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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Emmett Jones to lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Larrowe called for nominations for the position of Board Chairman.

Mr. Early nominated Mr. Martin.

Mr. Jones nominated Mrs. Nichols.

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CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board closed nominations for the position of Board Chairman.

Mr. Larrowe then called for a vote for each candidate for the position of Board Chairman.

Voting for Mr. Martin was as follows:

Mr. Early voted Yes.

Mr. Jones, Mr. Evans, and Mrs. Myers voted No.

Mr. Martin and Mrs. Nichols Abstained.

Voting for Mrs. Nichols was as follows:

Mr. Jones, Mr. Martin, Mr. Evans, and Mrs. Myers voted Yes.

Mr. Early voted No.

Mrs. Nichols Abstained.

Mr. Larrowe announced that Mrs. Nichols had been elected as the Board Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Larrowe then called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Evans nominated Mrs. Myers.

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CLOSE NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Nichols, and passed, the Board closed nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairman and did elect Mrs. Myers as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Note: Mrs. Myers Abstained on the above motion.

Mr. Larrowe then presented plaques of appreciation to Mrs. Myers as Chairman and Mr. Evans as Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Nichols thanked the Board for their confidence in electing her as Chairman.

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD

By consensus of the Board, Chapter A130 of the Carroll County Code was adopted as the Rules and Procedures of the Board with staff ordered to make recommendations to the Board for necessary changes to the Rules and Procedures.

POSITION OF CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Dalton advised the Board that under the Code of Virginia the Administrator was to be the Clerk to the Board. He told that an Assistant Clerk could be appointed with the duties that had been held by Mr. Newman.

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ELECTION OF CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Gary Larrowe, County Administrator, as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, and did appoint Mr. Ronald Newman as the Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that it was the advice of the County Attorney not to record the meetings in 2006 due to the recordings not being good.

It was the consensus of the Board to not tape record the meetings of the Board.

SET DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

By consensus of the Board, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center, unless otherwise noted with a 3-day notice.

Mr. Jones asked if 3 days would be enough notice.

Mr. Evans suggested this should be a 7-day notice. He then made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Myers, that change of meeting notices would be with a 7-day notice.

Mr. Early asked what the State statute was for this notice.

Mr. Dalton replied 3 days.

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Mr. Early stated that the Rules and Procedures called for a 5-day notice for Special Meetings.

Mr. Dalton replied that recommendations would be brought back to the next meeting.

Mr. Evans then withdrew his motion until the next meeting.

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APPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Bradley Dalton as County Attorney.

Mr. Early stated that through the last year having the Chairman sit at the end of the counter had worked well due to the Chairman being near the Administrator and the public who were making presentations. He suggested that maybe the Board might designate that chair for the Chairman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that one correction needed to be made to the minutes. He stated that under Appointments Tabled on page A4 it should read "upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin."

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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 December 14, 2005 with the above listed amendment and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 in the County Administrator's Office.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for December 2005 and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 13th and 31st days of January 2006 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 79555-79739.

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APPROVE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2006

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following Holiday Schedule for 2006:

**Holiday Schedule
2006**

Lee Jackson Day	January 13
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16
President's Day	February 20
Easter	April 14
Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1, 4
Columbus Day	October 9
Veterans Day	November 10
Thanksgiving	November 23, 24
Christmas	December 25, 26
New Year	January 1, 2007

(Order)

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PAY UTILITY BILLS

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**IN RE: The payment of the Debts of Carroll County
Upon the Authorization of the County Administrator**

WHEREAS the need has arisen to take necessary steps to ensure that all claims in the form of utility bills properly presented to the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County be paid in a prompt manner; and

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WHEREAS Section 15.2-1243 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, allows for the Board of Supervisors to instruct the County Administrator to pay such claims in a timely manner prior to Board approval under certain conditions proscribed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors that the County Administrator may authorize the payment of and pay the following types of debts of Carroll County upon their determination that such debts are just, due and unpaid debts of Carroll County and upon their further determination that any such debt shall be paid prior to its specific approval by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors:

1. electric
2. telephone

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the County Administrator has determined any debt to be paid pursuant to this Resolution, the Chairman of the Board as well as the Clerk or Assistant Clerk or Treasurer shall be authorized to execute checks to satisfy said claims

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator has the power to pay such debts in the future until such power has been revoked by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator shall present the bills representing such debts which have been paid pursuant to this Resolution to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors for their review and ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Order)

ADOPT RESOLUTION – MOUNT ROGERS ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

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

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY OF CARROLL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MOUNT ROGERS ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia in the interest of highway safety has provided by law, programs for probation, education and rehabilitation of persons charged with driving motor vehicles under the influence of alcoholic beverages and other self-administered drugs, such programs being collectively known as Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program or VASAP; and

WHEREAS, 15.2-1300 of the Code of Virginia, as amended authorizes local units of government to exercise their powers, privileges and authorities under a joint exercise of powers for the operation of a multi-jurisdictional venture; and

WHEREAS, 18.2-271.2 of the Code of Virginia requires the establishment of a VASAP Commission and that Commission established procedures for the operation of local Alcohol Safety Action Programs; and

WHEREAS, one of those programs known as the Mt. Rogers, ASAP has been serving the cities of Bristol and Galax and the counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe, providing probationer monitoring,

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education and treatment of persons charged with alcohol and drug offenses with all powers and duties granted to it by the laws of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the VASAP Commission has issued directives that all local VASAP Programs would establish and implement an independent Policy Board representative of all localities served by the Program to operate the Program; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Bristol and Galax and the counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington and Wythe desire to establish jointly and Policy Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA that the County of Carroll does hereby join and other said localities to establish said Policy Board as administrative and fiscal agent subject to the following provisions:

Section 1. The Policy Board shall consist of sixteen members, the governing body of each participating locality, i.e., the cities of Bristol and Galax, and the counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington and Wythe shall appoint two members to serve on the Board. Each member shall serve one or more four year terms, or until his successor is appointed.

Section 2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and such subordinate officers as may from time to time to be elected or appointed by the Board. Each of the said officers shall serve without compensation. The offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be held by members from different participating localities. Each officer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board to serve for a term of one (1) year unless sooner removed by the Board, or until his successor be elected and qualify.

Section 3. The Board shall be responsible for the operation of Program within the participating localities, and shall hire and supervise an Executive Director, who shall be responsible for implementing operational policies for the program, hiring and supervising the staff of the Program, and controlling all revenue and expenditures of the Program.

Section 4. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held five times annually and are open to the public. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at his or her discretion or by any two (2) board members upon forty-eight hours notice to all members in writing or by telephone of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting. A simple majority of members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of any and all business.

Section 5. The Executive Director shall prepare and submit an operating budget for approval by the Board each fiscal year. The budget shall include projected revenue from client fees and other available funds as deemed appropriate by the Board and operating expenses. The participating localities will at no time incur any costs for the operating of the Program. The Commission on VASAP shall be responsible for funding any deficit occurring in the operation of the Program.

Section 6. The Commission on VASAP shall be responsible for conducting financial audits of the Program at such times as determined by the Commission.

Section 7. The Executive Director shall prepare and submit an annual report for approval by the Board within ninety (90) days of the close of the fiscal year. The annual report shall be presented to the governing body of each participating locality after approval by the Board.

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Section 8. The Program shall be operated by the Board in compliance with the Commission on VASAP Policies and Procedures.

Section 9. Title to all property acquired by the Mount Rogers ASAP shall be vested with the Alcohol Safety Program so long as two (2) or more localities continue to participate in its operation. In the event that all localities withdraw and the Commission on VASAP withdraws its endorsement, the property owned by the Program shall be disposed of in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia.

Section 10. This agreement shall remain in effect continuously from year to year until termination. Participating localities may withdraw at any time by official action of the governing body and after ninety (90) days written notice to the Board. If a locality withdraws, its representative shall no longer serve on the Board.

Section 11. This resolution shall become effective upon enactment.

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APPROVE RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS-SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved re-appropriating \$9053.50 received from VACorp for insurance reimbursement to line item 031030-7005 Capital Outlay and \$15,840.38 received as insurance reimbursement to line item 035050-3004 Radio Maintenance.

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ADOPT RAY AND MINTORIA WORRELL BRIDGE RESOLUTION

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

**CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION**

RAY AND MINTORIA WORRELL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has reconstructed a bridge on State Road 662, Poplar Hills Drive, in Carroll County, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Ray and Mintoria Worrell have lived near this bridge for approximately 70 years and have given selflessly to the community by raising four foster children and providing care to numerous other children through the Carroll County Department of Social Services;

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the neighbors of Mr. & Mrs. Worrell wish to honor the dedication and community service of Ray and Mintoria Worrell;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors request that the Virginia General Assembly take all necessary actions to name the bridge on State Road 662, Poplar Hills Drive, Carroll County, Virginia, as the Ray and Mintoria Worrell Bridge.

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SAM TERRY – LAUREL FORK COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Sam Terry, Laurel Fork Community Center, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them. He told that when the Laurel Fork School closed the Laurel Fork Fire Department was in need of a new structure and had approached the Board asking to use part of the site for the new building. He told that the Board had granted this wish with the remainder to be used for a Community Center. He told that Laurel Fork Community Incorporated was formed to lease property from the County. He told that they had tried to make the school site into a Community Complex by preserving the ball fields, had built a playground, and that one family had donated a picnic shelter while another family had donated picnic tables. He told that now they proposed building a Community Center.

Mr. Terry told that in 1966 the Laurel Fork Fire Department building had been built by the community with donated material. He told that this building had served its purpose and now they wanted to move to a new facility as soon as possible but they needed money. He told that they had some money due to having several fundraisers but that they still needed money. He told that they proposed selling the old building and stated that at least one party was interested in buying the building and allowing the community to use the upstairs of the building until a new facility was built. He told that the Laurel Fork Community, Inc. was proposing that the Board sell the building and donate the money toward a new facility. He told that they would like to do a concrete slab this spring and then have a barn raising type deal to put it under roof. He suggested that the building trades class at the high school could help.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the old building was deeded back to the County for insurance purposes.

Mr. Terry replied that the County needed title to the building in order to spend money on the building.

Mr. Evans asked if the value of the old building would cover the cost of the new building.

Mr. Terry replied that he didn't really have a feel for the value of the old building or the real cost of the new building. He suggested that if the building were sold that it be subject to being able to use the upstairs until a new building was ready and that the funds go toward a new building.

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AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – DISPOSITION OF OLD LAUREL FORK FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing at the February meeting to discuss the sale of the old Laurel Fork Fire Department building.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION – GUYNN HARDWARE & FURNITURE

Mr. Larowe announced that the Board was honoring Guynn Hardware and Furniture and presented the following history of the store:

Guynn Hardware & Furniture

J. Crockett Guynn established his first country store, located about 4 miles west of Hillsville in 1902. The store was stocked with general merchandise from the smallest needle to the largest farm equipment. In 1912, Mr. Guynn moved his store into a larger building and more modern building...a two story storehouse. In 1932, a disastrous fire destroyed a good portion off the business

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section and left the Hardware section completely burned out. Mr. Guynn then built a new two-story brick building on the same site. In 1943, Gilman Guynn added a new wing to the building to house a furniture department. Finally in 1969, prosperity in the business demanded a new and modern building, so the Guynn's built a new, spacious 45,000 sq. foot building on Main Street, featuring an acre of customer parking in back. This is the current location of the business.

The Board then presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Guynn Hardware and Furniture representatives Mr. Steve Williams and Mr. Pete Ward.

BOARD APPOINTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Larrowe told that one of the things that would be on the agenda in the future would be regular monthly reports to the Board from persons appointed to various committees. He told that this would begin this month with a report by Mrs. Nichols concerning the Chief Local Elected Officials committee.

Mrs. Nichols told that the localities of the New River/Mount Rogers District up the Area II Workforce Development Area and told that Pulaski County served as the fiscal agent. She told that the committee reviewed applications and made appointments to the Workforce Investment Board and approved the budget for Area II. She discussed the funding process and told that the area had been hit hard but this year would be hit harder with the factories closing. She told that the area should get more funding for training, job placement, and certifications through the community colleges. She told that unemployment data was reviewed at each meeting.

She told that Area II was one of two areas that exceeded all 17 goals which allowed for applying for more funds. She told that \$130,000 had been received for the adult program for citizens ages 22 to retirement, had received \$225,878 for the youth program for citizens ages 14-18 for younger youth and 18-21 as older youth, and had received \$635,000 for displaced workers. She told that all youth programs had exceeded their goals. She stated that over 100 youth had been worked with and 65-70 adults had been worked with. She told that if a person was above the income requirements they were reviewed to other agencies. She then reviewed the report card of the Workforce Investment Board and told that she would be glad to discuss the program with anyone needing further information.

911 COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Mr. Larrowe told that he had been trying to work with the Twin County E-911 Commission and Mr. Hines since he came into office on October 1. He told that to date there still was not 911 service in the area served by Citizens Telephone. He told that dates had been promised but the dates had come and gone.

Mr. Evans told that a letter was sent on October 1 and that at the last Commission meeting it was discussed and the understanding was this was corrected and that letters were going to be sent to the citizens inviting them to test the system. He then read an e-mail from Mr. Hines to Mr. Larrowe referencing that Mr. Hines was doing this as a favor to Carroll County. He told that he did not like the "doing a favor" part of this e-mail and that this would be taken care of at the next Commission meeting. He told that there had been a situation with Sprint and Citizens not working together and that there had been fires that got out of control due to the length of response time.

Mr. Larrowe stated that he had asked for a job description.

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Mr. Evans stated that on the Commission there were two votes each from Carroll, Grayson, and Galax. He encouraged the citizens in the affected area to call the 911 office.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mr. Irvin Latta had obtained signatures of citizens asking for the service. He told that on December 1 he had asked Mr. Hines to send letters to the citizens but stated that letter had never been sent. He told that the citizens deserved better. He told that the citizens were served by Citizens Telephone and that when they called 911 the call went to Floyd and then was forwarded to Galax.

Mr. Evans stated that the Commission had requested action on this and that it would be addressed at the next meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board discussed various appointments that were up for appointment or re-appointment. For many appointments, it was the consensus of the Board that the current appointees remain as the nominees for re-appointment. The changes suggested were as follows:

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Larrowe as the Chamber of Commerce representative.

Mr. Early nominated those serving along with Mr. Benny Jennings to fill the open appointment for the Carroll County EMS Board of Trustees.

It was the consensus of the Board to nominate Mr. Bob Martin as the representative for the New River Highlands RC&D Council, Mr. Donnie Turner as the representative for the Ninth District Development Financing Committee, and Mrs. Sharon Nichols, Mrs. Glenna Myers, and Mr. Gary Larrowe as the representatives to the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. Early nominated Mr. Mike Goldwasser to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Sam Dixon to serve on the Planning Commission.

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CLOSE NOMINATIONS – PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved closing nominations for the position of appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Nichols then called for a vote for the nominees for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Voting for Mr. Goldwasser was as follows:

Mr. Early and Mr. Martin voted Yes.

Mrs. Myers, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Jones voted No.

Voting for Mr. Dickson was as follows:

Mrs. Myers, Mr. Evans, Mr. Martin, Mr. Early, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Jones voted yes.

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Mr. Martin stated that it was hard to find good people and that it was hard for the Board to make appointments but it was not a warm feeling for citizens to know they were chosen on a 3-2 vote.

Mr. Larrowe told that the previous Administrator had all these appointments expire on the same date and suggested that the Board might want to change the expiration dates.

Mr. Martin told that it was critical to send letters to individuals well in advance thanking them for their service and asking them if they wished to continue to serve.

Mr. Early commented that Mr. Sam Dickson was appointed to fulfill the term of Mr. Tom Hawks and knew it was a possibility he would not be re-appointed.

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board made the following appointments:

Mr. Gary Larrowe as the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce representative for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008.

Dr. Ben Allen, Mr. Roger Hawthorne, Mr. J. D. Vass, Mrs. Susan Ziglar, and Mr. Benny Jennings as the Carroll County EMS Board of Trustees for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Mr. Joseph H. Early, III as the representative to Crossroads for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Mrs. Glenna Myers as the representative and Mr. Jeff Evans as the alternate to the District Three Governmental Cooperative Board for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Ms. Trudy Golding as the representative to the Family Assessment Planning Team for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Ms. Mary Coulson as a representative to the Mount Rogers Community Mental Health Services Board for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008.

Mr. Emmett Jones as the Planning Commission member to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2007.

Mr. Jeff Evans as the representative on the Mount Rogers Transportation Board for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Mr. Bob Martin as the representative to the New River Highlands RC&D Council for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Mr. Jeff Evans as the representative and Mr. Ronald Newman as the alternate to the New River Regional Jail Authority for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Mr. Donnie Turner as the representative to the Ninth District Developing Finance Committee.

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Ms. Jennifer Sowers as the Laurel Fork District representative to the Carroll County Social Services Board for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2009.

Mrs. Sharon Nichols as Chairman, Mrs. Glenna Myers as the At-Large member, and Mr. Gary Larrowe as County Administrator to the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. Sam Dickson to the Carroll County Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2009.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Larrowe told that he had tremendous feedback of appreciation from the staff for the December Christmas bonuses. He told that Ms. Crystal Swain performed wonderful work and that he appreciated her work and stated that he was working with Virginia Tech on the position of 4-H Coordinator. He told that Mr. T. C. Stacey was in the role of Litter Coordinator working with Mr. Dowdy and Mr. Woods and had already made many contacts. He informed the Board that Dr. Dallas Garrett was working with business retention and expansion and currently was working with 11 local companies looking to expand their company. He told that things were moving forward at the Visitors Center and introduced Ms. Amanda Bourne as the Visitor Center Administrator.

Ms. Bourne thanked the Board for the position and told that she looked at the Center as a positive move for the County.

Mr. Larrowe then told the Board that Mr. Danny Burnette was working as an intern looking at the financial aspects to get a pictorial of the financial position. He also told that there was an Experience Works person working at the Visitor Center.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Mr. Larrowe told that the drug cards through the NACo Prescription Drug Program would be distributed beginning February 1. He told that there should be a 20% savings to individuals that do not have a prescription drug card.

Mrs. Nichols told that she had reviewed the program with drug stores including CVS, Rite Aid, and Food City. She told that with one prescription she had used to check prices the annual cost with the card would be \$160.60 where if this were paid out of pocket it would cost \$157.00 for one month. She told that if an individual gets the card the entire immediate family can use it.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Administrator' Office, Social Services, and Rooftop would be distribution points and that posters would be placed in the community.

Mr. Larrowe told that with the help of Brenda Marrah the County had received a grant for 400 radon detectors for use in schools, public buildings, and elder citizens homes. He told that Laurel Rescue Squad had received an 80/20 grant for 2 jet motors, a laptop computer and a projector and that Pipers Gap Rescue Squad had received an 80/20 grant to refurbish one of their units. He stated that MADMAC had received a grant of \$4280.00 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services to do background checks for mentors. He then told that he had been working with Senator Allen and Marty Hall on a Fire & Rescue Program to make sure departments were getting the maximum on grants and reimbursements.

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Mr. Larrowe told the Board that Requests for Bids were out for asbestos abatement for the old Social Services building and that he had discussed burning the building with Chief Mike Musser. He told that there was work being done on the phone system and that an RFP would be issued to see what other solutions existed. He then informed the Board that February 9 would be the VACo/VML Legislative Day and told that it would be good if some Board members could go.

TEDDY FELTS – VICTIM WITNESS COORDINATOR

Mr. Teddy Felts, Victim Witness Coordinator, told that the program was now in its 10th year and that he had been the Director going on five years. He told that a victim was anyone suffering physical, emotional, or financial harm as a direct result of a felony or certain misdemeanor crimes. He told that children, parents, guardians, and spouses all would be victims. He told that everyone is affected in some way or another by crimes. He told that in the past year the Program had helped collect right at \$10,000 through restitution, had recovered over \$9000 in compensation for medical bills and funeral bills, and had assisted victims in over 260 cases involving a wide range of range of crimes including murder. He told that there were two pending murder trials at the present time including the Donald Brady murder, which was scheduled for five days. He told that Mr. Brady used to be at the meetings of the Board of Supervisors and was a willing participant in giving his opinion on County business. He told that this family needed to be remembered in thoughts and prayers over the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Felts then told that he worked well with the Commonwealth Attorney, the Sheriff's Office, the Clerks, and the Magistrates. He then informed the Board that the current budget was just over \$52,000, which was all provided by the State but told that he did not know what the future would hold.

Mr. Jones stated that he appreciated what Mr. Felts was doing.

Mr. Dalton stated that Mr. Felts works well with the attorneys and told that the defense attorneys could not be happier.

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE DISCUSSION

Mr. Joe Roma, Emergency Services Coordinator, told that the Board had allocated \$470,000 last month for the purchase of three fire trucks. He told that \$291,000 of this had been for two pumpers for Cana Fire Department but that the bids were \$98,216 over bid. He stated that Cana Fire Department had tried to come up with solutions of how to get a pumper and some other equipment.

Mr. Jones stated that one pumper would be in the Laurel Fork District at Cascade Mountain.

Cana Fire Department Chief Darrell Edwards told that currently there as a 1968 model located there. He told that he had cut everything on the trucks he could cut and still meet NFPA standards. He told that if the Department was not working on the new addition to the building they would borrow the funds for the fire trucks. He told that the Department had received \$75,000 from the County to go along with a \$100,000 loan by the Department for this addition. He told that the appraisal value of the fire house was \$875,000 but that the Department could not extend beyond what it could do. He stated that there was a tremendous need for the trucks and told that since 1965 the County had purchased 2.5 new trucks for Cana. He told that the Department has worked to have trucks but that they are worn out. He told that they were fairly safe but not reliable. He then told that some of the more expensive homes of the

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County were in the Cana fire district and some of the older equipment is protecting these homes.

Mr. Martin asked if having substations helped with insurance.

Mr. Edwards replied that without the substations the insurance cost would be much higher.

Mr. Evans commented that Cana had some of the most mountainous area to cover.

Mr. Edwards told that most of these houses are second homes but that the roads are very narrow. He told that two vehicles cannot meet and that vehicles have to go to the end of the road to turn around. He told of a citizen who had called the Department during the winter when they could not get out for four days.

Mr. Evans asked when the trucks would be delivered.

Mr. Roma told it would take 6-8 months, and told that the first payment would be due one year from the delivery date. He told that the Cana trucks needed to be pulled because they would pump but would not draft. He told that every time there was a drop in the ISO rating it was a drop in insurance costs.

Mr. Early stated that during one-half of the year they would not be able to get up and down these roads and stated that this will be a problem as long as the County allows recreational subdivisions.

Mr. Edwards told that developer Steve Cook was trying to do some things to help but that others will not change.

Mr. Evans stated that people did not have to buy there but that the County could look at ways to make it easier for fire and rescue.

Mr. Early stated that he was not against recreational subdivisions but told that citizens claim they are not aware they are responsible for the roads and that they cannot get out in the winter. He told that it was not up to the fire department to get people out.

Mr. Roma told that he was asking to buy two pumpers. He told that it had been discussed to buy one truck and one extrication unit but that two trucks were needed. He stated that used trucks could be purchased but that this had already been tried with Hillsville. He stated that he was looking to move some equipment within the County.

Mr. Evans commented that there are things that have to be done and that there was need for fire trucks and a way needed to be found to get them.

Mr. Martin told that if the Board goes with the recommendation of Mr. Roma and Mr. Edwards the Board would have to come up with money in the next budget.

Mr. Roma told that some money could be in the next budget or this could be added to the financing.

Mr. Larowe told that there would be an increase in the financing but stated that he had got a price hold until January 15.

Mr. Early told that he was uncomfortable with buying two trucks. He told that the County was overextended and that there could be another solution such

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as moving the 1978 from Hillsville. He stated that he would like to look at the options.

Mr. Edwards replied that he would not be here if it was not necessary.

Mr. Roma stated that the 1978 truck was not an NFPA certified truck.

Mr. Early asked if a smaller truck would be better on the mountain roads.

Mr. Edwards told that the trucks would be the same size.

Mr. Evans told that ½ million is not much if a house is burning. He told that the equipment was old when he worked with the fire department before he retired.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board authorized going forward with what is necessary to obtain the equipment and to increase the borrowing limit to \$542,676.

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

Note: The following discussion was held prior to the vote on the above motion:

Mr. Early asked what equipment could be moved.

Mr. Roma told there was nothing other than the 1978 and that it was not NFPA certified so was not considered a truck by NFPA.

Mr. Early asked if Mr. Edwards tells the insurance companies that the mountain is not accessible 4-6 months out of the year.

Mr. Edwards stated that the companies are local and what they ask is about the trucks, the response times, and the water availability.

Mr. Dalton told the Board that what they would be doing was making a moral obligation to the IDA to assist as necessary to make the payments.

Mr. Early asked what budget the money would come from.

Mr. Larowe told that this would start in the 2007 budget.

Mr. Early reminded the Board of the obligations the Board was under when they came into office and they did not have a say so on these obligations. He told that he would like to know where the money is coming from and what it will do to the tax rate. He then stated that he would like to know the options that do not require financial assistance.

Mr. Edwards told that he did not know of any and stated that this was for the entire County.

Mr. Jones commented that Mr. Roma was hired to advise on these issues and that he says this is needed.

Mr. Early stated that Mr. Roma also knows there are options.

Mr. Martin told that he expected to pay for this through tax increases but that what usually happened was people who voted for an issue then votes

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against putting the increase in the budget. He told that this is a lot of money but that part of the job was the well being of the citizens. He stated that the trucks need to be up to code but told that he would like to see a listing of the equipment of all the departments and what it takes to equip the departments. He told that part of the problem was that in the old days a new truck was bought in the County each five years but the County had grown but money was not put in the budget to meet the growth.

Mr. Edwards told that the County had grown but the fire department had not and now they were trying to play catch-up.

Mr. Early stated that just because he brought up issues did not mean he was against the issue. He then asked if Mount Airy will help like Galax does.

Mr. Edwards replied that he works with Mount Airy, Galax, Hillsville, and Laurel Fork.

Mr. Early asked what equipment the department would have after taking the three trucks away.

Mr. Edwards that there would be a 2000 pumper, a 1988 pumper, a 1986 truck and a 1970 truck. He told that the new trucks would be pumper/tankers that could do both jobs.

Mr. Early told that by voting for this the Board is saying they will be raising taxes one cent or whatever it takes but in the past money has been taken from other things like schools to pay.

Mr. Evans commented that he would not make a promise until the budget is presented.

PARAMEDIC/EMT TRAINING

Mr. Roma told the Board that he had been talking with Crossroads and with someone from Wytheville Community College concerning classes for Paramedics and EMTs. He told that right now people have to go to Abingdon, Richmond, or North Carolina for classes. He stated that it looked like classes might start by fall.

CARROLL EMS DISCUSSION

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board had discussed Carroll EMS at the last meeting and he was instructed to look at the budget to see if this could work. He told that Mr. Roma had given the figure of \$76,000 to employ 13 people for the remainder of the year. He stated that he had went through the budget and felt confident that the money had been found to go forward. He stated that he would recommend allowing Mr. Roma to go forward by increasing the hourly pay until all requirements are met and then the employees would be made full-time with benefits.

Mr. Early asked where the money is coming from.

Mr. Larrowe stated that it would come from Board Reserve. He also told that there were some line items that needed to be corrected and that these would be brought to the next meeting.

Mr. Early asked what the cost would be.

Mr. Larrowe replied \$60,000 until the end of the fiscal year. He told that the Board Reserve amount had \$250,106.83 remaining. He pointed out that there was also \$25,000 in vehicle purchases that would not be needed.

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Mr. Early asked if there was an urgency to do this now rather than wait until the next budget year.

Mr. Larrowe stated that ambulances were being shut down daily because didn't have people to operate them.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE CARROLL EMS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized hiring Carroll EMS employees as full-time employees.

CANA AMBULANCE PURCHASE

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that the new ambulance for Cana would be delivered in about two weeks. He told that there was \$40,000 in the budget to go toward this purchase and asked for authorization to pay this bill when it came in.

Mr. Early asked for a recap of the funding for this ambulance.

Mr. Larrowe told that there was a grant of \$35,000, \$40,000 would come from the budget, and that Cana Rescue Squad was responsible for the remaining \$29,868 for a total of \$104,868.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT – CANA RESCUE SQUAD AMBULANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized payment of \$40,000 toward the Cana Rescue Squad ambulance.

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that there would be a meeting in Roanoke on January 11 to discuss New Market Tax Credits. He told that he would be leaving at 12:30 and invited as many Board members and IDA members as could go to go with him to this meeting.

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 11:50 a.m. until 12:40 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).

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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Upon motion by Mr. Early, 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 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 the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mrs. Myers stated that there was nothing in the Carroll County Code outside of the subdivision ordinance concerning a building setback.

Mr. Larrowe stated that he had asked members of the Planning Commission to look at this.

Mr. Evans stated that committees that report to the Board should use the same type notices as the Board uses for things like canceling and rescheduling meetings due to bad weather. He told that he did not think these meetings should be held in private businesses because even though the meetings are open no matter where they are held some people may not feel they can go into a business.

Mr. Evans then commented that there are all kinds of ways to alleviate burying items that can be recycled. He asked that the Solid Waste Authority gather information on what other localities do to get items from the trash into recycling.

Mrs. Nichols stated that some things are separated.

Mr. Evans told that some places do have conveyor belts running and people actually sort out items that can be recycled.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the cost of landfill space is astronomical and told that he would ask the Solid Waste Authority to look into this.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Larrowe for using Guynn's for the business appreciation and told that he would like to see this practice continued. He then told that there was a need to look at a different sound system and that it was almost like a closed meeting for the people in the back. He then told that he would like for Janie Harrison to come to the next meeting to discuss reassessment.

Mr. Early stated that with the current projections the landfill's expected life was 20-25 years and that with the EPA requirements it would take 20-25 years to locate a site. He stated that the Solid Waste Authority needed to get started looking for a site.

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Mr. Early then told that a citizen had come up with an idea to assist with the purchase of the Cana fire truck. He told that the suggestion was to send a letter to the citizens on the mountain letting them know that this is for their benefit and informing them of how hard it is to get a truck in the area and asking these citizens to make donations toward the purchase of the truck.

Mrs. Nichols asked about the inclement weather office closing policy.

Mr. Larrowe told that there was a policy in place and if the office was closed or opening delayed it was announced on Channel 7, and radio stations WPSK and WBRF. He told that employees were also to use good judgment with their personal situation.

Mrs. Nichols stated that she looked forward to the year and stated that if all worked together they could do good things for the County.

Mr. Jones asked if there was a way to contact people to let them know when schools are closed. He told that sometimes it was 6:00 a.m. before this was announced and that people were already ready to go to school.

Mrs. Myers stated that the committee for Dugspur School property needed to get together and asked that Mr. Martin be on this committee.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 12:53 p.m. until the next regular monthly meeting.

Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk