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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman  
Glenna Myers, Vice-Chairman  
W. Jeff Evans  
L. J. Jones  
Joseph H. Early, III  
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr.  
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator  
Bradley Dalton, County Attorney

Mrs. Nichols called the meeting to Order at 9:35 a.m. and asked Mr. Evans to lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Nichols thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and told that Mr. Martin and Mr. Jones had been in everyone's prayers as each had went through their surgery.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on March 14, 2006 and the minutes from an adjourned meeting held on March 21, 2006, and Road Order minutes from their meeting on March 14, 2006 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 and Road Order Book No. 4 in the County Administrator's Office.

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#### **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for March, 2006, and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> days of April 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 Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 80637-80835, and did approve the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 1632-1636.

Notes: Mr. Early asked if the claim to Embroideryville had anything to do with the hats lying on the podium and asked why the taxpayers were paying for these.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the caps were for sale for \$8.00 each.

Mr. Early asked if there were any shirts involved with this claim.

Mr. Larrowe told that there were some for the Building Official.

Mr. Early stated that in the past employees paid for what they got. He then asked about the purchase of GPS units.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had searched out GPS units that were recommended by 911 for locating houses by the Building Official and Building Inspector. He stated that \$808.00 did seem higher than he remembered.

Mr. Early commented that GPS units could be bought for less.

Mr. Evans stated that these had to be compatible with the 911 system.

Mr. Early asked if two units were needed.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Building Official and Inspector could be in different locations and this would save going back.

Mr. Early stated that they go back several times anyhow. He suggested trying one unit and if needed get another unit.

Mr. Evans commented that these would pay for themselves and especially with the cost of gas.

Mr. Early asked what the consulting fee to Randall McKenzie was for.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this was for consulting on communications and the money comes from grant funds.

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Mr. Early asked what the claim to Timothy Stacy was for.

Mr. Larrowe told that this was for a cell phone that was a County phone that had been broken during work duty.

Mr. Early asked if the phone still worked to send and receive calls.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the display did not show who was calling.

Mr. Early asked what the claim to Unibind was for.

Mr. Larrowe told that this was for the books that are now being done when the Board presented certificates.

Mr. Early asked what the claim to 4Sight Learning was for.

Mr. Larrowe told that this was for employee training that had been held at Crossroads.

Mr. Early asked if this was open to anyone.

Mr. Larrowe replied that it was for employees.

Mr. Early asked if the Board had approved this. He stated that he brought these things up to show that a better job needed to be done to save money.

Mr. Jones asked what the \$22,000 to Hillsville Fire Department was for.

Mr. Larrowe told that this was to upfit the new truck.

Mrs. Myers asked if supplies had been bought for Kettle Masters.

Mr. Larrowe told that nothing had been done with them yet.

Mrs. Myers asked what the claim to them was for.

Mr. Larrowe told that this was for the refreshments served at the legislative dinner.

**MOTION TO DENY CARROLL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP**

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Mr. Evans made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to deny the request from the Carroll County High School Drama Department for sponsorship for the drama You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown.

Notes: Mr. Evans and Mr. Jones voted Yes on the above motion.

Mr. Early, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Nichols voted No on the above motion.

Mr. Evans stated that this should be taken care of by the school and that the Board needed to look at cutting spending.

Mr. Early stated that donations had been made in the past to other groups.

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**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved a \$50.00 donation to the Carroll County High School Drama Department to help sponsor the performing of You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown.

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

Mr. Early stated that guidelines needed to be set for the future as to what would and would not be approved for making donations.

Mr. Evans stated that this was a good thing but it was opening up a Pandora's box for things such as home schoolers and Christian schools.

Mr. Early stated that the Board did have people asking for more and that a line had to be drawn somewhere but this needed to be done now.

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**APPROVE COUNTY FAIR TRACTOR PULL**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Carroll County Fair Committee to contract with the Mountain Empire Antique Tractor Association to hold an antique tractor pull at the Carroll County Fair on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at a cost of \$1500.00.

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**TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE**

Mr. Larrowe discussed the need for an issuance of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in an amount not to exceed \$3M. He told that the Board could go with VML/VACo or go through the RFP process. He told that with the RFP process this would be at a fixed interest rate and that in times of increasing interest this would be the way to go. He told that the fees would be about \$7000.00.

Mr. Early commented that the \$3M was an indicator of how much the County was spending and how short the funds were. He stated that twice per year tax collection would take care of this. He then asked what the total cost of issuing the note would be.

Mr. Larrowe told his guess was between \$90,000-100,000.

Mr. Early told that this was ½ cent on the tax rate because the County did not do twice per year tax collection.

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**AUTHORIZE TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board authorized the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

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

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**AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing on April 24 concerning a proposed Ordinance establishing and authorizing a Junior Fire Fighter Program.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATIONS OF APPRECIATION**

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## **SOUTHERN STATES – CARROLL COUNTY COOP., INC.**

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board was honoring Southern States – Carroll County Coop., Inc. He told that Carroll County Coop., Inc., was organized in 1946 by local farmers and was still locally owned by farmer members. He told that these members signed a franchise agreement with Southern States Inc., in 1952. He told that the store sells a complete line of feed, seed, fertilizer as well as farm, lawn and garden supplies. He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Store Manager Marlin Webb.

## **HARMON'S**

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board was honoring Harmon's. He stated that G. H. "Gooch" Harmon started selling new cars in 1955 at B & L Chevrolet, in 1956 had started selling cars at Hillsville Motor Company, and that in 1960 had opened his own car lot known as H & M Motors, which he still owns today.

Mr. Larrowe told that in the early 1970's Mr. Harmon started Harmon's Men Store. He told that the business grew and that the building was added onto in 1978. He told that another building was built in 1980 and added onto again in 1982. He told that in 1987 the lady's store was built and in 1991 this was added onto. In 1993 the museum was built onto the back of the men's store and people from all over the U.S. and foreign countries have visited the museum.

Mr. Larrowe announced that Harmon's has 20 full-time employees and 5 part-time employees. He told that Mr. Harmon and his youngest daughter Amy run the men's store while Mrs. Uda Harmon (Mr. Harmon's wife) and his oldest daughter Sherry run the lady's store. Mr. Larrowe then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Jim Harmon, brother of Mr. Gooch Harmon.

## **WOLFE GLADE GROCERY**

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board was honoring Wolfe Glade Grocery. He told that the business opened in 1940 and that the store was rebuilt in 1987 with the new store built directly behind the original store. He told that Mr. Harry Frost and his wife Lora had purchased the store in 1991. He stated that in 1997 the gas pumps had been upgraded and at that time there was a change from Citgo to Marathon. He told that the store sells general merchandise including fishing supplies. Mr. Larrowe then told that a Certificate of Appreciation would be presented to Mr. Frost.

## **WILDWOOD**

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Mr. Larrowe told the Board that the Landowners Organization for Exit 19 had started meeting on a regular basis and had visited other exits for ideas. He told that in this process it had been determined that Exit 19 did not have a marketing sound and the group would like to name this area Wildwood.

Ms. Mary Coulson stated that the Wildwood School used to be in this area across from Shiloh School and that as a young girl she played in the woods known as Wildwoods.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had discussed this with Mr. Bob Beasley of VDOT and this could be done with Board confirmation.

Mr. Early asked if trademark infringements had been explored.

Mr. Larrowe presented a utility bill from a landowner where the community was still listed as Wildwood Community.

Ms. Coulson told that a computer search had been done for Virginia and another Wildwood was not found.

It was Board consensus for the Exit 19 area to be named Wildwood.

### **MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD**

Ms. Lisa Moore, Director of the Mount Rogers Community Service Board, presented the Board with a packet of information concerning the Community Service Board and thanked the Board for their presence at the ground breaking last month. Ms. Moore then told that the Mount Rogers Community Services Board is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental, physical and substance abuse intervention needs and committed to respecting people's right to live in their home communities and to supporting opportunities for education, work, and social activities. She told that services will be provided for people to resume or continue participation in community life in as independent a manner as possible. She told that the Community Services Board carries out this mission statement with great conviction and they do what they can to help disabled citizens live a quality life in the community.

Ms. Mary Coulson, Chairman of the Community Services Board, thanked the Board for her appointment. She told that the CSB was established in 1972 and was one of 40 Boards in Virginia. She told that the Mount Rogers CSB had grown to 650 employees, had a \$27M budget, and served 5000 clients per year at all ages and handicaps. She told that the CSB established their own employee benefits and that most of the income was from third party sources such as Medicaid along with a 10% local match. She stated that the CSB operated under a Performance Agreement with the State.

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Ms. Mary McGrady thanked the Board for her appointment and then discussed some of the services provided by the CSB. She told that services were provided for infants and toddlers from birth to age 3, there was Youth Case Management, and Mentor Services including a summer camp that served 55 youths at Coulson Church of the Brethren. She told that there were programs for strengthen families and outpatient services for all ages. She told that there were Community Extended Care Services such as the Carroll House, In-home Services, and Special Care Housing. She told that mental health services were normally served by a clubhouse and that the Power House in Galax serves the citizens of this area. He told that the IDC was a small manufacturing facility in the Carroll Industrial Park providing a work environment for disabled residents with a support staff of 41. She told that a Creative Healing Technique had been started using things like music and art. She stated that she was proud that 4 of the staff had responded to the September 11 Pentagon crises.

Ms. Mava Vass thanked the Board for being able to serve on the CSB. She told that the new complex would be on 15 acres of land with 8625 square feet of space. She told that the cost of the facility would be \$4M and would be built by H. S. Williams from Marion. She told that the new facility would consolidate services under one roof with a staff of 85 and would be complete 465 days from March 1. She then invited the Board to visit any of the facilities.

Ms. Moore concluded by telling the Board that all the CSB Board members do an outstanding job.

Mrs. Nichols commended the Community Services Board and told that their compassion for what they do could be seen.

Mr. Martin stated that he did not know of three better people to serve on this Board.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – 4-YEAR REASSESSMENT**

Mrs. Nichols called the Public Hearing to Order at 10:26 a.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comments concerning the proposed change from a 6-year reassessment to a 4-year reassessment. He then opened the floor for comments.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was Closed at 10:27 a.m.

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**AUTHORIZE 4-YEAR REASSESSMENT CYCLE**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized a 4-year reassessment cycle to be performed in-house with the assessment to become effective January 1, 2008.

**CITIZENS TIME**

Ms. Emily Gile invited the Board to attend the Young Eagles Rally to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. She told that at the last Rally Mr. Early along with 5 other pilots had given flights to over 130 children. She stated that over 300 people had visited the Twin County Airport on that day. She told that this event was sponsored by the EAA.

**IDA REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM**

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that the IDA had been working on the GO Loan Program with Kaufman & Kanalley, and that Mr. Larry Malone had spoken with the IDA. He told that the IDA would have relending authority but had discussed having a review and recommendation committee. He told that this would bring outside capital into the County and that there would be work between the Company, local banks, and the IDA and stated that the liability to the County would be reduced. He told that the IDA had approved asking the Board to pay the 1% fee of \$10,000 to borrow the first \$1M with the IDA paying other fees.

Mr. Evans stated that this was a good thing to help small businesses.

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that Rural Development had suggested the County applying for a \$99,000 grant that could also be used as part of the funds.

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**AUTHORIZE IDA REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Industrial Development Authority to proceed with a Revolving Loan Program and did authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 as fees to obtain the first \$1M for this program.

**DOOR-TO-DOOR GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Mr. Larrowe told that he had been obtaining information concerning the possibility of door-to-door garbage collection. He told that the figures he had obtained ranged from \$7.75 to \$9.95 based on 8900 homes. He told that if the

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company furnished containers this would add about \$1.25 to the rate and that Carroll County would be the only customer to the company.

Mr. Martin commented that Wythe County provided the substations.

Mr. Roger Marcum, Waste Industries, told that Wythe County did have an individual home basis collection but that the only thing the County paid for was the sites like the one at Cana.

Mr. Larrowe told that Bland County had a rate of \$10.00 without providing containers.

Mr. Early told that at \$9 with 8900 homes for 12 months would be a little over \$900,000 per year. He asked if this could be done for a better price.

Mr. Marcum stated that he had not worked on concrete numbers.

Mr. Early suggested an RFP be done for door-to-door collection and for unmanned convenience sites.

Mr. Evans asked if what was being talked about was a mandatory system with the funds coming from the general fund.

Mr. Marcum stated that green box sites create a dumping mess. He told that this would be less expensive than the manned site but that he would recommend having the sites manned.

Mrs. Myers stated that door-to-door was discussed about 5 years ago and that the elderly people did not have that much trash.

Mr. Evans stated that he thought it was best to leave this as an individual service and commented that it was working fine as it is.

Mr. Early stated that it did not work and that was the reason for the dumping on the side of the road. He stated that it had been made too hard and too expensive for citizens to get rid of trash.

Mr. Jones commented that the Cana site has helped the roadside dumping issue in Cana.

Mr. Martin commented that his brother owned property on Stone Ridge Road and that people from Wythe County come and dump on his land.

Mrs. Nichols stated that something needed to be done for the people in the outer areas of the County.

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Mr. Early stated that it would help to enforce the current laws. He stated that this was probably not the right time to do this because of the cost but told that the people needed to be proud of the County.

Mr. Larrowe pointed out the litter control projects listed in Section E of the packet. He also informed the Board that on April 20 there would be a meeting with DMV at Crossroads to discuss the rules and regulations concerning junk vehicles.

### **FARMERS MARKET EXPANSION**

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that there were a few T's to cross and I's to dot to move forward with the Farmers Market expansion. He told that work would be done on excavation of the bank and removal of the trees to open up the area to make it more attractive. He told that the Solid Waste Authority was helping with this work.

### **CARTER HOME**

Mr. Larrowe announced that Carroll County had received a Congressional grant in the amount of \$200,000 to be used toward the Carter Home renovations. He told that he was still searching the particulars of the grant but it appeared that there would not be a match or that money already expended could be used. He told that the County was working with Hillsville on the possibility of funds and was working with the Carter Foundation.

Mr. Evans asked how long it looked like it would take the Carter Foundation to get on track.

Mr. Larrowe told that Ms. Botschen has had family illness that has prevented her involvement to the extent she wished. He also told that Dr. Dallas Garrett was working with the Foundation to help them go forward.

Mr. Evans stated that with the budget coming up it would be good to carry this into the budget year and make changes.

### **SMART COMMUNITIES**

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that about 150 people had attended the Smart Communities workshop.

Mrs. Nichols stated that everyone she talked with at Smart Communities were impressed with the County website and how much Carroll County was doing to try to advance.

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Mr. Larrowe told that he had talked with the IDA about hosting a Textile Summit to try to help textiles survive and thrive as a way to help companies stay here and grow.

Mr. Martin commented that it was better to deal with the issues up front rather than deal with the lay-offs.

Mr. Larrowe told that N.C. State has a textile institute working on things that cannot be reproduced in China.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mr. Larrowe told the Board of upcoming activities including:

April 12 Visitor Center Open House from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

April 19 Land Use Planning Workshop at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Mike Chandler.

April 20 DMV Education Series on Junk Cars at Crossroads.

April 24 Public Hearings on School Budget, Utilities Tax, Adult Entertainment, and Junior Fire Fighter Program.

May 4 Farm Bureau meeting discussing Land Use and how to modify and assist land use in Carroll County (meeting to be held in Board Room).

Mr. Larrowe told that there was a meeting of the National Rural Caucus in Washington D.C. which would explore deferred compensation for employees as well as purchase procedures.

It was Board consensus for Mr. Larrowe to attend the above caucus.

Mr. Evans noted that the meeting on April 19 was in reference to zoning.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Larrowe announced that Mr. Tom Elliott had resigned as the Economic Development Director for Galax, Carroll, and Grayson, to accept the position of Executive Director for aCorridor.

Mr. Early asked if phone proposals were being accepted.

Mr. Larrowe told that he planned to discuss this at the end of the session.

Mr. Larrowe then announced that there would be a Public Hearing at the VDOT Salem District Office on May 9, 2006 from 5-8 p.m. concerning the update of the Six-Year Improvement Plan.

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## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Dallas Garrett and Mr. Ainsworth Lightbody discussed the activities they were involved in concerning business development.

Dr. Garrett told that the goals were to provide entrepreneurs with business support and guidance to start or improve their business, to assist businesses/individuals to secure funding from local banks and other sources, and to create employment. He told that the objectives were to assist 90-100 new or existing businesses start or expand in 2006, to locate funding for these projects, and to help clients to increase employee numbers. He informed the Board that currently 38 clients were being worked with. He told that there were existing companies with many wishing to grow and others trying to survive. He told that there were potential new companies with some companies having new products and others having new business ideas. He then discussed the various funding sources being worked with to assist these companies.

Mr. Lightbody discussed the business planning procedure and explained that they met with the client to refine their business plan and then go with the client to the lenders to assist with obtaining funding. He then reviewed three different cases that were being worked with.

Mr. Jerry Russell thanked Dr. Garrett and Mr. Lightbody for their assistance in getting funding to help him get his asphalt business started again this year.

Mr. Ed Cowling told that he had been here in business 10 years and had tried to expand his facility but had been unsuccessful. He stated that Dr. Garrett had coached him through the process. He told that the current administration was on the right tract and commented that he had seen in floundering in the past. He informed the Board that he was looking at a pilot program the State might follow in recycling. He stated that he was looking to hire 10-20 people this year and possibly 40-50 next year.

Mr. Evans stated that he was excited about the direction things seemed to be going.

Dr. Garrett commented that big companies come and go but that over 90% of the little companies will still be in business in 10 years and there isn't the mass exodus.

Mr. Martin thanked Dr. Garrett and Mr. Lightbody for what they were doing.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 11:50 a.m. until 1:30 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 Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and 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 this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

**CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION**

Mr. Larowe presented Mr. Tom Elliott with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in the region on economic development.

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET**

Dr. Oliver McBride, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board with the Accreditation Status of Carroll County Schools and presented the proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget. He discussed the achievement highlights for the

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past year and then discussed the highlights of the budget. He told that this budget contained increases in salaries, benefits, and incentives, provided resources to support instruction, which promotes student achievement, provided appropriate staff development opportunities, and supported facility usage. He told that the school debt for the coming year was \$34M.

Dr. McBride told that there was a \$3.1M increase in State revenue, a decrease in Federal Funds, a small increase in Other funds, and \$1,122,000 increase in local funds. He stated that in order to get the lottery funds the County must spend at the same level per pupil as it did in 2004. He stated that most of the expenditures were in the area of instruction but pointed out that there was \$517,000 in transportation to purchase 9 new buses and an increase of about \$61,000 for the increased fuel cost. He stated that there were no funds for facilities. He then presented the Construction Fund Budget, Food Service Fund Budget, and Textbook Fund Budget.

Dr. McBride then discussed the cost per pupil per day. He told that State and Federal revenue accounted for \$37.31 per day and that the local contribution was \$12.33 per day for 180 days for 4025 students for a total of about \$50 per day to educate the children.

Mr. Martin asked if the County stood to lose the lottery money.

Dr. McBride stated that this was correct and told that this amount was \$670,000.

Mr. Martin asked what the County had to do to get this \$670,000.

Dr. McBride stated that the County would have to put up the required local match of \$266,335 and to sign the lottery proceeds certification. He told that along with the match, part of the certification was that the County would maintain the same per pupil expenditures as it did in fiscal year 2004. He told that if the certification could not be signed the County would not get the lottery funds. He told that if the match was put up the rest of the State funds would come.

Mr. Evans asked if this was how it was last year.

Dr. McBride stated that last year the County had to match the 2002 funding.

Mrs. Nichols stated that Governor Kaine's budget proposal included \$39.5M in salary increases for December and asked how this would affect the budget if this happens.

Dr. McBride told that this budget reflected the Governor's proposal of a 3% increase in December. He then told that the number being asked for from the

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County is fixed based upon 2004. He told that if the certification is not signed for fiscal year 2006-2007 the County would not get the lottery funds for fiscal years 2006-2007 or 2007-2008.

Mr. Martin commented that the salary increase was 4% plus a step increase and asked if this was a 2% increase in December.

Dr. McBride told that this was 4% plus a step in July.

Mr. Dalton asked what the change was last year.

Dr. McBride replied 3% inclusive of the step.

Mr. Dalton asked what 4% plus a step would mean for someone making \$30,000.

Dr. McBride replied this would be between 5.2-5.3% and would give a starting salary of \$31,262.

### **TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSALS**

Mr. Larrowe presented the proposals received concerning the telephone system. He told that proposals had been received for a Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system and pointed out that the current system was a digital system. He told that the current month phone bill for Total Communications was \$8815.32. He told that there would be a costs savings with Voice Over IP but there was not a proven record with Total Communications with this system. He told that IdeaCom would cost \$5123.89 per month and the system could be used throughout the County and would run across the internet.

Mr. Jones asked if a new system had not been installed just last year.

Mr. Larrowe told that it was a new system for the County but was old technology. He told that this had been a difficult process. He then told that IdeaCom was under State contract and the employees seemed to like this one. He told that there would be long distance associated with this but with the Voice Over IP it should not be a large expense.

Mr. Jones asked what the length of the current contract was.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the County could get out of this contract with 60 days notice.

Mr. Early asked where the internet service was coming from.

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Mr. Larrowe told that this needed to be with one server and stated that there were several servers at this time.

Mr. Early asked which provider that would be.

Mr. Larrowe told that all providers could be looked at.

Mr. Dalton suggested issuing an RFP for an internet service provider.

Mr. Early stated that 100% of the people he had talked with favored IdeaCom.

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**AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals for an internet service provider.

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**AWARD TELEPHONE SERVICE CONTRACT – IDEACOM**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board awarded the contract for telephone service to IdeaCom and did authorize the County Administrator to issue a notice of cancellation of service to the current provider.

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Early stated that he appreciated what the schools have done and told that he was a supporter of the school system. He told that this was one of many things increasing the costs to the County. He told that one year ago the Board had adopted the pay-as-you-go policy but was not doing a good job with it. He told that he had several concerns. He stated that he was concerned with a full-time EMS and that this was not intended as a career but as a supplement to the income of the employees. He told that there had been an increase of \$500,000 to run EMS and asked the Board to put this back on a part-time basis. He then told that he was concerned with the purchase of fire trucks. He told that someone had been hired to do an assessment of what was needed and stated that until the survey was done the County should cancel two fire trucks that had been ordered. He told that the fire trucks would cost ½ cent on the levy, EMS would cost 3 cents on the levy, regional water would cost 2.5 cents on the levy, and the \$1.2M shortfall in personal property taxes would cost

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another 7.5 cents. He told that with the increase in the school budget there would be a total of 21 cents increases in taxes. He then discussed the cost to do the tax revenue anticipation note and asked for a Public Hearing to be held in May concerning twice per year tax collection.

Mr. Early then stated that he knew Mr. Larrowe like to take employees to different locations for meetings but told that on the Monday when the meeting was held at Saint Paul it was 2:00 before he could get anyone to anyone to answer the telephone. He stated that there were rooms in the Governmental Center where meetings could be held.

Mr. Larrowe told that everybody in the building did not go to the meetings and that it was only the department heads. He told that the phone system on that day had been fixed to roll over to the Building Officials office.

Mr. Early told that he felt Dr. Garrett and Mr. Lightbody were doing the work of Crossroads and SREC. He told that something needs to be looked at with this. He then reminded everyone of the Young Eagles Rally to be held at the Twin County Airport on May 13.

Mr. Martin commented that Mr. Evans in his prayer had gave thanks for being alive today. He told that he was thankful and felt good about the positive things that will happen. He told that he went to the Crossroads Workshop last week and it was wonderful and commented on the industrial strength of the area and the low drop-out rate showing quality school systems. He told that the information presented today shows that positive things are happening.

(Order)

**ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES**

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 does recognize the need to grow and expand the County's economic base; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors fully support the efforts of the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority to help bring prospective employers to Carroll County,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors doth approve and ratify the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority's resolution to borrow up to \$350,000 to be used for

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the development of one or more properties for lease to one or more business prospects.

Mr. Larrowe told the Libby Lineberry had talked with the manufacturing company concerning the fire truck purchase and the company was discussing this with their Attorney.

Mr. Dalton stated that this was a typical sales contract and the worst case would be that the County had to purchase and pay for the trucks with the best case being that the company could find another buyer and sell the trucks to them.

Mr. Early stated that he recognized Cana was in dire need of fire trucks.

Mr. Dalton commented that the contract was with the fire department.

Mr. Evans stated that this was discussed and that the Board had acted on good faith. He agreed that this is expensive and that the Board needed to be tight but told that the Board done what had to be done. He told that he was happy with the way EMS was evolving and that he liked knowing that the ones that show up are trained and that they have someone looking over their shoulder.

Mr. Early stated that Cana needs fire trucks but asked if Carroll County needed fire trucks. He told that he did not think Joe Roma answered that question.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the Board would be getting a CD with the March minutes.

Mr. Larrowe stated that March and April would be done at the same time and then given to the Board.

Mrs. Nichols asked that Board members with health problems be remembered and that the service men and women be remembered.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Upon motion my Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until April 19, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

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Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk