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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Government Center.

Present were: Glenna Myers, Chairman
W. Jeff Evans, Vice-Chairman
Sharon F. Nichols
Joseph H. Early, III
L. J. Jones
Ronald L. Newman, Acting Administrator
Bradley Dalton, County Attorney
Marsha Early, Student member

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked Mr. Evans to lead in the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Mr. Newman took nominations for the election of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Evans nominated Mrs. Myers.

Mr. Early nominated Mrs. Nichols.

(Order)

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, nominations for Chairman were closed.

Note: Mrs. Myers Abstained on the above motion.

(Order)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Upon the motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, Mrs. Glenna Myers was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Note: Mrs. Myers Abstained on the above motion.

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Mr. Early voted No on the above motion.

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NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Newman took nominations for the election of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Nichols nominated Mr. Evans.

Mr. Early nominated Mrs. Nichols.

(Order)

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, nominations for Vice-Chairman were closed.

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed Mr. Jeff Evans was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Note: Mr. Evans Abstained on the above motion.

Mr. Early voted No on the above motion.

NOMINATIONS FOR SUPERVISOR AT-LARGE

Mr. Newman discussed the Board's procedure to nominate the Supervisor At-Large.

Mr. Evans announced that some were ready to make a motion.

Mr. Early expressed that the he thought the process was going to be defined and that each appointee needs to be made before they proceed with the motion, allowing everyone to know who is being appointed. He stated that the citizens

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should have the opportunity to express a desire to serve, and that people should come forth, introduce themselves, and tell why they should be considered.

Mr. Evans stated that he did not have a problem with discussion but stated that he came prepared to make a motion.

Mr. Jones stated that the Board should allow for a motion.

Mr. Early commented that the Board needed to make an educated appointment and that it would not hurt to listen to the candidates.

Mrs. Myers asked each Board member if they had a nomination.

Mr. Early commented that he reserved the right to ask any candidate questions.

Mr. Evans announced his nomination for Emmett Jones and stated that Mr. Jones has served eight years in office, which speaks for itself.

Mr. Early nominated two candidates—Mr. Bob Martin and Mr. Richard Alderman. He asked that all nominees come and share with the Board their qualifications and express their desire to serve the public in this job. He asked that the Board make a careful consideration of these nominees. He said that he would like to hear from the public if there is anyone that had not made their desire known to serve in this position previously.

Mrs. Patricia Sebens stated that she would like to offer her name for consideration.

Ms. Raquel Lyons, daughter of Richard Alderman, asked to address the Board on behalf of her father. She expressed that her father Richard Alderman was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous business commitment but he wants the Board and the citizens to know he has a genuine desire to serve the citizens of the County.

Mr. Evans said it was the candidates' choice as to whether they wanted to speak and stated that he took the time serious to come up with a candidate.

Mr. Early stated that he would for the people he nominated to come forth.

Mr. Martin said he has served on the Board for three terms – once as the Pine Creek Supervisor and twice as the Supervisor at-Large. He stated that he had served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman and had served on the PSA. He commented that he liked Mr. Teller very much and that he had a good working relationship with Mr. Newman who was a former student of his. He said he tried to work well with both political parties, that he had no axes to grind and that he supports the County offices. He said his ideas of things that could be

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done to help included a committee taking a look at reassessment and that there was a lot of potential for the New River trail to branch to Sylvatus. He said he was not interested in seeking election in November; but would be willing to serve in the position until December 31.

Mr. Early said he would like to hear from Mr. Jones and Mrs. Sebens.

Mr. Jones explained that he is a life-long resident of Carroll County except for the three years he was in the Merchant Marines. He told that he has been in business for 58 years and is familiar with the problems of small businesses and people trying to hold on to their homes with taxes. He commented that the Board must be conservative, careful with spending because in turn, it comes from the taxpayers' pockets.

Mrs. Sebens told that she has had eight years experience with the School Board. She said she has worked with all of the new Board and she thought that she could help bring them together so that they could listen to each other. She said they could look at issues in terms of goals for the County to help those on fixed incomes. She expressed the need to be careful with spending and told that the Board needed to know how much money is available. She suggested looking at the revenues to see what has happened in the past in order to make informed decisions.

Mrs. Raquel Lyons said that she supports the nomination of Richard Alderman, her father, and of Mr. Martin. She said that the things that Mr. Evans said of Mr. Jones also apply to Mr. Martin. She stated that there were several calls at the Republican Party meeting last night for persons interested in the position or that been contacted by Board members and that Mr. Jones did not say anything. She told that is of concern to her.

Mr. Early told that he had spoken with Mr. Jones and had asked Mr. Jones why he did not express himself at the meeting and that Mr. Jones told that he had been asked to keep it confidential.

Mr. Jones stated that he did not say he was sworn to secrecy.

Mr. Evans told that he talked to Mr. Jones after Mr. Early had spoken to him. He said he was elected to do the best job he could, not to be guided by the parties. He said it is up to the Board to make the appointment. He said there was no secrecy and that the nomination for Mr. Jones stands.

Mrs. Lyons said that the Board should be the voice of Carroll County and guided by the citizens.

Mr. Evans said that he was tired of the party trying to make decisions for the Board. He said the board needed to make the choices it was elected to

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make and that the Republican Party was not who the public is looking to make these decisions.

Mrs. Nichols told that if Mr. Jones would like to pass she would like to vote.

Mr. Jones said that the Board had picked good nominees and that they needed to vote.

A citizen asked if there was any other person mentioned at the Republican meeting.

Mr. Early told that the other nominees were not present at the meeting and that they had only become candidates today. He told that the Board needed to get over themselves and that he would like to see someone else found but that it is not going to happen.

Mr. Donnie Morgan told that from what he had seen all candidates would make a good Supervisor. He stated that he would like to see someone maybe not mentioned here that would not be picking sides but would look at the good of Carroll County.

Mrs. Nichols asked how many days were left to make the appointment.

Mr. Dalton told that Mr. Spencer had resigned June 30. He told that if the appointment was not made within 45 days it was an option of the Circuit Court Judge to appoint someone.

Mr. Jones said that they have four good candidates and they need to vote.

Mr. Early stated that he did not have a problem with taking extra time.

Mr. Evans stated that he was ready to make a motion; he had make up his mind. Mr. Evans stated that his choice of Emmett Jones was not biased and that he has a lot of respect and confidence in him. He told that if the Board waited to pick someone else they would still be criticized because someone will still not like them.

Mr. Dalton told that the Board generally uses Robert's Rules of Order but it is up to the Board how they do this.

Mr. Todd McDonald stated that if the Republicans or Democrats had a person they should have presented them. He told that he thinks the position should be filled tonight.

Mr. Dalton explained the voting.

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Mr. Newman told that each nominee would be voted on in the order they were presented.

Mr. Early nominated Mrs. Sebens, after it was pointed out that she had not been nominated by a Board member, although she had expressed interest in the position.

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CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR SUPERVISOR AT-LARGE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, nominations for Supervisor At-Large were closed.

Note: Mr. Early voted No on the above motion.

Mrs. Myers asked each of the nominees if they would be willing to work with all the Board members.

Mrs. Sebens stated that she would and would work hard.

Mr. Martin said he absolutely would.

Mrs. Lyons that she knew that Mr. Alderman would be more than willing to work with the Board.

Mr. Jones said he believes the Board should work together to voice their views.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR AT-LARGE

Voting for the Supervisor At-Large proceeded with the vote on Mr. Jones. Mrs. Myers, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Jones voted Yes. Mr. Early voted No.

Mr. Newman stated that Mr. Jones had received a majority vote.

Mrs. Myers congratulated Mr. Jones.

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CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

Mr. Early stated on page A4 the minutes should read "that the Rural Development grant money is not in immediate jeopardy and there is a need to wait for Richmond to make a decision." He then told that on page A26 the

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comment "Mr. Early responded to Ms. Beasley's comments by saying that everyone really needed to try to work together" should be deleted.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on June 21, 2005 and an adjourned meeting held on June 30, 2005, with the amendments stated above, and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 in the County Administrator's Office.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for June 30, 2005 and July 15, 2005 and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 31st day of July and the 15th day of August checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Early asked what the check to the Department of Mines and Minerals was for.

Mr. Newman replied this was to purchase the used vehicle for the Recreation Department.

Mr. Early asked what the \$15.87 to Holcomb Hardware was for.

Mr. Newman told that he did not know and would have to research this.

Mr. Early stated that it was for changing the locks on Mr. Teller's office and asked who had authorized this change. He told that there had been an action performed to search the contents of Mr. Teller's computer. He then asked about the check to the Laurel Fork Community Center.

Mr. Newman told that the yearly appropriation to the Community Center was sent in monthly amounts. He then informed the Board that Carroll, Patrick, Floyd, and Grayson Counties, and the City of Galax would be sharing the cost of the Visitor Center interstate signs.

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APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General claims as present this day and as evidenced by check numbers 77087-77267, and did approve the Industrial Development Authority claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 1607-1609.

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APPROVAL OF SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT WITH GAZETTE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved advertising in THE SOURCE at a cost of \$449.00 for a full page advertisement.

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**APPROVAL OF CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating carry-over funds from grants, programs and specific funded allocations to the 2005-2006 Carroll County School Board Operation Budget as follows:

Health Services Funds	\$255,062.82	to Administration, Attendance & Health
Algebra Readiness Funds	\$34,206.40	to Instruction
Technology Staff Funds	\$21,060.29	to Instruction

CARROLL COUNTY EXPO MUSIC CONTRACT

Mr. Newman requested that the Board authorize the Acting County Administrator to execute the contract between Carroll County and THE COLLEGIANS for the musical performance for the Carroll County Expo. It was decided in discussion about the Carroll County Expo Music Contract that the Expo committee would discuss at their next meeting whether they could hire someone local who would be less expensive.

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APPOINTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimous, the Board appointed Mr. Richard Slate, Sr. and Mr. Barry Hicks to the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority for a term beginning August 12, 2005 and ending August 12, 2009.

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APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board appointed Mrs. Sharon Nichols to the Regional Industrial Development Authority for a term ending December 31, 2006.

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APPOINT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO ROOFTOP OF VA BOARD

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed, the Board appointed Mr. Jeff Evans as the alternate representative for the Rooftop of VA Board.

Note: Mr. Evans and Mrs. Nichols abstained on the above motion.

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APPOINT ACORRIDOR REPRESENTATIVE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board appointed Ronald Newman as the representative to the aCorridor Board.

Note: Mr. Early and Mrs. Myers voted No on the above motion.

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APPOINT CARROLL EMS BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER

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Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Roger Hawthorne to the Carroll EMS Board of Trustees.

Note: Mrs. Myers stepped down as Chairman to make the above motion.

MR. ROBERT BEASLEY – VDOT RESIDENT ENGINEER

Mr. Beasley, VDOT Resident Engineer, told the Board that a Public Hearing needed to be held in October to address the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan and the construction budget. He then introduced Jeremy Hendrick, Assistant Engineer. He reported on the Rural Addition status in regards to changes to the subdivision streets since July 1, 2004. He stated that the Board chose not to go with the new standards and would now lose the Rural Addition Authority. He told that 5% of the construction money could have been used to bring roads into the system. He told that the Board did not lose the money but did lose the option of using the money to bring older roads into the system. He told that if the Board changes the Subdivision Ordinance they would regain this authority.

Mr. Early asked about getting lines painted on Route 638 and asked if there were any plans to do that.

Mr. Beasley stated that a contractor has been secured to paint lines and he will have to check to see if Route 638 is on the list.

Mrs. Nichols inquired as to whether Gambetty Road would get lines along the side of the road. She also asked if “Children At Play” signs could be put on Road 932.

Mr. Beasley told that he needed a resolution from the Board with a specific location.

Mrs. Nichols said she would get the specific location and asked that a speed study be done on this road.

Mr. Jones asked if “Children At Play” signs could be put on Cedar Lane in Lamsburg and also asked that something be done to slow the traffic down on Mt. Bethel Road.

Mr. Evans asked if Timberline Road had been scheduled to be paved. He stated that it has not been paved for a while and he has received various complaints from citizens.

Mr. Beasley replied that he would check into it. He told VDOT is finishing up in town and still have a little to go on highway 52, and that this would finish up this year’s budget. He said he would certainly look into next year.

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Mrs. Myers requested that a Public Hearing be held for the abandonment of a small strip of Duncan Mill Road near the residence Sadie Swain. She also expressed concern for the need of a light on 221 at Pine Grove Church due to many accidents there.

CARROLL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPRESENTATIVE—DWIGHT COMPTON

Mr. Dwight Compton, Carroll Scholarship Fund, made a request for an ordinance to be passed to allow property, ninety-three acres inherited from Mr. Jess Bolen, owned by the organization to be tax exempt. He told that the organization was non-profit and used for charitable purposes. He told that they have given over 200 scholarships and last month the organization gave seventeen scholarships. He told that the taxes would be a little over \$1300.00. He commented that they try to get endowments and take the earnings to give as scholarships. He said there would need to be an ordinance adopted and after the Board held a public hearing.

Mr. Evans asked how they choose the scholarship candidates.

Mr. Compton told there are fifteen different scholarship types and that the board does not choose over half of them. He said the seed was planted in Rotary because people wanted to set up scholarship funds but they were not tax exempt. He told that with this organization they could make a donation and be tax exempt. He said the other scholarships are chosen by retired teachers and other organizations. He told that each scholarship has criteria and is based on a combination of things like merit, need, the student going to a certain college, or a specific field of study. He told that the scholarship committee interviews the candidates and reviews their needs.

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AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – CARROLL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TAX-EXEMPTION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing to hear public comment pertaining to the proposed adoption of an Ordinance to declare the Carroll Scholarship Fund property tax-exempt.

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PUBLIC HEARING – 911 TAX

Mrs. Myers declared the Public Hearing Open at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Newman stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the proposed increase in the 911 tax from \$1.50 per land line telephone to \$2.00 per land line telephone.

Mr. Eddie Hines, Twin County E-911 Coordinator, stated that the reason to increase the rates was that the cost of Sprint has increased and there has been a decrease in land line revenue because of the increased use of cell phones. He told that the Commission is being conservative as most counties are charging three dollars and receiving a local appropriation and we are currently only charging 1.50, which has been the rate for the past five years.

Mr. Jones expressed fear for an added utility tax as most citizens already feel enough tax burdens from light and phone bills.

Mr. Hines said that 911 need this money that would be generated by the increased cost. He told that the 911 tax is the sole revenue for the Commission. He stated that the budget is currently \$500,000 a year but a sizable chunk goes to Sprint.

Mrs. Nichols asked how much extra revenue this increase in the tax would generate.

Mr. Hines replied that it would generate approximately \$113,000.00 in revenue for Galax, Grayson and Carroll.

Mr. Newman asked if Grayson and Galax have both approved the increase, since it needs to be approved in all three areas.

Mr. Hines said yes.

Mr. Ray Melton stated that 911 is a good thing but that \$2 is a big increase. He asked if he had a land line and a cell phone if he had to pay on both.

Mr. Hines responded that there would only be a fifty-cent increase on landlines and that it would not apply to cell phones.

Mr. Irving Latta said that the tax is fine but that 62-63 people being taxed and not getting services stinks in the Dugspur area. He said that there was a 45-minute response time on two homes near him and stated that the service is not working.

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Mrs. Connie Beamer expressed that she felt blessed to have 911 services and that she appreciates their responses, but asked if there are not grants available.

Mr. Evans said that the director is very strong and has been bringing in grants and the committee brings in lots of grants to keep costs down.

With no one else to speak, Mrs. Myers declared the Public Hearing Closed at 8:18 PM.

CITIZENS' TIME

Mr. John Tandy, told that he works in Fancy Gap and resides in the Piper's Gap district, and stated his concern about the vast number of Asian Cock Birds. He told that he had talked with the Sheriff and was told there was nothing they could do. He said he had spoken to Mr. Newman and suggested that the county require a license for the birds the same way that the license for dogs works. He said that the birds carry diseases, including bird flu which is transmitted to humans, and that they are being used for illegal purposes. He told that this is never good for our county. He said that it could be beneficial to the county if it hit them with a tax to generate revenue and have the funds to pay the Control Officer. He challenged the Board to look into it.

Janet Tate told that she was from the Laurel Fork district spoke about circulating petitions asking for the resignation of Mr. Evans and said that it would be officially presented at the next meeting and that she was still working on the petition.

She submitted the following:

"I've never been a rabble-rouser before but I do like the sound of the word. As you know, we are circulating petitions asking for the resignation of Jeff Evans, Carroll County Supervisor. We plan to formally submit the petition at the next meeting. Already, many citizens of this County have signed the petition and I speak tonight on their behalf. The decision to start a petition was not made lightly—after attending meeting and not seeing a conciliatory tone of any kind from Mr. Evans—we felt this was our only legal recourse. I, generally try to live by theses words—it's known as the Serenity Prayer:
Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The power to change the things that I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

The First Amendment to the US Constitution says:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. From our elected representative and government employees: We expect and deserve well thought-out and educated

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decisions based on facts and thorough research. We expect and deserve honesty and integrity. We expect and deserve respect and consideration. We expect and deserve our elected officials to be responsive to the needs of all the members of the community. We expect and deserve the best behavior and decorum at all times because what is said and done by you reflects upon the community. We are still working on the petition—still getting phone calls. The people of the County wanted more time to have their voices heard. We are finding—just as the comments made in the newspapers indicated—that people in the County are outraged about what they see as an abuse of power and a total disregard for the good of Carroll County and the people who live here. Mr. Evans, your actions in this room, your comments, and the quotes in the paper speak volumes and are enough to prove your inadequacies for this position—we have no personal vendetta—we are not here to hurt you or your family. We simply ask you to resign, just as we ask for personal responsibility from any of our elected representatives as any employer would of an employee. Your own action and attitude have brought this upon you. To let folks know you can contact me by e-mail at tatejanet@yahoo.com or to call—my husband is the only Dr. Tate in the phone book. Thank you.

CARTER BUILDING GRANT

Ms. Brenda Marrah told that she had been forming a plan for the work to be done on the Carter Building and to generate the match for the grant. She told that she did receive a letter from the Town of Hillsville that stated that the County would receive \$20-25,000. She said that in order to accept the money from the Department of Historic Resources the County had to agree to have the building open to the public 100 days per year for five years and give an easement. She stated that the Board needed to determine if they wanted to go forward with this project.

Mr. Evans asked Ricky Dowdy if it could end up costing the County more.

Mr. Dowdy said it was possible because it is usually higher in the County building than they expect, but told that he generally tries to estimate the costs higher.

Mrs. Nichols expressed concern for asbestos in the building and asked if it has been removed.

Ms. Marrah told that an Architect had stated that there was a strong likelihood that asbestos was present.

Mr. Dowdy stated that it would be best to get someone to do a study and go from there.

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Ms. Marrah said that they would have to get a review to be aware of the options. She stated that they are trying to determine what will have to be done to make the building ADA and commented that the elevation will be expensive. She stated that the Preliminary Architectural Review would address these issues.

Mr. Evens inquired as to the type of heating in the building.

Mr. Dowdy told that it was fuel oil.

Mr. Evans asked if the County was paying the fuel bill.

Mr. Dowdy responded that the Hale Wilkinson foundation started out paying and the County is helping out now.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the estimated amount is for the outside only and did not address the inside.

Ms. Marrah told that the PAR would address the needs. She told that she was trying to address the immediate needs but the Board needed to look to the future.

Mr. Jones said that the cost has grown from what the Board was first told for the roof and painting and stated that the Board was told that they would get the money back from the grant.

Mr. Evans read an e-mail from Craig Teller to Mr. A.J. (Allen) Jeffries stating that "we are requesting \$400,000 and are prepared to match the amount with approximately \$60,000 in grants (Rural Development, Appalachian Regional Commission); \$40,000 in private donations; and \$300,000 in local appropriations. We anticipate the total cost of the project to be \$800,000."

Ms. Marrah said that even if the County does not do the study now it is something that will have to be addressed down the road and that it is very important to do the study. She also said it was possible the County could get a planning grant to do an architectural study.

Mrs. Myers asked if the County was obligated to pay the \$40,000 for the paint and roof work.

Mr. Newman told that the County was obligated to pay for the painting and the roofing.

Mr. Evans said that it is not a good idea to invest tax money in this old building. He also asked what obligations or options the County has with the license.

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Mr. Dalton replied that the license is revocable at any time. He told that liability does exist with owning any building and that the Board had an obligation to keep the building in shape to prevent liabilities.

Mr. Early commented that he would like to see the application. He stated that the County should be proud of the Carter Building because it is a major part of the revitalization efforts and is a focal point of downtown Hillsville and tourism. He suggested getting the PAR to get information and told that the Board needed more information before making a hasty decision.

Mr. Evans said that it was obvious that they were misguided because they were told that they had a grant that would not have a match.

Ms. Marrah said that should the County apply for the grant it does not necessarily obligate the County.

Mr. Dowdy said that the most outstanding expense would be the additions for handicap accessibility. He said the decision about the inside should be determined by what the building will be used for.

Mr. Evans said that he would like to see what opportunities there are to sell the building to someone who has the money to continue what the Board cannot afford.

TOURISM UPDATE

Mr. David Rotenizer, Tourism Director, updated the Board on tourism activities. He told that the new website, www.VisitTheBlueRidge.com was now on-line. He told that the Blue Ridge Music Center had held a dedication and that the Blue Ridge Parkway was now 70 years old. He informed the Board that work should start next week on the Beaver Dam Trail and that a T-21 grant had been received for the Stoneman Family Market. He stated that County Intern Ellen Goldwasser had been helping tremendously. He told that the proposed opening for the Tourist Information Center is September 1 and that Kathy Surratt had been a tremendous help. He told that the County Fair was coming up and that the committee had looked at several local musicians and stated that the Collegians had been a big hit in Wytheville. He stated that Carroll County has a lot of assets.

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CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7)

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Upon a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. until 11:18 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the performance of specific personnel, the discussion of disposition of real estate where public discussion would be detrimental to the County's position, the discussion of a prospective business where no public announcement has been made of the business or industry's desire to locate or expand in the County, and for the discussion of legal matters involving threatened litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A1,A3,A5,A7).

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened in a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll 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 under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

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APPROVE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved adjusting the salary of the Assessor Technician I position to \$24,000, adjusting the salary of the Assessor Technician II position to \$21,000, and adjusting the salary of the Assistant Registrar position to \$23,500, all retroactive to July 1, 2005.

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**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT – VACO ANNUAL MEETING
RESERVATIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized execution of checks to The Homestead for reservations for the VACo Annual Meeting.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Jones said he had dealt with complaints about the EMS billing and the patients being sent second notices.

Mr. Newman stated that the same effort made to collect from the insurance companies must be made to collect from the patients.

Mr. Jones asked if the bill could state that the patient is not responsible for payment.

Mrs. Nichols commented that this was not a problem when Libby Lineberry was doing the billing.

Mr. Dalton stated that the same efforts of collection must be made and that the billing company was doing what they legally must do.

Mr. Jones suggested that it be published in the newspaper that the person will get two notices.

Mr. Dalton said that the County must comply with billing procedures and that there are Medicare and Medicaid policies that the County must adhere to.

Mr. Newman told that there is a yearlong contract with this billing company and that a decision would need to be made soon as to renewing this contract, finding another billing company, or doing the billing in-house.

Mr. Early reminder the Board to not forget why the County went outside to do this. He told that it would be better to let someone do this that does this for a living and knows the regulations and would have a much better success rate.

Mr. Evans stated this billing is to collect this from the bills owed so it does not come out of the taxpayers' pocket.

Ms. Nichols congratulated the recreation teams and the people who are coaching for doing so well. She said four teams went to State, with three going

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to the Powhatan Area and one going to Rustburg. She stated that they had good coaches and good role models.

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**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY CODE SECTION 116-50
AMENDMENT**

Upon motion made by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed, the Board adopted the Ordinance to amend Carroll County Code Section 116-50 E-911 Tax – Imposition and time period of tax to increase the tax imposed by Carroll County upon every purchaser of local telephone service to two dollars (\$2.00) per month.

Note: Mr. Jones voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Early addressed the Asian Game Cocks, saying that there was a large population of them.

Mr. Evans said that a lot in the Fancy Gap and Pipers Gap area.

Mr. Dalton told that he would meet with Mr. Woods, Sheriff Manning and Mr. Newman and that a report would be given to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Early said that he was sad to see Ms. Stevie Cloud resigned this week and stated that she was a valuable employee. He commented that she was a very good assistant to Mr. Newman and to Mr. Teller before that. He told that he would like to see the Board do something for her to show their appreciation.

Mr. Early commented that the Board should go back to the day meetings and suggested moving the meetings to the second Wednesday of each month with possibly putting the PSA meeting before the Board meeting. He told that currently the County was running right up to the due date on bills, but stated that an awareness was needed of the due dates. He commented that the Board did not need to be on the PSA.

During discussion it was determined that the second Tuesday would work best for the entire Board.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MEETING DATE AND TIME

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. as the meeting date and time of all regular monthly

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Board of Supervisor meetings, beginning September 13, 2005, with the Public Service Meetings to follow.

Mr. Early stated that there needed to be initiatives to make the Cana Trash Site more economical and told that it was losing about \$1000/month.

Mr. Jones stated that it is doing better than last year.

Mr. Evans asked for information concerning the \$30,000 grant to be used for the Crossroads Institute.

Mr. Newman told that he would look into it.

Mr. Evans said that he noticed the agenda was not published in the paper as discussed at the last meeting. He asked that the August agenda be advertised and that the Board voting record be published. He told that the Building Inspector should be able to take the vehicle home when needed when making inspections while going home or when coming to work.

Mr. Early stated that only people on call 24 hours per day was allowed to take vehicles home under the IRS ruling.

Mr. Evans told that he could see this if they take the vehicle home and it stays in the driveway when not used but that he did not see the Building Official under this. He told that he would like for this to be addressed and something decided at the next Board meeting.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Glenna Myers, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Clerk