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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 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 9:00 a.m. and lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt the County budget as advertised.

Mr. Hutchins asked that this be held until they reach that point on the agenda.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on May 15, 2007, and their regular meeting held on June 5, 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. Martin, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for May 2007, and June 15, 2007, and authorized the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 29th day of June 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.

VOTES

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

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APPROVAL OF HILLSVILLE BY-PASS RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Myers and passing unanimously, the Board approved to adopt the Hillsville By-Pass Resolution below:

VOTES

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

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BRANCH HIGHWAYS, INC. FOR CONTRIBUTION TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ROUTE 58 CORRIDOR (HILLSVILLE BYPASS)

WHEREAS, Branch Highways, Inc. (“Branch”) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) entered into both (i) a Comprehensive Agreement dated December 15, 2003 (the “Comprehensive Agreement”) for the development, design and construction of the Route 58 Corridor from Hillsville to Stuart (the “Project”) and (ii) a Design-Build Contract of even date therewith (the “Design-Build Contract”) with respect to the Project;

WHEREAS, Branch completed Phase 1 of the Project, known as the Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing at Meadows of Dan;

WHEREAS, Branch and VDOT are negotiating a change order to the Design-Build Contract calling for Branch to design and construct the next phase of the Project, known as the Hillsville Bypass, on a portion of Route 58 that passes through the County (“Phase 2”);

WHEREAS, the Hillsville Bypass will be of substantial benefit to the County and its residents;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agreement states in Paragraph 4.1 thereof that it is anticipated that the County will contribute certain local tax revenues to the Project for phases subsequent to Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds it to be in the best interests of the County that the County enter into an agreement with Branch pursuant to which the County agrees to pay to VDOT the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in each of calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 from the County’s local tax revenues as a contribution to the construction of Phase 2 improvements to Route 58 in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby approves the Route 58 Project Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Branch and the County in the form attached hereto; and
2. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator to (i) execute the Agreement on behalf of the County and deliver same to Branch and (ii) take any other action that he may deem necessary or appropriate to effect

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the Agreement and performance there under on the part of the County in accordance with the terms thereof.

(Order)

APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$260,000 additional funds to Comprehensive Services Act line item 053020-6901.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE CARROLL EMS SALARY REIMBURSEMENT APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating the reimbursement for salaries received from Carroll EMS to the following Emergency Services line items:

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring \$10,000 from Salaries and Wages line item 042030-1001 and \$33,826.37 from Salaries and Wages line item 043010-1001 to Salaries and Wages line item 043110-1001.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring \$277,867.07 from Emergency Communications line item 032040-5604 to Pass Through Money line item 07002-7002.

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VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated \$1,988,591.61 to Interest on Revenue Anticipation Note line item 09000-8000 for funds received in June 2006 and carried forward to the 2007 fiscal year.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

012020-2006	VRS Insurance	\$ 3,455.94
012020-3005	Maintenance of Equipment	4,036.23
033030-3009	Care of Juveniles	38,400.09
033030-6000	Joint Operations	558.48
033020-7006	Payments to Regional Jail	84,890.14

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. 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 86018-86133.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Hutchins Yes

Mrs. Myers Yes

Mr. Hutchins mentioned having a central purchasing plan for Carroll County.

It was recommended that the Administrator's Office review this.

(Order)

TRESURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

VOTES

Mr. Evans Yes

Mr. Jones Yes

Mr. Early Yes

Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Hutchins Yes

Mrs. Myers Yes

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Ron Doerschug told that he would like to speak concerning the County budget as well as E&S Inspector. He told that the County must hire an E&S Inspector who is certified. He told that he was flabbergasted when four of the Board members voted not to raise taxes and they jumped on the fact that they had money. Mr. Doerschug told that the County does not have enough to cover expenses until November 15th. He told that the County would have a shortfall of \$1.2 million.

Mr. Doerschug asked what next year's Board is going to do. He encouraged the Board to do their homework before they vote and told that the Administrator will have to do some creative accounting to get through November 15th. He told that next year there would have to be significant borrowing. Mr. Doerschug told that the fund was there to cover disasters and that they need to consider curtailing expenditures. He told that the Board would have to curtail expenses until after the first of the year. He told that those who voted against the twice a year tax collection should return their salary to the County. He told that this Board has started the County toward bankruptcy. He told that he feels sorry for next years' Board.

Mrs. Janet Tate told that she had heard some citizen's comments against deficit spending. She stated that the county employees deserve raises but it is irresponsible to give raises when there is deficit spending. She told that she had also heard some comments about accountability of County employees. She told that she goes to meetings and what she sees concerns her. She told that Board members and audience members have been made fun of and that several government employees have been talked about, but it was always behind their backs. She told that she has been treated so rudely and told that it is not acceptable to be treated that way. Mrs. Tate told that she goes to PSA meetings and finds it interesting that the most frequent speakers are trailer park owners who show up and complain about having to pay for sewer.

Mrs. Tate told that the hospital has talked about not getting paid when people have accidents and they are visitors from out of the area. She told that she checked at the clinic and it is correct that people do not pay their bills. She told that it is very important to have viable hospitals and clinics in the area. She told that the rescue folks go out into dangerous conditions and she has had a developer make fun of the situation that EMS vehicles can't get through the

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roads. She stated that the County did not need to compound the problem, but make it better. She told that she wanted a qualified E&S Inspector.

Mr. Carroll Hill told that he just heard a man say that the Board needed to raise taxes. He told that most people are on a fixed income and can not afford higher taxes. He asked the Board to keep within the budget. He asked that the Board get back to the simple basics and give the County only what they need. He told that there are many things that can be done without. He told the Board to ask themselves before they vote if it's something that is really needed.

BUSINESS APPRECIATION

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board was recognizing Mr. Don Branscome with DLB, Inc. and Mr. Mike Turman with Turman Sawmill, Turman Hardwood Flooring, and Turman Log Homes. He told that both men contributed greatly to the economy of Carroll County with equipment, projects, and providing jobs, and well as the many things each man done to support the County. He commended Mr. Branscome and Mr. Turman for their individual efforts as well as their team efforts and discussed their team effort to develop Exit 19 for the future growth of the County. He then presented Mr. Branscome with a Certificate of Appreciation for both Mr. Branscome and Mr. Turman.

Mr. Branscome told that he is proud to be from Carroll County. He told that he was born here and plans to stay.

EMS/FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION

Mr. Larrowe told that several EMS employees have gone through the training and received Firefighter recognition. He then presented certificates to the following; James Tolbert, Sheila Phillips, Jason Billings, Edwin Dalton, Chris Hawks, Jason Felts, Tommy Wilmouth and Lenny Shupe.

Mr. Larrowe discussed the tragedy in Charleston, South Carolina and thanked the EMS for putting their life on the line each day.

Mr. Roger Hawthorne with the Hillsville Fire Department congratulated those who went through the academy. He told that the fire department had started a citizen's fire academy which is a 10 week course. He told that for the first class Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Larrowe, Mayor Gravley and the Hillsville Town Council, and Mr. South had attended. Mr. Hawthorne encouraged citizens to sign up for the next class.

EMS RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Larrowe told that he had met with the EMS Board of Trustees to discuss their roles. He told that the Board is in charge of all actions, but EMS has a 501C3 so the Board of Trustees have been approving the payroll and expenses. He told that there was a question as to whether the EMS employees are considered County employees. He told that Mr. Dalton had contacted VACO and they thought those employees need to be Carroll County employees.

Mr. Dalton told that he did speak with VACO and their recommendation is to do a transition period to get out of the 501C3 and run Carroll EMS under the County as a department. He told that this is his recommendation also. He told that the only advantage to the 501C3 is fundraising and Carroll EMS does not do fundraising since they are a paid service. Mr. Dalton told that this would take some time to transfer, that a new provider number was needed, and that it

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could take up to 180 days to obtain the new number. He stated that this should be a very smooth transition with the citizens seeing no change in service.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the 501C3 is going to be left in place for purposes of billing.

Mr. Dalton told that there needed to be planning on how to take care of that, but probably by the end of the year it would be terminated.

Mr. Larrowe told that the EMS Board of Trustees wanted to know if they still needed to continue to meet. He told that they expressed interest in helping any way they can. He told that he concurred with Mr. Dalton concerning turning EMS into a department of the County with a department head and the employees would know who they report to.

Mr. Hutchins asked if it was appropriate to maintain an advisory board.

Mr. Dalton told that this did not need to be done as a 501C3 and stated that the Board of Trustees needed to continue their regular meetings through the end of the year, but stated that they could serve as an advisory board after that time if it was the desire of the Board..

Mr. Larrowe told that it was also his recommendation that we transfer this to a County Department.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there would be any difference to the employees.

Mr. Larrowe stated that Mr. Joe Roma had been acting as the Supervisor and this would just make it formal.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF EMS BECOMING COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin from the recommendation of the County Attorney and the County Administrator, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to establish a department of Emergency Services.

VOTES

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

Mr. Larrowe expressed gratitude to the EMS Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hutchins stated that he would anticipate that the Board of Trustees would continue to meet on a regular basis until the transaction was complete.

Mr. Dalton told that they would need to continue to meet as they are until the end of the year.

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DR. MCBRIDE – INSURANCE

Mr. Hutchins told that he had heard some comments concerning the School Board switching insurances and told that he had asked Dr. McBride to fill the Board in concerning this issue.

Dr. McBride told that the School Board is a member of the Virginia School Board Association as well as a member of the Virginia Association of Counties. He told that when they started the process of seeking information concerning getting a student accident program that would cover all students, they got information from both places. He told that VSBA offered a plan with \$25,000 maximum and covered athletics at \$4.25 per student and that VACO offered a maximum of \$10,000 and did not cover athletics at \$5.00 per student. He told that VSBA costs \$1400 less than sum of VACO plans. He told that they would remain with VACO on workers compensation and will get risk policies from VSBA. He told that they would also participate in Virginia High School League insurance.

Mr. Hutchins asked what the solvency of VSBA is.

Dr. McBride replied that 39 schools participate. He told that they would not offer insurance without being protected by other insurance.

Mr. Early asked how this would work with other insurances that the student may have.

Dr. McBride replied that this policy would be secondary and that it will cover the entire student body. He told that they have offered it voluntary in the past, but few families participated and the School Board felt it was important to offer.

Mr. Martin told that he thought it was an excellent idea.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BUDGET

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board adopted the County Budget as advertised and brought forth during the Public Hearing.

VOTES

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

Note: The following discussion preceded the above vote:

Mr. Early told that he can not believe that the Board is sitting here discussing deficit spending and he can't believe Mr. Evans is so eager to spend out of the reserve fund. He stated that as a point of order that the motion violates the Pay As You Go policy set by the Board on August 11, 2004. He stated that the Board either needed to decrease spending to equal the revenue or rescind the policy.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the policy had always been adhered to.

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Mr. Larrowe told that he was sure the policy had been followed but that he would have to go back and do research on it.

Mr. Early asked if the Board had ever adopted a budget that did not have revenue to cover the expected expenditures.

Mr. Larrowe replied that it had not.

Mr. Early stated that the Board had not wavered from the Pay As You Go policy and asked that the Board not consider this motion because it did violate a policy of this Board.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the County had never borrowed any money and had always paid for everything when it was bought.

Mr. Larrowe told that there was borrowing involved in the budgets he had been a part of and stated that revenue anticipation notes were involved.

Mr. Early stated that revenue anticipation notes are to get the Board through until the money comes in November. He told that this was not considered violating the Pay As You Go policy

Mr. Dalton stated that the revenue anticipation note does not speak to the Pay As You Go policy because the Board knows when the money is coming in. He told that the Board had passed a budget where the expenditures exceeded the anticipated revenues. He told that the budget is inconsistent with policy, but it is legal. He told that at this point the only thing that could be done with the budget is either reduce spending or rescind the policy. He told that he would recommend resending the order if the Board wishes to adopt this budget.

Mr. Martin stated that if it were investigated he believed that Boards in the past have adopted deficit budgets.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the purchase of real estate would fall under the policy.

Mr. Dalton told that it was open to interpretation as to what would violate the policy.

Mr. Early told that this Board has not passed a deficit budget and that what was done in the past was prior to this policy. He read additionally from the minutes of August 11, 2004 and stated that the County had not reached the 10% reserve recommended by the auditor. He told that 10% of the proposed budget would be \$6.5 million and that reserve fund had \$4.9 million and the Board was discussing spending \$1.3 million from that fund. He told that the Board was digging an incredibly big hole for the next Board of Supervisors. Mr. Early stated that he agrees with what Ms. Goad and Ms. Perry stated at the last meeting. He stated that it was time to make the government fit the money the County has rather than create a government and try to fund it. He told that the government would survive with \$1.3 million less spending and he would like to see that amount cut in the budget so the Board would not see people on fixed income who could not afford to pay their taxes. He told that there would be a large tax increase in 2 years. He told that this could be told by the total dollar amount and could not be told by the tax rate because adjustments would be made for the reassessed value. He stated that people on fixed incomes could not continue to tolerate a government that grows by \$1.3 to \$1.5 million per year. He told that not raising taxes to fund the budget if it could not be cut was fiscal irresponsibility.

Mr. Evans stated that when the budget session started with the school budget that he voted against the school budget because they are doing exactly

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what is being discussed at this time. He told that he was not voting against the schools but voted against what is being preached right now that the Board should not do with irresponsible spending. He told that almost 3 cents had been added to the County budget for what is being spent extra on the schools. He told that he found that irresponsible. He told that it appeared to be a concerted effort for people to say the employees did not need a raise at a time when the Board was going to do what some called deficit spending. He told that this would be the third year that employees didn't get a raise. He stated that a citizen had said the Board should give up their salaries for the decisions they are making. He told that he would be glad to give up his salary if the citizen would donate an equal amount above his normal taxes. He stated that the Board was not so worried about the taxpayers when the school budget was being discussed. He told that he had not seen a budget while he was on the Board where the school employees did not get a raise and stated that he was not against that. He told that he was not going to vote to raise taxes but told that he believed that with some common sense cut back. He told that the Board had borrowed money and that this is just a different way of doing things rather than borrowing money. He told that the government can operate on a smaller amount but it was not doing it. He commented that everyone on the Board had voted for things when the money was not there but that some of the things the Board had no choice in. He told that it was easy to sit there and preach and get up on a soap box and have a big speech about what is right and wrong but it is a whole lot harder to sit there and make decisions with no more money than the County has. Mr. Evans stated that a lot of the stuff in the budget is mandated and asked where the \$1.3 million would come out of the budget.

Mr. Larrowe told that it would be devastating and commented that it would take shutting down some departments and laying people off. He told that most of the money goes to the school system or for mandated services. Mr. Larrowe stated that there were very few places to make cuts to make a significant difference and told that some of those might be the elimination of recreation, the elimination of the pool, the elimination of resource development, the elimination of business development, the elimination of animal control, the elimination of litter control, the elimination of emergency services, the elimination of the Cana trash site, the elimination of the cannery, elimination of one-half of the farmer's market, the elimination of the airport funding, the elimination of the Board of Supervisors salary, insurance, and travel, the elimination of one-half of central purchasing, the elimination of two people in the administrator's office, the elimination of one person in the registrar's office, the elimination of funds to the fire departments, the elimination of \$75,000 to the rescue squads, the elimination of \$50,000 to Carroll EMS, the elimination of \$30,000 in the building official's office, and a \$25,000 cut in the phone system. He told that this would amount to \$1.3 million dollars.

Mr. Evans asked how many people would be laid off.

Mr. Larrowe replied, in excess of 20.

Mr. Evans told that the same Board that has pushed to hire an extra position for E&S wants to cut out employees. He told that he saw this as the only real viable opportunity other than laying off County employees. He stated that the Board had the next year to work on saving this money rather than having to raise taxes. He stated that it seemed everyone preached that and commented that he was not a person who believed in raising taxes. He told that people who want to pay higher taxes should make donations to the County and questioned Mr. Dalton if it was legal for people to make donations to the County. He stated that a lot of people can't pay what they have got, much less more. He stated that by looking at the budget, outside completely laying off these people, and that in some cases it might have been better if some things had not been started but at that time it was not known that the County would face the hard times it was in, he didn't think they would better themselves but

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commented that if anybody could look at someone and tell them they did not have a job then go for it.

Mr. Early asked Mr. Larrowe if he was a theatre or drama major because that was well scripted play between him and Mr. Evans. He told that he made a mistake of telling Mr. Larrowe of his intentions of asking for a \$1.3 million cut. He asked Mr. Evans in the spirit of cooperation to cut \$1.3 million from the budget. He told that all he was asking was for \$1 out of every \$10 and told that this was not the elimination of total programs, or firing of people.

Mr. Larrowe commented that he did not know where the money would go to.

Mr. Early stated that all he was asking was the Board to join him in cutting \$1.3 million from the budget.

Mr. Evans stated that the Board has sat here for 2 hours making cuts, but that pet projects of each Board member were not touched. He told that he did not see all that energy in making cuts and told that the biggest cut was \$20,000 out of something. He stated that they did make cuts but he did not see all this energy he has been invited to be a part of on cutting \$1.3 million. He told that this was where the Board was at and that he saw this as the only intelligent choice.

Mr. Larrowe told that there were so many expenses that the County does not have control over and listed the Commissioner of Revenue, the real estate appraiser because the County was in the middle of reassessment, the Treasurer's Office, the electoral board, Circuit Court, District County, Juvenile Court, Magistrate, Clerk of Court, Commonwealth Attorney, Victim Witness, the Sheriff's department, and care of prisoners.

Mr. Martin told that this was not bad because the State was funding most of these 100%. He stated that the Board should be jumping for joy that these departments were funded.

Mr. Larrowe told that not all of these were funded 100% but did have State and Federal dollars tied to them, which meant the disposable income of the County was tied to those departments of the County. He told that it made it difficult to cut 1.3 million from the budget.

Mr. Early stated that he is not sure what projects Mr. Evans is talking about, but he is asking that 10% be cut. He stated that the pet project Mr. Evans perceives that he has already has taken its fair share of the cut out of the budget. He told that the Board had cut 22% out of the Airport's requested funding

Mr. Hutchins told that a significant amount of increases is not discretionary spending but was State or other funding mandated.

Mr. Early suggested raising taxes.

Mr. Hutchins told that the Board made the decision previously not to raise taxes and commented that whether he agreed with the decision, and that he and Mr. Early voted against it, which left the Board today with the decision to accept the budget as discussed that day or to make cuts. He told that the Board spent two hours and cut \$70,000. He told that he has spent a lot of time looking at the budget and if there was \$1.3 million in it he could not find it. He then asked Mr. Early if he had developed a substitute budget or where the Board could reduce.

Mr. Early told that this goes back to the initial discussion that the Board needs to do one of two things cut spending which they did not seem to want to

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do or delete the Pay As You Go Policy. He told that the Board had heard from the County Attorney that this is a conflict and should be deleted prior to adopting this budget.

Mr. Hutchins asked if he heard in the policy that the County would not incur any long-term debt and asked Mr. Early to read the policy again. He then asked if this included anything the Board had purchased that it was paying for.

Mr. Early stated that this Board, since he has been here, has never adopted a deficit spending budget that it is preparing to do now.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the Board had purchased things such as real estate where there was long-term debt associated with it.

Mr. Early commented that this was not part of the motion and told that the motion was Pay As You Go. He told that the Board had always been able to show revenue to pay for long-term indebtedness.

Mr. Martin told that he wishes the Board could figure out how to set aside 10% and build that up, but it ends up going into the general fund. He told that the Board can't limit what can be done with the money. He stated that this is the largest surplus in the history of the County and stated that it could be and should be more. He then commented that even if the Board spent it down it will still be the 2nd largest surplus in the history of the County. He told that one person will say the Board needs to do more to bring in industry, but then ask why the Board is spending all this money water and sewer. He told that he wished there was a way to set this money aside but told that Carroll couldn't do it, the federal government couldn't do it, and that Virginia didn't have a good track record doing it.

Mr. Jones told that there is a surplus because of the tax increase last year. He told that people couldn't pay their taxes then and now it is being discussed to raise taxes. He commented that people were going to lose what they have got.

Mr. Early told that it is not a surplus, it is carryover funds intended to get the Board to the end of this year. He asked that it be referred to as to what it is.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the Board needs to resend the policy or reduce \$1.3 million from the budget.

Mr. Dalton replied that is correct. He stated that he was not telling the Board what to do but trying to give them their legal options and advice where he could, but stated that if the Board takes money from reserve fund, which is created by revenues exceeding projections, at some point some Board will have to address this because the County is going \$1.3 million over what is projected to be brought in this year. He told that one way to solve this is to reduce the budget, which is not going to happen or raise taxes, which is not going to happen. He told that next year the budget would not be even and the Board will not have any reserve to take away from.

Mr. Evans stated that he agrees with Pay As You Go. He told that the concern at the time was the Board had to buy fire trucks. He told that he made the motion to buy the fire trucks because at the time the Board had no choice. He stated that the Board expected volunteer firemen to go out and do a job and didn't have the equipment to do it because four trucks needed to be replaced. He told that money was borrowed to purchase those and that was not Pay As You Go. He commented that the Board had done other things like this. He told that the Board could raise taxes to anything it wanted to but that was not going to help. He told that the Board was at a point that it didn't have to raise taxes because as Mr. Jones had pointed out the money was there due to a high tax increase last year. He told that the Board was where it is because they are not responsible when it comes to the school budget. He told that he believed in

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educating the children but that the increases were unbelievable each year. Mr. Evans told that no one was interested in just doing what they had to do with the school budget but it was almost like give them whatever they asked. He stated that this was not responsible spending and now that increase is going to be absorbed in the County budget. He told that now the Board was looking to cut \$1.3 million from the budget but it would not be from the schools. He told that he was not saying it should be from the schools but that the Board could be responsible and with the hard times responsibility should be the highest priority. He told that over the next year the Board needs to look at ways to cut spending and the only way to bring in more money is by creating new jobs. He commended the Board for trying to see things grow and told that is where the money would come from rather than digging into people's pockets that were already dry. He told that the Board could sit here all day or all month talking about it but the choices were small.

Mr. Early asked Mr. Newman if when the Board bought fire trucks, rescue equipment, and items like that and anticipated paying for those things, if the Board budgeted dollars in the budget to pay for those things.

Mr. Newman replied that it was budgeted and there was a line item for the purchase.

Mr. Early stated that this was Pay As You Go because the Board knew where the money was coming from. He told that right now there is \$1.3 million excess spending that has to come from money that was not intended for that purpose. He told that the school system does a fabulous job when it come to getting federal and state money, but in local money the County ranks 118 out of 134. He told that the County should be contributing more and should at least be a median county and stated that it is unfair to blame the school budget on the situation the Board has right now. He stated that he is talking only about \$1 out of every \$10 and that he believes the Board should cut spending. He told that the Board should have left room to raise taxes and that he would have gone along with raising taxes but he is not going along with spending any money out of carryover money because the fund is already \$1.5 million short of what it should be and now another \$1.3 million is going to be taken out of it. He told that he pitied the next Board because they would be the ones really hurting and all the folks sitting in the room.

Mr. Hutchins stated that the issue was rescinding the Pay As You Go policy or reducing the budget and asked for the wishes of the Board.

Mr. Martin called for the question on the motion that had been made.

Mr. Evans asked to read the minutes containing the policy that Mr. Early had read.

Mrs. Myers asked how much of a raise did the Treasurer's office get from the State.

Mr. Larrowe told that they got 4% this year in December as well as 4% last year.

Mrs. Myers asked if they got 4% plus VRS.

Mr. Larrowe stated that was correct.

Mr. Evans told that he would like to see a copy of the policy before the Board voted.

A copy of the minutes containing the Pay As You Go policy was provided to each member.

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Mr. Hutchins told that the point of order that Mr. Early brought forth concerning the Pay As You Go policy voted on by the Board on August 11, 2004 needs to be handled before the Board handles Mr. Evan's motion and asked for the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. Martin told that the problem with the policy is interpretation of what pay as you go means and if it means don't borrow for anything then the Board has violate that numerous times. He told that the Board has a motion on the floor asked if it would be proper for him to make a motion to rescind the Pay As You Go policy because of interpretation issues.

Mr. Dalton stated that this would be an appropriate way to resolve the issue.

(Order)

RESCIND PAY AS YOU GO POLICY

Upon motion Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board approve to rescind the Pay As You Go policy adopted August 11, 2004, due to it being too open to interpretation.

VOTES

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

Note: The following discussion preceded the above vote:

Mr. Evans told that in reading the minutes from the meeting where the policy was adopted that there was discussion that is not in there and only God now knows what was said. He told that the Board did discuss emergencies at the time and that it was the consensus of the Board to live within the budget. He told that he did not interpret the policy as was now being said.

Mr. Martin asked if the Board is within legal requirements on the current budget.

Mr. Dalton told that he is confident that the budget set forth is within legal requirements.

Mr. Larowe told that the policy recommended only borrowing to meet disasters but the Board is not going out to borrow money because there is \$4.1 million more in the general fund as there was this same time last year.

Mr. Martin told that in this particular case it would be pay as you go but the thing is case after case could be made that the Board has not followed the policy strictly speaking for fire trucks, industrial property, water and sewer and those type things.

Mr. Evans told that he doesn't see where it needs to be rescinded because it is being taken out of context. He told that he would not vote to do anything with the policy because he still believes in pay as you go. He stated that overall he thought the Board had tried to do that but that the policy did not have anything to do with what the Board was trying to do today because it was being misinterpreted.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Dalton if the Board needed to rescind the policy to vote on the budget.

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Mr. Dalton told that if the Board thinks that it is violating the policy then they need rescind the policy and stated that Mr. Early has properly brought this before the Board as a point of order that the Board needs to address before voting on Mr. Evans' motion.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the Board thinks based on prior experience that this does not violate then what needs to be done.

Mr. Dalton told that it would need to be clarified and put into the minutes with an additional order to that effect.

VOTES

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

Note: The following discussion was held after the above vote:

Mr. Hutchins stated that there needed to be a clear definition and told that he did not think anybody on this Board is in disagreement with the philosophy.

Mr. Early stated that the policy had been rescinded so it would need to be a new policy as opposed to an amended policy.

Mr. Martin stated that he maintained that it never was a Pay As You Go policy strictly interpreting it.

Mr. Early told that he maintained that it was and that he had countered every argument that had been made.

Mr. Hutchins then called for the vote on the motion to adopt the budget.

Mr. Early asked for the maker to restate the motion.

Mr. Evans told that his motion was to adopt the County budget as advertised for the Public Hearing last month.

Mr. Early asked that the motion have dollar amounts associated with it for the record.

Mr. Larrowe told that the total appropriation would be \$73,027,036.

Mr. Early asked for the amount of the revenue.

Mr. Larrowe stated that it would be the same amount.

Mr. Early stated that he wanted to know the actual amount of the revenue not taking funds out of the reserve fund.

Mr. Larrowe stated this amount would be \$71,742,254.

Mr. Early commented that this left a deficit of \$1,284,782.

(Order)

APPROVE APPROPRIATION TO FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board approved the following activities to be granted an appropriation for the fiscal

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year ending June 30, 2008 in conformity with the adopted budget and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 58.1-3001 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

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

Board of Supervisors	\$542,121
Central Purchasing	19,300
Central Postage	69,720
County Administrator	489,428
Resource Development Office	65,237
Legal Services	40,350
Tourism	193,751
Information Technology	120,000
Commissioner of Revenue	265,670
Real Estate Appraiser	285,664
Treasurer	309,404
Electoral Board	72,261
Registrar	94,892
Judicial Administration, Circuit Court	40,442
District Courts	4,810
Juvenile Court	4,450
Magistrate's Office	500
Clerk-Circuit Court	395,275
Commonwealth Attorney	469,978
Victim Witness	57,311
Sheriff	1,732,632
Vehicle Maintenance	218,160
Courtroom Security	65,000
Volunteer Fire Departments	562,379
Volunteer Rescue Squads	182,360
E-911 Surcharge	320,000
Care of Prisoners	726,173
Youth and Family Services	84,581
Building Inspection	154,183
Erosion & Sediment Control	68,369
Animal Control	84,246
Medical Examiner	800
Emergency Services Coordinator	83,000
Carroll EMS	774,757
Litter Control	40,940
Refuse Collection and Disposal	471,050
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (all)	756,307
Maintenance Force and other	325,420
Garage Emergency Vehicles	4,000
Public Utilities	543,056
Water and Sewer Projects	590,000
Health	216,000
Mental Health and Mental Retardation	114,500
Senior Citizens Programs	85,307
Community Colleges	35,000
Farmers Market	513,395
Recreation	180,260
Swimming Pool	36,000
Carroll-Galax Regional Library	216,331
Planning Commission	8,000
Economic Development	2,200,000
Economic Development Office	83,813
Airport	62,789
Soil and Water Conservation	8,700

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Extension and Continuing Education	58,058
Law Library	15,000
Transfer to School Fund	11,821,206

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

Administration and Public Assistance	\$3,009,199
Comprehensive Services Act	775,000
Hospitalization-State/Local	78,006
VHDA	59,354
Family Preservation Act	19,731

School Fund: To be expended only on order of the School Board	42,103,410
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Total Appropriations	73,027,036
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The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer sums as needed from the General Fund to the School Fund to meet the foregoing appropriations.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR TAX YEAR 2007

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board approved the levies for the tax year 2007 are set at \$0.71 per \$100 assessed valuation of real estate, \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of tangible personal property, excluding therefrom such segregated property as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (14) of Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) upon which the rate shall be zero, \$2.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of merchant's capital, and \$1.30 per \$100 assessed valuation of machinery and tools based on the following depreciation factors:

Year Equipment Purchased	Depreciation Factor
1998 and before	30% of cost
1999	35% of cost
2000	40% of cost
2001	50% of cost
2002	60% of cost
2003	70% of cost
2004	80% of cost
2005	85% of cost
2006	90% of cost

VOTES

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

Note: The following discussion preceded the above vote:

Mrs. Myers asked if this was the same as last year.

Mr. Larrowe stated that it was.

Mr. Early asked if it would be possible to separate the rates into two different motions with real estate as one motion and the remainder as another motion.

Mr. Martin stated that he would rather leave the motion as is.

(Order)

REGIONAL WATER APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board appointed Mr. Ray Hill to the New River Regional Water Authority for a term beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2011.

VOTES

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

Mr. Early asked if it would not be appropriate to extend the appointment for one year to allow the incoming Board to appoint someone of their choosing.

Mr. Newman replied that the terms were established by the Authority but if the Board wished to replace someone they could.

RESOLUTION FOR BRANCH HIGHWAYS – 58 BY PASS

Mr. Larry Dickenson, Vice-President of Branch Highways, introduced Mike Higgins who is the project manager for the Route 58 bypass project. He then told that in December of 2003 Branch Highways and VDOT entered a Public Private Partnership. He told that Phase I is the Meadows of Dan Bypass that was completed in 2004-2005. He told that they worked during 2006-2007 with the Legislature to obtain money to complete Phase II which is the Hillsville By Pass. He told that they have entered into negotiations with VDOT for this phase and part of the agreement requires coming up with a local contribution. He told that in 2002-2003 they worked with the Board to come up with an agreement that Branch Highways would have a certain amount of equipment on site and taxes from that equipment would go into the project and the County would apply for equal amount from Revenue Sharing. He told that if there is any year that they don't reach the \$50,000 that Branch Highways would make up the difference. He told that they hope to finalize the contract with VDOT in July and start working in the fall.

Mr. Early asked when construction would occur in the fall.

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Mr. Dickenson told that he couldn't give a specific time until they finalize the contract.

Mr. Early asked if the scope of the project would be the same.

Mr. Dickenson replied that it would. He told that they are working out where the point of termination for Route 669 would be. He told that Route 669 coming from Route 100 is a separate project.

Mr. Hutchins asked if he would come back in the future to update the Board.

Mr. Dickenson told that they anticipated that the project will be completed in 2011.

WASTE TO ENERGY

Mr. Don Foster told that he would like to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors, Ronald Newman, Gary Larrowe, and the local citizens for allowing him this time to speak out on an issue that he feel deserves attention and gave the following report:

Some time ago, I believe in September, the Board was presented a proposal concerning a Waste to Energy Plant by Mr. Mike Gallaher that could possibly replace our current landfill obligations. This proposal seemingly was met with enthusiasm by the Board. I followed up that proposal with a request to form a Task Force for evaluating the proposal. I was pleased and honored to be asked to serve on that Task Force which was formed and held its first meeting on 12/18/07.

However, I must report that I am disappointed. While I understand the Board did take the information to the Solid Waste Authority, it was met with a negative review and response at their meeting after a resounding positive response from the task force members. What changed? Why didn't we meet again?

I find this difficult to understand since almost everyone at the meeting, which included a representative from Mr. Boucher's Office, Mr. Gravely, the Hillsville Mayor, Ronald Newman, Gary Larrowe, members of our Board, members of the Solid Waste Authority, and other citizens all agreed to a proposed re-visit a Waste To Energy Plant to see first hand the operations in process, ask pertinent questions to our specific needs, and hold other fact finding Task Force Meetings.

We also recommended contacting an engineering firm for beginning an engineering study from an outside source to evaluate the value of the preliminary proposal. This should include experts in the field of Waste to Energy; provide Environment and Economic Impact studies, and Technical and Financial support. How can we make informed decisions if we don't know what to ask and how to go about getting the right answers?

In addition, it was suggested that possible Waste to Energy Seminars be held at Cross Roads to get community involvement within our area to make citizens aware of our proposals and ask for their support.

Since December, no other meetings were called. This was not only disheartening, but unprofessional. The Solid Waste Authority seemingly doesn't want to pursue this endeavor. We should not allow any public service group to have that much control over important issues that effect our county.

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I am asking today that Mr. Evans, Mr. Newman, and Mrs. Meyers, who represent Carroll County on the Solid Waste Authority Board to go back to them with a resolution that we proceed with our initial recommendations. They need to be pro-active in the continuance of presenting the facts on Waste To Energy until we can be heard.

As a concerned citizen, I must question why the Solid Waste Authority Board is not addressing the following issues?

The creation of new jobs with a Waste To Energy Plant could be as high as (40 to 45) new jobs with possibly higher wages. (Engineering Reviews will have to provide this information).

Carroll County could maintain most jobs at current land fill. Once a cell is opened up the land will have to be monitored for up to (30) year. Construction and Debris will still have to be buried there; however the opening of new cells will be at a minimum. The impact on the environment would be much less. Non-usable land would decrease.

Start up cost could be almost negligible due to Federal and State monies offered to support this new technology.

Increased productivity in recycling would insure better efforts at separating the trash once it comes into the center.

Approximately 90%-95% of all trash will be incinerated with little impact on the environment. Emissions will be below Federal Standards as mandated by the Federal Government.

Other counties and cities could co-op or partner with Carroll County. Some, not all are now shipping their trash great distances at higher cost will most likely make the change to our facilities which will increase our profitability and effectiveness of the plant.

Steam can be generated for use at local plants for up to (6) miles with no degenerating loss of pressure. (Possible new companies that need this type of heat source will look at Carroll County favorably since we could then fill their heating / power needs. Methane gas burn off could be used for the igniter for starting the plant.

Finally, larger profits generated from Waste to Energy Plants verses land fills. (Selling Power back to AEP - Possibility of cutting energy cost to all residents in Carroll County and local communities). We were told that the expected profits could be as high as \$299 Million in 54 years.

Regardless of your stance on this issue, I feel that Carroll County residents, and those of local communities deserve a legitimate answer to see if the proposal is feasible. At least it warrants a second look.

Mr. Evans told that a little over a month ago he went to visit the waste to energy plant in Martinsville. He told that it was amazing that they were turning tires into energy through steam. He told this idea was shot down by the Solid Waste Authority as not being the right time. Mr. Evans stated that technology is present to do this and it could generate revenue through steam or electricity. He told that the Board needed to send word back to the Solid Waste Authority that the Board is supporting this and if they don't address the issue then the Board needs to. He stated that it would provide jobs and help the environment.

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(Order)

APPROVAL TO REQUEST ENGINEER FOR WASTE TO ENERGY STUDY

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to go to the Solid Waste Authority and ask that an engineer be hired to review Waste to Energy.

VOTES

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

Mr. Jones asked why the Task Force didn't go further.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Task Force was charged with making a recommendation to SWA and they shot down the idea. He told that Congressman Boucher's office did discuss doing a solid waste seminar, but they never acted on it.

Mr. Foster told that the potential is there and it is a shame not to evaluate with an engineer.

Mr. Evans stated that the County needs to be proactive rather than reactive.

GALAX-WOODLAWN SEWER AGREEMENT

Mr. Larrowe told that the PSA and Galax have agreed to this and now it is up to the Board.

Mr. Dalton told that it is a good agreement and they have incorporated Rural Development's comments in it.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF GALAX-WOODLAWN SEWER AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved the Galax-Woodlawn Sewer agreement.

VOTES

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

Mr. Early told that he doesn't think it is the right thing to do to send business to Galax at the detriment of county citizens that could benefit from revenue of treating sewer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told of the following upcoming meetings;

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RIFA	June 20 th	Visiting Exit 19	
Crooked Creek Grand Opening		June 22 & 23 rd	4 – 7 p.m.
Virginia Tobacco Commission		June 28 th	
School Board		June 28 th	
Farm Shoring		June 21 st	
Small Business Program		July 26 th	

Mr. Larrowe told that District III has several 13 & 14 passenger buses out for bid. He told that Tim Parnell had looked at those and found them to be in good shape. Mr. Larrowe asked for authority to place a bid on one of the buses.

Mr. Martin asked what they would be used for.

Mr. Larrowe replied that we would use them for things like today's visit to Exit 19, recreation, tourism, PSA, IDA, etc.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the County reimburses for travel to the places he just listed.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes. He told that right now people are having to get there the best way they can and that it would also offer other opportunities. He told that the Board does have money in the vehicle replacement fund.

Mrs. Myers told that 3 other localities have said they have made their money back by purchasing buses.

Mr. Larrowe told that most of the buses have around 60,000 to 80,000 miles on them.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there were any grants that would help out on this.

Mr. Larrowe told that grants were mostly for new equipment and that usually application has to be made before purchasing.

Mr. Early asked if it was not possible to use school vehicles.

Mr. Larrowe told that those are used, but there is a cost.

Mr. Early told that there would be additional costs such as insurance.

Mrs. Myers told that there could be a charge for trips.

Mr. Early told that he doesn't understand why the County needs to be in the busing business. He told that the Board had been trying to get out of things that the government does not need to be in.

Mr. Larrowe then told that the Strike force Center will be closing on June 30, 2007. He told that they helped people with GED, providing insurance and helping people to find jobs.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF TEA-21 STONEMAN MARKER GRANT
RESOLUTION**

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

RESOLUTION

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A resolution affirming the authorization of the County Administrator to execute any agreements for the funding and installation of the TEA-21 grant in October 2004 for the Stoneman Musical Family Historic Highway Marker

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Administrator at the inception of the project to execute any necessary documents accepting the TEA-21 grant and installation of the Stoneman Musical Family Historic Highway marker;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors reaffirm the support and commitment to recognize the Stoneman Musical Family with the placement of a Historic Highway marker in Carroll County.

RESOLVED, this 19th day of June 2007

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVAL TO SELL SURPLUS VEHICLES

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed, the Board approved to advertise the following surplus vehicles for sealed bids.

1982 GMC Dump Truck VIN# 1GBM701G5FV111515

1988 Chevy Truck VIN# 1G86T18R460129540

2000 Ford Ambulance VIN# 1FDSS34F7YHB85580

2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W5YX186428

1993 Ford Ambulance Van VIN#1FDJ534M3PHB23229

VOTES

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

SAS112 JOB DESCRIPTION

Mr. Larowe told that many discussions of the Board concerns finance and most adjoining localities have a Director of Finance. He told that he is bringing a job description that was modified from another county in this region.

Mr. Hutchins told that this position is federally mandated without funds.

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Mr. Larrowe told that it was one of the expenses that the County can not avoid.

Mrs. Myers asked if Mr. Newman could handle this and not have to hire someone.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mr. Newman already does most of this, but also has other additional duties. He told that he was not sure if we wanted to place more on him. He stated that maybe there is some mix the County could do. He suggested if this was done the Board want to change the name of the position.

Mr. Hutchins asked if this position would be listed in house first.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes that is how we have always done it.

Mrs. Myers asked if that would have to be done if they just added to Mr. Newman's job duties.

Mr. Larrowe told that was very possible.

Mr. Martin told that Mr. Newman would have to go on nerve pills if the Board added duties.

Mrs. Myers stated that she just thought it would save the County money.

Mr. Martin told that Mr. Newman said that he would be glad to do it and if that is the case then does the Board need a motion.

Mr. Evans stated that it would remain under the County Administrator's authority to add to his duties.

Mr. Larrowe told that in the past there have been pay increases for added on duties.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Larrowe to look at it and make a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Larrowe told that he would be concerned with how to divide out some of the other things that Mr. Newman does. He told that the Board may have to look at some of those responsibilities being given to someone else and there may need to be an Assistant Administrator for Finance or another Assistant Administrator. He told that Mr. Newman had the most knowledge about this than anyone else. He told that he is thinking of Mr. Newman's health and well being when he already works long hours.

E&S JOB DESCRIPTION

Mr. Larrowe told that the E&S Job Description is in the Board Packet that was postponed from the last meeting and he would like to be able to advertise this.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks he had captured what needed to be added from the last meeting that it does require state certification.

Mr. Early told that there were several typos in the description.

Mr. Evans told that he thinks he understands correctly that if someone is enrolled in the certification class then they were eligible to apply for the job and they would have to complete the class within a year. He told that is not

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saying that they wouldn't hire someone with certification because that would be the best option.

Mr. Early told that the state defines certification and you are considered certified if you are enrolled in a class to become certified and that we need to just go by what the State Code instead of coming up with something ourselves.

Mr. Early again told that he sees quiet a few typos.

Mr. Martin asked if we need a motion to proceed.

Mr. Larrowe told that we really need to get this position filled because we are up against a deadline with DCR. He told that we can go back through and fix the typos. He asked Mr. Early where some of the typos were.

Mr. Early pointed out one in the first paragraph. He asked why we were using this font. He told that it is very difficult to read.

Mr. Hutchins told that he had just taken a copy and made changes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to advertise the position for 10 days in house first and then advertise outside after those 10 days.

Mr. Larrowe told that we usually do 10 days to see if anyone applies in house and then we put it out for others.

Mr. Early asked how many in house were certified.

Mr. Larrowe told that to his knowledge only one is certified.

Mr. Evans stated that we are not necessarily looking for someone who is already certified.

Mr. Larrowe replied that was correct.

Mr. Martin asked who was considered in-house and who is considered County Employees.

Mr. Larrowe told that it would be anyone who is getting a check from Carroll County, maintenance, building official, recreation, etc.

Mr. Early stated that this is a new position. He told that it is not the same as what they just did with Mr. Newman by reassigning duties.

Mr. Larrowe told that it was actually a new position also.

Mr. Early asked if we would incur additional expense by doing it this way. He stated that urgency is what Mr. Larrowe said and wanted to know if we were going to waste an extra 10 days to 2 weeks to advertise outside. He told that he thinks we need to advertise the position statewide if we wanted the most qualified person. He told that if the most qualified person is in house then hire them.

Mr. Evans asked Mr. Early if he had someone in particular that he was looking at.

Mr. Early stated that he had no one in mind.

Mr. Hutchins told that we have a motion on the floor.

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Mr. Evans stated that when we discuss purchasing we talk about supporting local business. He told that he didn't see what the difference was here that we should be looking for someone in Carroll County.

Mr. Early stated that it was a great statement.

Mr. Evans told that he was speaking and he thinks we should take care of our employees first.

Mr. Early told that it was great, but very hypocritical because Darrell lives in Patrick County, not Carroll County.

Mr. Larrowe stated that Mr. Cockerham had not applied for the position either.

Mr. Early told that Darrell is who they were talking about. He thinks that we should cut down on time and advertise it statewide.

Mr. Hutchins told that we have a motion on the floor to advertise in house for 10 days first and they put it out to others. He told that we have a motion and a second.

Mr. Early asked who would be offering this person employment.

Mr. Martin replied the entire Board.

Mr. Larrowe asked if it was the Board or the Administrator's Office.

Mr. Evans told that it has always been done through the County Administrator.

Mr. Martin told that it seems cut and dried for Darrell. He told that he has received numerous complaints on the Building Inspectors office for months and months and months and if you can't do the job as building inspector then he is opposed of railroading it and laying it out for Darrell to do something else incompetent. He told that he is not in favor of 2 or 3 people making a decision that it should be the 6 member Board making the decision so just call it what it is. He asked why put a man in the position that can't do his own job now.

Mr. Evans told that he felt as if things were being put in his mouth that he did not say. He told that he never mentioned Darrell. He told that he was talking about employees in general, not Darrell. He told that the County Administrator should be able to make a decision on who to hire

Mr. Martin state that he has not given permission to anyone to hire anyone. He told that in the past they have had World War III over the part time people being hired and as far as he is concerned then Mr. Larrowe that he best be putting in his application for this position to because if he gave this job to Darrell then his next motion would be to replace Mr. Larrowe. He told that that was not a threat, but a promise.

Mr. Larrowe told that he thought that was an unfair statement because that is not what he was going to say. Mr. Larrowe told that if the Board wants to hire this person then that is their right. He told that he does not have a dog in this fight.

Mr. Martin told that he does.

Mr. Early told that he agrees with Mr. Martin because he feels as if there were a few people on the Board making all of the decisions and that Mr. Larrowe is in conclusion with then and he does not appreciate it. He told as for

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making a motion to remove Mr. Larrowe he would not but his hope would be that it would be the first motion that the new Board would make.

Mr. Evans addressed the chairman and stated that he felt that the Board had gotten off on personal things instead doing the business of this Board.

Mr. Martin told that he did not put us off track. He told that what he sees is cut and dry. He wanted to know why Darrell couldn't do this in his current job. He told that the Board receives complaints on Darrell and have raised those concerns to Mr. Larrowe.

Mr. Larrowe replied that he had addressed those concerns with Mr. Cockerham.

Mr. Early stated that he had not done a good job with addressing those concerns because he still continues to hang out with his contractor buddies who he is friend with who control him. He told that he should be overseeing them instead of drinking beer with them at their house which is what he does.

Mr. Jones told that what Mr. Cockerham did on his own time was none of anyone's business.

Mr. Early stated that it was on county time.

Mr. Jones told that if we were going to discuss Darrell then it needs to be in closed session.

Mr. Early stated that there was a motion so let's just vote on it.

Mr. Martin stated that the motion does not include for the County Administrator to hire this person.

Mr. Larrowe told that it was fine with him.

Mr. Martin stated that he did not appreciate. He told that if you were going to stick to parliamentary procedure then you don't make a motion and then go back and change things.

Mr. Evans told that this Board has allowed the County Administrator to do the hiring in the past and then the Administrator has to answer to the Board. He told that the Board has been told time and time again that they weren't suppose to do the hiring and firing and he didn't want any part of it.

Mr. Martin asked why the Board approves the job description in the County Administrator is such a powerful individual that he can do all the hiring and firing. He told that he expects this Board to vote on whoever is appointed to this position. He told that the last he heard we were discussing money.

Mrs. Myers asked if this person wouldn't be required to answer more to the Planning Commission than the Board.

Mr. Hutchins told that there were several Planning commission duties.

Mr. Larrowe told that there would be some issues with the Planning Commission, but the E&S position is a county position, but how that is handled is up to the Board. He told Mr. Martin that it is certainly not his intention to be the ruler of anything.

Mr. Martin told that he had served on the Board where a nod and a wink from the County Administrator and people were given high raises, etc. without the Boards permission. He told that we can advertise anyway they wanted, but

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it would be the Board who makes the decision. He told that Mr. Larowe does not have the authority to hire someone.

Mr. Hutchins told that the motion is to advertise the position and then they can discuss who will do the hiring.

Mr. Martin asked if it was not mentioned that the County Administrator would do the hiring.

Mr. Early told that it was mentioned, but it is not part of this motion and they would talk about it in a minute because he had a motion that he would make as soon as this is done.

Mr. Evans told that Mr. Dalton has given instruction that the Board should not be hiring. He told that they are letting personal things get involved and that is wrong. He told that the Building Officials name should not have been brought up and told that he did not bring it up. He told that he thinks the Board owes Mr. Cockerham an apology for running their mouth in a silly way and even if they put it out statewide then the Building Official could still apply.

Mr. Martin told that he thinks you are exactly right because if there has ever been anybody who was an expert on running their mouth it is Jeff Evans and he does apologize to Darrell.

Mr. Hutchins told that they need to stick to the business and they have a motion and a second.

Mr. Early asked for the motion to be restated because he forgot.

Mr. Evans told that you should remember and he is not restating it.

Mr. Early told that he asked the maker to restate the motion or for it to be ignored.

Mr. Evans stated that you are the only one here so stupid that you can't remember it.

Mr. Hutchins told that we will not go there.

Mr. Early stated that your speech didn't help either.

Mr. Hutchins told that the motion is to advertise in-house for 10 days and they go out side.

Mr. Jones asked if the Board was part of the hiring.

Mr. Hutchins told that it was not a part of this motion.

APPROVAL OF E&S JOB DESCRIPTION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed, the Board approved to announce the E&S position in house for 10 days first and then advertise outside after the 10 days through the normal process.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Early told that he would not vote for this due to squandering precious time at indicated by the County Administrator.

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APPROVAL OF BOARD HIRING

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved that any hiring of new positions or firing of employees that is affiliated with any County government come before the Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

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

Note: The following discussion preceded the above vote:

Mr. Early told that there have been part-time positions hired that he didn't know about until after the fact.

Mr. Hutchins asked if that was at any level.

Mr. Early told that it was correct because there have been several people hired part time that he didn't know anything about.

Mr. Martin told that it had happened with full time in the Administrator's Office.

Mr. Larrowe asked for clarification that the Board would act as the interview committee.

Mr. Martin stated that it tickles him to death.

Mr. Hutchins asked if that was his motion.

Mr. Early stated that he wanted a say in who was hired and fired.

Mr. Dalton told that he thinks that the Board would interview, but that the County Administrator would make a recommendation and then the Board would take action.

Mr. Evans told that he is confused because he is hearing things on both sides.

Mr. Early told that the Board is the selection committee that the County Administrator makes a recommendation unless they need to go further.

Mr. Larrowe told that he does not have a problem with that.

Mr. Evans replied that he shouldn't because it would take everything off of him.

Mr. Jones asked if there was not a policy where the County Administrator could write people up and fire them.

Mr. Early told that there was a motion on the floor and he didn't know why he had to keep saying it so Mr. Jones could understand it.

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Mr. Jones told that he could speak whenever he wanted. He told that discussion was his time, Mr. Early you and your little smart mouth. He asked what is wrote up now when you go to fire someone.

Mr. Dalton told that discipline comes through the Administrator's Office. He told that Administrator could discipline, but termination would be done by the Board.

Mr. Evans told that Mr. Dalton has given the Board instruction that the Administrator should hire and fire because of Board members having personal things and now we want to change the process. He told that he supported the previous County Administrator and all we are doing now is bringing politics into it. He told that personally if he would looking for a job he would look elsewhere. He told that people would look at the County Administrator different and not take him serious because he can't do anything.

Mr. Martin asked why the Supervisor's don't have the authority to hire and fire the 800 school employees, but it has to go to the School Board.

Mr. Larowe told that he understood that the Board hired the County Administrator and the County Attorney and that everything else was done by the Administrator. He told that obviously that would not take place with out the Board knowing. He told that if that has changed, then that was fine of him.

Mr. Martin told that things were done under a previous Board and they must have been illegal because people pulled time over it. He told that the 6 member Board was not being responsible and doing there job and he was not going down that road again. He told Mr. Larowe that as much as he liked him that he would make the motion to do the same thing to his brother.

Mr. Larowe told that if someone has too much power it gives the appearance of things are going in the wrong direction. He does not want the power of Carroll County.

Mr. Evans told that the Board has a responsibility and it can't be done by only attending meetings. He told that they have the right to come in anytime they want and he has never been turned away. He told that we do not need to micro-manage the business of the county.

Mr. Martin told that when there is a structure situation where only one employee can apply for the position then something is wrong.

Mr. Larowe told that only one person in house is certified, but if a person enrolls for the class then they are considered certified. He told that the question was is anyone certified and the answer is yes, only one person, but that is not to say that others can not sign up for the class and apply.

Mr. Early told that he represents the Laurel Fork District, but also the entire County and he has received complaints concerning Erosion and Building Official's Office and the people in Laurel Fork expect him to have a say and that is all he wants is to have a say.

Mr. Jones told that this is going back on what the Board has previously decided when they were talking about Brenda Marrah and we said then that Gary should handle it.

Mr. Early told that a few Board members have been informed, but he didn't find out who had been hired until he come to the meeting and found out that we were paying them.

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Mr. Evans stands for Mr. Larrowe and stated that if we opened our ears we would have heard when Mr. Larrowe tells these things.

Mr. Hutchins told they need to stick to the motion and not steer away from that.

Mrs. Myers told that she does not think that this undermines Mr. Larrowe. She told that this would just take some work off of him.

Mr. Martin told that the Board is responsible for who is hired and he is not willing to relinquish that right to the County Administrator. He told that it is not a personal thing, but he has been down that road before. He told that he doesn't want to get into Attorney General opinions, but he doesn't want to go down the road again.

Mr. Evans told that they were still going on Mr. Larrowe's say because he does all the day to day work.

Mr. Hutchins told that we need to establish how the County Administrator screens and reviews the candidates.

Mr. Early told that we would do this on a case by case basis.

Mr. Martin told that we would not be micro-managing. He told that the County Administrator would review the applicants and then bring the most qualified to the Board to vote on.

Mr. Hutchins asked what their scoring criteria would be.

Mr. Early told that when the County Administrator was hired it was done without knowing who the candidate was. He told that they did it based on qualifications only. He told that personal opinions should not come into play.

Mr. Hutchins told that they would do it on a case for case basis.

Mr. Evans told that it would take day possibly weeks to do.

Mr. Early told that it would take away from campaigning for higher office, but the job at hand for the next 6 months is this Board.

Mr. Evans told that Mr. Early needed to bring all of his personality.

TOURISM JOB DESCRIPTION

Mr. Larrowe told that the Virginia Welcome Center would be moving about and the Tourism Office needs someone to cover the desk while others attend functions.

Mr. Hutchins asked if this person would work under Mr. Turner.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes and this would be 2 part-time positions.

Mrs. Myers asked if this comes out of the Tourism Budget.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes that it is in their budget. He told that they were hoping that Va. Welcome Center wouldn't leave until after the first of the year.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF TOURISM JOB DESCRIPTION

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Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved the Job Description for the Tourism Office.

VOTES

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

BROADBAND PROJECT

Mr. Larrowe told that he had met with DHCD and received an email this morning from Mike Maynard, RIFA Chairman that DHCD was excited about the Broadband Project and the non-traditional economic developer. He told that the total cost of Phase I of the Broadband project which is to get broadband out to schools is about \$600,000. He told that DHCD and the schools were providing a lot of money. Phase II cost about \$6,000,000 and would have a Regional Authority. Mr. Larrowe told that Phase III would be the full deployment of Broadband to Carroll & Grayson County and the City of Galax.

Mr. Larrowe told that he would be on a Mission trip to Central America from June 29 – July 8th.

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Evans, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 1:13 p.m. until 1:46 p.m. for the discussion of the disposition of real estate where public discussion would be detrimental to the County's position, the discussion of a prospective business where no public announcement has been made of the business or industry's desire to locate or expand in the County, and for the discussion of legal matters involving threatened litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7).

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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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SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Martin told that there is confusion on who is a County Employee and who are State. Most people out in the County don't look at deputies as being State employees, they think of them as County Employees. He told that he would like something in black and white to show the difference if that is possible. He told that he misspoke when we were doing the budget and someone had asked and he told them that they got the raise to and he was incorrect in saying that.

Mr. Early told that he would like to apologize to Darrell Cockerham. He told that the discussion should not have become personal and Mr. Cockerham should have had the opportunity to be present during the discussion. He told that it was an error on the Board. He told that he does apologize to Darrell for that.

Mr. Early told that he has had several people come to him that don't like the name Wildwood , it reminds them of Wildwood New Jersey. He told that he had never been to Wildwood, NJ but it must not be a good place. He told that the name doesn't mean anything to Carroll County either and he doesn't particularly like it and asked if the Board could revisit the name.

Mr. Larowe told that the name came from Wildwood School that used to be there. He told that it wasn't arbitrary and capricious that it did come from the name of the school. There was an electric bill that came in and still had the name on it.

Mr. Early told that he has never heard of that school.

Mr. Early asked if the Carter Home grant money was being used for a project administrator.

Mr. Larowe told that no money had been used for that.

Mr. Early told that he has a printout from Dallas Garrett showing \$20,000 for administrative costs.

Mr. Larowe told that that money came down from HUD.

Mr. Early told that out of \$103,000, it shows \$20,715, for administrative salary.

Mr. Larowe told that he was not aware of that.

Ms. Tate stated that it was administrative cost and she was suppose to have marked it out.

Mr. Early asked how there could be \$20,000 worth of administrative cost when the grant was only \$100,000.

Mr. Larowe told that he did not know because he has not seen the information that Mr. Early has.

Mr. Early asked if he could check into it. He asked Ms. Tate, who is the Treasurer of the Carter Home if he was saying it right.

Ms. Tate told that she had asked Mr. Garrett and he told her that he didn't have anything to do with it he only did the report.

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Mr. Larrowe told that we had the authority to take 20%, but that was not done. He told that the previous Board wanted the money used on the building.

Mr. Early asked if the Guynn Farm trees were a published bid that the IDA awarded. He told that he saw that Jones' Nursery won the bid. He asked Mr. Larrowe if he had the bids.

Mr. Larrowe told that he did not have those with him, but that they did have them. He told that Mr. Dowdy got the bids from the vendors.

Mr. Early asked if there was an RFP.

Mr. Dalton told that if it is under \$10,000 there did not have to be an RFP and he guessed that since the bid was so low then that is what happened.

Mr. Early told that he would like to see what the other bids are.

Mr. Early asked Mr. Dalton about getting the subdivision ordinance during the July 10th meeting.

Mr. Dalton told him they would have one in July. He told that he spoke with the chairman about that. He told that he and Mr. Newman put in almost an entire day working on it. He told that he would like to have it completed the week before so that everyone could review it.

Mr. Early asked if it would be a joint meeting.

Mr. Dalton said that he didn't know.

Mr. Hutchins told that there had to a public hearing and it needed to be a joint meeting.

Mr. Early told that there was a very tragic accident that claimed the life of a 23 year old Carroll County boy, Brandon Edwards. He told that the accident was out on Chances Creek Road on a section of road that had been recently repaved and there was no lines on the road. He told that he hit a tree that was very close to the road. He asked everyone to remember the family in their thoughts and prayers. He told that he met with Bob Beasley and asked if there was anything that the County could do. He told that he had worked with Ronald on a resolution that would ensure road safety.

Mr. Early read the resolution and asked the board to adopt this resolution.

(Order)

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Evans and passing, the Board approved to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors appreciates the efforts of the Virginia Department of Transportation in maintaining the roads in Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, the terrain and climate of Carroll County at times presents safety concerns to motorists with curvy, mountainous roads which are many times fog covered; and

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WHEREAS, road signage and road striping are important safety measures to assist motorists and reduce accidents along such roads; and

WHEREAS, portions of these roads receive new pavement with re-striping occurring at a later time; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the safety of motorists along these roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation, in an effort to increase safety and reduce accidents, place Carroll County in a priority position for re-striping of newly paved areas and asks that re-striping of these newly paved areas occur as soon as possible after the paving project is completed.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. until July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Larowe told that the Board would not be going to Wildwood. He told that some members will go, but not as a Board.

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