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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mrs. Nichols called the meeting to Order at 9:40 a.m. The Carroll County High School JROTC presented the colors followed by Mr. Evans leading in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Nichols stated that she had attended the JROTC staffing remarking that this was very enjoyable and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to visit with the JROTC.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on April 11, 2006, the minutes from an adjourned meeting held on April 19, 2006, and the minutes from an adjourned meeting held on April 24, 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.

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#### **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for April 2006 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> days of May 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. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 80983-81148, and 81151-81184, and did approve the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 1637-1641.

Notes: Mr. Evans asked if supplies were bought out of the County at places like Mount Airy Saw and Mower because they could not be bought here.

Mr. Larrowe told that he would check on this but that the goal was to buy in the County.

Mr. Evans asked what the claim was for to Macados.

Ms. Libby Lineberry told that this was for meals in association with training of election officials.

Mr. Martin commented that it was difficult to follow everything when the Board gets several pages of information handed to them.

Mr. Larrowe told that Ms. Lineberry worked hard to keep these inline.

Mrs. Nichols asked how many groups participated in the Litter Control Project.

Mr. Larrowe replied 20.

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**APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring the following funds in the Sheriff's Office budget to line item 031030-5408 Gasoline:

\$5000 from line item 031030-5409 Vehicle Supplies  
\$2000 from line item 031030-7004 Capital Outlay – Car Equipment  
\$2700 from lien item 031030-7005 Capital Outlay – Cars

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**APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

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Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring \$912.12 realized as vacancy savings from the Sheriff's Office Salary line item 031020-1001 to the Sheriff's Office Computer Equipment line item 031020-7000.

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**APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$4605.49 to be received in the form of a reimbursement from the Compensation Board toward the purchase of 5 computers to the Sheriff's Office Computer Equipment line item 031020-7000.

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**APPROVE REQUEST BY LAUREL FORK COMMUNITY, INC.**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved removing the two year continuous usage restriction previously adopted by the Board concerning the sale of the old Laurel Fork Fire Station and Community Center.

**BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK**

Mr. Larowe announced to the Board that the week of May 14-20, 2006, was Business Appreciation Week in Virginia. He told that the theme this year was Navigating Virginia's Future and read the following from the Virginia Department of Business Assistance:

Virginia's businesses continue to chart the course for our Commonwealth – positively impacting local communities from the shoreline to the coalfields.

Business Appreciation Week is a time to acknowledge these businesses for navigating perilous seas and for embracing the waves of change that result in job growth and enhanced quality of life for our citizens. It is the success of Virginia's business communities that provide a beacon for education, infrastructure, business development and prosperity.

Thank you Virginia businesses for keeping the wind in our sails.

Mr. Larowe then announced that the Board would be honoring Clifton P. Stone Grocery and gave a history of the store.

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He told that the business currently known as Clifton P. Stone Grocery has been in existence in the Pine Grove community since 1937 when Ray and Marie Rotenizer founded a general store approximately ½ mile from the site of the current store. He told that Clifton P. and Nadine Stone joined the business in 1955 commenting that Nadine and Marie are sisters. He told that in 1961 the store was moved to its current location and, in 1963, Clifton and Nadine Stone purchased the Rotenizer's interest and the business took its current name.

He stated that Clifton and Nadine Stone ran the business until their retirement in 1987, when they passed the business on to their daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Anglia Dalton who will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation next year. He told that Clifton and Nadine's other daughter, Patricia Stone Dalton worked for her parents in the past and that Patricia's son, Brad Dalton, worked in the business part-time for several years while in high school, college, and law school. He state that today Mrs. Nadine Stone is enjoying retirement but visits the store often to see friends and neighbors.

He then told that since moving in 1961, the current building has been expanded twice to accommodate growth and has developed into a general merchandise store offering a complete line of groceries, fresh meats, gasoline and diesel, hardware, plumbing and automotive supplies. He told that Clifton P. Stone Grocery has always strived to meet the needs of its customers and the family has always considered their customers to be their friends with the store being more than just a business but also a gathering place for the people of the Pine Grove community. He told that during the sixty years in existence, countless young men have held their first job there, pumping gas, stocking shelves, and loading feed. He told that in recent years Clifton P. Stone Grocery had received three Gold Certificate Awards from its gasoline distributor, Citgo, for its excellence in customer service.

He told that Clifton P. Stone Grocery and the family of Clifton and Nadine Stone thanked the Carroll County Board of Supervisors for this recognition and also thanked the community for their continued support. He told that the family was proud that three generations of the family had the opportunity to serve several generations of the county and looked forward to continued success in the future.

The Board then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anglia Dalton, Nadine Stone, Patricia Dalton, and Brad Dalton.

### **KIM BROWN – TWIN COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION**

Ms. Kim Brown, Twin County Prevention Coalition, told the Board that the Coalition wished to provide a Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment and a five-year Community-wide Drug and Violence Prevention Plan of

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Action for Carroll County that would be distributed to the Twin County Prevention Coalition, its sponsoring partners, and the community to provide a strategic plan that will be used for future prevention program planning. She told that this information would be critical when writing grants and told that money would come from the Governor's Office Substance Abuse Prevention programs. She asked for a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Coalition.

Mr. Early asked if the students would be required to complete the questionnaire.

Ms. Brown explained that the Carroll County Student Handbook gave parents the opportunity to opt out of completing this.

Mr. Early asked what the information would be used for.

Ms. Brown told that various agencies like Department of Social Service and the Comprehensive Services Act have to make reports and this information would be used for that.

Mr. Early asked if there would be any personal identification.

Ms. Brown replied that it would be anonymous and stated that a final report would be available for the County.

Mr. Evans asked when the report would be completed.

Ms. Brown replied that it would take about a year to complete and should be ready by June 30, 2007.

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#### **APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for a community based Carroll County Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment between Carroll County Board of Supervisors, Carroll County Public School Division, Mount Rogers Community Services Board, and the Twin County Prevention Coalition.

#### **EMS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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Mr. Larrowe informed the Board that Mr. J. D. Vass had resigned from the Carroll County EMS Board of Trustees and asked the Board to name a replacement.

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Ronald Newman.

Mrs. Myers seconded the above nomination.

Mr. Early commented that the Board was just finding out about this appointment and members had not had a chance to canvas their district to see who would like to serve. He told that Mr. Newman might very well be the nomination but suggested that the matter be brought up at the meeting next month.

Mr. Evans then withdrew his nomination.

Mr. Larrowe suggested that the Board might want to follow this same policy with appointments to the 2 State Tourism Initiative.

**PUBLIC HEARING – UTILITY CONSUMERS TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mrs. Nichols declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning a proposed amendment to the Carroll County Utility Consumers Tax Ordinance that would delete the expiration date. He then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Ray Melton stated that Carroll County should check into having local calling with Galax.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was Closed at 10:17 a.m.

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**APPROVE AMENDMENT – CARROLL COUNTY UTILITY CONSUMERS TAX ORDINANCE**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed, the Board approved the following Ordinance:

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ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE UTILITY CONSUMERS TAX ORDINANCE  
OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA (ORDINANCE NO. 2004-5)

The Carroll County Utility Consumers Tax Ordinance, enacted October 13, 2004, Ordinance No. 2004-5, and amended January 18, 2005, Ordinance No. 2005-1, is hereby amended to delete in Section 9.4 the expiration date of June 30, 2006. As a result of this amendment, there will be no expiration date imposed under said Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be effective as of the date of enactment. This Ordinance was duly considered following a required public hearing held on May 9, 2006 and was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia at its regular meeting held on May 9, 2006, the members voting as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
W. Jeff Evans	X		
L. J. Jones		X	
Joseph H. Early, III	X		
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr.	X		
Glenna Myers	X		
Sharon F. Nichols	X		

Note: Mr. Evans asked that work be done on the high bills for the small commercial establishments.

**PUBLIC HEARING – UTILITY EASEMENT**

Mrs. Nichols declared the Public Hearing Open at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment concerning the proposed granting of a water line easement across property known as the Carroll County Senior Citizens Center to the Carroll County Public Service Authority for the Route 620/Airport Road Water Project.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was Closed at 10:33 a.m.

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Mr. Dalton told that he had three hours with Mr. Ray Hill visiting residents along the water line route and did not hear one negative comment. He told that people were appreciative of the Board's efforts on this project.

Mr. Early commented that he was concerned that the notice of the Public Hearing had noticed an easement for a sewer line and not for a water line.

Mr. Dalton stated that the important thing was the Board was granting an easement for a utility line.

Mr. Larowe suggested Board approval of the easement and then if necessary and required by Rural Development this would be brought back next month.

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#### **AUTHORIZE WATER LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the granting of an easement across property identified as Tax Parcel 81-A-28 to the Carroll County Public Service Authority.

Note: A complete copy of the above Easement is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

#### **TOURISM**

Mr. Donnie Turner, Tourism Director, informed the Board that between 150 and 200 persons visited the Visitors Center on a daily basis. He then told that he and Roger Hawthorne, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Director, were working together to try to bring the 2007 Harley Owners Group Virginia State Rally to Carroll County.

Mr. Hawthorne told that there were 16 Harley dealers and 16 Harley Owners Groups in Virginia and that there would be submission of a bid to get the rally to Carroll County. He told that Harley would promote the area in newsletters and on their website.

Mr. Evans asked where the event would be held.

Mr. Hawthorne told that it would be held at the VFW and that the Town would be having Beach Music and possibly a Salsa festival. He told that Mount Airy was working to get the North Carolina rally and if both were successful they would work together to promote both areas.

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Mr. Evans asked if the event would be alcohol free.

Mr. Hawthorne replied that it would be and told that Harley recommended not having alcohol on the grounds. He told that a presentation would be made June 25 to Harley Davidson and that the rally would be held June 2007 giving one year for Harley to advertise.

Mr. Turner told that he had spoken with the area campgrounds and they were supportive.

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**AUTHORIZE LETTER OF SUPPORT – HARLEY OWNERS GROUP RALLY**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized a letter of support for the 2007 Harley Owners Group Virginia State Rally to be held in Carroll County.

**CARTER HOME BUSINESS PLAN**

Dr. Dallas Garrett discussed the Carter Home Business Plan with the Board and informed them that he had given the Carter Foundation an overview of this plan about a week ago. He told that tourists were a big part of the market as well as the local people stating that the home had great potential because it is a very unique property. He told that the next phase was renovation/restoration along with compliance issues. He stated that a business plan should prepare for the future and they were looking to have someone walk through the facility to give a projected cost of complete restoration. He told that ideas for usage would be pretty open in the plan but that they would be looking for a Facility Manager, a Program Director, and a Fund Raiser. He told that anticipated grants included a Federal grant of \$198,000, one from the Department of Historic Resources of \$50,000, and one from ARC for \$20,000. He told that the goal was for the Foundation to become self-supportive by 2007.

**JOE ROMA – EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Joe Roma, Emergency Services Coordinator, told the Board that he was performing the emergency services review. He told that each department had been sent a questionnaire and he was now doing interviews with each department trying to figure out how much money it takes to run each department, how much equipment is needed to run the departments, and how much training is needed. He told that all departments were cooperating except Lamsburg Rescue Squad and told that even though they were in the County they own their equipment and do not get County funds. He told that an

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Emergency Operations Plan was being worked on with hopes of it being ready for approval at the next meeting.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Larrowe told that Teddy Felts, Victim Witness Director, had received an accommodation from the State Police 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant for assisting a North Carolina man that had been robbed, by helping him get back home.

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that Carroll County Search and Rescue were adding a 30X40 garage and service area onto their building from their own funds. He stated that they had also held recent trainings.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the Board had previously declared Cana Rescue 5 as surplus but that no bids had been received for this unit. He told that this unit could be placed on the internet through GovDeals associated with VACo/NACo for a fee of 7.5% for the first \$100,000 and 5.5% over \$100,000.

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### **APPROVE ADVERTISING THROUGH GOVDEALS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved advertising for sale Cana Rescue Unit 5 on GovDeals through VACo/NACo.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Larrowe told that Mark Evans, son of Herbert Evans, had contacted him and would like to have any available property seized by the County from his father returned to the family. He told that this property would need to be declared surplus and a public hearing held.

Mr. Larrowe told that there was interest in a skateboard park being built in Hillsville or Carroll County. He told that the Town had issued an RFP to get someone to draw plans for a park in order to apply for funding but a location was needed. He told that there had been a discussion concerning a spot at the Carter Pines Park.

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Mr. Jones asked about the liability to the County.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this had been discussed with VACo and if the park was posted as a non-supervised park there would be little to no liability.

Mr. Evans stated that a non-supervised park would be like the one in Galax and that would be a mess.

Mr. Jones commented that the County should not be involved.

Mrs. Myers stated that over 100 young men had talked with her and this would keep them off of the streets.

Mr. Evans told that in Galax a businessman had experienced windows being broken and other acts of vandalism.

Mr. Larrowe stated that the Town may be able to find other locations but at this time they need a location to be able to apply for the funds.

Mr. Dalton told that for the liability concern the County could lease the property to the Town with the stipulation that the Town assume the liability.

Greg Yonce, Town Councilman, told that the grant deadline was May 19. He told that the Town had actually been approached by someone concerning the Carter Pine site. He told that at the last Council meeting there were several people requesting the park. He told that they needed the site to apply for funding and stated that he would like to see the Town and County partner on this project.

Mr. Larrowe then told the Board that the Department of Forestry has sent him an e-mail discussing a camera system that is used concerning forest fires but that also could be used to view dumpsite activities. He told that the cost of the camera was \$6000 and that the Department of Forestry would pay half.

Mrs. Nichols asked if there were any grants available for this.

Mr. Larrowe stated that he was not aware of any at this time. He then commented that there would be future costs of maintenance and operations.

Mr. Martin commented that if this would slow down the dumping on the back roads it would help.

Mr. Early asked if fines could be increased to help offset the cost of the camera.

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Mr. Dalton stated that the maximum for fines was set by the Code of Virginia. He told that he would take a look at it but reminded the Board that almost always there had to be an officer or witness to testify in Court.

Mr. Early stated that this was worth looking into. He told that if the County was putting economic emphasis on tourism we needed a County people would want to see. He suggested looking into maximizing the fines and also having David Edwards from the Department of Forestry come to the next meeting to discuss the camera system.

Mr. Larrowe then told that he had visited the new historical museum and met with Mr. Pickett. He told that he was impressed with all the work that had been done and encouraged citizens to visit.

### **PLAT REVIEW FEES**

Mr. Larrowe told that the Carroll County Planning Commission had approved fees for review of plats at a rate of \$150.00 plus \$25.00 for each lot on the plat. He told that the fees could be used for training members and their associated work.

Mr. Evans commented that the vote was unanimous by the Commission.

Mr. Dalton told that the Board could not take action on this today but could schedule this for the next meeting and schedule a Public Hearing if necessary.

Mr. Larrowe then told that the Health Department was 155-200 inspections behind. He told that the County could impose a fee with the funds being used to help pay for an additional inspector. He told that he would try to bring more information to the next meeting. He then stated that the Building Official's Office had did not have a Grievance Committee. He presented a list of persons know to be willing to serve and suggested that the Board review this and discuss at the next meeting. He also informed the Board that he had asked the Building Official to put together a list of contractors working in Carroll County that could be handed out to citizens. He told that this would promote people from Carroll County.

Mr. Early questioned having a Grievance Committee to review grievances with a building permit or the Building Official when the Building Official had supplied the list of names and commented that some of the names were out of the state.

### **CITIZENS TIME**

Ms. Connie Beamer stated that for the Grievance Committee the people would be Class A contractors and told that they have to go through rigorous

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training and know the rules and regulations. She then asked if there was a way to get dummy cameras and signs to place at dumpsites stating that people would not know the difference.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 11:40 a.m. until 1:32 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).

Note: Mr. Evans asked that litigation at the Twin County Airport be added since it is an extension of the County.

Mr. Dalton stated that unless the County is named as a defendant or there is a concern that it would be named as a defendant he did not think it was a proper Closed Meeting discussion.

Mr. Evans commented that he did not mind discussing this in public but thought it would be best discussed in Closed Session due to letters he had received. He stated he would handle this after the Closed Meeting.

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**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

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**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-371(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.

### **TWICE PER YEAR TAX COLLECTION**

Ms. Bonita Williams, Treasurer, presented the Board with an estimate of \$129,793.85 as the additional cost for the Treasurer's Office to perform twice a year tax billing. She then presented a comparison for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 fiscal years with twice per year tax collecting assuming a \$12,000,000 revenue stream. She indicated that the 2006 Real Estate Tax Collections due on December 5, 2006 would be \$12,000,000 but with the revenue anticipation note due at this time \$2,000,000 plus interest and fees would need to be deducted. She then showed that for the 2007 Real Estate Tax Collections for the first half of 2007 due June 5, 2007 the collection would be \$6,000,000 with collecting done early to avoid borrowing. She stated that \$2,000,000 or the amount needed to meet the 2006-2007 budget would need to be deducted along with the cost of implementing twice a year tax collection. For fiscal year 2007-2008 she explained that the 2007 Real Estate Tax Collections for the second half of the year would be \$6,000,000 due December 5, 2007 while the 2008 Real Estate Tax Collections for the first half of 2008 due June 5, 2008 would also be \$6,000,000. She stated that the cost of implementing twice per year tax collection would need to be deducted from this amount. She told that if additional money is spent there might have to be possible borrowing to meet the 2007-2008 budget.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the cost to do twice per year tax collection was \$129,793.

Ms. Williams stated that was for the Treasurer's Office. She told that it also affected the Assessor and Commissioner offices.

Mr. Evans asked if more employees would be required for the Assessor's Office.

Ms. Janie Harrison, Assessor, stated that this would be more of a work load shift for her office.

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Mr. Early asked Ms. Williams the point of her presentation.

Ms. Williams stated that there is a one time windfall but that in the first year there would be a need to use \$2,000,000 to balance the budget.

Mr. Early asked how many counties in the Commonwealth collected taxes twice per year.

Ms. Williams stated that she was not sure.

Mr. Early told that it would be large majority.

Ms. Williams told that it was probably 50% and commented that the smaller localities were coming in.

Mrs. Nichols asked if all three offices would have to hire additional staff.

Ms. Williams stated that she would need two.

Ms. Louise Quesenberry, Commissioner of Revenue, told that she would definitely have to hire some more part-time help.

Ms. Harrison stated that she would already have people in the field working on new construction with the re-assessment.

Mr. Early told that the revenue anticipation note was to get from July to December and told that twice per year tax collection alleviated the need to borrow.

Ms. Williams told that if the Board wanted to do this for 2007 they would need to make a decision before June 30, 2006.

Mr. Early asked if personal property taxes would be collected twice per year.

Ms. Quesenberry told that she did not recommend that because businesses did not file until April. She told that if personal property taxes were collected twice per year she would have to hire a couple more employees. She told that personal property was based on depreciation schedules that people use to file their income tax.

Mr. Early stated that the revenue note was to get through the first half of the fiscal year so there was not a need to deduct \$2,000,000 from the June 2007 collections.

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Ms. Williams stated that the Board would need to adopt dates of collection.

Mr. Early commented that it was too late to do anything for fiscal year 2006-2007 but the Board would need to adopt this now for the 2008 budget.

Ms. Williams stated that a motion would need to be passed to adopt twice per year tax collection for tax year 2007 and that the tax levy would have to be set by December.

Mr. Jones commented that it would cost over \$200,000 to save \$100,000.

Mr. Larrowe stated that would be the additional revenue.

Mr. Early stated that the additional revenue could be used to off set the debt.

Ms. Williams told that the funds could be used for other items but commented that the Board needed to be cautious how they spent the funds.

Mr. Evans commented that at first it appeared there would be more revenue but then with the shuffling of things like escrow accounts it would get right back to where it is.

Mr. Early told that if \$3,000,000 that was received in the first year was used to pay off debt the interest savings would pay for the additional costs.

Ms. Williams then presented the Board with a list of properties to be sold due to non payment of real estate taxes. She then discussed the possibility of doing away with the county decals and putting a \$25.00 license fee on the tax ticket.

Mr. Martin asked how many decals were sold each year.

Ms. Williams replied 29,000.

Mr. Larrowe stated that Mr. Newman had pointed out that some people pay their taxes so they can get a decal and asked what not having the decal would do to this.

Ms. Williams stated that the Court system would have to be used more.

Mr. Early asked Ms. Quesenberry is she still believed the last statement in her letter concerning twice per year tax collection.

Ms. Quesenberry told that a lot of people complain about getting money together to pay taxes and that twice per year would help them with this.

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Ms. Williams told that if the Board kept the decals and did do twice per year tax collection they would need to move the date of the decals to June so there would only be one mailing.

Ms. Quesenberry told that at the last Commissioner of Revenue meeting she attended it appeared that a lot of localities were moving away from the decals and going to a license fee.

## **RECREATION**

Mr. Larry Collins, Recreation Director, told the Board that decisions were going to need to be made if the pool was to open and that some money would need to be spent. He told that the diving boards would need to be replaced because nothing was done a couple of years ago with the slides because there was the thought the park might be moved. He told that the pool heater did not work and that it would take about \$6000 to replace the heater and relocating the heater so that chlorine did not eat it up. He told that painting also needed to be done to make the park more attractive.

Mr. Jones commented that the pool had cost \$20-40,000 each year.

Mr. Martin asked what the total dollar amount needed was.

Mr. Collins told that the heater would be around \$7500 and the diving boards between \$3500 and \$4000. He told that there might be other costs when he started filling the pool and using it. He told that he would not recommend doing the slides at this late date. He stated that it was whatever the Board wished to do, but told there had not been funds to do anything with capital outlay over the last couple of years and that the shelters were in bad need of repair. He told that the park had been in business for 26 years.

Mr. Evans stated that he would like to see the park in another location. He stated that putting money into the pool would be just like throwing money in a fire.

Mr. Collins told that he didn't know what he would run into until he started filling the pool. He told that it had a lot of age on it and there had not been much done to it other than patching it up. He told that it would take a lot of money to get it to the point that people would want to come to it.

Mrs. Nichols asked if there was any money allotted in the budget for maintenance.

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Mr. Collins stated that \$20,000 had been put in for next year.

Mr. Martin commented that people could not stay in the pool long because it was cold.

Mr. Collins stated that he was here to get the direction of the Board because he was three weeks away from opening.

Mr. Evans asked what the overhead was to operate the pool last year and what the revenue was.

Mr. Collins told that currently \$20,398 had been spent and \$14,000 taken in.

Mr. Evans stated that money spent there could have been used in various areas in the County that could be enjoyed.

Mr. Collins told that there was a need for more fields throughout the County for teams to play on.

Mr. Evans asked if the Recreation Park was self-sustaining.

Mr. Collins told that it was for about half the year. He told that last year \$52,767.04 was turned in.

Mr. Martin stated that the County had outgrown the current park.

Mr. Larowe stated that \$190,890 had been appropriated for recreation this year and that \$35,987 was left.

Mrs. Myers asked if there was \$4273 left in the pool account.

Mr. Early stated that about a year ago he asked for an appraisal to be done on the recreation park to determine if the Board wanted to move it. He told that the Recreation Park was closer to breaking even than the Cana Trash site was.

Mr. Jones commented that having a place to put trash was more important than swimming.

Mr. Evans stated that the Recreation Park had not had a lot to work with and that \$52,000 was a lot to bring in for what they did have to work with.

Mr. Collins stated that if they were going to be in business it must be made attractive so people would want to use it.

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Mr. Martin stated that it spoke well for the County and the Recreation Park that there were 52 Little League ball teams.

Mr. Collins told that he felt good having as many or more than localities with \$1M budgets.

Mr. Early asked if the pool could be operated without the heater.

Mr. Collins replied that it could but there would be a lot of complaints.

Mrs. Nichols suggested buying a couple of diving boards and opening. She asked if the heater would work any.

Mr. Collins told that it would work for a couple of hours but did not work well enough to justify the cost of gas that would be used.

Mr. Evans commented that this would just be getting deeper and deeper without coming out.

Mr. Collins stated that he needed to know if there were going to be funds in the 2006-2007 budget and to see if the Board wanted to patch the pool to get through this summer. He told that if they did he needed to get started so he could hire people and get things going.

Mr. Early asked what amount would be needed without the heater to open the pool.

Mr. Larrowe told that staffing would be about \$10,000, the heater \$7000, and diving boards \$7000. He told that expenses would be about \$24,000 with revenues being about \$14,000. He told that some of the things could be transferred if it gets to that point.

Mr. Evans stated that the County could not afford what was wanted down the road.

Mr. Larrowe commented that if there was a plan to move it might remove some of the negative thoughts about not opening. He told that Rural Development had indicated they had community facilities money and suggested that efforts might should be put into future expansion.

Mr. Early commented that the youth of the County deserve an opportunity to have a place to go swimming. He suggested level funding with maybe diving boards being donated.

Mr. Evans told that RJ Ranch had remodeled and Galax had remodeled. He told that it would be difficult to compete with run down equipment. He told

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that RJ Ranch was a private business trying to make money and stated that the County promoting them would help.

Mr. Martin commented that he would like to see two diving boards purchased and move forward.

Mr. Collins told that time could be put into forming a plan for future moving but it would have to be a phased activity.

Mr. Evans commented that was what the Board intended to do. He stated that the Board was looking at the budget and the pool was losing this much money. He told that money could be used to help balance the budget.

Mrs. Myers asked if there already was money for the diving boards.

Mr. Collins stated that what was left in the budget was operational funds and that there was no fat in the budget to be able to buy the diving boards.

(Order)

#### **AUTHORIZE POOL OPENING**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board authorized opening the pool for this summer with no capital improvement funds.

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

Mrs. Nichols commented that maybe the newspapers could run an article and maybe some company would donate diving boards.

Mr. Martin stated that he had seen other localities that have four ball fields with backstops against backstops. He stated that prior Boards had looked at moving the park and the issue was cost. He told that now the park had been outgrown.

Mrs. Nichols asked how many employees would be hired.

Mr. Collins replied 7-8.

The Carroll County Public Service Authority joined the Board of Supervisors at this time.

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**ADOPT JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING JOINT UTILITY AGREEMENT**

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY AND THE CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Public Service Authority remain committed to the implementation of the Joint Utility Agreement adopted in conjunction with the Town of Hillsville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Public Service Authority adopted resolutions of April 24, 2006, for the purpose of further implementation of said Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Carroll and the Town of Hillsville have worked together since the passage of said Resolution to prepare for a full and complete response to the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Town have worked toward agreeing to amendments to the aforesaid Joint Utility Agreement for the purpose of resolving several issues at the request of Rural Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Town have resolved several issues but not all of those matters in a manner in which is beneficial to all parties and is believed to be acceptable to Rural Development

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Public Service Authority respectfully request that the Council of the Town of Hillsville and the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County and the Carroll County Public Service Authority come together in a joint meeting for the purpose of adopting those amendments to the previous agreement and for the purpose of resolving any remaining issues which may exist that might prohibit the ratification of the aforesaid Agreement by Rural Development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Public Service Authority would respectfully request the presence of the Rural Development Area Director or his representative at said meeting.

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**RESOLVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

By unanimous vote, the Carroll County Public Service Authority also adopted the above Resolution. The Public Service Authority then closed their meeting.

### **SCHOOL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Larowe told the Board that the difference between the proposed budget and the current budget was an increase of \$1,170,897.

Dr. Oliver McBride told that he would like to discuss the information that someone had passed around concerning the school spending. He stated that he was glad someone was interesting in looking at the spending but told that he would like to discuss the information with them so it was understood. He told that on those charts the cost per pupil was based on 180 pupil days, that there was an increase in the per pupil costs, and that the last column included debt service where the other columns did not.

Dr. McBride then presented information showing that the per pupil expenditures for the surrounding counties averaged \$7949, that Carroll's per pupil expenditure was \$8268, and that the State average was \$9202. He then told that the local funding per pupil was \$2141 with a State average of \$4539. He stated that the State funding per pupil for Carroll was \$4014, the surrounding counties average was \$4125, and the State average was \$3154. He told that sales tax supplied funding per pupil of \$854 for Carroll with the State average being \$853 and the surrounding counties average \$831. He told that federal funding was \$1258 per pupil for Carroll while the State average was \$656 and the surrounding counties average was \$858. He told that Carroll gets almost twice the federal funds per pupil as the State average because staff had been aggressive in obtaining federal funds. He commented that Carroll gets a lot of State money and was doing very well with obtaining federal money.

Mr. Jones asked if the additional \$3M from the State could be used to match other grants.

Dr. McBride told that the \$3M was additional State money to the County and that the federal grants did not require a match. He told that the \$1.2M additional from the County was to match what was spent in 2004.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Larowe what the tax increase would be to meet the \$1.2M.

Mr. Larowe responded 8.48 cents.

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Mr. Jones commented that all the Board would have to leave Carroll County is the taxes were raised that much and that was not including the rest of the budget the Board had to work on.

Mr. Martin stated that the good thing was that financing of schools was primarily the State's responsibility but that the State put strings on the money. He told that the string for 2006 was that the expense must match the 2004 expense.

Dr. McBride told that the match had to either be dollar for dollar or the per pupil amount from 2004. He told that the School Board had used the dollar for dollar method and told that the per pupil amount was about \$6 less than in 2004.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board was being asked for an additional \$1.2M to bring in \$620,000 in lottery funds. He told that people in the County were saying the budget should be cut and asked what would happen if the Board did not grant the funds.

Dr. McBride told that all of the funds are in debt service so the \$670,000 would still have to come and after that would be \$1,220,000 in cuts.

Mr. Martin commented that would be a total of \$1.8M and asked if considering the composite index this would affect the rest of the budget.

Dr. McBride told that if the County did not meet the certification to get the lottery funds the School Board would have to come up with funds out of the budget to meet the debt service and then they would not meet the other local requirements for other programs.

Mr. Martin asked what would happen next year.

Dr. McBride told that there would be the same standard next year.

Mr. Jones commented that lottery funds were received last year.

Dr. McBride told that the for the funds for the current year one-half was for operations and one-half was for debt service. He told that they were able to make it look like they were using local funds in order to meet the certification.

Mr. Early asked if it was all or nothing on the lottery funds.

Dr. McBride told that the certification asked if the County was going to participate or not.

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Mr. Evans asked if English as a second language was for immigrants that could not speak English.

Dr. McBride told that they had been getting an increase in State money. He told that there was a growing Hispanic population in the County and this money was used to make sure students could speak English and succeed.

Mr. Evans asked about migrant education.

Dr. McBride told that Carroll was the fiscal agent for several counties. He told that the specific target was students of families that are here as migrant workers.

Mr. Evans commented that he did not mind if they were not illegal aliens.

Mr. Reggie Gardner, School Board member, stated that all of this was federal money.

Mr. Martin commented that he did not see any way out of this whole thing.

Mrs. Myers stated that the Board needed to go over the County budget before deciding on the School budget.

Mrs. Nichols asked if the proposed school employee raise was 4%.

Dr. McBride stated that this was 4% plus a step and that the steps ranged from .8 to 1.5%.

Mrs. Nichols told that the County could not afford to give County employees a raise so this was hard to justify when the Board couldn't give raises.

Mr. Martin stated that whether they give raises or not the amount was still \$1.2M.

Mr. Jones asked if money from the raises could be used to offset the debt and still get the lottery funds.

Dr. McBride replied no.

Mr. Early asked to hear from Corbin Stone, Auditor.

Mr. Stone reviewed the ending fund balances. He told that he would like to see 10% of the expenditures as an operating fund balance. He stated that looking at last year this was about \$2M short of this recommendation. He told that the long range plan for the County needs to have a plan to meet that

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operating fund balance. He told that the 10% would allow operating for about five weeks.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had spoken with Mr. Stone concerning forecasting.

Mr. Stone told that if there were large capital projects coming up there would be a benefit to forecasting projected revenues and expenses and setting tax rates today that would help meet the goals and needs.

Mr. Dalton told that earlier today the Board had discussed twice per year tax collection and asked Mr. Stone how that would affect the fund balance.

Mr. Stone told that 18 months of collections would be received in 12 months. He told that in theory this was a good idea but that what happened a lot of times was Boards would spend the money and in 10-15 years the locality was in a bad shape. He told that he was not a big proponent of twice per year tax collection because this Board may be committed but future Boards may not. He told that if the County needed to borrow funds the banks become concerned with why borrowing is needed.

Mr. Early asked about paying down the debt rather than investing the money.

Mr. Stone told that most of the debt is VPSA bonds which could not be paid early.

Mr. Martin commented that the County was paying \$50,000 each year to borrow and in 10 years that would be \$500,000.

Mr. Stone told that when borrowing short-term the borrowing was at a tax-exempt rate and invested at a taxable rate. He told that at times a locality could make money but that was not what it was there for. He stated that the County wanted to get to a point it did not have to borrow.

Mr. Martin commented that the assessment played a big part with the tax rate.

Mr. Early stated that a revenue anticipation note was done each year because the County did not do twice per year tax collection. He asked Mr. Stone for any recommendations.

Mr. Stone replied keeping expenses low and revenues flowing.

Mr. Early commented that the County was already doing that.

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Mr. Evans told that he had attended the Airport Commission meeting. He told that he had received copies from Mr. Brown concerning the hangar leases between the Commission and Mr. Mayberry and had read the complaint letter from Mr. Mayberry to the FAA. He then read an excerpt from a letter from the FAA. He stated that the Board supports the Airport but does not get reports. He told that when he goes to a Commission meeting people get mad. He asked why they should not want to answer questions of the people who appointed them. He told that Mr. Mayberry did not have anywhere else to go with his planes and stated it was not like there was an airport on every corner.

Mr. Evans then read a letter from someone expressing concern over someone being on the runway drunk. He asked if the person was drunk why the Airport Manager did not call the police and have Mr. Mayberry arrested. He stated that if citizens could be removed from an area that is supported by Federal, State, and local dollars based on someone's opinion there is a mess. He stated that it was the right of every citizen to be at open meetings. He told that he would like to see Mr. Mayberry reinstated to his hangar. He commented that he would like to see the Airport go forward but stated that it would not with a handful of people running the Airport. He stated that it was time for the heads of the localities to meet and discuss this issue. He told that there never was a mention of Mr. Early being at the meeting but there was of him being at the meeting. He stated that he would like for Mr. Larowe to set up meetings with other localities to discuss the Airport issue.

Mr. Evans stated that he did not have any more interest in Mr. Mayberry than he did any other citizen but he thinks the Airport is a big country club. He suggested that until the Airport was moving in the right direction the County only fund its percentage of the safety and maintenance. He stated that the funds could be appropriated but freeze all except the safety and maintenance. He told that he would like for the County Administrator to get information concerning the amounts needed for safety and maintenance.

Mr. Evans then made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, for Mr. Larowe to meet with other Administrators to discuss what is going on at the Airport to see how things are, why they are, and where the Airport needs to be going.

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

Mr. Evans then stated that he did not think Mr. Early should vote on this issue due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Early stated that he had checked with the Commonwealth's Attorney and it was determined that he did not have a conflict.

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Mr. Evans then asked Mr. Dalton about the conflict of interest issue.

Mr. Dalton replied that this was handled by the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Mr. Martin stated that he did not like to micromanage but that he would like to ask Mr. Mayberry if he was drinking at the Airport.

Mr. Mayberry replied that he did not believe he was on trial here.

Mr. Martin then asked Mr. Mayberry if he had ever been convicted of driving under the influence. He then stated that the allegation had been raised that Mr. Mayberry was drinking at the Airport and that his silence speaks for itself.

Mr. Evans told that he asked Mr. Mayberry to be at this meeting and then questioned that if he was guilty why the police were not called.

Mr. Martin commented that if a man was drinking he had no business being there.

Mrs. Nichols stated that Mr. Mayberry had been to trial and that the Board needed to move on.

Mr. Early stated that the Airport was governed by Commission members. He told that if Mr. Evans did not like how the Airport was run he could get the Charter changed or get the localities to appoint people that agree with his point of view.

Mr. Evans told that was why he wanted the localities to meet instead of people closely associated with the Airport.

Mr. Early stated that Mr. Yonce was on the Commission and he did not fly.

Mr. Evans stated that he had a problem with Mr. Early paying \$500 for rent on a hangar when the localities were paying \$12,000 on the site preparation. He then stated that he did not know that the taxes for the airplane had been paid.

Mrs. Myers stated that she voted No on the motion because if there is a problem with a locality's member that needs to be discussed with that locality.

Mr. Martin stated that he would like to know the law on sobriety for private licensed pilots and then have that information passed out to all pilots.

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**APPROVE SKATEBOARD PARK LAND**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed, the Board approved offering land for lease to the Town of Hillsville for a skateboard park, with the stipulation that there would be no drugs or alcohol, with this land being a 60X100 spot at the Carter Pine Park but not near the picnic shelter where it would bother other people.

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

Mr. Early commented that he was not all that crazy about this location and suggested that maybe the land behind the old elementary school would be good.

Mr. Jones stated that he wanted to make sure the County is not liable if someone gets hurt.

Mr. Early congratulated Dr. McBride for being the Superintendent of the Year and told him to keep up the good work.

**MOTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Martin made a motion, with a second by Mr. Early, to adopt the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget as presented.

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

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

**MOTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Evans made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget with local funding being level with the current budget.

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

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

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Mr. Early told that this would be \$1.2M less than what was requested. He told that this would forfeit the lottery money which would mean the school system would have to dig into the budget to fund debt service.

Mr. Jones commented that the School Board could find money in other places in the budget.

Mr. Martin stated that cutting was the easy part. He told that if level funding were done the School Board would have to come up with \$675,000 to go to debt service.

Dr. McBride stated that the Operational budget would be \$7,091,679.

Mr. Early stated that the Boards went through a similar thing last year and met somewhere in the middle. He told that the School Board was able to find some money to move around but they were not held to level funding.

Mrs. Nichols asked how much carryover funds the school system would have.

Dr. McBride told that he did not have that number. He told that one report he had for the School Board showed that fuel was \$60,000 over budget. He told that to project a number would take not doing some things that had been planned for this year. He told that normally they try to help the schools with supplies at the end of the year.

Mr. Early stated that he did not want to increase the burden on the taxpayers. He asked that if there were funds that they be used toward next year's budget rather than for supplies or buses if there was a promise by the Board that they would include this in the budget next year. He asked if the School Board could cooperate and carry that forward.

Dr. McBride stated that they had not received the final word on the State money to know the final amount for this year or the expected amount for next year. He stated that he did not object to looking at that in this manner and stated that he might possibly come up with \$150,000 – 200,000.

### **MOTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Early, with a second by Mr. Martin, to adopt the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget as proposed with the amount of local funding over \$1M coming as carryover funds from the current year.

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

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

Mr. Jones stated that money could be saved by bringing buses up Route 52.

Dr. McBride stated that this was being done for the buses that finished their route near 52.

Mr. Early commented that last year there was a discussion of reducing the number of buses due to the location of the new school.

Dr. McBride told that this was looked at and that they were running a car to the Deepwater area but were now having to run a short bus due to rider ship.

Mrs. Nichols stated that she was concerned that the School System was giving raises when the Board is telling County employees there will be no raises.

Mr. Jones stated that he could not see spending more on the schools when people were losing their jobs.

Mr. Early commented that a big concern with some seemed to be the raises and asked what the dollar amount was for the 4% plus the step.

Dr. McBride told that 4% plus a step would be \$984,668.

Mr. Early asked if this was part of the number that had to be certified to get the lottery money.

Dr. McBride told that \$1.2M was the request for local money.

Mr. Early asked if salaries for teachers was made up of Federal, State, and local funds.

Dr. McBride replied yes and explained that some positions are paid by federal funds, some positions are paid by local funds, and some positions are paid by State and local funds. He told that the State was funding a 3% increase effective in December but the School Board was trying to start raises in July.

Mr. Early asked if the salary increase could be started in December and the difference be used for other things.

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Dr. McBride told that they were trying to get the beginning salary to \$31,262 and stated that the neighbors were already at this point. He told that right now they were looking for math and science teachers.

Mr. Early commented that the school system had done a fantastic job with only having two that were not fully accredited. He told that took dedication and proper funding. He then stated that it was difficult to impose a tax increase on citizens during such desperate economic times. He told that the additional tax on property valued at \$100,000 would be \$18.00 per year or \$1.50 per month and stated that this was a small price to pay for educating the children who are the foundation of the future. He then asked what would happen to the lottery funds if the locality does not get them.

Dr. McBride told that he did not know how this was handled by being divided between other localities or what. He then stated that fiscal year 2004 was good for funding schools while fiscal year 2005-2006 was not a good funding year.

Mr. Early stated that if the County went with level funding this year it would be worse next year.

Mr. Larrowe told that previously the County had funded at 29% but had dropped to 24%. He stated that the State is helping to push that back to 29%.

### **MOTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, with a second by Mr. Early, to approve the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget with local funding being an additional \$1,228,000 over the current year with the aim being that the School Board would come up with anything over \$1M as a carryover.

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

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

Mr. Martin asked what a 4% raise would be for the County employees.

Mr. Larrowe responded about \$180,000.

Mr. Early asked if there had been any consideration given to the possible sale of property.

Mr. Larrowe replied No.

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### **MOTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget with local funding of \$10,524,928, level with the current year.

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

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

Mr. Larrowe told that the true difference between the local funds for last year and the requested for this year was \$1,170,897. He told that if there could be a carryover of \$222,000 it would take the request to \$949,000, which would be a 6.6 cent tax increase.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mrs. Myers, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Carroll County School Board fiscal year 2006-2007 Operational Budget with local funding of \$11,695,825 which included \$222,000 carryover.

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

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

Mr. Jones stated that he was concerned about the people who were losing their jobs and the elderly.

Mrs. Nichols asked if \$222,000 was all that could be found as a carryover.

Dr. McBride stated that he was afraid going beyond that point they would not meet the minimum standards for the current year.

### **FIRE TRUCK FINANCING**

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that Municipal Services Group, who was funding the purchase of three fire trucks, was requesting a morale obligation

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from the Board indicating the Board's intent to supply \$89,581.53 yearly as the payment by the IDA for this financing.

Mr. Dalton told that the financing was on a 7-year plan. He told that 10 and 12 year plans had been discussed but after figuring the extra interest it was not worth changing.

Mr. Jones asked about the funds Hillsville Fire Department had spent over the last couple of months.

Mr. Larowe told that this was for the unfitting of the new truck. He told that they had now used their allocation.

(Order)

**APPROVE MORALE OBLIGATION – FIRE TRUCK FINANCING**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board adopted the Morale Obligation Resolution indicating the Board's intent to supply \$89,581.53 yearly as the payment by the IDA for the financing of three fire trucks.

Note: Mr. Early voted No on the above motion. He told that he thought the County had enough fire trucks and then read a letter from Hilltop Equipment concerning the contract to purchase the fire trucks and asked if it was their job to tell the County what was good for the citizens.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. until May 18, 2006, at 5:15 to continue the budget workshop.

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Sharon F. Nichols, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk