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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: David V. Hutchins, Chairman  
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, 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 9:38 a.m. and lead in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

(Order)

#### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

No one was signed up to speak at Citizen's Time.

(Order)

#### **ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BUDGET**

Dr. McBride told that the budget takes work and that the best gift to give children is an education. He told that all 10 schools are accredited and that they have an above average system operating at below average costs. He told that the budget is reasonable and allows them to perform the way they have been performing.

Dr. McBride went over the increases and decreases and discussed the carryover. He told that the school operating budget is up 3.2% and it was an overall 2.8% increase in the budget.

Mr. Martin asked how many buses they got last year.

Dr. McBride told that it was 9 and that there were 4 in this budget.

Mr. Jones asked how much carryover there would be this year.

Dr. McBride replied that they would not have any carryover into the 2007-2008 Budget. He told that they now have to certify that they spent the amount budgeted. He told that they would have Medicaid money that would carry

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over and also some money from Federal Projects that would need to be appropriated this fall and stated that they get this on a reimbursement basis.

Mr. Jones asked how much the PAXAR Building cost and where that money came from.

Dr. McBride replied that the cost was \$295,000 and that the money came out of construction funds. He told that the Board's Attorney wrote a letter stating that this was an appropriate use and that the building would be incorporated into the overall plans for the High School.

Mr. Martin asked what the size of the building is.

Dr. McBride told that it was 30,000 square feet with 4.5 acres.

Mr. Martin told that Carroll County does an excellent job maximizing the amount they get from the State and asked if they got 50% of what they were asking for would any State money be lost.

Dr. McBride told that they would do what they had to do in order to keep the State money.

### **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET**

Mrs. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Carroll County School Board Operational budget at \$430,657 over last year.

Mr. Dalton announced that Mr. Martin and Mrs. Myers had employment contracts with the School System and that Mr. Early's wife had an employment contract with the School System but that each could vote on this issue fairly and objectively.

Mr. Early stated that there was no local money in his wife's salary.

Mr. Jones asked what this does to the tax base.

Mr. Larowe replied that it would be 2.61 cents.

Mr. Early stated that the motion should state the dollar amount of the budget.

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Mr. Larrowe stated that this would be \$12,043,379. After discussion with Dr. McBride, Mr. Larrowe announced that the total operational budget would be \$11,821,206.

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Upon amended motion by Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Operational Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$11,821,206.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Construction Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$883,118.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**APPROVE CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOOD SERVICE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Myers, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Food Service Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$2,387,023.

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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 CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TEXTBOOK  
FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Textbook Fund Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$749,628.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin told that he has sat on Boards where the Board of Supervisors and the School Board were at each others throat and that he appreciates the last couple of years.

Mr. Hutchins told that he appreciated the opportunity to sit with Dr. McBride to discuss the budget.

Mrs. Myers told that she appreciates the School Board Members and Dr. McBride.

**COUNTY BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Larrowe told that the County budget was still being worked on making corrections, additions and deletions. He told that there are many line items that the County has no control over.

Mr. Martin told that the Social Services budget had changed, but the Board doesn't really have control over it.

Mrs. Myers asked for a salary scale for employees.

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Mr. Larrowe told that County employees had not had a raise and that it was in the budget to get people caught up a little.

Mr. Early asked about the ambulance payment.

Mr. Larrowe told that there was a lease on the ambulance.

Mr. Early stated that vehicle maintenance for Carroll EMS of \$25680 is high. He told that the license agreement for the Carter Home did not say anything about not paying for the fuel. He told that as long as the County owned the property that the County needed to insure it and supply fuel.

(Order)

**APPROVE CARTER HOME FUEL IN BUDGET**

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passed, the Board approved putting \$4000 for Carter Home fuel in the 2007-2008 budget.

VOTES

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

Mr. Evans agreed with Mr. Early concerning finding another owner for the building, but stated the County had to take care of the grant money before that could be done.

Mr. Early suggested that a public hearing for disposition of the property be held.

Mr. Larrowe told that there are things being worked on that have to be completed before the County can do this.

Mrs. Janet Tate, Carter Foundation Treasurer, told that the Carter Home Foundation was responsible for the insurance and the County was responsible for the utilities. She told that the Carter Home has increased in value with the work that has been done.

Mr. Early asked if there was money to open the pool.

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Mr. Larrowe replied that there was money budgeted. He told that he has had a discussion with the director concerning not opening the pool this year and putting that money towards doing a study, but the Recreation Commission wanted the pool open plus do the study.

Mr. Early stated that the County owned valuable property at Exit 14 and that the County should do a study.

Mrs. Myers told that the public needs to know that the County is looking for a better place, not closing the Recreation Department.

Mr. Early asked if there were any additional staff coming into the Administrator's Office.

Mr. Larrowe replied that the SAS112 will require adding another person.

Mr. Early stated that he would like to cut the budget for Resource Development.

Mr. Larrowe told that Resource Development is applying for grants such as emergency services and had reported over \$3 million dollars brought into the county.

Mr. Evans asked if the County did away with that position, how would the County keep doing this.

Mr. Larrowe told that duties would have to be re-delegated and the County would likely have to contract with someone to write grants.

Mrs. Myers told that the Grant writer has brought in much more money than her salary.

Mr. Evans told that in the end the County would not be saving money.

Mr. Larrowe discussed the Cana Fire Department Grant received by the Resource Development office from Rural Development.

Mr. Early told that the Board has talked about deleting duplication before.

Mr. Larrowe told that the two offices are different, with Resource Development obtaining money and Business Development creating jobs.

Mr. Hutchins told that there are administrative fees on lots of grants and the office could pay for itself with those fees.

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Mr. Larrowe told that most grants received do not include administrative fees and they have been putting all of the money into the projects.

Mr. Evans stated that if different people were doing this that things could be missed.

Mr. Hutchins told that the position should be kept but grants should be looked for that have administrative money to help cover costs.

Mr. Larrowe told that they have discussed looking for grants to assist with job creation.

Mr. Martin commented on the comparison of the salary with the grants received.

Mr. Early told that the County needed a grant writer, but thinks maybe the County should get someone more capable. He also told that he talked with Dr. Chandler about getting a dollar amount for training for land use training.

Mr. Hutchins told that he had e-mailed the Comprehensive Plan to review.

Mr. Martin asked for a time line on the County budget.

Mr. Larrowe stated that he could give an update at the May 15 meeting.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME**

Mr. Larrowe told the subdivision meeting is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. He told that he is working with Galax on several issues. Mr. Larrowe told that he would be meeting with Cana Rescue on Thursday and meeting with DCR on Friday. He told that the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and the next RIFA meeting is on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Early thanked the County for sending some of the Board members to the zoning conference. He told that it was helpful and showed why it is necessary for the County to have zoning.

Mrs. Myers asked that a letter be sent to some citizens who wanted a road added to let them know that VDOT is not taking any more roads into the system.

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Mr. Hutchins told that he also appreciated the opportunity to attend the zoning seminar.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. until May 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

VOTES

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

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David V. Hutchins, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk