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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 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
L. J. Jones
Glenna Myers
Joseph H. Early, III
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
Bradley Dalton, County Attorney

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to Order at 5:05 p.m. and asked Mr. Jones to lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

(Order)

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Larrowe told that he has been working with departments on budgets and that he has asked them for goals and accomplishments. He stated that Animal Control and Building Official budget presentations have been postponed and will be presented during the next meeting.

Mr. Teddy Felts with the Victim Witness Office told that the program had been in place for 10 years. He told that this year there have been 148 victims who have accessed the program. He informed the Board that through the program victims can apply for assistance to help paid medical bills and stated that so far this year \$3800.00 has been secured for this and he has also collected \$6600.00 in restitution.

Mr. Felts stated that the program generally runs smoothly and that he works with the Judges, Sheriff and the Commonwealth Attorney. He told that the program has never asked for a local match, but this year is different because of a funding shortfall. He told that the local match that is requested is \$5275.00 and stated that this amount will cover insurance.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this match was anticipated last year, but it had been postponed.

Mr. Felts told that there is legislation that could be passed that would mean more money for the county.

Mr. Martin asked about the typical victim.

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Mr. Felts explained that he gets a copy of reports from the Sheriff's office and then sends a letter to the victim and sets up an appointment. He then meets with them to see what their needs are. He gets the victim familiar with Court proceedings and he has a goal to reduce the number of victims that fall through the cracks.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the budget that is presented allows him to execute and do all of the things needed for the program.

Mr. Felts replied yes. He stated that he has worked to cut things and he can move money around and listed below is his goals and accomplishments:

Accomplishments for (July - February) Fy2007

- 148 victims this year
- \$6,586.27 collected in restitution
- \$3,797.27 CICF reimbursement
- working well with the Courts, law enforcement, Commonwealth Attorney's office
- Virginia Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime consideration For Executive board

Goals for the program:

- to improve services to victims
- create new ways of identifying victims as soon as possible after crime has been committed
- continue working on relationship with Carroll agencies and City of Galax. – renew cooperative agreements with local agencies
- assist victims with more SLH applications and CICF applications
- continue to assist victims to ensure best possible result in cases

Mr. Webb Flowers with Virginia Cooperative Extension presented highlights from the previous year and things to work on in the budget. Mr. Flowers discussed the county's share of the budget and told that the Extension office was advertising for a 4-H Extension Agent.

Mr. Larrowe told that in the past the County had a 4-H Technician. He told that the Extension office will fund ½ of a 4-H Agent position so the money that is being spent will be about the same. He told that he is pleased with the efforts of Mr. Flowers and that he had only been here for about 3 months.

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Mr. Flowers stated that the office would like to have a summer intern and that there should be salary funds left over to cover this. He told this would also help keep the 4-H program going until an agent is hired.

Ms. Brenda Marrah with the Resource Development Office presented a list of accomplishments and goals that are listed below:

Accomplishments for the past 12 months:

1. Surpassed \$2 million dollar mark in new grant dollars brought into Carroll County.
2. Surpassed \$1 million dollar mark in new grant dollars for Carroll County first responders.
3. For the Southwest Virginia Farmers' Market, surpassed more than a quarter million dollar mark in new grant dollars.
4. Achieved the first grants to build wireless broadband in Carroll County.
5. Inducted as an honorary firefighter in recognition of service on grants.
6. Became FCC licensed as an amateur radio operator.
7. Completed the Carroll County Emergency Operations Plan with the Emergency Services Coordinator and organized a Regional Homeland Security Exercise.
8. Became a member of the American Association of Grant Professionals.
9. Completed training and certification in the following:
 - As a Public Information Officer;
 - National Incident Management System;
 - Principles of Emergency Management;
 - Incident Command System;
 - Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations; and
 - Disaster Cost Recovery.

Goals for the next 12 months:

1. Bring in at least \$1 million dollars in new grant revenues to Carroll County.
2. Surpass the \$3 million dollar mark for total grant revenues.

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3. Complete grant funding for a new IDA revolving loan program and grant funding for the Business Developer.
4. Complete grant funding for Carroll County businesses.
5. Expand knowledge and ability in economic development so that Carroll County is eligible for economic development grant opportunities as they arise.
6. Receive salary increases.
7. Bring in at least a half million new grant dollars for economic development.
8. Remain a vital member of emergency services planning team and bring in at least a half million new grant dollars for emergency services.

Mr. Jones asked if she worked with the IDA.

Ms. Marrah replied that she had worked with the IDA through the Administrator's office on a couple of grants.

Mr. Donnie Turner with the Tourism Department presented a listing of the lodging and meals taxes and told that there was a tremendous increase in the interstate lodging tax.

Mr. Early asked if mixed drinks were allowed how that would affect the taxes.

Mr. Turner replied that Wytheville and Surry County have seen an explosion, but he does not have the numbers. He told that he could produce the numbers if the Board was interested.

Mr. Martin told the he supports tourism. He stated that the county needs industry but they need to promote tourism.

Mr. Turner stated that tourism is not the answer to all problems but it does need promoting because these jobs would not go overseas.

Mr. Martin told that last summer he met a family from Ohio that was staying a week to ride the Creeper Trail and the New River Trail and they stayed in our hotels and ate at the restaurants.

Mr. Turner stated that tourism was about people visiting here, not building here. He stated that with being in the heart of the Blue Ridge Plateau he had been told that everybody in southwest Virginia was looking at Carroll County.

Mr. Jones stated that it does not take alcohol to make growth.

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Mr. Turner told that Carroll County has all kinds of family tourism. He told that alcohol would allow for more restaurants at Exit 14 but told that he could not say one way or another until he ran the numbers.

Mr. Hutchins asked what the probability was of getting a big chain restaurant.

Mr. Turner told that Cracker Barrel would come but others would not without mixed drinks. He told that it was up to the County to decide what it wanted.

Mr. Early told that every time an Applebee's or Outback is built in the surrounding counties it was less likely that they will locate in Carroll County. He told that he would like to see what taxes have been lost with these restaurants going to other locations. Mr. Early then asked why people go past the exits in Carroll County.

Mr. Turner told that more infrastructure such as motels and restaurants were needed. He stated that people want an experience such as going to a local store and hearing blue grass music.

Mr. Early told that Surry County and Mt. Airy have done a study and Carroll County needs to look at this study.

Mr. Turner told that it was one of the things they were working on regionally. He told his goals and accomplishments.

Accomplishments:

1. Negotiated with game commission about Crooked Creek fee fishing and concessions and the plan is that the Carroll County IDA is going to be leasing Crooked Creek and an RFP is going to be published for a concessionaire. We are working with an engineer to establish a Crooked Creek Recreation Trail 18.6 mile loop trail for bikes and horses. Bike races, mountain races with interlocking hiking trails along ridge road back to main area with eastern parking area.
2. Two state tourism initiative that has established an organization with surrounding counties in Virginia and North Carolina. In the February 2007 meeting a name for the organization "The Blue Ridge Heartland" was selected after workshops with representatives and marketing experts. The website first draft is finished, inventory of our attractions and infrastructure is finished. Articles of incorporation are written for

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both states. A memorandum of agreement has been signed by four counties and city of Galax in Virginia, five counties in North Carolina. Identified six tourist related sections for Heartland area, epicurean (wine to food), music, culture/history, outdoor recreation, arts and crafts, events/festivals.

3. Blue Ridge Plateau Ambassador training at Primeland which involves six weeks hospitality training with a grant from Patrick County Education Foundation. The first class had 37 in attendance “Train the Trainer”.
4. Marketing plan that includes the new brochure goes to print March 17, 2007 for Carroll County, the website will be up and running April 1st, there will be a calendar with links for events in the area. Distribution of the brochures will be in state visitor centers and conventions.
5. Mountain Warbler Trail Systems are being identified and established for the bird watchers of the world. Completion stages of the Beaver Dam Trail.

GOALS for 2007-2008:

1. Devil’s Den – continue to work with the organization about construction of a picnic shelter, identification of trees, shrubs and native grasses for informational and educational trail events for children and adults.
2. Blue Ridge Heartland – study of visitor tendencies, strategic, marketing plan and grants to promote positive economics from the tourism industry.
3. Crooked Road and Round the Mountain kiosks and identify local artisans, musicians with websites artisan loops and promote the valuable assets of the artisans in our region.
4. Marketing plan for “Wildwood” what is needed and what visitors want to see and experience while in the area.
5. Community events: Toughest 5K in South, bike events, historical museum, Carter Home, Crooked Road Christmas, Carroll County Fair, Hillsville planning, festivals, parades, etc.

Mr. Turner told that there were not many increases in the budget.

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Mr. Hutchins asked about the link to the calendar of events on their website and wanted to know if that could be available to the staff at the visitor's center.

Mr. Turner replied that it would be places such as the visitor's center and hotels as well as public access.

Mr. Martin commented that brochures at locations up the valley are for a broad region.

Mr. Turner replied that this had to be regional and stated that Carroll County could not do it by itself.

Mr. Dallas Garrett with the Business Development Office presented the following list of his accomplishments and goals, and discussed the number of businesses that had been assisted and that had received funding:

Business Development Program

6-Mar-07

Accomplishments 2006-2007

1. 130 clients have requested assistance with the business planning process.
2. 45 Plans have been completed with 25 funded, 10 businesses improved without funding, 2 not approved and 8 seeking funding at this time.
3. Funding approved 3.8 Million
4. Funding relationships developed with 24 different agencies, banks, etc.
5. Plans have been developed to establish a Mini-Loan program 1-10K per client for incremental growth

Goals for 2007-2008

1. Finalize Mini-Loan program for 100K revolving loan fund
2. Develop a local Venture Capital Loan Fund of 2 Million for Carroll County Residents
3. Work with 120 new clients
4. Fund an additional 40 clients in 2007-2008 including 1 or 2 New Market Tax Credit Clients-10-15 Million
5. Create 150 new jobs

Mr. Garrett told that his budget reflected an increase in part-time wages, and increase in central purchasing, and a decrease in fuel.

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Mr. Early told that he appreciated what Mr. Garrett was doing and wanted to know if the businesses that have not received funding were still being worked on.

Mr. Garrett stated that there were only two and one of those had walked away, while the other is still searching for funding

Mr. Early asked if any of the red tape could be cut away to reduce the timing.

Mr. Garrett replied that the funding agencies have their own timetable, but indicated a venture capital program could be developed at the local level.

Mr. Larrowe stated that last week focused on business development and that there were 125 students at Crossroads learning about entrepreneurship. He told that the heartbeat of the community is small business.

Mr. Larry Collins, Recreation Department Director, presented the Board with the following list of goals and accomplishments:

2006-07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The Recreation Department organized and Chartered a Trip to see a professional Baseball game in Atlanta, Ga. in June of 2006. We were able to make \$600.00 profit on the trip. We had a good response for a first time offering an event as this and everyone had a good time and were very please with the trip.
2. We hosted 3 Regional Tournaments at the Recreation Department Ballfields from July 1-14. The Counties that participated in the Tournaments were Bland, Grayson, Wythe, Floyd and Patrick. This brought a lot of people into our county that bought food, gas, and also made money for our Department Concession. We receive a lot of good positive comments from the people from the counties that took part in these tournaments. They were for both girls and boys teams.
3. We were able to get our registrations, schedules and information going on our web page more user friendly to the public. We continue to make the citizens aware of the site in all the information that we send out.
4. We continue to operate our programs with registration fees and stretch every dollar as for as we can. We have been able to operate within our budget for 2006-07 and also have been without one less employee for the year. Renea and myself have done this with a lot of hard work and many extra hours.
5. We have continued to train our volunteers with the best information that is made available to us. We continue to operate our programs and facilities with the most professionalism and courtesy to the citizens of Carroll County and all citizens that use our facilities. We are a

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department that provides a service to the people of Carroll County. We strive to treat everyone the same and try to make it enjoyable and a safe environment as the best we can.

2007-08 Department Goals

1. We are planning and working to offer more trips in 2007-08 year, as time will allow.
2. We hope to establish a Recreation Facilities Plan for a new Park or to fix the existing park.
3. To continue to operate our programs with registration fees to meet the expenses of that program. Sometimes we have to increase our fees to be able to provide and offer the programs.
4. To do some type of Fund Raiser during the 2007-08 year.
5. We will continue to do our job to the best of our ability with the support and funding that we receive and try to stay within our budget.
6. A goal that we would like to be able to accomplish would be to have a facility that we could do more tournaments.

Mr. Collins told he had increased a couple of line items in the budget this year and told that he had added money for a recreational study to see what could happen as far as the department was concerned. He told that overall there was an increase of around \$8000.00 this year in the Recreation Department budget, but the key thing is that the County needs to decide what is going to happen to the Recreation Department as far as which direction they are going in. He then stated that in the Pool Budget that he had added \$10,000 to the capital outlay and this would be used for improvements.

Mr. Kevin Semones, Farmer's Market Manager, presented the Board with the following list of accomplishments and goals:

- Completion of significant improvements to the State-side of the property.
- Continued diversification work for fruit and vegetables for the region. Such things as variety trials, chain store visits, visits with packers/processors, locate seed/plant and specialized supplies for growers, etc.
- Received grant approval from RDA for an additional \$99,000 to bring a total of \$259,000 for improvements to be made to the retail side of the property.

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- Continued to work with the Virginia Pumpkin Industry to gain more national prominence for our area's ever increasing fall decoration crop producers. Worked with TV/Radio/Newspaper and produce news to help both the public and produce buyers understand that we are becoming a major production area for the production of fall decoration items. We have gone from less than 20 acres to over 2,000 acres in Southwest Virginia in the production of fall decoration items in the last ten years.
- Continued to work with local and State specialists on crop production problems.
- Finish the retail building expansion and expansion of the new parking lot and entrances for this area of the Market.
- Work to obtain funding for hydro-cooling, forced air, and icing equipment.
- Continue to redevelop the role of the production sales warehouse building at the Market.
- Continue to promote the diversification of fruit and vegetable products from this region.
- Two products which we have worked hard to develop a market for are sweet corn and broccoli. Our goal is to determine how to cost effectively produce, cool, and package these products in 2007, so that we could significantly increase the volumes of them in 2008.

Mr. Semones told that they are working on bringing some new things to the County as far as growing is concerned. He told that the electricity will go up because of using hydro-cooling, but a lot of that will be refunded by the tenants. He told that he is working with a company to grow greens and that will increase the water and sewer. Mr. Semones told that a \$99,000 grant had been received from RDC and stated that the parking lot would be completed once the plans are finalized. He told that this work may not be completed during the current year so he has included grant monies to be carried over into next year.

Mr. Ricky Dowdy, Maintenance Department Director, stated that under General Properties in the budget were all of the buildings combined into one. He told that he had a lot of good, talented employees and that he was asking for a raise for them going by the grade scale that the County had adopted. He told that he has added \$500.00 in the miscellaneous category for the Carter Home and has put money in for asbestos removal at the old Social Services

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Building. He told that the library needs painting. He told that the Child Care Centers roof needs replacing and informed the Board that the lease was up this year and he was unsure if he planned to renew it. Mr. Dowdy then discussed purchasing the existing equipment located at the Cana Trash Site from Waste Industries rather than leasing the equipment.

Mr. Hutchins asked what the advantage to buying it was.

Mr. Dowdy replied that they have operated for 5 years without a problem and it will save \$375.00 per month. He told that it would take 4 years to pay off, but in the long run it would save money.

Mr. Martin asked if the County could extend services to other parts of the County with other sites and asked if this is what Wythe County does.

Mr. Larowe stated that those sites are paid for through taxes.

Mr. Dowdy then presented his goals and accomplishments.

TOP FIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS LAST 12 MONTHS

Completed the Beaver Dam Trail

Cleaned up two properties for violation of the County Litter Control Ordinance. (Another scheduled for March 13, 2007)

Constructed two Kiosks for the Crooked Road.

Painted Galax/Carroll/Grayson Animal Shelter to meet the requirements from the State Veterinarians Office.

Finished installing ice guards on Complex roof

TOP FIVE GOALS FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS

Install metal roof on Child Care Building

Paint the outside of the Carroll County Library

Install four street lights at Carter Pines Shelter.

Explore more ways to help the Cana Trash Site break even.

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Continue trying to make the Maintenance Department a great place to work.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Dowdy for what he does.

ANGEL FLIGHT

Lewis & Joanie Walker told that they had moved here from Petersburg and had been with this program for 3 years. Mr. Walker told that wanted to make people more aware of the program.

Mrs. Walker told that the motto of this program is to provide the shortest distance between home and hope. She told that they had gotten a call last November for a patient in Wise County and went directly to the airport in Hillsville for the flight to Wise. She told that as they got to Wise County they were fogged in so they went to Abingdon to land and the patient was delivered there. She told that they got him to Charlottesville with 45 minutes to spare and after the transplant was complete the patient had called them to let them know everything was going well. Mrs. Lewis told that they also just helped with a kidney donor who was coming all the way from New York going to South Carolina.

Mr. Lewis told that the airport is getting a lot of use and that they have been flying several patients. He told that several states make up the Mid-Atlantic part of Angel Flight. He commented that the pilots donate their time, plane and fuel. He stated that the program does accept donations and for each \$100.00 donated they provide \$400.00 in flight services. He told there were over 1500 Angel Flight pilots in this region and in 2006 they provided service to 3800 patients. He told that they have never had a patient that they could not find a pilot for. He told that they do not provide medical care during the flight. Mr. Lewis told that they need 5 days advance notice and will transport within 1000 miles. He told that patients can call 1-800-296-3797 for service.

Mr. Lewis then thanked the Board for the past support of the Twin County Airport and told that they have one of the top EAA Chapters in the Country. He told that Jody Early was on of the top pilots in the nation with flying the most number of young people through Eagle Flights. Mr. Lewis told that the airport was one of the reasons for getting the call center at Crossroads and that the sale of the Webb Furniture building was aided by the airport. Mr. Lewis then added that he previously lived in a locality with 3 jails and he never heard any negative comments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES& PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on February 20, 2007.

VOTES

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

CROOKED CREEK CONCESSION CONTRACT

Mr. Dalton stated that the lease for Crooked Creek does require the State's approval to sublease and that the County would have to discuss that with the State. He recommended an adoption of the lease and then assigning the lease to the IDA subject to their approval and acceptance. He told that the IDA could then issue a notice for the concessionaire and this would avoid legal requirements by the Board making is a slow process.

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APPROVE CROOKED CREEK CONCESSION CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following contract with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries:

VOTES

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Early	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes

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Mrs. Myers Yes



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

L. Preston Bryant, Jr. Secretary of Natural Resources

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

J. Carlton Courter, III Director

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STANDARD CONTRACT

Contract Number: 2007-10067

Title: Operation of a Concession Stand at Crooked Creek

This Contract entered into this 15th day of February 2007 by Carroll County Virginia herein after called the "Contractor," and the DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES, hereafter referred to as the "Purchasing Agency."

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Purchasing Agency, in consideration of the mutual covenants promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor shall provide the services to the Agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia as set forth in the Contract Documents.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: from 15 February 2007 through 14 February 2008 with three renewal options

The contract documents shall consist of:

- (1) This signed form;
(2) The attached purchasing description, which consists of:
(a) The Scope of Work, and /or item description
(b) The General Terms and Conditions,
(c) The Special Terms and Conditions all of which documents are incorporated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

CONTRACTOR:

PURCHASING AGENCY:

By: Gary Lamore
Title: County Administrator

By: J. Carlton Courter III
Title: Director

4010 WEST BROAD STREET, P.O. BOX 11104, RICHMOND, VA 23230-1104
(804) 367-1000 (V/TDD) Equal Opportunity Employment, Programs and Facilities FAX (804) 367-0405

(Order)

ASSIGN CROOKED CREEK CONCESSION CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to assign the lease for the Crooked Creek concession area to the IDA subject to acceptance and approval by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

VOTES

Mr. Jones Yes

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

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ADOPT CARROLL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan with the addition from the Forestry Department.

VOTES

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

Discussion concerning the Comprehensive Plan:

Mr. Early asked if the Planning Commission had approved the plan.

Mr. Larrowe replied that they did that last night.

Mr. Early asked if there was an additional change.

Mr. Newman replied that the only change that was made was the addition, which they have in the Board packet, pertaining to the forestry department.

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Mr. Early stated that he was uncomfortable approving the Comprehensive Plan when he only had three pages to look at. He told that he would like to have the entire plan.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this had been provided several times.

Mr. Newman told that the only change is what was in the packet.

Mr. Early told that he would take his word that it was the only change.

Note: A complete copy of the Comprehensive Plan is on file in the office of the County Administrator.

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APPROVE PROGRESS ADVERTISEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to participate in the Progress Advertisement with the Carroll News.

VOTES

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

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APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers 84793-84889, and 84891-84901.

VOTES

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

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mrs. Janet Tate told that she would like to see people and newspapers at the Planning Commission meetings. She told that people have misinformation that has went out by developers and told that the people in the County were not being protected right now.

Mrs. Tate told that she wanted to bring up a sensitive subject, which was alcohol sales. She told that she was raised in an alcoholic family and she has seen a lot throughout the years. She stated that she wouldn't change any of her experience. She told that her father quit drinking because of enforcement.

Mrs. Tate told that people change because of personal choice. She stated that people don't realize when they vote against alcohol they are voting against money coming into the county. She told that a person with a drinking problem doesn't go to nice restaurants to drink and stated that with planning restaurants they can be made family friendly.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that the VACO Regional meeting would be held on April 16th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Abingdon. He also told that the Mount Rogers PDC Spring Meeting will be on April 5th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairview Ruritan Building.

Mr. Larrowe told that he has been working with Hillsville Elementary and Rural Development concerning a playground equipment grant and told the Board needed to have a public hearing concerning applying for the grant. He told that the grant amount would be \$50,000 that would have to be matched.

Mr. Martin stated that he has not been intensely involved, but when the school was built there wasn't money set aside for playground equipment. He told that the PTO has raised over \$23,000 for the match so far.

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**AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – HES PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT GRANT**

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Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing on April 3, 2007, for intent to apply for grant funding for Hillsville Elementary School playground equipment through Rural Development.

Note: Mr. Martin stated that he did have a connection, but that this decision does not affect him any more than it does anyone else and therefore he can vote objectively on this matter.

VOTES

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

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AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING – ABANDONMENT OF ROUTE 744

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing on April 3, 2007 on the proposed abandonment of Route 764 from the end of State maintenance to Route 620.

VOTES

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

Mr. Larrowe told that he appreciated Mr. Tim Brown bringing the new airport manager, Wayne Richardson by the office.

Mr. Larrowe told that federal legislation is coming down on how to do audits. He told that the County will do an audit and then be audited by the auditors. He stated that this will make another level of accountability and that the County has until June to get into compliance or it will not be able to be audited.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Broadband committee meeting would be tomorrow night and that he was meeting with Todd Christianson along with

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Galax and Grayson concerning the nontraditional economic development director.

Mr. Larrowe told that there might be a possibility for the County to contribute to the Route 58 by-pass project with no cost to the County.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 8:34 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters relating to the performance of specific personnel, the discussion of the disposition of real estate where public discussion would be detrimental to the County's position, the discussion of a prospective business where no public announcement has been made of the business or industry's desire to locate or expand in the County, and for the discussion of legal matters involving threatened litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7).

VOTES

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

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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)

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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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LAUREL RESCUE SQUAD GRANT

Upon motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for the Laurel Rescue Squad to proceed with a grant application for ambulance replacement as long as no County money was involved.

VOTES

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

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Early stated that he liked the idea of using CD's and he would prefer to have a CD instead of a paper packet. He told that he could bring his laptop and use it during the meeting. He then asked that tabs be used for the members who still received the paper packets. Mr. Early then asked for Carter Building lease to be located so the Board would know what the County was responsible for during budget time.

(Order)

INSTRUCT PLANNING COMMISSION TO DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2285, instructed the Carroll County Planning Commission to prepare a zoning ordinance for Carroll County for public review within 120 days.

VOTES

March 6, 2007

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

Mr. Martin stated that the Planning Commission could do the draft then the Board would review and then the Board would have a Public Hearing.

Mr. Martin then told that each school turns in projected needs for the next year and they get a tremendous break on price. He asked if Carroll County could join in and save money.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mrs. Lineberry has been working on large procurement.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there were any standards for computers in county government and is there somebody that makes a plan.

Mr. Larrowe replied that Teresa Sharp standardizes purchases since she joined the IT Department. He that that before there was no standardization.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there would be an economy of scale with purchase of equipment and supplies. He told that during the meeting there was a CD that needed to be played and it didn't work so the Board room needs to be updated for technology.

Mr. Larrowe told that the County did have an account with Dell and Gateway and there could be a comparison of their bids for this equipment.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. until March 20, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

VOTES

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

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David V. Hutchins, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk