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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to Order at 9:07 a.m. and lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passing the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on June 19, 2007 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 25 in the County Administrator's Office.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for June 2007 and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 13th and 31st days of July 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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Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF BROADBAND RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION

**CARROLL-GRAYSON-GALAX
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax recognize the positive impact of regional efforts toward economic and industrial development and have created the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax recognize the importance to citizens and businesses of a fully scalable and operational broadband system in three phases; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax have joined to create a regional broadband deployment initiative through the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority have developed a three phase program to deploy broadband to the regional; and

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WHEREAS, Phase I will provide a fully operational and fully scalable network management and operations software capable of managing the full fiber network build out to support a minimum of 20,000 homes and businesses, will upgrade the Independence fiber network to triple the number of customers currently served, will provide for a pilot fiber project for downtown Galax, will supply equipment needed to provide fiber connections to Hillsville, will provide business and residential wireless broadband to certain areas of each locality, will provide a private network for the Carroll County Public Schools that is a fully integrated component of the regional system, and will provide a collocation facility in Galax for the central network equipment and for use by service providers; and

WHEREAS, Phase II will create a regional broadband authority jointly owned and managed by Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax; and

WHEREAS, Phase III would provide full broadband deployment to Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax and would provide fiber to the homes and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax support the deployment of broadband deployment through the three phase program designed by the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax will create a regional broadband authority through and under the direction of the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Regional Industrial Facilities Authority.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

AWARD HILLSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved awarding the contract for Hillsville Elementary School Playground Equipment to Miracle Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$39,983.00.

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VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

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

(Order)

APPROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER CARRYOVER

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carry over funds in the amount of \$4776.55 in the Fundraiser Account line item 071010-9010 and appropriate those funds to the Fundraiser Account line item 071010-9010 in the 2007-2008 budget.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

(Order)

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD CARRYOVER APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$250,000.00 carried over from Health Services (Medicaid) to the 2007-2008 Carroll County School Operational Budget Administration, Attendance and Health.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes

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Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Hutchins Yes

Mrs. Myers Yes

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

(Order)

APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS 2006-2007 BUDGET

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved making the following additional appropriations to the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget for additional expenses or additional funds that were received:

011010-5203	Governmental Center Telephones	\$25,301.53
012020-1001	Salaries and Wages	30,616.93
012020-5401	Office Supplies	3,304.90
012020-5408	Vehicle Supplies,Fuel,Maint.	1,329.65
012040-3003	Legal Fees – Other	385.00
012090-1001	Salaries and Wages	6,666.78
012090-2001	FICA	406.99
012090-2002	VRS	822.98
012090-2006	VRS Insurance	2,325.18
021060-1001	Salaries and Wages	15,000.00
031020-1001	Salaries and Wages	31,507.16
031030-5408	Gasoline	2,563.38
033030-3009	Care of Juveniles	12,382.00
053070-2001	FICA	25.99
070020-7002	Pass Through Funds	7524.66
071010-9000	Sports Account	13,200.98
081060-8999	Rev. Sharing – Hillsville Meals Tax	51,598.44
091500-5799	Undistributed GenCo Cks	34,852.79
091500-5899	Bank Service Charges – Wachovia	1,467.39
091500-5999	Credit Card & Telecheck Fees	1,880.42

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes

Mr. Jones Yes

Mr. Early Yes

Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Hutchins Yes

Mrs. Myers Yes

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(Order)

APPROVE REGISTRAR OFFICE CARRYOVER APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carryover \$15,540.00 funds received from the State and approved appropriating those funds to Office Equipment line item 013020-5402.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 86218-86329.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2007.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

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Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

BOARD EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Dalton stated that during the last meeting there was discussion regarding employment and termination of county employees and that this discussion was impromptu and there is nothing wrong with that because the Board needs to discuss items so that wise decisions can be made. Mr. Dalton told that he feels like it is important for the Board to debate issues. He told that the vote taken was the Board would be sole decision maker including discipline. He told that he has some concerns, but this is not improper to go about employment matters in this manner, but he is not sure that it is the wisest course of action. He told that he has spoken with an employment attorney at length and would discuss it with him further and report back to the Board in letter format before or at the next meeting. He stated that he is not saying that it is improper, but he feels like the Board needs to be informed.

Mr. Evans told that early on the Board took Mr. Dalton's advice and now the umbrella of safety and protection that is over the Board has been removed. He told that it was Mr. Dalton's advice to leave it in the hands of the Administrator.

Mr. Dalton told that localities address this in different manners. He told that there are advantages to letting the Administrator handle them because it lessens the likelihood that a Board member would be held personally liable. He told that there would be nothing to worry about if employment issues are handled properly. He told that the County takes great lengths in making the right decision when handling employment issues. He told that if the Administrator makes the decision about employment issues it makes it less likely for Board Members to be held personally accountable.

Mr. Evans told that the Board takes responsibility for all actions but the chain of command was thrown out the window. He told that Mr. Larowe works at the pleasure of the Board and the Board works for the citizens. He asked how much the outside attorney was costing and why the County was having to pay an outside attorney.

Mr. Dalton told that it is on an hourly basis. He told that the bill may have some other things involved depending on what issues they are working on. He told that it should be a relatively small amount of money and it is well worth it. He stated that there are advantages and disadvantages with the Administrator making employment decisions. He told that the advantages are if you leave it

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with the Administrator it takes the personal liability away and it allows for quick and decisive action. He told that the disadvantage is if the Administrator makes the wrong decision and in that case he will have to answer to the Board and the Board to the public.

Mr. Evans told that the Board is putting the employees in a hard place because the Board has no idea what goes on daily. He told that the Board is allowing a situation to get really bad before it comes to the Board when the County Administrator can handle it on a daily basis and that is why he voted against it. He told that in federal and state agencies the top heads are all that answer to the decision makers.

Mr. Dalton told that the Board needed to make a decision based on the best study of practices. He told that this is not a cut and dried decision. He told that perhaps the decision that was made during the last meeting was done before taking into consideration what the rest of the State does.

Mr. Martin asked if the Carroll County School Board is in violation because they have 5 members and 800 employees. He told that the Board took Dr. McBride's recommendation most of the time.

Mr. Dalton told that there is nothing improper or illegal but he is not sure that it is the best practice.

Mr. Martin told that he was coming from a different perspective. He told that he was on a Board that had one meeting and then a called meeting to discuss potential illegal actions by the CEO. He told that he does not have a problem with Mr. Larrowe but philosophy is the Board's CEO is the County Administrator, who should be conferring with the Board, but the Board has the final say on most things.

Mr. Dalton told that the Board needs to remain aware of employment issues. He told that the question is does the Board make the decision or the Administrator make the decision and then inform the Board, which Mr. Larrowe has done a well job of in the past.

Mr. Hutchins asked if it was Mr. Dalton's recommendation to wait before taking an action.

Mr. Dalton told that the Board should wait until some research was done before taking action.

Mr. Early told that the vote was not illegal or improper and the Board would have not have taken a vote or had discussion without the appearance that the position was being geared toward one person. He told that is not just

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his opinion, but it was shared by 3 others on the Board. He asked Mr. Dalton research hybrids. He told that he thinks the E&S position is very important.

Mr. Evans stated that some of the things said indicated that the Board is not aware of employment issues and every Administrator has made the Board aware and if someone doesn't understand it is not because they have not been informed. He told that he has never seen anyone hired or fired without the Board being made aware of who.

Mr. Dalton told that each Administrator has done a good job at keeping the Board informed and told that he thinks that is not what is being said.

Mr. Early stated that he knew of 3 times that he was not aware of part-time hiring's.

BUSINESS APPRECIATION

Mr. Larrowe told that this morning the Board is giving appreciation to a young entrepreneur. He told that the County has been working on small business development and entrepreneurship. He told that the Board would like to recognize T. J. Stroupe, a young man who has started his own business in recycling. Mr. Larrowe told that it is very admirable to have such a young person doing great things in our community.

Mr. Stroupe thanked the Board and told that he is honored to receive the award. He also thanked all of the businesses for donating to him. He told that he always wanted to own his own business.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Ray Melton told that he had a complaint about dogs in developments. He told that he is not against dogs as long as people take care of them and keep them at home. He told that he lives in a development that now has 9 dogs and there should be an ordinance for a development. He told that owners should be responsible for keeping dogs on their own lot. Mr. Melton told that he is not opposed to dogs on farms where they have room and where they take care of them. He told that the neighbor's dogs come into his yard and his driveway and growls at him.

Mr. Steve Gregson told that he has been a citizen of Carroll County for 2 years. He stated that the Board voted on a resolution regarding a terrible death of a youth in Fancy Gap. He told that he agrees with the resolution, but the driver was involved with alcohol and he was not wearing his safety belt and suggested amending the resolution to address these issues. Mr. Gregson told that he feels that the comments about Gary Larrowe were not fair and the

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Board needs to apologize. He told that when the Board goes into recess the tape should be stopped because things are said that are not public record. He told that he has tried to call all of the Board members this week. He told that Mr. Larowe has tremendous integrity and has good judgment skills. He told that the Board needs to understand federal and state employment issues and they need to take additional liability if they are going to make decisions. He told that Mr. Cockerham has done a good job and the County should look at a policy where footers have priority over plumbing or electrical.

(Order)

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board appointed Ms. Chastity Hill as the Sulphur Springs District representative on the Carroll County Social Services Board for a term beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2011.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Abstained
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to re-appoint Mr. Larry Chambers as a member of the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority for a term beginning August 12, 2007 and ending August 12, 2011.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

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Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to re-appoint Mr. Roger Wilson as a member of the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority for a term beginning August 12, 2007 and ending August 12, 2011.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

A-CORRIDOR UPDATE

Mr. Tom Elliott with aCorridor gave a handout about aCorridor that told some history. He told that they are made up of 6 counties and 2 cities. He told that last year was very good with capital investment and in 2007, there have been 6 announcements of new jobs. He told that the Results group was the lead as far as jobs created this year. Mr. Elliott told that Mr. Larowe and the team that helped get this up and going should be congratulated. He told that Washington County announced that the Gates Corporation was going into their shell building and Smyth County had an announcement of 30 new jobs. He told that Ronald Newman and Richard Slate served on the aCorridor Board. He told that prospects need to be pitched on the area so that they come for the first visit so the process can be started. Mr. Elliott told that there is a timeframe now of 6 months where it used to be 18 months to 2 years. He told that there are still a lot of manufacturing companies coming in which is good for our area because that is how this area is trained.

Mr. Early asked if there had been any research done as to why Carroll County is eliminated from the list and why companies do not come here.

Mr. Elliott told that it was due to infrastructure. He told that there have been several prospects that need rail and that is a knock out. He told that natural gas used to be a problem, but it is not anymore. He told that companies also want a ready site and when Exit 19 is done that is going to help get some visits. He told that water and sewer are an issue and fiber is sometimes needed. He told that there have been inquiries on the KDH Building.

Mr. Early asked about the quality of life.

Mr. Elliott told that for Carroll County that it is a plus.

Mr. Early sated that education factors into that.

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Mr. Elliott told that companies look at schools, roads, amenities, and things such as this.

Mr. Early stated that the County could not overcome the rail issue but stated the interstate is important.

Mr. Elliott told that companies look at the interstates.

Mr. Early asked about the airport.

Mr. Elliott told that it has been a plus, although some have had trouble with the runway length.

Mr. Early told that he read a disturbing article in the paper where Grayson County is questioning the importance of the airport.

Mr. Elliott told that he saw it too and has not had a chance to talk to Grayson County about that, but the airport is used and in many instances the companies fly in on the State airplane.

Mr. Martin asked about the Bristol Speedway. He stated that the area can compete in the area of colleges and that Bristol Speedway was interested in pushing that.

Mr. Elliott told that he thinks that is still on the table. He told that even when the Bristol race is going on the motels here are full.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mr. Elliott has worked closely with Carroll County and the County appreciates his efforts.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSFER OF CHILD CARE CENTER
PROPERTY TO THE IDA**

Mr. Hutchins Opened the Public Hearing at 10:19 a.m.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment regarding transferring the Child Care Center property in the Industrial Park to the IDA.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there was anyone here to speak.

With no one to speak, the public hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m.

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(Order)

TRANSFER OF CHILD CARE CENTER PROPERTY TO IDA

Upon motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to transfer the Child Care Center property to the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

Mr. Early asked what the advantages of transferring the property would be.

Mr. Dalton told that the hope is to rent the property for a profit. He told that it is more appropriate for the IDA to do that and also that the IDA does not have to do the same notice requirements as the Board does to find a renter.

LONG TERM AMBULANCE BIDS

Mr. Joe Roma requested to go out on a 5 year contract for the purchase of Type I & Type II ambulances. He told that it would make the price the same for 5 years and would get the same type of unit so equipment is in the same location on each unit. He told that he was not looking to do a purchase at this time.

Mr. Martin asked if this would standardize equipment.

Mr. Hutchins asked if this would apply to the volunteers.

Mr. Roma told that it extends to all and they would standardize all equipment purchased.

Mr. Evans told that this was the recommendation of the Task Force.

Mr. Hutchins stated that he felt like it was a good idea. He told that during the Citizen's Fire Academy that it was noticed that the ambulances were not set up the same and it is important to do that.

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APPROVE REQUEST FOR 5-YEAR AMBULANCE PURCHASE BIDS

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to bid out the 5-year purchase contract on Type I & Type II ambulances.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Larrowe told that the Library Board has recommended Laura Goad to be appointed to the Library Board.

Mr. Early nominated Charlotte Early with Mrs. Myers seconding the motion. Mr. Early told that Ms. Early is an avid reader and visits the Library often. He told that she lives close by and has plenty of time to serve on the Board.

Mr. Evans nominated Laura Goad.

(Order)

CLOSE NOMINATIONS – LIBRARY BOARD

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to close the nominations for Library Board Appointment.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

(Order)

APPOINT LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

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Mr. Hutchins called for the vote on Ms. Early.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	No
Mr. Jones	No
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

Mr. Hutchins announced that Ms. Early had been appointed to the Library Board.

Mr. Martin told that both candidates would be good. He told that it was like voting for apple pie and motherhood verses the USA.

CROOKED CREEK EQUINE/RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Mr. Bob Beasley told that this concept has broke new ground for VDOT. He told that this will set a precedent and VDOT is being very careful. He told that they wanted to make sure that it does what it is intended to do. Mr. Beasley told that VDOT thinks that the appropriate body to approve this concept is the Transportation Board. He told that a concern is the safety of the narrow unimproved roads. He told that it is already legal for all to use these roads for these purposes, but it breaks new ground by naming the roads for this purpose.

(Order)

**APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CROOKED CREEK
EQUINE/RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following Crooked Creek Equine/Recreational Trail resolution:

RESOLUTION

**CROOKED CREEK
EQUINE/RECREATION TRAIL**

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WHEREAS, Carroll County is rich with natural recreation amenities; and

WHEREAS, recreational activities is a priority among tourists and assists in the growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wish to establish the Crooked Creek Equine/Recreation Trail to promote recreation in the areas of fishing, biking, nature watching, hiking, and trail riding among the county citizens and tourists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approve the establishment of the Crooked Creek Equine/Recreation Trail and do request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board designate the section of secondary state roads beginning at Forest Oak Road to Harrison Ridge Road to Millstone Road to High Point Road to Sandy Level Road to Heritage Road to Apache Road to Waterford Road and back to Forest Oak Road as the Crooked Creek Equine/Recreation Trail: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors agree to pay for the cost of the signs designating the Crooked Creek Equine/Recreation Trail and the cost of the directional signage needed along the trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors approve for the cost of warning signs to watch for pedestrians, cyclists and horses to be taken from the secondary road construction funds.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

Mr. Martin told that this preserves the beauty of the county and it is something that other localities can't offer.

Mr. Hutchins told that it establishes a marked defined area. He told that there had been an issue with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and wanted to know if this action would give creditability to getting the decision revised concerning parking the horse trailers on the lot.

Mr. Evans told that this would help. He told that the place is not being kept up like it was when Darrell Martin was looking after it.

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Mr. Martin stated that there was good news of an increase in money for the 6 year plan.

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DROUGHT RESOLUTION

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

DROUGHT DAMAGE RELIEF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the drought conditions in the County of Carroll has severely affected farmers; and

WHEREAS, during the growing season this year the County of Carroll has experienced a severe drought adversely affecting agricultural crops; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carroll has already harvested what amounts to approximately 30 – 50 % of their normal first cutting of hay and alfalfa, causing a severe shortage of forage materials for feeding livestock for the coming winter months; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Board of Supervisors of the County of Carroll, Virginia, that the County Administrator is hereby instructed to file with the Governor of Virginia a request that the County of Carroll be designated as a drought disaster area.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

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Mr. Larrowe told of the following upcoming meetings:

NACO Starts July 13th in Richmond
Small Business presentation July 26 at Crossroads
Enterprise Zone July 24
RIFA July 18 12:00
Water/Sewer Meeting at Fancy Gap Pottery at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins told that RIFA had tried to change the membership from 2 to 3 people but the Code would only allow having 2 members and an alternate. He told that most other localities had elected a member and administrator and recommended Mr. Early and Mr. Larrowe as the members and himself stepping down to the alternate position.

(Order)

RIFA APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Early and Mr. Larrowe to serve on the RIFA Board and Mr. Hutchins as an alternate.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

(Order)

NACO VOTING MEMBER

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board elected Mr. Hutchins as the NACO voting member.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Abstain
Mrs. Myers Yes

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CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7, A29)

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 10:48 a.m. until 12:24 p.m. for the discussion of 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, for the discussion of legal matters involving threatened litigation, and for the potential awarding of a contract of using public funds as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7, A29).

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

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VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

(Order)

HIRING FOR RECREATION & TOURISM

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to allow Mr. Larowe to hire a lifeguard for the Recreation Department and also 2 part-time employees for the Tourism Department.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Early Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mrs. Myers Yes

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Mr. Evans asked about the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Dalton replied that he spoke with the Chairman and it is his recommendation that once the language has been cleaned up that he would mail that out and it would probably be within the next 2 to 3 days.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jones told that he saw in the Mount Airy paper where they took money out of the revenue fund instead of raising taxes.

Mr. Early stated that he wondered what their balance was when they did that.

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Mr. Martin told that there were some comments at the last meeting that were taken as personal and they were not personal. He told that they were business rather than personal.

Mr. Evans told that there was a comment about one of the employees drinking with friends while on the job and asked Mr. Larrowe if this had ever been documented or investigated.

Mr. Dalton told that this should be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Evans told that it wasn't during the last meeting and that is why he is bringing it up now.

Mr. Dalton told that it should have been in closed session during the last meeting and that the Board should always be mindful when it comes to speaking about personnel.

Mr. Larrowe told that the answer to the question needs to be held in closed session.

Mr. Evans told that the discussion in closed session is not documented. He told that Mr. Early should have given the information to Mr. Larrowe to investigate. He told that the last meeting was out of control and he feels like it needs to be clarified and the person that was talked about needs an apology.

Mr. Early told that he did apologize at the end of the last meeting. He told that it should have been in closed meeting. He told that he is willing to discuss it in closed session. He told that he stands by that apology.

Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Cockerham was not privy to the information of the apology because he was not at the last meeting.

Mr. Hutchins told that each has made their point.

Mr. Dalton told that Mr. Cockerham has indicated that he is okay with Mr. Larrowe answering the question openly.

Mr. Larrowe told that he also invited Mr. Cockerham in to the meeting and he chose not to come.

Mr. Evans told that the accusations were made in public and apologies were good, but when you stick a knife in someone the blood keeps running.

Mr. Martin told that when he joined the Board it had hung Craig Teller out to dry and at the last meeting Ronald Newman was not given the opportunity

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other than in public to discuss if he wanted to do the finance job. He told that he thought it was general to discuss things during the meeting.

Mr. Hutchins told that anything dealing with personnel should be in closed session.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until August 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

VOTES

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mrs. Myers	Yes

David V. Hutchins, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk