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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Brian Spencer, Chairman (late arrival)
Glenna Myers, Vice-Chairman
L. J. Jones
Sharon F. Nichols
Joseph H. Early, III
W. Jeff Evans
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
Bradley Dalton, County Attorney
Drew McBride, Student member

Ms. Myers called the meeting to Order at 9:08 a.m. and asked Mr. Evans to lead in the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Myers stated that Chairman Spencer would be in around 11 a.m. and proceeded with the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

Mr. Early told that some changes needed to be made to the May 17th minutes on page A10 to correct the spelling of coward to cowardly and in the next to last paragraph the end of the sentence should be “to” rather than too and add the words “by Mr. Teller”. He stated that on page A22 paragraph 7 should read “and wanted to know how the Supervisors felt about this”. He told that there should be a statement added to read “Mrs. Myers said this was too important of an issue to consider in absence of the Chairman. Mr. Early asked Mrs. Myers how this is more important than the issue that took place this morning and that the Board didn’t have a problem with making that decision. No response was given to Mr. Early’s request”.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting with the above stated amendments, and the minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting as previously distributed to the members of the Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 in the County Administrator’s Office.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for May 31, 2005 and June 15, 2005 and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 30th day of June and 15th day of July 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.

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APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 76487-76837 and did approve the Carroll County Industrial Development Claims as presented this day.

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AUTHORIZE CARROLL COUNTY EXPO COMMITTEE – BASKET BINGO

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board authorized the Carroll County Expo Committee to hold a Basket Bingo to raise money for the upcoming County Fair and did authorize immediate execution of the check necessary to purchase the baskets for a total of \$1167.53.

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

Mr. Evans expressed that he has a problem with the bingo because not everyone gambles and that he sees it is wrong to put tax dollars into the bingo due to this being a gambling event.

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APPOINT NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

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Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board appointed Ronald Newman as the representative to the New River Regional Water Authority with a term beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2009.

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated the \$300,000 received from the Tobacco Commission to be used as an economic development incentive to the Economic Development IDA Business Retention and Expansion line item 081060-9007.

RATIFY AMERLINK PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

There was a request to ratify the AmerLink Performance Agreement presented to the Board on May 17, 2005. Mr. Jones expressed concerns that some things need to be cleared up and the Board does not need to be left unprotected.

Mrs. Nichols suggested that the issue be pulled out and discussed later in the afternoon.

Mr. Dalton explained that this was passed previously and that the reason for revisiting this was because additional language had been added to protect the County.

The issue was tabled at this time.

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ADOPT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT - CARROLL COUNTY AND VIRGINIA TECH PARTNERSHIP

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT CARROLL COUNTY AND VIRGINIA TECH PARTNERSHIP EDUCATION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST.

Note: A complete copy of the above Resolution is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

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ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved including in the June 21, 2005 meeting minutes the Abstract of Votes cast in County of Carroll Virginia at the June 14, 2005 Republican Primary Election and the Abstract of Votes cast in the County of Carroll Virginia at the June 14, 2005 Democratic Primary Election.

Note: A complete copy of the Abstract of Votes is found at the conclusion of these minutes.

WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Newman told that he hoped to have the decision from Rural Development concerning the water and sewer agreement to give to the Board at the June 30 meeting. He stated that Sally Hamer had requested rates from the Town of Hillsville and these along with the letter to explain rates had just been received from the Town.

Mr. Early stated that the Rural Development grant money is not in immediate jeopardy and there is a need to wait for Richmond to make a decision.

Mr. Evans stated that the Board needs copies of the decision before June 30 meeting so they could know what to expect before hand.

CARTER BUILDING GRANT

Ms. Brenda Marrah stated that an application must be made for the Historic Resources Grant of \$50,000 for the Carter Building. She told that there would be a dollar for dollar match required and that the County would have to provide a perpetual easement to the Department of Historic Resources. She told that a renovation plan with costs of at least \$100,000 would need to be determined and that at the conclusion of the renovation the building had to be a community resource/community facility that was open to the public at least 100 days per year. She told that a plan of how the building would be used need to be determined. She told that the building needed to be ADA compliant and that there was a Rural Development grant on hold for a Preliminary Architectural Report that would include how to make the building compliant. She told that where contracts being worked on and expenses incurred that could not be used toward the match. She told that the Department of Historic Resources must approve all work.

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Mr. Jones stated that this was the first the Board had been told about the 50/50 match and that a couple of months ago the Board was told by Mr. Teller this would be at no cost to the County.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the Town was applying for a grant that could be used toward this.

Ms. Marrah indicated that the grant was applied for and notification received of ARC funding, but that contracts have not been signed yet. She told that the Town has indicated using possibly up to \$25,000.

Mr. Evans stated that at an earlier meeting, April 28th, he had understood that the Town would put those funds toward the paint and now this is needed to get the grant funds. He told that when the painting and roofing was discussed at the other meeting the Board was told the money would come later.

Mr. Newman stated the painting would cost \$20,000 and that the roofing and internal repairs were on hold.

Mr. Evans asked if any other repairs such as "rot" was being addressed before painting.

Ms. Marrah told that the Board needed to approve the grant agreement in order to submit the application for the funds.

Mrs. Nichols stated that the County match could be in-kind such as the time of County employees and this could be used to get free grant money.

Ms. Marrah stated that was correct but advised that there should be well kept records of the time and expenses used.

Mr. Evans asked if any painting that is not finished and the roof could count as in-kind.

Ms. Marrah told that as she understands it this could be counted.

Mrs. Nichols made a motion with a second by Mr. Early, to apply for the grant and to use the painting, roofing, and other items at Ms. Marrah's discretion that need to be done to the building along with a statement from the Town concerning the ARC funds toward the match. Following discussion, the motion was retracted.

Mr. Jones asked if the Town would go along with this.

Ms. Marrah indicated that she had spoken with Mr. South the Town Manager already.

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Mr. Evans stated that he would like to have documentation in writing of what the Town would do.

Mr. Early stated that the County needed to make sure it was eligible so that cart was not before the horse and asked Ms. Marrah if she would do what was necessary to see that the County qualified for the grant.

Ms. Marrah explained the process and told that an Architect and a representative from Department of Historic Resources had visited the building.

Mrs. Nichols commented that she would like to see usage of in-kind matches so that no county tax money would be involved if possible.

Ms. Marrah suggested that a Task Force be established to get more minds to come together to develop a plan to restore the building and told that the Department of Historic Resources want to see the building restored and used.

Mr. Evans told that a Task Force was good but that it needed to be represented by all districts.

Ms. Marrah explained that the plan needed to be developed quickly.

Mr. Evans suggested this be tabled until Supervisor's Time and that there should a group of representatives from each the Board, the Town, and the Carter Home to work on this.

LIBBY LINEBERRY – FIRE AND RESCUE AUTO INSURANCE

Ms. Libby Lineberry told that it had been reported to her that there were problems with the Request for Proposals for auto insurance for the fire and rescue vehicles. She told that this was done legally and that she had hand delivered the request to the agency in Town. She told that she had received two proposals from Chesterfield and Jackson Insurance and that neither of the proposals was as good as what the County has with VACO with a \$5 million limit. She told that the local agent (Jackson's) was \$6900 more with \$1 million limit. She stated that she was looking out for the County.

Mr. Newman stated that Ms. Lineberry had worked very hard to get the best insurance and rates possible and that the treatment she had received in the past and receiving now from Jackson's was not deserved or fair.

Mrs. Nichols thanked Ms. Lineberry for looking after the county.

Mrs. Myers asked that Jackson Insurance be mailed a copy of the bid amounts.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY TO NANCY'S FRIED PIES

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Mrs. Myers declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:03 a.m.

Mr. Newman told that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the proposed transfer of 3.27 acres located in the Industrial Park to Nancy's Fried Pies as an incentive to locate their business in Carroll County.

An unnamed citizen questioned if this land was going to be transferred to them at no cost rather than on lease.

Mr. Newman explained it would be a transfer.

Mr. Olen Gallimore expressed concern about Carroll County giving land and asked what happens if they don't reach their commitment as a company.

Mr. Dalton explained that there is a performance agreement that will be provided later today. He told that this agreement states the conditions for the company to maintain ownership and in the event there is a breach of the agreement, the property would come back to the county.

Mr. Jones asked how many employees Nancy's Fried Pies would have.

Mr. Newman advised him there would be 16 employees the 1st year and 25-30 by the end of 3 years.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was declared Closed at 10:10 a.m.

TOURISM UPDATE

David Rotenizer, Director of Tourism, presented to the Board an update on the County Tourism program. He stated that rural tourism builds on assets and resources and is not a substitute for basic tourism to form a diversified economic base. He stated that where we live is what we have to offer and that we must operate at a regional level with developed package of opportunities for the tourist. He told that the tourist that are attracted here are ones interested in the day trip or the mini 3-day vacation. He told that Agri-tourism is becoming something that really attracts people who are not accustomed to our way of life with the farming such as the pumpkin, tree farming, cabbage and the fruit growers, apple, peach, cherries.

Mr. Rotenizer told the Board that the typical tourist is age 54, 60% has a college degree with a disposable income of \$52,000, they love mountains, music and outdoor activities. He stated that the typical tourist for Southwest Virginia came from the Winston-Salem, Triad, and Charlotte area. He told that the past distribution on the Blue Ridge Parkway Guide publication is 600,000 and that the 2nd most active ingress and egress spot is here in Carroll County at

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Fancy Gap. He told that other publications that the County was focusing on are the "Simple Living" and "Blue Ridge Backroads" as well as a 60 second spot that is airing on WSLs TV-10 entitled "ALL IN A DAYS DRIVE". He told that the Town contributed 1/3 of the cost for the ad. He told that people also could visit electronically on the new website www.visittheblueridge.com that focuses on this area and also features a Virginia Tourism pilot program. He told that the Crooked Road program has been a tremendous benefit and that Carroll County has been a part of it since last year. He told that Surry County, NC is very interested in the regional approach and has asked that we be a part of the effort. He stated that Carroll County will be participating in the Jamestown Program and that The Blue Ridge Plateau area from Fisher's Peak to Rocky Knob along the parkway is a definite drawing card. He told that to do an inventory of what the County has is difficult but gave several of the advantages noting that by 2013 the pleasure seekers will take the market, the County is strategically located to benefit and that there are 35,000 people a day passing the new tourist information center on I-77. He told that since March there have been 817 requests for information from 41 states, DC & England and stated that he is maintaining records of names and addresses for reference in the future. He stated that rural tourism works best as a regional effort and gave an example of this as the Crooked Road working on Wayside exhibits along the Crooked Road across the state with one to be in Hillsville and one in Woodlawn. Mr. Rotenizer provided a list of projects that are in progress:

- Beaver Dam Creek Trail
- Rock Churches – nominated for national register through DHR
- Tour groups – available upon request
- VFW will have a tour bus circuit
- State Film office
- Grant – VDOT highway marker for Stoneman family
- CC EXPO – need lots of support through volunteers
- Bike Event –working on for the near future late fall or early spring '06
- Downtown revitalization – County seat
- Historic Courthouse
- Devil's Den
- Carter Pines
- Events – Fiddlin' in the Lot sponsor
- Researching for an inventory of what we have in the area
- Visitor Center – diversion marketing, state certification, open 7 days a week. There is a need for professional staff at the facility. There are 4 other areas in the region have agreed to contribute for the road signage in exchange for good representation in the Visitor Center. There is a request for 2 staff members, 1 manager of the center and 1 administrative assistant for publications.

Mr. Rotenizer thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to update them on the tourism program and would like to continue to update them monthly so it would not be such a lengthy presentation in the future. He stated

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that he felt it was important for the Board to know what is going on in promoting the tourism aspect in the County and the region.

Mrs. Myers thanked Mr. Rotenizer for the tourism update.

MR. EDDIE HINES – 911 COORDINATOR

Mr. Eddie Hines, Twin County E-911 Coordinator, told that the 911 Commission was requesting that the Board consider amending the 911 ordinance to increase the tax of \$1.50 to \$2.00 to each land-line phone user to assist the 911 operation with funding. He told that this increase was needed to cover the increase in the Sprint billing to the 911 Center and the loss of 20% of revenue from consumers switching from land-line to cell phones. He told that it has been 5 years since the increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and stated that most localities are at around \$3.00.

Mr. Jones asked if the utility tax causes people to go to cell phones and stated that the Commission needed to try to operate without extra funding.

Mr. Hines responded that the only support 911 gets is the land-line tax and they have not asked for any local appropriations.

Mr. Evans told that he was on the Commission and commented that everything is being done to stay within the budget. He told that Sprint is an example of how many things are out of the Commission's control and affect the budget. He stated that the 911 services are very important and that when you need help you can depend on 911. He told that thanks to Mr. Hines this area is blessed with a 911 service that is ahead of the Roanoke Valley. He told that things run well, the stipends were taken out to help with the budget, and they are running with the least amount of overtime possible. He stated that costs are just increasing daily but people need to realize that 911 is very important to all.

Mrs. Nichols asked if Mr. Hines was asking for a public hearing in regard to the tax increase.

Mr. Hines told that after the Public Hearing the Board would be asked to amend the Ordinance. He told the Board that 911 answered 30,000 calls for rescue/fire/police last year. He told that the Center was Phase II compliant with a mapping system that taps into all new cell phones to pin point a person's location in case of an emergency. He used the hiker that was lost in Highland Park as an example of how it works. He told that the regional center definitely works better than having a dedicated center to each locality.

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AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – 911 TAX

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Upon motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing to receive public comment concerning a proposed amendment to the 911 Ordinance to increase tax surcharge on each land-line user from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Brad Dalton explained that each speaker would be allowed 3 minutes to speak to the Board. He stated this was not to prevent anyone from being able to express thoughts but that in order for everyone to have time to speak and the Board to work efficiently the time limit needed to be respected.

Ms. Connie Beamer's name was called and Mr. Victor Allen stated that Connie Beamer was not going to speak because Craig Teller has threatened her with a lawsuit for libel and slander if she speaks at the meeting.

Ms. Patricia Sebens asked to speak about Schools & Budget. She told that she was thankful that the auditor looked through the revenue piece by piece and was thankful for the \$389,000 found. She told that it was her understanding that the position of education resource development, Virginia Tech Extension Specialist, is not going to be funded this coming year and asked that the Board please reconsider that decision. She stated that Gary Larowe, the person holding that position, is very valuable to the County in this capacity and that he has brought several dollars to the County through grants, organized and supervised the AmeriCorp Vista program, worked very hard on the Crossroads Institute project and also the young EntrePrep program. She asked the Board to please put the position back into the budget. She told that the Crossroads Institute is opening and the County needed to fund the position again or fund at least one half of the position. She told that someone was needed to assist Crossroads in the construction money and to seek more residents for the incubator sites at Crossroads as well as have plans that will keep the money Crossroads already has.

Mr. Lewis Walker told that he moved into the area in September 2004 and invested \$400,000 because of the airport being located in Carroll County. He told that he will be paying \$2000 in taxes on his plane and that the money from his plane and the other planes at the airport will make up the difference of \$15,000 in the airport budget that is being cut. He told that it is not the time to cut the budget and commented that Tim Brown is very capable of managing the budget. He told that the cutting of this from the budget affects the

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economic development of this area because there were several companies that would want to come here if the airport was improved. He asked the Board to please put the \$15,000 back into the budget to be used to match the state and federal funds and stated the funds are needed to update the airport.

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APPROVAL REFINANCE COUNTY COMPLEX DEBT

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized refinancing the Carroll County Governmental Center debt and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the following documents:

1. LOAN AGREEMENT By and Between INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD AND THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA and INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA
2. LEASE AGREEMENT between INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA and THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON BEHALF OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA
3. PRIME LEASE between the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA and the INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Note: A complete copy of each of the above documents is on file in the office of the County Administrator.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Newman told that he had reviewed the revenues with the auditor and the following changes had been made: Increased Current Year Real Property to \$9.3M, Increase Consumer Utility tax – Electric to \$600,000, and Decreased Courthouse Maintenance Fees to \$14,000 for a net increase in revenues of \$364,000. He told that changes to the expenses included: Increase Woodlawn Sewer to \$165,000 to assist the PSA with \$150,000 toward the Jeff Johnson sewer project, Increased Volunteer Rescue Squads by \$50,000 (\$40,000 for the Cana Ambulance and \$10,000 for countywide supplies), Increased the Building Official office by \$723 for a salary and benefit increase, Increased Maintenance Force by \$755 for a salary and benefit increase, included Stipends at a total of \$12,300, and Increase Board Reserve to \$262,222.

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Mr. Evans asked about the increase for the Farmer's Market secretary.

Mr. Newman indicated that after reviewing there was no increase requested.

Mr. Spencer said that this is a critical time for grant funding to the airport. He told that the request of \$15,000 to be put back in the budget is needed due to this being a key year and that if grants are lost now there may be another chance. He said it was a key year for expenses and that next year's request would not be as much if the Commission can get the \$15,000 for the grant match of \$1.5 million federal funds.

Mr. Jones commented that \$15,000 will not cause them to lose \$1.5M and that they can come up with the money.

Mr. Early said that due to an increase in time costs for widening the runway had increased by \$500,000. He told that the federal government will step up as long as the local government funds the match so it would be foolish not to fund the \$15,000 match. He told that the airport was the reason some were here and asked that it be reinstated for the people of Carroll County.

Mr. Evans commented that the airport was important but stated that things that could be cut should be. He told that the County had downsized and the airport should too. He commented that hangar rates could be increased to raise funds. He told that the Board always hears about things not working out and then somebody waiting for tax dollars to fix it. He said he was against putting money back into the airport at this time.

MOTION TO RESTORE AIRPORT FUNDING

A motion was made by Mr. Early, with a second by Mrs. Myers, to restore to the Airport the \$15,000 that was previously removed.

Mr. Early, Mr. Spencer, and Mrs. Myers voted Yes on the above motion.

Mr. Jones, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Evans voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Spencer expressed the fact that the Board needed to help the airport at such a crucial time and that the Board should hold to its word that next year funding will be reduced. He said this sets the tone for other localities and it would be detrimental to Carroll County. He testified that when Shoney's wanted to build the restaurant officials needed to fly to this location but due to the local airport inadequacies they had to delay the trip and then fly to New River. He told that this delay in initial meetings cost the county tax dollars for six months. He told that the County was paid over \$200,000 in food taxes the first year from this restaurant and the 6 month loss of revenue cost the County \$100,000.

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Mr. Evans told that \$15,000 did not seem like much but when it was added on the calculator it was. He told that the County is in a financial shape it did not choose to be in. He stated that the fire departments and rescue squads were expected to work raising money and commented that he did not see a difference at the airport. He suggested that ways be found to raise funds without going through the taxpayers' pockets.

Mr. Dalton announced that Janet Tate had made a donation of \$500 if the Board would restore the other \$14,500.

Ms. Nichols said that the Recreation Commission has to work to raise fund for recreation. She stated that since there was a \$500 donation why not open this up for other donations.

AMENDED MOTION TO RESTORE AIRPORT FUNDING

A motion was made by Mr. Early, with a second by Mrs. Myers, to restore the \$15,000 to the Airport that had been previously removed with the Airport Commission to return the \$15,000 if the grant is lost for some reason beyond their control.

Mr. Early, Mr. Spencer, and Mrs. Myers voted Yes on the above motion.

Mr. Jones, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Evans voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Early stated that the Board had championed the cause to save money and had championed the cause in June and July that would save money on the purchase of fire and rescue vehicles. He told the Board was informed last month \$40,000 of tax dollars was spent on an ambulance to match \$35,000 for an ambulance that was not needed. He told that he asked for a copy of the grant and this was done in September after the policy change. He stated that the airport funding jeopardized \$1.5M in grant funds.

MOTION TO REMOVE AMBULANCE GRANT MATCH

A motion was made by Mr. Early to remove the \$40,000 for the grant match for the Cana ambulance and to put this money in the Board Contingency fund due to Cana Rescue Squad not abiding by the policy that was in place and the County having no obligation to match the grant.

Mr. Evans stated that this was done during a transition time and was not something that would be continued.

Mr. Spencer stated that the Board does not do enough for the fire and rescue for what they do for the County. He also expressed concern about applying for the grant after the policy had been changed.

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Mr. Newman told that when he was asked about submitting the application he had told Cana Rescue Squad they could apply and then if it was granted it would be decided if funds were available to match the grant. He told that when the budget was being prepared he told the Emergency Services Committee that there were no funds to match grants. He told that when this was discussed again by the Emergency Services Committee the vote was to bring this before the Board.

Mr. Jones asked why the Board was trying to undo this since the Emergency Services Committee voted 100% for this.

Mr. Early stated that the vote was to bring this before the Board. He told that he campaigned on properly equipping fire and rescue but that this request did not conform to policy and he had been told that this ambulance was not needed. He told that he ran on the platform to represent the citizens and watch how the tax dollars are being spent. He stated that this grant was not good and that the 50% match grant is really more like an 85% match.

Mr. Spencer announced that the above motion would die without a second.

Mrs. Nichols asked about the Social Services increase in the budget.

Mr. Spencer stated that the CSA money should be held level and if more was needed they could come back and ask for it.

Mr. Newman said that it was hard to predict an estimate for the CSA.

Mrs. Nichols said that hiring for VIEW & transportation should be looked in to. She said that hiring out to do the assessment cost \$1200 a client.

Mrs. Myers stated that this should be check into because they should not hire out when they can get it for free. She then asked the office was closed for half a day and the people paid. She said she was concerned about extra spending that the Board never knows about.

Mrs. Nichols said that there should be level funding of the CSA.

Mrs. Myers agreed.

Mrs. Nichols then stated her concern about the additional funding request when there are agencies to perform services without charge.

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Mr. Jones said that the Social Services Board trusts the management to run the office like it needs to be. He recommended that Mr. Newman talk with Social Services to see why there is an increase.

Mr. Spencer said that the Board should hold on to the money and have Social Services come back to the Board to ask for extra funds.

Mrs. Nichols agreed.

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APPROVE LEVEL FUNDING –CSA ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed, the Board approved holding the Comprehensive Services Act allocation at the current funding level with the Department of Social Services to come before the Board to request any additional funds needed.

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

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APPROVE GRANT MATCH – CANA RESCUE SQUAD AMBULANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board authorized putting \$40,000 in the budget for the Cana Rescue Squad Ambulance.

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

Mr. Spencer discussed the deer population and suggested the County look into a request for a hunting season change to reduce the population. He said Terry Woods needed to work on this as it must be done between June and July. He reported that rabies cases were up in the County and inquired as to how much the Board should include in the Animal Control Budget for training.

Mr. Newman told that he did not have an exact amount and that he would have to report that to the Board when the information was available.

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Mr. Evans asked how much the telephone consumer utility tax is.

Mr. Newman reported that the projected revenue was \$600,000 for phone and \$600,000 for electric.

Mrs. Nichols reported that she has been getting complaints of people that are being charged the commercial rate for outbuildings and are paying \$21.00 rather than the \$3.00 residential rate even though they are not operating a business.

Mr. Spencer stated that this needed to be looked into case by case and told that this would be 4 cents on the levy if the Board did not collect this tax.

Mr. Newman told that he will meet with the Commissioner of Revenue on this. He also explained that meters for outbuildings are demand meters and are considered commercial.

Mr. Spencer suggested having a representative from APCo come to the meeting to discuss this.

Mrs. Nichols asked if it could be published in the paper how much revenue is being collected.

Mr. Evans requested that APCo explain why this is imposed on someone that just has a building that they are working out of like a shop and not a business.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Myers asked that a note on the savings on the tax levy be published.

Mr. Newman stated January through May 25 the amount collected on electricity was \$393,651 and phone was \$188,849.

Mrs. Myers asked Mr. Kevin Semones if the salary increase for the clerical position was included in the budget request but not included by the salary review board. She stated that this person deserved a raise and the salary committee should look at this.

Mr. Semones told that salaries were left for the budget committee to calculate but commented that she deserved more due to extra work on Chillsnet. He recommended a \$2,500.00 increase for this person.

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**APPROVE SALARY INCREASE – FARMER’S MARKET
SECRETARY**

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Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board approved increasing the Farmer's Market secretary salary by \$2500.

Mr. Evans asked Dr. McBride about lay-offs in AmeriCorp.

Dr. McBride said the number of positions is determined by the state and some persons have resigned. He said the School Board will hire what the state grants and that he thought they have lost some positions. He explained that the fiscal year runs through September so their year starts in September/October unless reduced by the state money approved. He said that they don't have any intentions of reducing any more positions unless dictated by the state. Dr. McBride also said that the \$389,000 would allow for maintaining the program through September of 2006.

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ADOPT BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board adopted the proposed budget as presented June 21, 2005, with amendments, as the Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

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

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APPROVE TAX LEVIES – TAX YEAR 2005

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board approved the levies for the tax year 2005 to be set at \$0.59 per \$100 assessed valuation of real estate, \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of tangible personal property, excluding therefrom such segregated property as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (14) of Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) upon which the rate shall be zero, \$2.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of merchant's capital, and \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of machinery and tools based on the following depreciation factors:

Year Equipment Purchased	Depreciation Factor
1996 and before	30% of cost
1997	35% of cost
1998	40% of cost

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1999	50% of cost
2000	60% of cost
2001	70% of cost
2002	80% of cost
2003	85% of cost
2004	90% of cost

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

(Order)

APPROVE BUDGET APPROPRIATION – FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2006

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board granted an appropriation for the following activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 in conformity with the adopted budget and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 58.1-3001 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended):

General Fund: To be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors	\$699,311
County Administrator	373,237
Resource Development Office	58,729
Legal Services	37,500
Tourism	152,570
Commissioner of Revenue	234,884
Real Estate Appraiser	138,630
Treasurer	288,753
Electoral Board	74,788
Registrar	104,041
Judicial Administration, Circuit Court	41,082
District Courts	15,750
Magistrate	3,100
Clerk-Circuit Court	352,014
Commonwealth Attorney	361,288
Victim Witness	50,756
Sheriff	1,526,732
Vehicle Maintenance	175,960
Volunteer Fire Departments	463,544
Volunteer Rescue Squads	211,144
E-911 Surcharge	287,400

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Care of Prisoners	535,000
Youth and Family Services	84,581
Building Inspection	126,313
Animal Control	73,859
Medical Examiner	800
Emergency Services Coordinator	52,312
Refuse Collection and Disposal	444,437
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (all)	530,207
Maintenance Force and other	209,672
Garage Emergency Vehicles	31,381
Public Utilities	373,725
Water and Sewer Projects	240,000
Health	201,338
Mental Health and Mental Retardation	102,472
Mountain View Youth and Family Services	79,919
Senior Citizens Programs	56,101
Community Colleges	30,935
Farmers Market	185,586
Recreation	150,737
Swimming Pool	34,853
Carroll-Galax Regional Library	178,502
Planning Commission	2,400
Economic Development	1,199,561
Airport	45,000
Soil and Water Conservation	8,700
Extension and Continuing Education	58,077
Law Library	5,000
Interest on Revenue Anticipation Note	24,306
Transfer to School Fund	10,524,928

To be expended only on order of the Board of Social Services:

Administration and Public Assistance	\$3,366,830
Comprehensive Services Act	320,125
Hospitalization-State/Local	7,795
VHDA	54,844
Family Preservation Act	19,731

School Fund: To be expended only on order of the
School Board 37,256,481

Total Appropriations 62,257,721

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The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer sums as needed from the General Fund to the School Fund to meet the foregoing appropriations.

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

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TEXTBOOK
FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Textbook fund budget and did authorize an appropriation in the amount \$481,000 to the Carroll County School Board Textbook fund budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Note: These funds are to be expended only upon order of the School Board.

Mr. Early and Mr. Spencer voted No on the above motion.

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOOD SERVICE
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Food Service fund budget and did authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$1,651,027 to the Carroll County School Board Food Service fund budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Note: These funds are to be expended only upon order of the School Board.

Mr. Early and Mr. Spencer voted No on the above motion.

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CONSTRUCTION
FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006**

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Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Construction Fund Budget for fiscal year 2005-2006 and did authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$6,054,670 to the Carroll County School Board Construction Fund Budget fiscal year 2005-2006.

Note: These funds are to be expended only upon order of the School Board.

Mr. Early and Mr. Spencer voted No on the above motion.

CITIZEN REQUESTED TIME

Mr. Olen Gallimore asked to be able to speak at this time due to not wanting to speak while the television cameras were here earlier. He told that he was asked to be here today because something big was going to happen and he did not know what until he arrived. He talked about the Board meeting being like a carnival and people coming to be entertained. He said that a Board member or two may not be representing citizens but voting against each other. He said that if the Supervisors do not straighten up, they would not know what needs to be done. He said that the Board needs to resolve their differences and everyone needs to try to represent the citizens. He stated that people are embarrassed to say they are from Carroll County. He stated that the Supervisors need to straighten up because everyone is watching them as they are voted in to represent the citizens.

Ms. Janet Tate agreed with Mr. Gallimore. She stated the citizens deserve better and that the people of the County are not being represented well. She told that the airport is a very important piece of economic development in the County and stated that she has been told that there are Board members who have not visited the airport after they were requested to do so by some citizens. She told that the Board needs to unite together and do what is best for the County's well being.

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 12:25 p.m. until 2:52 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

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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).

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Myers, 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.

(Order)

APPROVE VDOT NEW ADDITION – HILLSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD

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

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has provided this Board with a sketch dated 6-21-05 depicting the additions, required in the secondary system of state highways as a result of the Carroll County Public School System Construction State Project No. 18-7A, which sketch is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add to the secondary system of state highways those portions of road identified by the sketch to be added, pursuant to Section 33.1-229, Code of Virginia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

(Order)

APPROVE ADDITIONS AND DISCONTINUANCES – ROUTE 757

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

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has provided this Board with a sketch dated 6-18-05 depicting the additions, discontinuances and abandonments required in the secondary system of state highways as a result of Project 0757-017-BI, UPC# 55085, which sketch is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add to the secondary system of state highways those portions of road identified by the sketch to be added, pursuant to Section 33.1-229, Code of Virginia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board concurs with the discontinuance as part of the secondary system of state highways, those portions of road identified by the sketch to be discontinued, pursuant to Section 33.1-150, Code of Virginia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

(Order)

APPROVAL FOR RATIFICATION OF AMERLINK PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board ratified the AmerLink Performance Agreement as presented to the Board on May 17, 2005.

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ENTRANCE SIGN AT FARMERS MARKET

The Board reviewed the proposed entrance sign for the Farmer's Market, Tourist Information Center, and Log Home Sales Center.

Mr. Spencer said that at the bottom of the sign it would be nice if it could say welcome to Carroll County or have some type of indication of the County and on the back it would be good to say thank you for shopping in Carroll County.

It was Board consensus to ask for revisions on the sign to be reviewed by the Board.

ADVERTISE FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Dalton discussed advertising for Carroll County Administrator position and told he anticipated advertisement would be similar to the way it was previously. He discussed the cost to advertise in various publications and proposed the Board use the standard VEC employment form plus a resume. He advised that the Board would need to begin advertising immediately if they were planning to do so.

Mr. Spencer stated that if applications were due August 1, the Board could have them at the August meeting. He said last time it was done every other week in the Richmond Times Dispatch and the Roanoke Times. He suggested staggered advertisements in these publications as well as the Carroll News and the Gazette.

Mr. Dalton inquired as to whether applications were to come to his office.

It was Board consensus that the applications would be due to Mr. Dalton, the deadline would be August 5, and Mr. Dalton would blind copy the applications to each of the Supervisors for review as before.

Mr. Spencer said that he thinks the Board did a disservice to the last candidate because the whole Board did not support them and that they also did a disservice to Mr. Jones and Ms. Nichols. He asked that the Board either all agree or keep looking. The Board, he said, needs to commit to a unanimous agreement for the next administrator and give him/her their full support.

Mr. Jones asked what happens if they cannot all agree.

Mr. Spencer said they would find one they would agree on.

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Mr. Evans replied that the Board needs to take care of the situation as soon as they can and that they need to do a more in depth job description. He also said they should write a letter of agreement to make sure everyone understands their responsibilities.

Mr. Spencer suggested they have a contract.

Mr. Dalton said that the Board cannot have a contract in a true sense but they could have a letter of understanding.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized advertising every other week for the position of County Administrator with a deadline for applications of August 5, and the applications are to be submitted to Bradley Dalton, County Attorney.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mrs. Nichols said that in February the Board authorized Brenda Marrah to apply for the Tech Master Plan grant. She stated Carroll County was the only county that received the grant and then returned this money. She stated that grants need to come before the Board to accept or reject. She told that she was very concerned that Carroll County will be recognized for returning money when the County really should have kept it to explore the broadband technology. She stated that to her knowledge no one on the Board knew it had been granted and returned.

Mr. Early announced the Crossroads Grand Opening would be held on July 27 at 11 am. He asked that the members of the Board to consider attending the event because of the importance that this would play in the county's and region's future.

(Order)

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board appointed Ronald Newman as Acting County Administrator until the Board went through the hiring process.

Note: Mr. Early voted no.

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AGENDA PUBLICATION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board authorized publishing for two months the agenda for the meetings and a report of how each member voted on items on the agenda.

Note: Mr. Early voted No on the above motion and stated that other localities have free publications and gave the example of a locality near Langley Air Force Base that published this by the printing shop at the high schools.

Mr. Spencer said that the newspaper normally reports items and how they voted.

Mr. Evans said that the Board should use any avenue that they have and that it was well worth the cost to get it out.

Mr. Spencer thanked everyone for his or her support while he was out. He stated the Board needs to take heed of what the gentleman said about working together. He said that although the Board may disagree on stuff no one should take it personally. He stated that people can disagree and still like each other and that they need to move on and work for the community. He stated that a member might not agree with a decision but each member is representing their district. He stated this did not mean that they did not like each other or that they did not trust each other.

Mr. Dalton presented the performance agreement draft for Nancy's Fried Pies for acceptance and told that it was subject to minor necessary changes. He stated that Board approval of this agreement and approval of the conveyance of 3.2748 acres to Nancy's Fried Pies was requested.

(Order)

**APPROVE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT AND LAND
CONVEYANCE – NANCY'S FRIED PIES**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Performance Agreement with Nancy's Fried Pies and did approve the transfer of 3.2748 acres to Nancy's Fried Pies as an economic incentive for the company expanding its operation to Carroll County.

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Mr. Early asked if rabies clinics were scheduled.

Mr. Newman responded that the County takes bids for these clinics but that it was hard to get vets to participate.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned until June 30, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Glenna Myers, Vice-Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Clerk