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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 2nd day of August, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
Marshall D. Tipton
Jeremy P. Herron – Arrived at 9:30 a.m.
Danny P. Mann – Chairman
Michael K. Brickey – Vice-Chairman
Selma G. Hood

ABSENT: Stefanie C. Addington

Chairman Danny P. Mann opened the meeting.

Supervisor Selma G. Hood 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 amends the agenda by adding items 9b Duffield Daze Fireworks permit and 9c GASB 96 threshold.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron and Stefanie C. Addington.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board hereby approves the July 12, 2023 minutes.

Voting aye: Marshall D. Tipton, Danny P. Mann,
Michael K. Brickey, and Selma G. Hood.

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Jeremy P. Herron and Stefanie C. Addington.

Abstain: Darrel W. Jeter.

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

Ms. Peggy Tyus addressed pot holes, speed bumps and bushes on Snowflake Road. She went on to say that the Virginia Department of Transportation does not have enough workforce to maintain the roads. Ms. Tyus recognized that school buses will be traveling roads throughout the county soon. She also addressed Virginia Department of Transportation shops that have been closed in Scott County and funding that is needed for Virginia Department of Transportation. She added that there would have been more support from her community, but many residents have jobs and are unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Claude Cox spoke about a tree hanging over the roadway on Route 604 and nothing being done about it. He added that a school bus driver drove under the tree all last year. Mr. Cox stated that he has been in contact with the Sheriff and the Virginia Department of Transportation. Mr. Cox offered to take the tree down himself if supplied with a bucket truck.

Sheriff Jeff Edds presented an update (Said report being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 7).

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

Chairman Danny Mann advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation will be giving a report later in the meeting and can address the road concerns that Ms. Tyus and Mr. Cox spoke about during citizen expression. Chairman Mann thanked Sheriff Jeff Edds for his report.

Conservation Specialist Matthew Wood and Erosion and Sediment Control Administrator Isaac Stanley presented a report (Said report being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 8).

Resident Engineer Allan Sumpter gave an update (Said update being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 9).

Mr. Sumpter noted that the issues on Snowflake Road addressed by Ms. Tyus are common throughout the 200 plus gravel roads in Scott County. He went on to say that Superintendent Jeff Campbell has work scheduled on Snowflake road. There are plans to take the tree down that was addressed by Mr. Cox; however, the equipment has not been available to do that project. Mr. Sumpter noted that the previous Nickelsville and Weber City shops are now storage lots. There are no employees at those locations. The closing of those areas occurred due to a study that was done statewide. Scott County currently has 14 employees and some of those employees are on sick leave.

Supervisor Jeremy Herron arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Marshall Tipton expressed appreciation for the Route 702 project, debris cleanup, and cutting of overgrown vegetation near Heritage Church. Supervisor Tipton inquired about the Anne Goode Cooper project start date.

Mr. Sumpter replied that two phases were approved this year, and paving will occur next year.

Supervisor Marshall Tipton requested a report for upcoming rural rustic road projects.

Mr. Sumpter replied that those are listed on the back page of his report. Another update will be given in October.

Mr. Tipton inquired about a consolidated report from Richmond.

Mr. Sumpter replied that a total number of opened and closed work orders will be given instead of a large report that details each one.

Supervisor Michael Brickey advised that Wayne McClellan with Spearhead Trails inquired about the start date for Route 619.

Mr. Sumpter replied that there are bat restrictions with that project, and he stated that he would be in contact with Mr. McClellan.

Supervisor Michael Brickey addressed the culverts at Sara Circle being full.

Wade Belcher replied that he had someone look at that situation yesterday.

Supervisor Brickey addressed the lack of markings at the intersection coming into Gate City off Highway 23 and coming down the hill from Food Lion. He went on to say that there are no lines making for a dangerous situation at that location.

Mr. Sumpter replied that he would touch base with someone in Bristol.

Supervisor Brickey pointed out an eyesore at the Moccasin Gap roadside picnic area that is owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Tipton noted that he has some new work orders.

Mr. Sumpter advised Mr. Tipton to speak with Wade Belcher about those.

Supervisor Brickey expressed appreciation for the timely completion of the Big Branch Bridge on Highway 65, and he went on to say that bridge looks good.

Supervisor Tipton suggested spraying the grass along roadways.

Mr. Sumpter noted that there are so many limitations on spraying. He pointed out that Virginia Department of Transportation has acquired a new machine that is shared with other headquarters to mow along guardrails. He went on to say that the central office has been working on a study to justify adding more resources. Mr. Sumpter pointed out that contractors have staffing challenges, there are many rules and regulations to work within, and Virginia Department of Transportation is committed to getting as much done as quickly as possible.

Supervisor Tipton inquired about a machine to clean out drainage tiles.

Mr. Sumpter replied that there is a sewer jet and a ditchpro used for tiles and ditches. Currently, tree removal is being done, and ditch work will begin this fall and into the winter. In addition, Mr. Sumpter noted that Sheriff Edds contacted his office about the importance of removing the tree that Mr. Cox spoke about during Citizen Expression, and that will be done as soon as possible.

Chairman Danny Mann spoke about a forest service road off Route 619 in High Knob toward Big Cherry Lake that the Forest Service was going to close at one time. He went on to say that there are 72 tracks of private property on that road, and he inquired about the Virginia Department of Transportation doing maintenance on that road.

Mr. Sumpter replied that the Virginia Department of Transportation does not do maintenance on that road. The Forest Service would need to be contacted about that.

Supervisor Jeremy Herron expressed appreciation for the work done at the Vicars place on Route 71. Supervisor Herron went on to say that there is a property owner on Long Hollow that would like the pavement that was peeled up from the shoulder of the road replaced. The ditch is full at that location.

Wade Beltcher replied that the main problem there is that the water comes off private property, but he will look at it.

Supervisor Herron addressed Snowflake Road.

Peggy Tyus stated that she does not feel like she has done any good by attending the meeting. As far as no funding available for roads, Soil and Conservation received funding but there is no funding for roads.

Mr. Sumpter replied that Snowflake Road was placed on the Six Year Plan to be paved.

Supervisor Selma Hood pointed out to Ms. Tyus that Virginia Department of Transportation can do tar and gravel without it being on the Six Year Plan. She went on to say that tar and gravel was put on a recreation road in her district. There are a lot of roads where people would appreciate tar and gravel.

Mr. Sumpter stated that he would give another update in November.

County Administrator Freda Starnes presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Mountain Empire Community College for the Promise Program.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby approves a Mountain Empire Community College Promise Program Memorandum of Understanding (Said MOU being attached to the minutes of this meeting; Minute Book 34 Attachment No: 6).

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Jeremy P. Herron, this Board hereby grants a fireworks permit for Duffield Daze contingent upon approval by the Economic Development Authority to use the Crooked Road Tech Property.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby establishes a subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) threshold for right to use at \$5,000 for GASB 96.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

The Comprehensive Policy Management Team appointment was postponed until the September meeting.

Southwest Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board

Michael K. Brickey nominated Michael Carrico

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Jeremy P. Herron, this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Michael Carrico to serve a three-year term on the Southwest Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board to expire August 1, 2026.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

Appalachian Juvenile Commission

Jeremy P. Herron nomination Mark Thompson

On a motion by Darrel W. Jeter, duly seconded by Michael K. Brickey this Board hereby ceases nominations and, by acclamation, appoints Mark Thompson to serve on the Appalachian Juvenile Commission.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

County Attorney Sally Kegley requested authorization to advertise a public hearing on updates to the procurement ordinance.

On a motion by Marshall D. Tipton, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby authorizes a public hearing on updates to the procurement ordinance.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

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: 10).

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Marshall D. Tipton, this Board orders that:

- (a) Social Services Fund be allowed the sum of \$410,777.19 for voucher numbers 500392-5000478, 5000437, 5000650-5000667, 5000698-5000700, 500768-5000776, 5000733-5000742, 5000778-5000803, with voucher number 5000466 void and payroll.
- (b) General Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,841,169.25 for voucher numbers 5000308-5000391, 5000518-5000637, 5000668-5000690, 5000777, 5000701-5000725, 5000743-5000767, 5000922-5000951, and payroll electronic tax.
- (c) Capital Projects Fund be allowed the sum of \$2,261.00 for voucher number 5000324.
- (d) Health Insurance Reimbursement Fund be allowed the sum of \$207,461.00 for voucher number 5000755.
- (e) Courthouse Security be allowed the sum of \$4,536.15 for payroll electronic tax.
- (f) Motor Vehicle Violation Fines be allowed the sum of \$39.95 for voucher number 5000311.
- (g) Law Library Fund be allowed the sum of \$189.82 for voucher number 5000558.
- (h) Coal Road Tax Fund be allowed the sum of \$14.20 for voucher number 5000337.
- (i) Wireless Grant – 911 be allowed the sum of \$2,015.10 for voucher numbers 5000561 & payroll electronic tax.
- (j) American Rescue Plan Act Fund be allowed the sum of \$44,891.74 for voucher numbers 5000386, 5000673, 5000703, and 5000716.

- (k) Regional Improvements Fund be allowed the sum of \$155,665.98 for voucher number 5000757.
- (l) Delinquent Tax Litigation be allowed the sum of 6,535.26 for voucher number 5000378.
- (m) Weapons Permit Fund be allowed the sum of \$1,573.36 for payroll and electronic tax.
- (n) CWAO Forfeit Asset Fund be allowed the sum of \$115.84 for voucher number 5000328 and 5000761.
- (o) CPMT be allowed the sum of \$97,498.76 for voucher numbers 5000778-5000803.

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

Voting nay: None.

Absent: Stefanie C. Addington.

Supervisor Darrel Jeter thanked the staff and Board for all they do.

Supervisor Jeremy Herron expressed appreciation for what everyone is doing. He went on to say that he may not be able to attend all the meetings, but he will do all that he can. Supervisor Herron pointed out a big pot hole on Corn Ridge that needs to be fixed. He expressed appreciation for the many lessons he learned while serving on the Board over the past three years and declared that it was an overall good experience.

Supervisor Michael Brickey addressed a JLARC study that suggests a composite index change on how schools are funded. He encouraged the Board of Supervisors to look at Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia. Section one states that we are to educate the students in the State of Virginia. Section ten addresses two or more states joining together with a reciprocal agreement.

Chairman Mann went on to say that 25 percent of the budget goes to the school system. A FOIA request revealed that 603 students are from out of the county with 442 of those being from Tennessee.

Supervisor Selma Hood pointed out that a lot of schools request proof that you are a resident. She expressed appreciation to the Board and county employees.

Chairman Danny Mann recognized that Supervisor Herron will be missed. He went on to say that this has been a good meeting.

Chairman Danny Mann adjourned the meeting until September 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK