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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 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
Tiffani Blankenship, Student Supervisor

Mrs. Nichols called the meeting to Order at 9:10 a.m. and told that the Board would like to offer their condolences to the Marty Dowdy family. She asked that each on keep Ricky Dowdy in their prayers as well as injured fireman Chris Hawks. She then asked Mr. Harlos Larrowe to lead in prayer. Staff of the Appalachian Regional Detention Center then performed presentation of Colors.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular monthly meeting held on February 14, 2006 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 24 in the County Administrator's Office.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for February 2006 and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 31st days of March 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 Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 80391-80536, 80538-80559, and did approve the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 1630-1631.

(Order)

ADOPT RESOLUTION – SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL WATER/WASTEWATER GRANT PROGRAM

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

RESOLUTION

Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on March 14, 2006 approved this resolution to reinstate the \$5 million in funding for the Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Grant program to the Planning District 1, 2, and 3; and

WHEREAS, these funds have been used in 2005 to help implement several water and wastewater projects, leveraging \$12,882,991.00 of other monies; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Virginia has very unique aquatic life that is not found anywhere else in the state or region and the funding for water and wastewater treatment is needed to maintain a clean environment for the region's waters; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the state legislator to reinstate the \$5 million in funding to the Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Grant program to

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southwest Virginia is still a part of the Commonwealth of Virginia and that its need for clean water and wastewater is equally as important as the Chesapeake Bay initiatives.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the continuation of this appropriation from the general fund of the State of Virginia to Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Grant program.

(Order)

APPROVE COUNTY FAIR DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved establishing a County Fair Department in the County budget and did approve the transfer of \$7893.34, the profit from the 2005 fair, to this department.

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APPROVE COUNTY FAIR PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved establishing a County Fair Petty Cash account, did approve the transfer of \$500.00 into this account, and did authorize Crystal Swain, Kathy Surratt, Gary Larrowe, and Ronald Newman as the authorized signatures on this account with each disbursement requiring two signatures.

(Order)

APPROVE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following line item transfers in the County Assessor's Office budget:

\$3100.00 from Professional Services line item 012100-3002 to Salary and Wages line item 012100-1001.

\$237.15 from Professional Services line item 012100-3002 to FICA line item 012100-2001.

\$650.00 from Professional Services line item 012100-3002 to Office Equipment line item 012100-7002.

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APPROVE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved establishing a Technology Department in the County budget and did appropriate \$10,000.00 to this department.

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FARMER'S MARKET APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated \$20,000.00 to the Farmer's Market Capital Outlay line item 083060-9010 to assist in paying for the grading and drainage at the Farmer's Market.

(Order)

CARROLL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM PARTY

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized a donation in the amount of \$150.00 to Carroll County High School to be used toward the expenses of the After Prom Party being organized and carried out by the CCHS Students Against Drunk Driving Club.

(Order)

APPROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FINANCING

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL
COUNTY, VIRGINIA APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF FINANCING
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY
SERVICES BOARD UNDER THE VML/VACO FINANCE PROGRAM
AND RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Mount Rogers Community Services Board (the "CSB") has provided the following information to the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia (the "Board"):

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1. The CSB determined that it is necessary and advisable to undertake the construction, improvement and equipping of a new facility to consolidate several existing programs administered by the CSB, including certain counseling services, community extended care services, case management services and youth services, into a single facility to be located on approximately 15.75 acres of property owned by the CSB and located in Carroll County, Virginia (together with related costs, reserves and expenses, the "Project").
2. CSB is seeking to obtain financing for the Project through the Virginia Municipal League/Virginia Association of Counties Commercial Paper Finance Program (the "VML/VACo Commercial Paper Program"), through which the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Stafford and the City of Staunton, Virginia (the "Issuer") would issue its revenue bonds ("the Issuer Bonds") and make a portion of the proceeds of the Issuer Bonds available to the CSB pursuant to a lease / lease-back financing arrangement (the "Leasing Arrangement").
3. The Issuer has authorized the issuance of the Issuer Bonds for the financing of undertakings such as the Project pursuant to a resolution previously adopted by its Board of Directors (the "Issuer Resolution").
4. Pursuant to the Leasing Arrangement, the CSB will agree to make rental payments, subject to annual appropriation, to the Issuer or its assignee for application towards the repayment of the Issuer Bonds, and may also grant a deed of trust and enter into other collateral agreements to secure the repayment of the Issuer Bonds.
5. Subject to the consent of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, a portion of the proceeds of the Issuer Bonds may also be used for, and the Leasing Arrangement may also include, financing for the benefit of the CSB in connection with the financing/refinancing of one or more projects located in Wythe County, Virginia, and estimated maximum principal amount of the CSB's obligation under the Leasing Arrangement is currently \$6,500,000.

WHEREAS, the CSB has requested the Board to consent to the financing of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the VML/VACo Commercial Paper Program and applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Subject to paragraph 3 below, the Board, to the fullest extent required pursuant to the terms and conditions of the VML/VACo Commercial

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Paper Program and Section 15.2-4905 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (and notwithstanding that the Board has previously created its own industrial development authority for Carroll County, Virginia) hereby consents to the issuance of the Issuer Bonds by the Issuer pursuant to the Issuer Resolution to finance the Project, all or a portion of which will be located in Carroll County, Virginia, and the execution and delivery of the Issuer Bonds and the Leasing Arrangement, upon terms and conditions, and pursuant to such financing, collateral, and other documents, as shall be approved by the CSB pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the CSB.

2. Each duly authorized officer of Carroll County, Virginia, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such additional instruments or to take such additional action as may be reasonable necessary to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Resolution.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, under no circumstances shall the payment of debt service on the Issuer Bonds or the payment of rental payments under the Leasing Arrangement constitute a general obligation indebtedness or a pledge of the full faith and credit or taxing power of Carroll County, Virginia (the "County") or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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APPROVE ROADSIDE LITTER CONTROL PROJECTS

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the April Roadside Litter Control Program and the May 2006 Carroll County/Hillsville Clean Up and did approve the transfer of \$7500.00 from Board Reserve line item 011010-7006 to Litter Control Program line item 042020-7001 to cover the costs of these programs.

Notes: Mr. Jones asked if the grant had been received.

Mr. Larowe explained that there had been changes in the rules and regulations and the grant had not been received but suggested keeping the program at County expense and applying for the grant again next year. He told that reports were not filed at the proper time for this year's grant.

Mr. Early commented that the roads in Carroll County were a disaster with the litter and told that ways needed to be looked at to curb roadside litter.

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Mr. Larrowe told that the Board had supported this through T. C. Stacey. He told that a couple of sites had been cleaned up and that the County would be enforcing the rules in place.

Mrs. Nichols asked if people would be getting forms.

Mr. Larrowe told that the program would be run like it had been in the past only this year would be self funded.

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ADOPT ASSIGN-A-HIGHWAY RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION

Carroll County's Assign-A-Highway Program

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff have made it a priority to clean up Carroll County's highways, streets and roads;

WHEREAS, Carroll County believes that the Assign-A-Highway Program will improve tourism and the natural beauty of our region and that the proposed Assign-A-Highway Program will protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Carroll County.

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Circuit Court based upon its constitutional and statutory powers and authorities may assign criminal defendants and probationers to pick up litter along Carroll County's highways, streets and roads as part of the court's probation powers;

WHEREAS, the Carroll County's Board of Supervisors strongly believes that the Carroll County Litter Control Officers working in conjunction with the Circuit Court of Carroll County can develop a program to abate litter on the Carroll County's highways, streets and roads.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County's Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Carroll County's Assign-A-Highway Program for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and as outlined in a court order to be entered by the Carroll County Circuit Court;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assign-A-Highway Program shall be modeled and authorized pursuant to the prospective court order and that the prospective court order shall be incorporated into the resolution by reference.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2006 by the Carroll County's Board of Supervisors.

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APPROVE TOURISM APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated a \$5000.00 donation toward tourism to Tourism Advertising line item 012050-3007.

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APPROVE TOURISM LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the transfer of \$5000.00 from Tourism CC Expo line item 012050-5416 to Tourism Advertising line item 012050-3007.

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APPROVE COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved creating a new Court Room Security line item and did appropriate \$98,361.47, the amount of funds collected under the Courthouse Security Fee for fiscal years 2004-2006, to this line item.

Note: Mr. Martin asked how these funds came into existence.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this was through fees collected by the Clerk's Office. He told that there had been a deduction one time to buy a vehicle but that the funds could only be used for Courtroom Security.

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Mr. Dalton told that the Clerk's Office collected \$5.00 from each criminal case.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mr. Larrowe announced that the Board was honoring Sunnyside Store and gave the following history of the store:

Sunny Side Store

J. Edgar Semones started Sunny Side Store in 1927. In the early years, the business was an auction house by day and a dance hall by night. During the difficult years of WWII, the business closed briefly. However in 1953, Sunny Side reopened as a true family business when Mr. Semones's three sons became part owners, as well as full time employees. Throughout the past fifty-three years, Sunny Side Store has provided employment for four generations of the Semones family. Today, Sunny Side is well known for its wide variety of merchandise, as well as its local history. The Semones family continues to carry on the tradition of friendly customer service.

Accepting the award will be Jason Semones, grandson of Edgar Semones and a third generation operator of Sunny Side. Jason began working at Sunny Side as a young boy. After graduating from Va. Tech in 1981, he began full time employment in the store. Presently, he oversees the daily operations of the store.

The Board then presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Jason Semones.

Mr. Larrowe announced that the Board was honoring the Family Shoe Store and presented the following history of the store:

Family Shoe Store

The Family Shoe Store opened to the public 56 years ago, as the first full service shoe store to serve Carroll County. Said to offer the largest selection in Virginia, their wide variety of styles and sizes attract customers from surrounding states as well as some mail order business.

Founded and operated by Allen Easter and Glenn Jackson, both veterans of World War II, the Family Shoe Store was successful from the start. After Easter was called to serve as a Baptist Minister he sold his interest to Jackson, who, with the help of his family, still operates the store full time. The late Gilmer Horton, was associated with the business for over 47 years.

The Family Shoe Store had the honor of being named "Retail Merchant of the Year" in 1971. Cited for outstanding public service, their primary objective

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was offering what the people in the area wanted at prices they wanted to pay. This policy of customer service is still carried out at the Family Shoe Store.

The Board then presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Jerry Jackson.

Mr. Larrowe then announced that the Board would be honoring W. O. Hill & Sons and presented the following history of the business:

W.O. & Edith Hill
W.O. Hill & Sons

This business was opened in 1927 by W.C. Hill. W.O. Hill took over both businesses in 1951 and ran them himself until 1981 at which time his brother, Oscar Hill, took over the shoe store. Mr. Hill still operates the fertilizer business and continues to provide a much needed product to the local citizens.

The Board then presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. W. O. Hill.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Ms. Karen Mason, Ms. Pat Burkholder, Mr. Vance Leggett, and Mr. Mark Burnette appeared before the Board to discuss the creation of a Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Carroll County.

Ms. Burkholder told that in November Mr. Burnette and Mr. Rusty Warren had taken students from Carroll County High School to Roanoke to help build four houses for Katrina victims. She told that following this experience there was a meeting held on December 14 to discuss starting the Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Carroll County as an affiliate of the Roanoke Chapter and that they were now trying to get support from all the governmental agencies. She stated that there were several who needed housing in Carroll County.

Ms. Karen Mason, Executive Director of the Roanoke Chapter, told that she was thrilled to work to create the Chapter in Carroll County. She told that the next step was mobilizing support. She stated that the mission was to build decent affordable homes for folks in Carroll County and told that the Roanoke Chapter has built over 140 homes. She told that they worked with low income families who live in substandard housing. She told that they work with these families on how to take care of the home including paying an interest free mortgage, which is then recycled to build more homes.

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Mr. Burnette told that this was a grass roots effort and was one of the most rewarding experiences he has had. He told that there were lots of people in the County deserving of a home and asked that these people be remembered in prayer. He then told that the Chapter would like to have someone from the Board on the Steering Committee.

Mr. Leggett told that the students came back from Roanoke with questions of being able to build houses. He told that he contacted Ms. Mason and it was determined that the best way to go was to become affiliated with the Roanoke Chapter. He told that they would go to churches, organizations, and individuals for support and that about 90% of the funds would go to the building. He stated that there was a place for everybody from serving on committees, to building, to donations. He told that he was excited for what Habitat holds for Carroll County.

Mr. Early asked if the work by the students would be part of the grading requirements.

Mr. Leggett replied that it would be.

Mr. Early asked what happened if a student was not a Christian and objected.

Mr. Leggett told that there would be a model in the shop they could work on and that this was completely voluntary.

Mr. Early stated that he appreciated what they were doing and told that it was a good thing.

Ms. Blankenship asked if the houses would be built for people who did not have a house or the ones that had a run down house.

Mr. Leggett told that both would be done. He told that there would be a family selection committee and that people would have to justify the need. He told that there was a waiting list of people who needed a home.

Mrs. Nichols told that there were a lot of people in Carroll County who did not have indoor plumbing. She told that Rooftop builds IPR housing but with Habitat more families could be reached.

Mr. Evans commented that there was a need for more of giving of self.

Mr. Early stated that he would volunteer to be on the Local Board.

Mr. Larowe told that he would draft a letter of support.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Larowe announced that the Board would be honoring the men from the Appalachian Regional Detention Center who had contributed 700 hours of work to Carroll County including helping move furniture to the Governmental Center when it was built, helping with work on the Carter Pines Trail, and clearing the fence of brush along the road at the Farmer's Market. He explained how the detention program worked and stated that 98% of the people in the program received their GED and 75% of the people in the program never see the penal system again.

The Board then presented Plaques of Appreciation to the following individuals:

Appalachian Detention Center

Color Guard

Thomas Carlock
Mark Pickels
Brent Waddle
Roger Young

Daniel Colley – Corrections Officer
Gregory Gilbert – Corrections Officer
Berk Artrip – Major
Melanie Parr – Superintendent
Harlos Larowe – Western Regional Manager

Jim Bolenbarker, Jr.
John Church
Jason Colley
Ellis Deskins
Christopher Duffer
Christopher Fitzgerald
Timothy Gardner
Zane Hall
Walter Ingram
Matthew Lawson
Daniel Long
Bradley Minter
Michael Muncy
Richard Plaster
Lafayette Sandidge
Bradley Snell
Thomas Stringfield
David Stocky

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Brandon Turner

PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD ABANDONMENT

Mrs. Nichols declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:12 a.m. and told that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the proposed abandonment of a section of old State Route 705 being located between Interstate 77 and State Route 808 and the proposed abandonment of a 0.08 mile section of State Route 757, Duncan Mill Road, which was discontinued due to road improvement construction. She then opened the floor for comments.

With no one to speak, the Pubic Hearing was Closed at 10:13 a.m.

(Order)

APPROVE ROAD ABANDONMENT – OLD STATE ROUTE 705

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

The Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, in regular meeting on the 14th day of March, 2006, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under Section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the secondary system of state highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, this Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of Section 5-A, project 0077-017-101, G-301, G-304, G-305, of old State Route 705 from State Route 808 westerly a distance of 0.45 miles and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above-described section of road and removes it from the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia.

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

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APPROVE ROAD ABANDONMENT – STATE ROUTE 757 DUNCAN MILL ROAD

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under Section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the secondary system of state highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, this Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of State Route 757 from 0.78 miles to Route 755 and extending northward a distance of 0.08 miles, and being the same section of road discontinued as part of construction project 0757-017-BI, UPC# 55085, and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above-described section of road and removes it from the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia.

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

Note: Mr. Martin asked if all landowners had agreed.

Mr. Larrowe stated that there had been no objections.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that fireman Chris Hawks was in the burn unit at Winston and that in a previous fire firemen Cliff Phillips and Scotty Turman had been injured.

Mr. Larrowe then told the Board that in the field of economic development he had attended the opening of Country Formals which is owned by Lauren Chitwood. He told he had talked with Mr. Robert McClintock, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, concerning the need to work on building small businesses. He told that things that needed to be worked on included workforce development broadband deployment and told that terrorism money as well as applying for a Rural Development grant in the amount of \$99,000 was being used toward this effort, and Research and Development in the Community and told that the business incubator at Crossroads was working toward this goal. He told that access to capital was being addressed by the IDA which had met with Mr. Larry Malone to discuss New Market Tax Credits and was looking at a revolving loan program.

Mr. Larrowe then informed the Board that there would be a Smart Communities Conference on April 5 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for registration at Crossroads. He told that the NACo President would be at this conference and that VACo Executive Director Jim Campbell had been invited.

Mr. Larrowe told that he appreciated the work of Mr. Evans and Mr. Newman with the 911 Commission and told that the Commission had voted to allow addresses to be assigned prior to actual building being done.

Mr. Evans told that this was on a 6-month trial basis but stated it would be good for the community.

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Mr. Larrowe told that the City of Galax had asked Carroll County to manage the work at the animal shelter. He told that he felt this work could be done at a much lower cost and stated that volunteers would be sought.

Ms. Blankenship suggested contacting Ms. Shannon Dalton with the CCHS Interact Club.

Mr. Early commented that there would be a lot of cost involved with removing the old paint but stated that it did appear this work could be done at less cost.

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that there had been a regional budget meeting with the agencies that were funded on a regional basis.

Mrs. Nichols commented that she had a lady tell her how wonderful it was to be able to do just one presentation.

Mr. Larrowe told the Board he had attended the Rocky Knob meeting with Mr. Early and Mr. Donnie Turner.

Mr. Early commented that he was disappointed to see that the State money had been pulled from this project.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had met with Crooked Road Executive Director Bill Smith and stated that Crooked Road was getting both national and international press. He then stated that there was a motorcycle enthusiast group from Richmond that was looking to make several trips to Carroll County. He told that progress was being made at the Farmer's Market and that Rural Development had indicated they have \$99,000 more money that could go to this project. He applauded the work of Kevin Semones on this project. He then informed the Board that there would be a Route 620 landowners meeting on March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room and stated that this would be the leadership group from the landowners. He then told that there had been a grant writing workshop for emergency services held at Crossroads sponsored by Carroll County and Senator Allen. He told that 40 people from as far away as Honaker had attended this workshop.

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AUTHORIZE PIPERS GAP RESCUE SQUAD GRANT APPLICATION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Pipers Gap Rescue Squad to apply for a grant for equipment such as cardiac monitors and stretchers with Pipers Gap Rescue Squad paying any match with no matching funds being requested from Carroll County.

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COUNTYWIDE EVALUATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Larrowe told that there needed to be a countywide evaluation of emergency services. He stated that preliminary estimates had been received for this study and requested Board authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for this study for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Mr. Evans stated that this was a good idea to do but stated that if money is spent to do the study the County needed to be ready to carry this forward.

Mr. Jones asked if Mr. Roma shouldn't be doing this study.

Mr. Larrowe commented that he had been working on an equipment list but stated that it was good to have a third party.

Mr. Evans stated that if Mr. Roma is taken out of the picture the study would be unbiased.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board must be open to the suggestions.

Mr. Early told that he liked the idea of impartiality but stated that when it was discussed to hire an EMS Coordinator this was part of what this person was to do. He stated that most of the time a study tells you what you already know. He stated that it was disturbing to hear that Mr. Roma might not be impartial. He commented that Mr. Roma had probably done a lot of leg work that would make the study cost less.

Mr. Evans stated that the look would have to be beyond personal feelings and politics and the right decision made. He commented that not everyone would be happy.

Mr. Roma stated that he could do this study but that it would take a while. He told that some will be good and some not so good.

Mrs. Myers stated that she did not think the County needed to spend more money.

Mr. Roma relied that he was here to help.

Mr. Larrowe stated that he was hearing rave reviews from the fire departments and rescue squads.

Mr. Early commented that politics would have to be taken out of it do what is right. He stated that everybody will not be Mr. Roma's buddy after this is over.

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Mr. Evans stated that the Board needed an update and a time table each month.

Mr. Early stated that the Board needed to know of any push back Mr. Roma received from any of the departments.

Mr. Larrowe then told that a meeting had been held with Diversified to discuss the billing procedures. He told that some of the things learned was that the County may not be charging enough on the billing schedules, that coding of the calls correctly was important, that there needed to be a push to get insurance information from wrecks, and that bills needed to be in on time. He told that there would be an effort to see what kinds of other collection actions are being taken by other localities.

Mr. Larrowe then presented the Progress Advertisement for the Carroll News to the Board and asked for any suggestions. He also informed the Board that an invitation had been received to visit Sevier County, Tennessee to view their digester used to convert trash into mulch.

Mrs. Nichols stated that Carroll County was part of a program jointly with Galax and Grayson County to participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act programs. She told that a resolution needed to be adopted stating that Carroll County still wants to participate in the program and would execute a local plan to accept the funds.

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**ADOPT VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL
ACT RESOLUTION**

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

Be it resolved that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors will participate in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and accept funds appropriate for the purpose set forth in this Act until it notifies the Department of Juvenile Justice, in writing, that it no longer wishes to participate.

Be it further resolved that Carroll County will combine with the governing bodies of Grayson County and Galax City. Grayson County will act as fiscal agent for these localities.

Be it further resolved that the Carroll County Administrator, Gary Larrowe, is hereby authorized to execute a local plan on behalf of the County of Carroll.

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Mr. Roma told the Board that Laurel Rescue Squad would like to apply for a grant to purchase two dry suits for their dive team and for a desktop computer. He told that this would be an 80/20 grant and the Laurel Rescue Squad would pay the match. He then stated that Laurel Fork Rescue Squad would like to apply for an 80/20 grant to purchase a 6-wheeler with Laurel Fork Rescue Squad paying the match.

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AUTHORIZE LAUREL RESCUE SQUAD GRANT APPLICATION

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Laurel Rescue Squad to apply for an 80/20 grant for the purchase of two dry suits for the dive team and a desktop computer with Laurel Rescue Squad paying the match.

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AUTHORIZE LAUREL FORK RESCUE SQUAD GRANT APPLICATION

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Laurel Fork Rescue Squad to apply for an 80-20 grant for the purchase of a 6-wheeler with Laurel Fork Rescue Squad paying the match.

REASSESSMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that Galax and Grayson County had indicated they were happy contracting out their reassessments. He told that he had preliminary discussions with Bland and Wythe counties but this did not seem feasible.

Mr. Martin commented that the tax rate is misleading. He told that the true tax rate needed to be stated by factoring in the assessed values versus what land is actually selling at.

Ms. Janie Harrison, County Assessor, stated that the tax rate is driven by the budget.

Mr. Martin told that Highland County gets tremendous revenue from hydroelectric and commented that it was misleading to just look at the tax rate.

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Ms. Harrison commented that each time there was a reassessment there would be public outcry.

Mr. Martin told that people want to sell at \$8000/acre but be assessed at \$2000/acre. He stated that people would see the merits of an in-house assessment.

Ms. Harrison stated that an in-house assessment would be done just like a contract firm would do it. She stated that the same rules had to be followed to get to 100% valuation.

Mr. Martin stated that the numbers show up if there is a bad assessment by either doing it in-house or with a contract firm.

Ms. Harrison stated that the Department of Taxation can have a fairly close guess on the sales ratio since the Clerk's Office has electronic recording.

Mr. Martin commented that State laws come into effect if the ratio is absurdly low.

Ms. Harrison told that if the first year ratio is below 70% the locality would lose their ABC money.

Mr. Dalton stated that if the assessment is too high it can be overturned by the Circuit Court.

Mr. Martin stated that he had faith the Assessor's Office would do a professional equitable assessment that would be comparable with any contract firm.

Mr. Early asked what the current sales ratio was.

Ms. Harrison replied that it was 84.5%.

Mr. Early asked what this would be after 6 years.

Ms. Harrison replied around 70%.

Mr. Early stated that the Board was not doing the citizens any favors by assessing in a 6-year cycle. He told that the County needed to go to a 4-year cycle and that he liked the idea of doing this in-house. He stated that the Board had discussed putting aside money to pay for reassessment but had not done this. He stated that money needed to be put into the budget for reassessment.

Ms. Harrison stated that to do an in-house reassessment an additional appraiser would need to be hired by July 1.

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Mr. Early stated that he had confidence in the office. He told that local people needed to be hired and that there needed to be a line item in the budget for this.

Mr. Dalton asked how hard it would be to find quality people and would they be local.

Ms. Harrison told that she hoped the part-time would be local. She told that these needed to be good people persons with a good eye for detail. She told that they would be making sure the information on the assessment card was right and told that this would be reviewed by the Assessor.

Mr. Early suggested soliciting the help of a real estate broker. He told that they were looking at the same information and that they might could be paid a little to help.

Ms. Harrison stated that better information was getting into the system with pictures, 911 addresses, and measurements and told that her office worked hand in hand with other appraisers.

Mr. Early asked what was required to go to a 4-year cycle.

Ms. Harrison told that all that was needed was a motion for a reassessment to take effect January 1, 2008.

Mr. Martin commented that the problem was it was expensive either way.

Mr. Early stated that it would cost the same no matter which was done and that the problem was that the assessment was not budgeted for until it had to be. He stated that the Board needed to get the ball rolling.

Ms. Harrison commented that the purpose of the assessment was to bring property values in line with each other up to 100%.

Mr. Early stated that the only way to do this between assessments is if the land is subdivided.

Mr. Evans stated that the 4-year cycle made sense and that he liked the idea of doing it locally.

Mr. Jones stated that he liked the in-house method.

A motion was made by Mr. Early, with a second by Mr. Martin, for a 4-year reassessment cycle done in-house to be done within the State guidelines, and for the Assessor to have the authority to hire help as needed.

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Mr. Evans stated that he thought there should be a public hearing to find out what the public thinks.

Mr. Dalton suggested that a public notice be done pointing out that reassessment does not equal higher taxes. He told that it might but that it was the Board and the budget that drives the tax rate.

Mr. Early stated that he agreed he would like to hear the citizens' comments but the Board was elected to operate the County. He told that the motion was to get steps started rather than waiting until the last moment.

Mr. Evans asked if waiting one month would hurt.

Ms. Harrison replied that it would not.

Mr. Evans commented that he thought it was a good thing but that he thought the Board should listen to the citizens.

Mr. Early asked that a press release be done telling the importance of reassessment and discussing taxes. He then withdrew the above motion until after the public hearing.

Mr. Jones commented that the public needed to be educated.

Mr. Evans suggested that citizens call the Supervisors to discuss this.

Mr. Early commented that it was a good idea to call the Supervisors so there could be a two-way conversation.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – REASSESSMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a public hearing to hear public comment concerning the proposed adoption of a 4-year reassessment cycle.

(Order)

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 11:48 a.m. until 1:02 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the performance of

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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 not 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

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

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened 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.

NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Elvan Peed, Peed & Bortz, and Mr. Kevin Heath, Adams-Engineering, discussed the New River Regional Water project with the Board.

Mr. Peed presented a 3-D show of the designed water plant. He told that the plant was designed for 16MGD but that it would start with 4MGD. He then showed the intake and discussed how the plant would operate. He told that the plans would be submitted to the Health Department in June with advertisement of the project being in October 2006. He told that construction would start in December 2006 with the plant being ready for production in late 2008. He told that he was working with Adams-Heath in Carroll County and Dewberry & Davis and Davis, Martin, Powell on the Wythe County side. He told that this plant would be supplying most of the water for Gatorade. He

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informed the Board that the cost of \$12.9M included the intake, the plant, and getting across the river. He stated that it will be less costly to go across the bridge rather than under the river.

Mr. Early asked what the flow of the river was.

Mr. Peed stated that it was 120M gallons per day.

Mr. Early commented that 4M gallons per day was only a drop in the bucket.

Mr. Peed stated that the permit was for 10MGD.

Mr. Early asked what size line would be coming to Carroll County.

Mr. Peed replied that it would be a 12" line.

Mr. Heath stated that there would be a 12" line from the plant to the water tank. He told that this could be tied in to the other water systems. He told a number of funding agencies had been talked to but the major ones will be Rural Development and the Health Department. He told that a request had been made to the Tobacco Commission for pre-construction costs. He stated that the goal was to have the lines in place at the same time the plant becomes operational. He stated that this will give the PSA a long-term supply of water.

Mr. Peed informed the Board that an application had been made to the Virginia Resource Authority for \$12.9M.

SUPERVISORS TIME

(Order)

AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized following the recommendation of the County Administrator to change the salary of the Receptionist to Office Manager.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE BUILDING OFFICIAL RETURN TRIP CHARGE

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the Building Official to reject any

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inspections where the 911 address was not posted and did authorize a charge of \$50.00 for return trips to perform the inspection.

(Order)

ADOPT MORAL OBLIGATION – AIRCRAFT TAXES

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board authorized a moral obligation to transfer the 2005 tax collections for aircraft based in Carroll County, \$3950.05 to date, to the Twin County Airport Commission.

Note: Mr. Early Abstained on the above motion.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER ON COUNTY PAYROLL SYSTEM

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the payroll for the Twin County Airport Manager to be placed on the Carroll County payroll system with the salary and benefits of this payroll to be reimbursed to Carroll County by the Twin County Airport Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans for staff to develop a proposed ordinance and schedule a public hearing on this ordinance to control the location and/or existence of sexual explicit material or alcoholic beverages particularly in locations near the proximity of schools, day cares, and other such facilities.

Mr. Larowe told that there would be a meeting on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room with Dr. Mike Chandler to discuss land use planning.

Mr. Early suggested that it would be best to discuss this issue after talking with the expert.

Mr. Evans then asked for the public hearing to be scheduled for April 24.

Mr. Early invited everyone to visit the museum in the Old Courthouse and stated that he would like for the people in Carroll County to realize the effort that had been put into the museum.

Mr. Early then stated that he would like for the County Administrator to get with the Sheriff to see if people are being arrested for litter. He invited citizens

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to give license plate numbers to the Sheriff if they see someone littering. He told that he would like to see countywide trash collection and asked that someone come to the meeting to give figures on this service. He then thanked the members of the Board for the professional way the meetings had been handled over the last few months.

Mr. Martin commented that the Board was facing important things for the County 20-25 years down the road. He stated that they were knocking on the door of looking at zoning and that water projects were in high gear. He told that he would be meeting with the RC&D Council next week and would be offering a suggestion for a 15-mile trail from Jackson Ferry along Poplar Camp Mountain to Foster Falls. He told that he sees this as a possibility of bringing in more tourists and more money into the County.

Mrs. Myers reminded everyone of the benefit dinner for Bonnie Turman on April 1, from 4-7 p.m., at Carroll County Intermediate School.

Mrs. Nichols informed the Board that April 23-29 was County Government Week and asked that each member let the County employees know they are proud of the work they do. She then told that she had received a letter from a girl in Powhatan County that was doing a project on Carroll County. She then asked if the July Board meeting could be moved to July 18.

(Order)

APPROVE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE FOR JULY 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board approved changing the July 2006 meeting date to July 18, 2006.

Note: Mrs. Nichols Abstained on the above motion.

Mr. Evans discussed the replacement by District III of the Care Management Assistant. He asked that this person just be replaced and put in Carroll County rather than in Galax. He asked Mr. Larowe to look into this.

Mrs. Myers stated that this person is supposed to be in Carroll County the same amount of time the previous person was.

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The Board then attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new office complex for the Mount Rogers Mental Health and Mental Retardation Community Services Board.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk