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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Glenna Myers, Chairman
 W. Jeff Evans, Vice-Chairman
 L. J. Jones
 Sharon F. Nichols
 Joseph H. Early, III
 Emmett W. Jones
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
 Brad Dalton, County Attorney
 Brittany Roop, Student Supervisor

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to Order at 9:15 a.m. and asked Mr. Greg Yonce to lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Myers read the following statement:

Friday, November 11, 2005, is Veteran's Day. By virtue of living in this great nation, this Commonwealth, and this County, we enjoy unparalleled freedoms. We must recognize that these freedoms come with a price. Countless men and women have served, many giving the ultimate sacrifice, in the Armed Forces of the United States.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, and the citizens of Carroll County, I would like to thank all our Veterans, and their families, for their dedication, service, and sacrifice to this Country not just this Veteran's Day but each and every day. The life, liberties, and opportunities we enjoy are because of you and we want you to know that we APPRECIATE YOU and THANK YOU.

Yesterday, we each had an opportunity to honor our veterans in the most appropriate manner. I hope that each and every one of you went to the polls and cast a vote. Regardless of who you vote for, voting is both the most compelling way to honor our veterans and one of the most important ways we, as citizens, can continue to protect the immense freedoms for which our veterans and forefathers fought and died. May God continue to Bless the United States of America.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

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Mrs. Myers presented a plaque from the Board the Ms. Carolyn Phillips, Attorney, for her tremendous service and loyalty to the Carroll County Department of Social Services.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes from their regular monthly meeting held on October 11, 2005 and an adjourned meeting held on October 4, 2005 as previously distributed to the members of the Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 and Road Order Book 4 in the County Administrator's Office.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for October 2005 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of November 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.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 78688-78860, and 78876-78904, and did approve the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 1612-1615.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating the \$5300.00 received from

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the Recreation Department Basket Bingo fundraiser to the Recreation Department Fund Raiser line item 071010-9010.

(Order)

VACO ANNUAL MEETING VOTING CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized Chairman Myers with the voting rights of Carroll County, with Vice-Chairman Evans serving as the alternate, for the business meeting at the VACo Annual Meeting on November 15, 2005.

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INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mrs. Sharon Nichols to represent Carroll County on the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Committee.

(Order)

APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated additional carryover funds in the amount of \$85,115.00 to the fiscal year 2006 Textbook Fund Budget.

(Order)

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY:

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

It is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County that:

1. The Service Agreement between the New River Regional Water Authority and the County of Carroll, the County of Wythe, and the Town of Wytheville and consented and agreed to by the Carroll County Public Service Authority (the "Service Agreement"), a form of which has been presented to and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at this meeting and filed with the records of the County, is approved. Each of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the Service Agreement, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, whose approval shall be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of the Service Agreement. The County's seal shall be affixed to the Service Agreement and attested by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Clerk, the County Administrator and any other officer of the County are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such other instruments, documents or certificates, and to do and perform such things and acts, as they shall deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the transactions authorized by this resolution or contemplated by the Service Agreement, and all of the foregoing, previously done or performed by such officers of the County, are in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed.
3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

TIM BROWN – TWIN COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Tim Brown, Twin County Regional Airport Manager, told that he was here at the request of Mr. Evans and proceeded to read the following questions previously supplied to him and to give the responses to the questions:

Questions and comments from Jeff Evans made at the October 27 meeting of the Airport Commission:

1. **What is the airport process for disposal of equipment?**

Answer: The airport commission has very little to say about equipment disposal unless it paid 100% of the equipment cost. In that case it can dispose of it however it wishes. Otherwise, the

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agency providing funding (such as the Virginia Department of Aviation) basically determines the disposition. Typically, the airport's consulting engineering company works closely with the state and/or federal agency to establish the disposition of equipment and writes that into the project documentation, which is subsequently reviewed and approved by the federal and state agencies. In the situation where the airport is allowed to sell equipment, there are two significant matters to consider; (1) if the state of Virginia funded a portion of the original purchase of the equipment then they are due a portion of the sales proceeds in accordance with the % funding they supplied, (2) if the airport sells any equipment then there may be liability for any subsequent failure of that equipment. For example, with a runway lighting system the liability exposure could be enormous if there were to be a fatal crash involving the performance of the lighting system.

2. Was anything other than lights involved?

Answer: Yes

- copper wiring, which was abandoned in place (buried in the ground)
- 2 transformers were to be reused in the new electrical vault. The contractor inspected these transformers and decided to install new transformers at his expense to insure reliable performance of the new system
- a radio receiver which only works on the airport Unicom frequency to activate the runway lights by pilot control. By project definition this was to be disposed of off site by the contractor and was also considered by the Virginia Department of Aviation to be obsolete and of no value.

3. Why weren't all the commission members notified of the disposition of the runway lights instead of just the Chairman and Vice-Chairman?

Answer: Technically, there was no requirement to notify anyone on the airport commission because the lights and associated equipment were the property of the contractor. The elected officers of the commission – the Chairman and Vice-Chairman - were

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notified by me for their general information. I wanted the Commission leadership to know of my action.

4. Mr. Evans stated that he felt once the lights were placed in temporary storage in a T-hangar, they became the property of the airport and the fate of the lights should have been decided by the entire airport commission and not the airport manager.

Response: By that reasoning, all aircraft at the airport are the property of the airport since they are in temporary storage in T-hangars. Clearly, that is not the case. The fact is, once the contractor removed the lights from the ground they became the property of the contractor. There is absolutely no equivocation on that point. The airport commission had no rights to the lights. Temporary storage was provided for security purposes and as a courtesy to the contractor. All I did was something that anyone could have done. Anyone could have asked the contractor for the lights and it is up to the contractor to comply or refuse since the contractor is the legal owner of the lights.

5. “What is the amount and what shape were they in”? (I presume this refers to the original grant.)

Answer: The amount of the original state grant was \$17,520 for engineering services and \$69,540.58 for project implementation – that is to say materials and contractor fees. It is well known that a runway lighting project is labor-intensive. Hence, the bulk of the project implementation monies were for contractor labor and not cost of materials.

As for the “shape” of the lights, they were characterized by several knowledgeable persons as being obsolete. The lights had been in the ground for 8 years, and some had been damaged by mowing operations. The transformers and circuit breaker boxes and radio receiver had been mounted in an outdoor location exposed to the elements and were likewise considered as being in a deteriorated condition with negligible value. It’s important to recognize that the FAA and the State Aviation Department agreed to replace the lighting system in the first place because they felt it was obsolete

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and problematic. They certainly wouldn't declare something obsolete if it had value.

6. Why not use the lights in Virginia since they were partially funded by the state of Virginia originally and could be used by a small airport in Virginia?

Why did they go to a private airport out of state?

Answer: If the Virginia Dept. of Aviation had known of an airport in the state of Virginia that could use the lights, they would have required that the lights be provided to that airport. They had ample opportunity to determine this in the course of multiple meetings and project document review and made no indication that the lights were anything other than obsolete equipment of no value. The lights went to a private airport out of state because that airport was the only potential user known. Although the receiving airport is privately owned, it is open to public use.

7. Mr. Evans requested a copy of the Airport Commission minutes for this year.

Response: Minutes of the Airport Commission meetings for year-to-date are provided.

8. Mr. Evans requested information on how the runway lights were originally obtained.

Answer: The old runway lights recently replaced were installed in 1997. The Virginia Department of Aviation provided 100% of the funding for this project. Therefore, if the lights had been sold by the airport commission, 100% of the sale proceeds would be due to the Virginia Dept. of Aviation. No money whatsoever would have been returned to the airport, the Airport Commission, or Carroll County.

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In summary,

- **there was no wrongdoing in the disposition of the RWY lights. The only reason for the State Police inquiry of this matter was to respond to a citizen's complaint. I'm inclined to believe the complaint was made with malicious intent.**
- **there was no compromise in ethics**
- **there was no shortcutting in any decision making process**
- **there was no lost opportunity to make money for the airport commission or county**
- **In reality, there was never an issue.**

I maintain that the decision to place the runway lights with the North Carolina airport was a correct and appropriate judgment and I have absolutely no second thoughts, nor apology, regarding that action, which was entirely my own.

Mr. Brown then read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Charlie Laney, owner of Laney's Airport N92, the airport that had received the runway lights and stated that he felt good about where the lights ended up rather than being in the landfill.

Mrs. Nichols asked how he found out the North Carolina Airport needed the lights.

Mr. Brown told that this was through a pilot that uses Twin County Airport.

Mr. Evans asked who this was.

Mr. Brown stated this was Mark Burnell.

Mr. Evans asked if he had a plan at Twin County.

Mr. Brown stated that he flies in and out but does not have a plane there.

Mr. Evans commented that the North Carolina airport is private but open to the public and that if these obsolete lights had been put on a public airport and something happened there would be liability. He asked what the difference was since the North Carolina airport is open to the public.

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Mr. Brown commented that the lights were not sold they were given. He stated that if they had been sold there would have been implied liability.

Mr. Evans asked if a lawyer was consulted before the lights were given.

Mr. Brown replied not by him.

Mr. Evans stated that the airplanes in the hangars were in rented hangars. He referred to a letter read by Mr. Early at last month's meeting and commented that last months minutes reflected Mr. Early did not know about the lights in the hangar until after the fact. He told that to put the lights in the hangar the contractor would have to give up their rights to the lights. He stated that this does not look good and was not good business. He told that representatives from Galax were notified but not the representatives from Carroll County. He stated that Mr. Early knew more about the situation than representatives from Carroll County. He told that the representatives were there to handle business correctly. He told that Mr. Brown took the opinion that he can make decisions without the approval of the Commission. He then asked why Virginia should provide lights to a North Carolina airport and stated that the lights should have been offered in the Twin County area.

Mr. Brown stated that he did not see any contradiction in his and Mr. Early's statements. He told that the hangar was selected because it was in front of where the staging area was. He told that he had only asked to store equipment in the hangar and had not specified what equipment. He told that the Galax Commissioners are the elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He stated that there was no obligation to notify them because by contract the lights became the property of the contractor.

Mr. Evans told that he understood that but when Mr. Brown took this position the lights were not in the possession of the contractor. He stated that at that point Mr. Brown took it upon himself to make a decision. He told that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not the Commission and that the entire Commission should make the decision.

Mr. Brown stated that there were different viewpoints and that he did not know there would be a winner.

Mr. Evans commented that he feels this was the wrong way to handle business. He told that Mr. Brown was not in charge of anything outside of what the Commission has given him. He told that the perception was that a wrong was done and asked why he only got anger from those he asked if no wrong had been done. He told that the lights were minute but that the full Commission needs to vote on this. He stated that he had no wrong intention toward Mr. Brown, Mr. Early, or anyone.

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Mr. Dalton asked if the lights were purchased by Virginia.
Mr. Brown stated that this was 100% grant funded.

Mr. Early thanked Mr. Brown for his foresight in finding a use for the lights and stated that it was refreshing that Mr. Evans admitted he did not know anything about the airport.

**ROBERT BEASLEY – VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Beasley told the Board that two projects that had been advertised did have a low bidder declared. He told that Sowers Construction had been awarded the Route 720, Martha's Knob Road, and Route 747, Pine Grove Road, projects. He told that the Six-Year Secondary Road Construction Plan and the 2006-2007 budget needed to be approved. He told that Mr. Early did want Route 640 replaced with Routes 608 and 633 for years 2008-2009 in the plan.

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**APPROVE SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN
AND FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan with the change of Route 640 being replaced with Routes 608 and 633 for years 2008-2009, and did approve the fiscal year 2006-2007 construction budget.

Mr. Early told that on Route 638 south from Dugspur to Laurel Fork after crossing the bridge there was a sharp curve with a large drop-off on the right with no guardrail.

Mr. Beasley told that he would look into this.

Mrs. Myers asked about the situation on Route 221 she had mentioned earlier.

Mr. Beasley told that he would look into this.

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Mr. Evans told that Breezy Ridge Road needed lines and a speed limit.

Mr. Beasley told that he would look into this.

Mr. Larrowe introduced Brittany Roop as the Student Supervisor. He then informed the Board that the County had received a grant for the Route 620 Water Project in the amount of \$245,270 through the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, had received a grant in the amount of \$9815 from the Virginia Fire Services Board for equipment for the classroom at the Carroll EMS building, and had received a grant in the amount of \$66,895 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He informed the Board that the Carter Pines Trail was under construction. He told that Sowers Construction had donated a bulldozer and operator for two days and that the Russell County Detention Center had provided nine men to assist with this.

Mr. Larrowe then told the Board that he would be meeting with the Guynn's to discuss the terms of the property looking to stretch the payments out with owner financing. He told that a Phase I Environmental Study needed to be done on the property, that he had a proposal for this that was under the Board threshold, and that he would proceed with this. He told that a full engineering study needed to be done on the property.

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AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ENGINEERING STUDY OF GUYNN PROPERTY

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Emmett Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized issuing a Request for Proposals for an engineering study on the Guynn property.

(Order)

AWARD UNIFORM BID

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Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Emmett Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board awarded the uniform bid to Unifirst for 11 pants and 22 shirts at a cost of \$3910.

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized closing County Offices and additional ½ day on Thanksgiving Wednesday.

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that Scott Hill had been hired as the Building Inspector and would be starting work on Monday of Thanksgiving week. He stated that he was pleased with Mr. Hill's credentials.

PUBLIC HEARING – FARMER'S MARKET EXPANSION

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

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the County's intention to file an application for funding with USDA, Rural Development, for funding of a proposed Farmer's Market Expansion Project which consists of an additional 25 feet of retail market space and paving associated with the retail market.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:04 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

Mrs. Myers declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment regarding the proposed adoption of an Ordinance to provide for the implementation of the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief.

Commissioner of Revenue Louise Quesenberry stated that localities did not have a choice but to adopt the Ordinance.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:07 a.m.

Mr. Early asked if there were options concerning the personal property tax.

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Ms. Quesenberry told that the State Auditors would determine how much the County would receive. She told that the County might get around \$1M.

Mr. Early asked if localities would need to increase the personal property tax.

Ms. Quesenberry told that the County had been receiving a 70% reimbursement from the State but that would probably go to 50-55%. She commented that the next General Assembly may do something completely different.

PUBLIC HEARING – SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES

Mrs. Myers declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:09 a.m.

Mr. Larowe told that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning a request by Waste Industries, Inc. to be granted the right to charge a maximum of \$16.14 per month for residential solid waste collection service and to be allowed to charge a fuel surcharge for those commercial customers that are at the maximum charge allowed by the franchise agreement.

Mr. Marty Goad told that he was a customer of Mount Pilot Trash Service and that they did not want a raise. He told that Waste Industries say they want business but if someone complains about the drivers they don't get a response. He told that if they were given an increase they should be required to pick up trash from over the bank because people could not afford the service.

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

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AUTHORIZE USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING APPLICATION – FARMER'S MARKET EXPANSION

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized filing a funding application with USDA, Rural Development, for the Farmer's Market Expansion Project.

(Order)

ADOPT ORDINANCE – CHANGES TO PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1998 – SPECIFIC RELIEF

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Emmett Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the Ordinance to provide for the

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implementation of the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 – Specific Relief.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES

Mr. Evans told that he would like to hold off making a decision until the next Board meeting.

Mr. L. J. Jones told that he would like to have more information and with fuel prices coming down he would like to see what the rate would be.

Mr. Evans commented that maybe more relief could be offered for the elderly.

Mr. David Duke, Waste Industries, told that the difference right now is \$1.00 and that they would work with getting a better rate to \$1.75 and would be willing to hold off on the increase until the first of the year. He told that 40% of the increase was due to fuel and with the way fuel was fluctuating they would have no way of predicting what it would do. He told that other ways to cut costs and be more efficient had been looked into but they did have increases in benefits for employees and the cost of supplies have increased.

Mrs. Nichols asked how many households were served in Carroll County.

Mr. Duke told that there were approximately 2700 and that about 15% of these qualified for the elderly rate.

Mr. Early commented that the elderly rate was based on age with nothing based on income.

Mr. Duke explained what was in the contract concerning obtaining the relief.

Mr. Early state that a young couple just starting out trying to raise a family and the handicapped needed relief. He commented that some people live on a nice fixed income.

Mr. Duke stated that he understood the feelings concerning the rates but did not want to put the burden on all the other folks.

Mrs. Myers asked how many households Waste Industries would get when they bought LUSK.

Mr. Duke replied they would only get commercial.

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Mr. L. J. Jones commented that \$3.50 increase was high and commented that if the increase was only \$1.00 it would be almost \$3000.

Mr. Duke replied that Waste Industries was charging \$.13 more per household in 1999 and that this was the number needed to provide the service. He told that the franchise agreement gives the right to ask for an increase but that others such as Mount Pilot did not have to increase their fee.

Mr. Roger Marcum, Waste Industries, told that the franchise agreement lists a cap amount.

Mr. Early told that last month fuel prices were over \$3.00 but is \$2.20 now. He commented that the request should be for an increase of \$2.75 and not \$3.52.

Mr. Duke replied that the Board can adjust what they will allow.

Mr. Early asked if the Board would only be allowed to vote on the \$3.52 increase.

Mr. Dalton told that he would have to look at the franchise agreement but he felt they could alter the rate.

A motion was made by Mr. Early, with a second by Mr. Evans, to increase the allowable rate charged by Waste Industries for residential trash service by \$2.75 with a senior citizen differential of \$1.00. Mr. Early and Mrs. Myers voted Yes. Mr. L. J. Jones, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Emmett Jones, and Mr. Evans voted No.

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Marty Goad stated that he did not know anything about runway lights but told that he wished the Board would quit pushing and sticking each other were it hurts. He commented that Mr. Evans should stop being a State Trooper and be a Supervisor. He told that the Board needs to get along and stop pointing fingers.

Mr. Greg Yonce, Twin County Airport Commission, told that the Commission had the utmost confidence in Mr. Tim Brown. He told that the Commission did vote to dispose of the lights when they voted on the contract. He told that he was glad the lights were being used and invited any of the Board to come to the Commission meetings.

Mr. Evans told that the little round building was not a good place to have meetings and that the meetings should be held somewhere else so people could take part.

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Mr. Joe Hardy told that he was not able to be at the PSA meeting earlier this morning. He told that in the June 12, 2002 minutes the Board had decided, based upon a recommendation by Mr. John Adams, not to let any more houses hook onto the system on Fish Lake Road that he had built. He told that a few days ago a Busick family that had built a house had a line being put to their house.

Mr. L. J. Jones stated that Mr. Ray Hill had told that Mr. Hardy had been reimbursed \$1200.00 for this.

Mr. Hardy replied that this was not exactly correct.

Mr. Larrowe announced to the Board that Mr. Donnie Turner had been hired as the Tourism Director. He then told that on November 29 at 6:30 p.m. there would be a Legislative Dinner at the Crossroads Institute for the Board, School Board, IDA, and Town Council, along with Senator Roscoe Reynolds, Delegate Ward Armstrong, and Delegate Bill Carrico. He told that the purpose of this meeting was to go to the General Assembly with a unified voice. He stated that there would be a meal for the invited guests. He told that on December 7 & 8 there would be a meeting concerning New Market Tax Credits which is a wonderful way to have capital that can be accessed by local businesses.

He also told that he was exploring historic tax credits for the Carter Home facility. He told that there had never been an Architectural Review of the facility. He told that the large picture had never been identified and asked to get an Engineering firm to look at the building to see what needed to be done. He told that this would help in massive directions because there were people interested in helping if they knew what needed to be done.

Mr. Evans stated that it would help to have a buyer.

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**AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR BIDS – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
OF CARTER HOME**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Emmett Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized soliciting bids for an Architectural Review of the Carter Home.

Mr. Larrowe then told the Board that the Virginia Welcome Center would be closing for 6-8 months. He told that he was negotiating with the State to

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have the staff come to the County facility to get the traffic to Exit 14. He told that a conservative count would be 54,000 people. He stated that parking at the Farmer's Market was being revamped to make this work.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 11:05 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the performance of specific personnel, the discussion of the 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 Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, 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.

JOE ROMA – EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR

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Mr. Roma presented the Board with proposals that had been received and reviewed concerning the purchase of fire trucks.

Mr. Larrowe recommended to the Board the proposal submitted by Municipal Services Group with a 7-year financing.

Mr. L. J. Jones asked what was being bought.

Mr. Roma told that there would be two trucks for Cana Fire Department and one truck for Hillsville Fire Department.

Mr. Early asked what the purchase amount would be.

Mr. Roma replied \$470,000.

Mr. Evans asked if money from the sale of old equipment would go toward the purchase.

Mr. Roma told him he hoped it did.

Mr. Early asked if options had been looked at for paying something like \$20,000 down.

Mr. Roma replied No.

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AUTHORIZE FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE FINANCING – MUNICIPAL SERVICES GROUP

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Industrial Development Authority to go forth with financing the purchase of three fire trucks and did authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign any documents necessary to pledge the vehicles as collateral with the stipulation that all proceeds from the sale of used trucks be used toward the purchase price.

Mr. Roma then told the Board that Cana Rescue Squad needed to purchase the ambulance for which they had received the grant. He told that this

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ambulance would cost \$104,000 and that it should be an emergency purchase since they did not have a 4-wheel drive ambulance in Cana.

Mr. L. J. Jones asked if Cana Rescue had \$15-18,000 to go toward this purchase.

Mr. Roma replied that they now had \$25,000.

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AUTHORIZE CANA RESCUE SQUAD AMBULANCE PURCHASE

Upon motion by Mr. L. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the purchase of a 4-wheel drive ambulance for Cana Rescue Squad.

Mr. Roma told that the County was in the process of cutting emergency vehicles by cutting 8 and buying 3.

Mr. Larowe told the Board that he had met with Ms. Guynn and they would accept \$100,000 on December 14, 2005, defer \$54,000 plus the additional amount per acre to December 2006, and would be willing to finance this. He told that the IDA was willing to work with this financing.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mrs. Nichols asked what would have to take place to change to where Carroll County had two representatives on the Airport Commission given the population and the amount of funding by Carroll County.

Mr. Newman told that this was set by State Code and would take an act of the General Assembly to change this.

Mr. Early told that there was a paragraph in the State Code on how the Airport Commission was set. He told that the Commission had discussed representation and that it would take rewriting the charter.

Mr. Larowe stated that this could be discussed at the Legislative Dinner on November 29.

Mrs. Nichols commented that Hillsville has a Council member and Grayson County has a Board member as representatives and that Carroll should have a Board member. She told that Mr. Early would be the logical candidate but due to owning a business there could not serve as the representative.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Nichols, with a second by Mr. L. J. Jones, to remove Dr. Tom Littrell and replace him with Mr. Jeff Evans as the Carroll County representative on the Twin County Airport Commission.

Mr. Dalton recommended allowing him to review this to determine if Dr. Littrell could be removed and to see what the term of office was.

Mr. Early told that he was replaced by this Board as the Carroll County representative. He stated that he was replaced by Ronald Newman who did not know the front end from the back end of an airplane. He told that Dr. Littrell is a pilot and is doing a good job on the Commission. He told that the Grayson County Board member was a member of the Commission before being elected to the Board. He told that the Board did not have the courtesy to discuss with him that he was being replaced and that he found out while he was defending our Nation's Capitol. He told that he felt this was a cowardly move by the Board. He stated that Dr. Littrell should be talked to and advised that there was a plan to replace him and to replace him with someone who is against the airport.

Mr. Evans told that he had made several motions in favor of the airport but there were some things he was not in favor of. He told that he was not against the airport and was interested in seeing it grow as a whole and not just for a few.

Mr. Early asked for a recess to allow Dr. Littrell to be here for this discussion. He stated that Dr. Littrell was doing a good job for this County and the Board was doing him a disservice.

Mr. Evans stated that he was against a recess.

Mrs. Myers stated that the Board needed to go on.

Mr. Early asked to be able to inform Dr. Littrell.

Mrs. Myers called for a 5 minute recess.

Mr. Early stated that it would take longer than 5 minutes and that he would be back in 15-20 minutes.

Mrs. Myers called the Board to Order.

Mr. Early told that by his own admission Mr. Evans knows nothing about airports. He told that this Board was putting someone on the Commission who did not know anything about airports and stated that this was another ludicrous movement by the people behind the counter.

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Mrs. Myers then called for a vote on the following motion:

(Order)

APPOINT MR. JEFF EVANS TO THE TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION

Upon motion by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed, the Board removed Dr. Tom Littrell from the Twin County Airport Commission and did appoint Mr. Jeff Evans to the Twin County Airport Commission.

Note: Mr. L. J. Jones, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Emmett Jones, and Mrs. Myers voted Yes on the above motion.

Mr. Early voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Evans Abstained on the above motion.

Mr. Early congratulated Mr. Bob Martin as the Supervisor At-Large and thanked Ms. Patricia Sebens for her interest. He thanked the Garage Owner's Association for taking a poll on zoning and told that with the poll being 2-1 in favor of zoning the Planning Commission needed to work on zoning. He then stated that the Garage Owner's Association and any other political organizations should be removed from the links to Chillsnet.

Mr. Early then told that there was an article in the Roanoke Times that mixed drinks had been voted in for a district in Pulaski County. He told that if the three restaurants that had built on the perimeter of Carroll County had located in the County the tax revenue would have been equivalent to a 3 cent tax decrease and asked those interested to start action to get this on the ballot.

Mr. Emmett Jones presented the Board with his resignation from the Public Service Authority effective November 11, 2005 and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the Board and the PSA.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. L. J. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized payment to the November 8, 2005 Election Officials.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE WASTE INDUSTRIES FEE INCREASE

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Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed, the Board approved for Waste Industries to increase residential trash pick-up service to \$15.43 per month (an increase of \$2.81) with the cost for senior citizens set at \$14.43.

Note: Mr. L. J. Jones and Mrs. Nichols voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Evans told that it was a pleasure serving with Mr. Emmett Jones. He told that he was encouraged seeing his work knowing he was only going to be here a short time.

Mrs. Myers presented Mr. Emmett Jones with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the Board.

(Order)

**APPOINT RALPH J. "BOB" MARTIN, JR. TO CARROLL COUNTY
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr. to the Carroll County Public Service authority for a term beginning November 11, 2005 and ending December 31, 2007.

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

Mrs. Myers congratulated Mr. Martin and thanked Ms. Patricia Sebens for being interested in working with the Board.

Mrs. Myers then made the following statement:

Several members of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors will attend the VACo Annual Meeting November 13-15, 2005. While this conference will consist of speakers, workshops, and discussions of topics of interest that will be used as a learning tool for elected officials and staff, some items of public business may be discussed as part of this conference.

Mrs. Myers then thanked the Town of Hillsville for the Safe Halloween festivities.

By consensus of the Board, the December Board Meeting will be held December 14, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the Public Service Authority meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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By consensus of the Board, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Nichols were appointed to work with staff members of the Policy Committee.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned until November 29, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Institute.

Glenna Myers, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Clerk