grains will be in the craft beverage market and is located in Norton. Ms. Starnes reported on Project Intersection. The Earthlink building is now under construction. It will be a 28,000 square foot building. The project includes a total of 200 acres and is being marketed as commercial and light industrial sites. There are three other commercial pads that are almost complete. Scott County is in revenue sharing with these projects and will benefit from them. In addition, Ms. Starnes added that the Regional Improvement Committee has divided the casino proceeds for the first year. Scott County received \$625,470 that has been deposited. Those funds were budgeted during the budget process.

Supervisor Brickey added that regional projects are very important, and he inquired about a two percent increase for teachers.

County Administrator Freda Starnes replied that the Department of Education has not updated their website with the new amendment; furthermore, School Superintendent John Ferguson does not have the details. It will go into effect in January for the school system, and the Constitutional Officers will get their two percent increase in December. The county budget will be amended in December if we receive the information from the Department of Education. At that time, the new position and compensation in the amount of \$4,000 for Boards and Commissions will be added to the budget.

Park and Recreation Director Derrick France gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 20).

Supervisor Darrel Jeter spoke about the office of the Treasurer being closed during lunch. There was discussion as to that office remaining open during lunch and working at least eight hours a day to accommodate those paying their taxes.

Supervisor Michael Brickey announced that Mann Farms will donate all profits received October 6, 2023 to Social Services, Hope House, and Fort Blackmore Elementary School

Supervisor Stefanie Addington encouraged the public to contact the Treasurer about their hours. She pointed out that the Board of Supervisors cannot set the hours for the Treasurer; furthermore, seven hours is not reasonable to be open for the public.

Chairman Danny Mann reported that other counties who are considered distressed will be receiving ARC funds. Chairman Mann explained that Scott County was not included because it is not considered a distressed county.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey, this Board hereby enters into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A.5 being Prospective Industry in the Northeastern part of the county.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron.

Marshall D. Tipton was excused from the meeting.

On a motion by Stefanie C. Addington, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby returns to open session.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Marshall D. Tipton and Jeremy P. Herron.

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 Danny P. Mann Michael K. Brickey Selma G. Hood Stefanie C. Addington.
Voting nay:	None.
Absent:	Jeremy P. Herron Marshall D. Tipton.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby supports proceeding with an unnamed business locating in the Northeastern part of Scott County and authorizes the County Administrator and Chairman to sign all necessary documents.

Voting aye:	Darrel W. Jeter, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie C. Addington.
Voting nay:	None.
Absent:	Jeremy P. Herron and Marshall D. Tipton.

Chairman Danny P. Mann adjourned the meeting to November 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK