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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held an Adjourned Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 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 2:10 p.m. and asked Mr. Martin to lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

(Order)

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 81593-81791.

(Order)

#### **APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the approved appropriating the following additional funds that have come forward to the described line items:

\$11,860.00 DEA/DUI Grant to line item 031020-1039 DUI & DEA Compensation

\$616.29 extradition, copies, and miscellaneous revenue to line item Travel Expenses 031020-5504

\$36,617.00 Fire Programs Grant to line item 032020-7000 Fire Program Fund

\$40,472.00 Office of Domestic Preparedness Grant to line item 032020-9015 Homeland Security

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\$30,796.88 refund from interest calculation error on County  
Complex Payment to 081060-9000 County Complex Payments

\$35,572.29 lodging and meals taxes collected from interstate area to  
081060-8999 Rev. Sharing – Hillsville Meals Tax

\$8,392.65 Law Library Collections to Law Library Expenses  
090020-5414

\$41,169.80 Technology Trust Funds to Technology Trust Grant  
021060-9009

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed  
unanimously, the Board approved the following line item transfers to more  
properly reflect the actual expenditures:

- a) from Maintenance of County Complex  
\$49,696.50 Salaries and Wages 043010-1001  
15,471.90 Health Insurance 043010-2010

to Maintenance Force  
\$40,490.75 Salaries and Wages 043110-1001  
24,677.65 Health Insurance 043110-2010

- b) from Maintenance of County Complex  
\$62,452.08 Electrical Services 043010-5101

to Maintenance of General Properties  
\$62,452.08 County Properties – Repairs and Maintenance  
043200-3004

- c) from Carroll E. M. S. 032030-7007  
\$46,434.80

to Salaries and Wages – Emergency Services 035050-1001  
\$46,434.80

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**APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following additional appropriations to close out the 2005-2006 fiscal year:

011060-7007	Rt 100 Water Expansion Expenses	\$	17.25
012040-3002	Compensation of County Attorney		1258.50
012040-5801	Dues & Subscriptions		320.00
021020-3005	Equipment Maintenance – District Court		2740.72
021020-5201	Postal Service – District Court		38.00
021020-5401	Office Supplies – District Court		82.46
021020-5801	Publications – District Court		54.50
021020-7002	Furniture & Equipment – District Court		98.95
032030-7010	Countywide Supplies – Rescue Squads		46,042.91
035030-3002	Medical Examiner		100.00
035050-1001	Salaries and Wages – Emergency Services		56,494.19
035050-2002	VRS – Emergency Services		10,518.17
035050-2010	Health Insurance – Emergency Services		16,116.00
043040-5101	Electrical Services – Carter Bldg		1,216.30
043040-7000	Capital Outlay – Carter Bldg		26,606.94
043050-5101	Electrical Services – SS Bldg		136.29
043060-5102	Fuel Cannery		83.13
043060-5103	Water & Sewer – Cannery		465.85
043060-5401	Office Supplies – Cannery		9.19
043090-3004	Repairs & Maintenance – LC Dam		57.75
043090-5101	Electrical Services – LC Dam		180.12
043090-5103	Water – LC Dam		71.23
043100-5412	Supplies – Carroll Industrial Park		147.84
043100-5414	Supplies – LC Dam		17.25
043120-5408	Gasoline – Maintenance Force		1,508.05
043140-5101	Electrical Service – Maint. Shop		2,066.03
043200-3004	County Properties – Repair & Maintenance		34,706.85
043200-5102	County Properties – Heating Fuel		9,879.24
043200-5420	County Boiler & Machinery Insurance		566.84
051000-1003	Salaries & Wages, Part-time – Garage		2,847.00
051000-2001	FICA – Garage		217.79
051010-5001	Share of Health Department		.04
061010-5604	Wytheville Community College		.04
071010-5401	Office Supplies – Recreation		437.05
071010-5412	Grounds Supplies – Recreation		1,529.28
071010-5501	Travel Mileage – Recreation		493.40
071010-9000	Sports Account – Recreation		3,840.81
081500-5505	Business Retention & Expansion		80.56

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082030-5604 Contribution to SWCD	.04
091500-5799 Undistributed General County Checks	8,392.65
091500-5899 Bank Service Charge	34,986.90

(Order)

**APPROVE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the closing of County Offices July 3 & 4, 2006 in observance of Independence Day.

(Order)

**APPROVE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT  
RESOLUTION**

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

**CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**Resolution**

At a regular meeting of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, Carroll Governmental Center, Hillsville, Virginia on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2006.

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<u>Present</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Glenna Myers	X	
L. J. Jones	X	
Sharon Nichols	X	
Joseph H. Early III	X	
Jeff Evans	X	
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr.	X	

**WHEREAS** the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Va. Code §§ 58.1-3523 *et seq.* ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

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**WHEREAS** these legislative enactments require the County to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

**WHEREAS** these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the County, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors that:

Qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the County during tax year 2006, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 59% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 59% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of “qualifying” (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.
- **In accordance with Item 503.D.1., the entitlement to personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for tax year 2005 and all prior tax years shall expire on September 1, 2006. Supplemental assessments for tax years 2005 and prior that are made on or after September 1, 2006 shall be deemed ‘non-qualifying’ for purposes of state tax relief and the local share due from the taxpayer shall represent 100% of the tax assessable.**

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board of the following upcoming events:

1. Mr. Ricky Dowdy and crew had finished the Carter Pines Trail yesterday and that there would be a ribbon cutting on June 28 at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Blue Ridge Plateau Capital Access Program meeting would be held on June 29 at 11:45 a.m. at Countryside Restaurant
3. The Wildwood Stakeholder Meeting would be held July 13 at noon at the Governmental Center
4. A Kite Festival would be held at the Devil’s Den on June 24 at noon

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5. The Ivanhoe Civic League would hold their Independence Day celebration on July 3 & 4
6. The Town of Hillsville would hold their Independence Day celebration on July 4
7. The Laurel Fork Community Center was sold on June 17 and the Laurel Fork Community, Inc. was expecting to be able to bid out the shell of the new building with bid opening July 25. On July 1 Laurel Fork Community, Inc. would hold a Laurel Fork American Idol contest
8. Carroll County Fair will be held September 13-16
9. Joy Ranch 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held June 24 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – TWICE PER YEAR TAX COLLECTION**

Mrs. Nichols Opened the Public Hearing at 2:35 p.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the proposed collection of Carroll County real property taxes twice per year. He then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Bill Shinault stated that he had been paying taxes in Carroll County for 50 years and he liked it the way it was. He told that he agreed with Mr. Evans that the money would probably be spent. He stated that it would cost more and commented that there was no such thing as free stuff. He suggested taking one-half the money collected in December and putting it on a CD and collecting interest. He stated that it seemed like some folks think that if there is money it has to be spent.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was Closed at 2:38 p.m.

### **COUNTY BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that changes had been made to the PSA budget to reflect their adopted budget and that money had been placed in the Tourism budget for Health Insurance.

### **MOTION TO SET TAX LEVY**

Mr. Martin made a motion, with a second by Mr. Early, to set the tax rate for calendar year 2006 at \$0.71 per \$100 valuation.

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Note: Mr. Martin voted Yes on the above motion.

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

Mr. Evans asked what the percentage increase was for the County compared to the School budget.

Mr. Larrowe stated that it was almost equal.

Mr. Evans asked if cuts were made big enough to where the levy would not have to be increased what would that be and how would it affect daily operations.

Mr. Larrowe stated that 6% would be 6 cents.

Mrs. Nichols told that the State and Federal budgets had been sent down and various agencies had to lay people off because of the budgets. She told that 8-10% cuts were expected and it turned out to be 17%. She stated that if other programs were having to cut the County was not any better and told that these people could not afford more taxes.

Mr. Evans commented that there were actions like the government could just do what it wanted to do and stated that he was not for seeing an increase.

Mr. Martin commented that this was not the day to bring up this concern because the Board had went through the budget. He stated that no one wanted a decrease in the 5 districts but they were going to save money.

Mr. Early stated that he voted No because he had been trying for 6 months to get rid of wasteful spending. He suggested that the people that were in favor of the things that increased the budget go ahead and vote for it.

Mr. Evans stated that there were a lot of things the population did not see or hear and that Mr. Early was for things until he saw the politics of it.

Mrs. Nichols stated that if there were areas that could be cut they needed to be discussed.

Mr. Martin told that if the discussion was to cut 6 cents then members of the Board needed to be truthful and have courage. He told that he voted for things because of need and also voted to pay for it. He stated that if things were not needed they should not be brought up. He asked if land use was going to be cut and stated that it would be hard not to argue for garbage collection sites in Dugspur, Ivanhoe, and other places.

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Mrs. Nichols asked what the legalities would be for canceling the fire trucks.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this would not be known until they were cancelled.

Mr. Evans told that it would be up to the company to sell the trucks and then the County would have to pick up the difference plus costs. He told that the Board was advised the trucks were needed and that he would rather think a decision had been made to do something needed rather than see someone's house burn down. He told that there were things that needed to be looked at such as land use, recreation, and things that were not needed. He told that he believed the same thing for the school system.

Mr. Martin commented that everybody was in favor of making cuts.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the Cana Trash Site was almost breaking even and that Hillsville Fire Department had spent \$60,000 decorating their truck and nobody said anything.

Mrs. Nichols commented that there was no way to cut 6 cents.

Mr. Martin stating that if there were going to be cuts then it needed to be put on the table what was to be cut. He stated that if the Board was going into the budget on a fixed budget if something was not in the budget it should not come up and should not be voted on.

Mrs. Nichols stated that if there was not money in a line item it shouldn't be spent.

Mr. Larrowe told that he was working with Bonita Williams and if a line item was going over the check would be held.

Mr. Early told that the Board had voted to follow the pay as you go system but they were not following it. He stated that everybody wanted to blame somebody else and commented that he knew fire trucks were not needed in the County.

Mr. Evans asked how Mr. Early would know this better than the EMS Coordinator.

Mr. Jones stated that if the Board was not going to listen to a man they were paying over \$30,000 they should get rid of him.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board did not accomplish anything with slurs.

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Mrs. Myers asked EMS Coordinator Joe Roma if the fire trucks were needed.

Mr. Roma replied yes and told that the truck at the Lambsburg station could not come up the mountain and that the one of top of the mountain was a 1968 model. He told that at this point there was not a truck that could be moved.

Mr. Martin commented that the budget did not have one cent toward future replacement.

Mr. Roma told that smaller trucks were being purchased. He told that large trucks were being used and that was not practical. He told that he was working on the assessment. He told that there were 3 trucks in Cana that needed to be brought to Hillsville and that one of them would have to be towed.

Mr. Evans asked how a 6% cut would affect the County.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the budget is lean and accurate. He told that there was no fat to get down to the flesh and that they would be going through the flesh to the muscle. He told that it would be painful to make cuts.

Mr. Evans told that he was talking about everything that could be cut to get back to the taxes available.

Mrs. Myers asked how bad it would be for each department to do a 2% cut.

Mrs. Nichols stated that a 2% cut would be \$288,000.

Mr. Larrowe stated that a 2% cut would be 2.22 cents and then after further calculation informed the Board this would be 3.81 cents.

Mr. Early commented that if 4 cents were cut the levy would be 67 cents and that this would be a little more than 2%.

Mr. Larrowe told that a 4 cent reduction would be \$576,000, a 3 cent reduction would be \$432,000, and that a 2 cent reduction would be \$288,000. He told that a huge amount of the budget was in salaries. He told that there were things obligated such as Social Services and there were partnerships such as aCorridor. He told that the burden of cuts would have to be on the County General employees. He stated that the Board had worked to improve the salaries but couldn't this year. He told that the Board had added 2% to the VRS but that cuts would be devastating. He told that County General operations would be affected by the cuts with things like maintenance, cutting departments, and laying people off. He told that he was trying to paint the real picture and not one that was glossed over. He told that there were drastic cuts over what had been done in the past.

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Mr. Early asked how many people spoke at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Larrowe replied one.

Mr. Early told that he had made it plain previously that he was not in favor of all the spending but now was not the time to re-discuss this.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board approved the levies for the tax year 2006 to be set at \$0.71 per \$100 assessed valuation of real estate, \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of tangible personal property, excluding therefrom such segregated property as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (14) of Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) upon which the rate shall be zero, \$2.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of merchant's capital, and \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of machinery and tools based on the following depreciation factors:

Year Equipment Purchased	Depreciation Factor
1997 and before	30% of cost
1998	35% of cost
1999	40% of cost
2000	50% of cost
2001	60% of cost
2002	70% of cost
2003	80% of cost
2004	85% of cost
2005	90% of cost

Note: Mr. Early, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Nichols voted Yes on the above motion.

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

Mrs. Myers stated that she will not vote on anything next year that is not in the budget.

Mr. Martin asked Commonwealth Attorney Greg Goad if most of the expenses of his office were State or Federal money that the Board did not have control over.

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Mr. Goad told that most of the salaries of the Commonwealth Attorney office, the Sheriff's department, and the Circuit Court Clerk's office was Compensation Board funds along with some office expenses.

(Order)

**ADOPT CARROLL COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2007**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board adopted the Carroll County budget as presented June 22, 2006 as the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Note: Mr. Early, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Nichols voted Yes on the above motion.

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

Mr. Early disclosed that he had an interest in a business located at the Airport but stated that he did not have a personal interest in this issue and that this issue did not affect him any more than it did any other citizen and therefore did not have a conflict with this issue and was able to vote fairly and objectively and in the best interest of the County.

Mr. Martin stated that under an abundance of caution, he declared that he was an employee of the Carroll County School System but that this decision did not affect him any more than it did any other citizen and therefore he was able to vote fairly, objectively, and in the best interest of the County.

Mrs. Myers stated that she was an employee of the Carroll County School System but that this decision did not affect her any more than it did any other citizen and therefore she was able to vote fairly, objectively, and in the best interest of the County.

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved for the following appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 in conformity with the adopted budget and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 58.1-3001 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

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

Board of Supervisors	\$447,148
County Administrator	380,249
Resource Development Office	59,000
Legal Services	39,850
Tourism	139,185
Information Technology	152,886
Commissioner of Revenue	237,292
Real Estate Appraiser	305,875
Treasurer	303,032
Electoral Board	72,390
Registrar	102,447
Judicial Administration, Circuit Court	36,196
District Courts	4,376
Juvenile Court	1,656
Clerk-Circuit Court	357,114
Commonwealth Attorney	364,706
Victim Witness	52,749
Sheriff	1,619,407
Vehicle Maintenance	196,000
Courtroom Security	32,132
Volunteer Fire Departments	551,105
Volunteer Rescue Squads	373,936
E-911 Surcharge	320,000
Care of Prisoners	500,000
Youth and Family Services	74,581
Building Inspection	134,189
Animal Control	110,689
Medical Examiner	800
Emergency Services Coordinator	82,742
Refuse Collection and Disposal	450,609
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (all)	826,605
Maintenance Force and other	237,086
Garage Emergency Vehicles	4,000
Public Utilities	472,235
Water and Sewer Projects	317,000
Health	207,402
Mental Health and Mental Retardation	112,266
Senior Citizens Programs	57,557
Community Colleges	34,000
Farmers Market	441,850
Recreation	149,490
Swimming Pool	34,193

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Carroll-Galax Regional Library	185,581
Planning Commission	4,900
Economic Development	1,494,369
Economic Development Office	54,983
Airport	62,311
Soil and Water Conservation	8,700
Extension and Continuing Education	49,870
Law Library	1,000
Interest on Revenue Anticipation Note	52,000
Transfer to School Fund	11,390,549

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

Administration and Public Assistance	\$3,198,142
Comprehensive Services Act	488,644
Hospitalization-State/Local	7,795
VHDA	57,072
Family Preservation Act	19,731

School Fund: To be expended only on order of the School Board	41,370,369
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Total Appropriations	68,842,041
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The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer sums as needed from the General Fund to the School Fund to meet the foregoing appropriations.

Note: Mr. Early, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Nichols voted Yes on the above motion.

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

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Mrs. Myers stated that she was an employee of the Carroll County School System but that this decision did not affect her any more than it did any other citizen and therefore she was able to vote fairly, objectively, and in the best interest of the County.

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 3:55 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the performance of specific personal, and for the discussion of legal matters involving threatened litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1,A7).

(Order)

**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.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until their next regular meeting to be held July 18, 2006.

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Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk