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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 14, 2008 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: W.S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman
 David V. Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
 Andrew S. Jackson
 Wesley G. Hurst
 Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
 N. Manus McMillian
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
 James E. Cornwell, Jr., County Attorney

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to Order at 4:27 p.m. and asked Dr. Littrell to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mr. Dickson told that it is good to have a large group present.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Dr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 10, March 17, March 26, March 31 and April 7 2008 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 25 and Road Order Book No. 4 in the County Administrator's Office.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for March 2008 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of April checks for the payment of salaries and

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wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE RE-APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to re-appropriate \$200.00 to line item #031020-7005 for money received from the Drug Dog and \$431.89 to line item #031020-5504 for travel expense reimbursement.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$1335.00 received from the sale of surplus vehicles to Equipment Maintenance line item #043130-5410.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes

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Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

RECREATION PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved hiring part-time employees for life guards, concession workers and ground maintenance.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

AUTHORIZE MAY CLEAN-UP

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved holding the annual May clean up.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following resolution:

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors held on April 14, 2008, on a motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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WHEREAS, the County of Carroll desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$50,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2008-2009, Revenue Sharing Program; and,

WHEREAS, \$50,000 of these funds are requested to fund the construction of VDOT project 0058-017-E13,C501 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Supervisors of Carroll County support this application for an allocation of \$50,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2008.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE FARMERS MARKET APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$225,000 to the Farmer's Market Cooling Project, line item 083060-9030 Capital Outlay - Cooling.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FUNDING

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved accepting the USDA funding for Playground equipment and authorized Mr. Larowe to sign all associated documents.

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VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE COST ALLOCATION PLAN CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Cost Allocation Plan contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$6320.38 received from Court fines and forfeitures to Court Fines & Forfeiture Law Enforcement line item 031020-9020.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring \$5960.00 from Capital Outlay Child Care Center line item 043080-7000 to Cannery Cans line item 043060-5416.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE APPROPRIATING AIRCRAFT TAXES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating the taxes collected from aircraft based at the Twin County Airport to Airport Loan – Site Preparation line item 081070-5606.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE TOURISM APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated \$4250.00 received from the Virginia Tourism Corporation to Tourism Round the Mountain line item 012050-9050.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

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(Order)

APPROVE TOURISM APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated \$6202.02 received from the Virginia Tourism Corporation to Tourism Tourist Information Center line item 012050-9000.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board appropriated \$534.81 received as reimbursement to Maintenance Department Repairs & Maintenance line item 043200-3004.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. for the discussion of personnel, for the discussion of disposition or real estate where public discussion would be detrimental to the County's position, for the discussion of a prospective business or industry where no public announcement has been made concerning the business or industry's desire to

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locate or expand in the County, and for the discussion of legal matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1), (A3), (A5), (A7).

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, 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.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

Mr. Dickson told that the Board holds Closed Session early to allow the County Attorney to attend both the PSA and BOS meetings to save on costs.

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Mr. Dickson introduced Pam Smith, the new Financial Analyst.

PUBLIC HEARING – LEASE OF ROOMS IN OLD COURTHOUSE

Mr. Dickson opened the Public Hearing at 5:58 p.m. and Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose was to hear public comment concerning the lease of rooms in the old Courthouse.

Mr. Bobby Patterson asked that the Genealogy Club be allowed to use 2 rooms on the 2nd floor of the old Courthouse. He told that the rooms are the old Board of Supervisors rooms and where they are now is being sold so it makes the request more urgent. He told that they have someone coming from California to search genealogy.

Ms. India Teller, President of the Historical Society asked for 2 rooms for expansion of the museum. She told they have experienced interest in the museum and had almost 4000 visitors last year. She told that they had invested \$50,000 in renovation of the Courthouse. She told that they had invited the genealogy club to co-sign the original lease. Ms. Teller told that the citizens will not donate items unless they will be displayed. She asked for 2 rooms to expand the museum which are rooms that are now taken by the Chamber of Commerce on the first floor.

Mr. Tony Lowe told that the museum in Carroll County is outstanding. He told that 100 of the visitors were from outside of the USA. He told that people are interested in history and they are running out of space. He told that they sold out for the Downtown Hillsville events and the museum helps to make sure people don't bypass town.

Mr. Doug Crosswhite, Vice-President of the Genealogy Club, told of their current crowded conditions. He told that they only have room for one table for people to use and asked for consideration for the use of the rooms. Mr. Crosswhite presented letters of support.

The public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

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AUTHORIZE LEASE FOR GENEALOGY CLUB

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized leasing 2 rooms upstairs in the old Courthouse to the Genealogy Club for 10 years with a renewal option.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

AUTHORIZE LEASE FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to lease 2 rooms downstairs in the old courthouse to the Historical Society for 10 years with a renewal option.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

PUBLIC HEARING – STAGGERED TERMS

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. and Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose was to hear public comments regarding staggered terms.

Mr. Ray Melton told that he has been coming to the meetings for 15 years and everybody being elected at the same time is a good thing.

Ms. Carolyn Honeycutt, Chairman of the Republican Committee, told that they have a primary every 4 years and staggered terms would present problems for the party. She told that the primary is a tradition in the County and for the party and they spend thousands of dollars for poll workers, advertising, campaign materials, etc and they would like to continue the primary process. She told that she understands that staggered terms have merit and that local government is the closest government to the citizens. She told that they have thousands of people that participate in the primary and they can not afford to have one every two years.

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Ms. Patricia Sebens told that each Board of Supervisors discussed staggered terms during their campaign and thanked them for taking up the issue early in their term. She told that she supports staggered terms due to continuity and trying to learn what happened in the past in a short time is difficult. She urged them to carefully consider work done by the Board of Supervisors and the School Board and to consider the obligation to the citizens. She told that there are mid-term elections so we would not be adding an election.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she ran for supervisor and every candidate at the Farm Bureau meeting supported staggered terms. She told that it is not a good way to run business with the opportunity to turn over the entire Board and School Board at once.

Mr. Wayne Kenny told that at the Farm Bureau forum that all candidates agreed that staggered terms are what is needed and asked the Board to consider it.

The public hearing was closed at 6:26 p.m.

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ADOPT STAGGERED TERM ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing unanimously the Board approved to adopt the staggered term ordinance.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

Mr. Hurst told that he understands the discussions, but when there is a possibility of turning over all of the members in the long term it would be much better to have staggered terms.

Mr. Hutchins told that when he had talked to people during his campaign they had recommended staggered terms and they have to look for what is best for the entire county. He told that he believes the party will find a way to make it viable.

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Mr. McMillian told that the citizens supported candidates and they may think they are going through the process again. He told that the citizens could still support the candidates.

Dr. Littrell told that the citizens get better government with staggered terms.

Mr. Jackson told that he understands Ms. Honeycutt, but people were concerned what would happen if there were 6 new members.

Mr. Dickson told that he campaigned for staggered terms.

PUBLIC HEARING – BURIAL OF ANIMALS

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. and Mr. Larowe told that the purpose was to hear public comments concerning the proposed adoption of the ordinance concerning burial of animals.

With no one to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the County had to adopt for the people to bury animals or to make people bury animals.

Mr. Cornwell told that he would need to review the code.

It is the consensus of the Board to table this until next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. and Mr. Larowe told the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments regarding the intent to apply for funding for emergency services vehicles.

With no one to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

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APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to apply for funding for emergency service vehicles and to authorize Mr. Larrowe to execute any necessary documents.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD ABANDONMENT OF ROUTE 701

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 6:36 pm and Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comments regarding the proposed abandonment of Route 701.

Mr. Edward Schoen told that he owns lot 67 and 67 A just above the Lindsay property. He told that it should be abandoned and it is the Lindsay's driveway. He asked the Board to abandon Route 701 from Chantilly to Springbud. He told that the road passes within 3 feet of his barn and 20 feet from his garage.

Mr. Terry Felts told that the road runs through his land. He told that he always thought 701 had been abandoned since no work had been done on it since the early 50's. He told that he would like to see Route 701 abandoned from Springbud to Chantilly, not just the 300 feet through the Lindsay's property. He told that if the entire road is not abandoned then he wants to have access to the entire road. He told that if the County abandons the 300 feet then people would have to go down from Chantilly and then turn around and come out. He told that he and the Schoen's consider 701 their private drive since they are the only ones that have put gravel on it.

Mr. Vivian Marsh told that when he purchased the property 4.5 years ago he had a plan of a family compound. He told that the right of way is critical to getting to 2 of the lots and they spent \$3500 getting a survey to show the right of way. He told that the road by the Lindsay's was used to get into to build a cabin and if they do away with the right away then they have lost \$50,000 on one lot and \$75,000 on another lot. He told that he feels sorry for the Lindsay's because it is their driveway, but to relocate they would have to cross wetlands and spend a lot of money. He told that the right of way still exists and told that they have made the Lindsay's an offer to sell the property to them and build a road if the Board would agree, but they turned down their offer.

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Mr. Les Nichols told that he owned the property and sold it to Mr. Marsh. He told that he built a log cabin and graded the road from it to the right of way in the late 70's. He told that the other house was not there, just a swamp and that he had to work on the 300 feet. He told that it has been used over the years to get to the cabin.

Mr. John Tandy told that he is a neighbor of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Lindsay. He told that he has walked the area and has never seen evidence of a road except for the driveway. He told that none of the Lindsay's deeds list a right of way and told that if it was determined to take it as a road it would be the Lindsay's driveway. He told that an early survey by Scott showed the road next to the property line and Mr. Dalton didn't find where the right of way is. He told that it would solve the problem if 300 feet were abandoned. He told that VDOT has no knowledge of where the road came off.

Mr. Paul Lindsay told that Mr. Dalton said the survey was done for the bank and not for Mr. Marsh. He told that Mr. Marsh has accessed the cabin with out using the right of way on his property. He told that Mr. Marsh offered for them to pay \$10,000 to relocate the right of way. He told that the land is not marketable with the right of way. He told that he had researched before he bought the house and no one ever mentioned a right of way. He told during a phone conversation with Mr. Marsh that he indicated that he wanted to develop the land and put trailers on it and he offered to sell the property to Marsh for what he had it in. He told that Mr. Marsh has not used the right of way in 4 years. He told that removal of the right of way would not leave Mr. Marsh landlocked. Mr. Lindsay read a letter from Ricky Dalton and told that the lines on the survey showed where traffic had traveled. He told that yesterday Mr. Marsh drove a tractor along the right of way over a propane tank.

Mr. Brad Dalton told that he is here on behalf of the Lindsay's. He told that he understands that the Board does not want to leave landowners landlocked and this would not be an issue. He told that the road is blocked by a fence and told that the actual location of the right of way is not determined. He told that Mr. Marsh contends that he needs the right of way to access a cabin, but it has not been used in 4 years and he has accessed it by other means. Mr. Dalton told that Mr. Marsh would not be able to get an easement by necessity in Court. He told that the right of way is the Lindsay's driveway and it presents a problem for him. He told that the Board needs to consider if the right of way has public good and asked the Board to abandon the right of way.

The public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins told that this is a complex issue and he has lots of thoughts. He told that if they didn't have 100% consensus in doing a road then they

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should not have had a public hearing. He told that this is not an issue for the Board, but for Court.

ABANDONMENT OF ROUTE 701

Mr. Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hurst, for the Board to not take action or abandon the road unless the Court determines a need for the County to abandon it.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson No
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson No
Mr. Littrell No
Mr. McMillian Yes

COLLECTION OF DELIQUENT TAXES

Mr. Cornwell told that the Board can impose an administrative fee of \$30.00 and a 20% collection fee on delinquent taxes. He asked for a public hearing to consider this matter.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING ON COLLECTION OF DELIQUENT TAXES

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to hold a public hearing regarding the collection of delinquent taxes.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

CITIZEN'S TIME

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Mr. Ron Doerschug suggested a procedural change to citizen's time. He suggested allowing citizens to speak only one time during the meeting, but to be able to speak on motions that come up.

Mr. Dwayne Harmon told that by law the County has to do a reassessment. He told that at the last meeting people wanted to speak, but they had to leave before citizen's time. He told that the County needs to be good stewards of the money and the Board needs to tighten the belt. He told that there are not a lot of cut and dry decisions on the budget. He told that the Board spends a lot of time in Closed Session. He presented a petition with 1800 signatures who are concerned about taxes.

Mr. Ray Melton thanked the Board for taking an interest in the interchanges on I-77. He told that billions of dollars go by with non-developed interchanges. He told that it will take the burden off of taxpayers if it is developed and told he is glad to see the Board making changes.

Mr. Larowe told that this is one of the Board's goals, but it takes a lot of money.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REPORT

Ms. Louise Quesenberry told that the tax relief for elderly and disabled has been a concern of hers since taking office. She told that Carroll County is not out of line with neighboring localities and they look at it after each reassessment. She told that the County has had an ordinance since 1973. She told that this year they have 497 applicants and they normally have 440. Ms. Quesenberry told that the cost last year was \$60,670. She told that a house and 1 acre can be exempt and that most people who apply have a house and a lot and some do have some acreage.

Mr. Dickson asked how the County compares to other localities with applications.

Ms. Quesenberry told that the tax rate is what affects most of the people. She told that it is hard to predict until we know the tax rate.

Mr. Dickson asked if there was a change when it would go into effect.

Ms. Quesenberry replied that it is normally January 1st and told it could be done now if the maximum exemption were changed. She told that they are seeing an average income of \$14,000 for applicants. She recommended going to a \$200 maximum exemption and told that the Board might want to look at exempting \$5000 income from the disabled.

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Mr. Dickson thanked Ms. Quesenberry for working on this.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Janie Harrison told that most parcels increased 40% or less and the higher percentages were skewed because they had parcel splits or mergers. She told that new construction caused a large increase. She told that on the parcel count that 31,150 were taxable and 1111 were tax exempt. She told that they reviewed 4219 parcels and made 2657 changes. Ms. Harrison told that the 2008 estimated sales ratio from the Department of taxation is 97.1% and the estimated ratio after changes is 95.8%. Ms. Harrison told that the effective rate to bring in 1% more revenue over last year is \$0.53 and 1 additional penny would bring in \$236,677.50 and this does not take collections into consideration. She told that there are 801 participants in the Land Use Program and they have to show usage for the last 3 years and show \$1000 income to qualify. Ms. Harrison presented a notice for the Board of Equalization and told that the members are Mary Quesenberry, Sam Terry and Richard Alderman.

Mr. Dickson told that the County can't change tract size for land use but asked if the Board could change the dollar amount.

Ms. Harrison replied no.

Mr. Dickson asked what could be changed.

Ms. Harrison told that the application fee could be changed.

Mr. Dickson told that people have told him that restrictions need to be tightened.

Ms. Harrison told that if the County goes out on its own they are opening up for a lawsuit.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the majority of those over 100% were in a range of 100-150%.

Ms. Harrison told that a large amount were around 100% and most were on vacant lots.

Mr. Hutchins asked if she could determine this easily.

Ms. Harrison told that she has the database and she can e-mail that.

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RECREATION COMMISSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing unanimously, the Board approved to reduce the Recreation commission to 6 members, one from each district and one at-large member.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following appointments to the Recreation Commission for the term of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011.

Ronnie Mankins
Myron Dalton
Alvin Davidson
Curtis Sumner
Gene Kimble
Robin Whittington

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sam Dickson resigned from the Carroll County Planning Commission.

The following nominations were made.

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Mr. Jackson nominated Rex Hill, Dr. Littrell nominated Margaret Leggett, Mr. McMillian nominated Joey Dickson, Mr. Dickson nominated Shelby Puckett and Mr. Hutchins nominated David Williams.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to close the nominations and appoint by acclimation.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

REGIONAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Glenda Dalton to the Regional Library Committee.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

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TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following nominations were made.

Mr. Hutchins nominated Molly Harrison, Mr. Hurst nominated India Teller, Mr. Jackson nominated Don Foster, Dr. Littrell nominated Hughes Burton and Mr. McMillian nominated Richard Triplett.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to close nominations and appoint by acclimation.

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VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

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RURAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Mr. Johnny Hurst to the Rural Technical Committee.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larowe told that a group of youth were working on Community and Economic Development. He told the name that they are using is TAKY – Tri Area Committee on Youth and they are planning a lot of activities.

Mr. McMillian told that he was impressed with how they presented ideas in a short period of time.

Mr. Larowe told that the group is moving ahead and they have a lot of ideas. He told that there has been interest in funding this group in next year's budget.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks everyone would agree to placing some amount in the budget and suggested \$2500 and requesting that other localities match the amount.

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Dr. Littrell told that he was impressed with the presentation and asked that the Board might have a representative come and present a business plan to determine the needs.

Mr. Larrowe told that during the Tri-Area meeting that the regional resolution passed and told that Mr. Travis Jackson was impressed and stated that we would never know how much that would mean in federal and state dollars. He told that the resolutions were being sent to the School Boards and to civic groups.

Dr. Littrell told that Oakland Ruritan club had adopted the resolution.

Mr. Larrowe told that the County has been dealing with E&S issues for some time and that he and Mr. Nester appeared before the State Board and they have commended the County's efforts. He told that there was a Tourism meeting at Crossroads last Friday and it was also the Regional Jail groundbreaking. He told that Tourism employs 640 people in Carroll County.

Mr. Larrowe told that Carroll County has received grants through Rural Development for playground equipment for St. Paul, Gladesboro, Hillsville and Laurel. He told that this is pass-through because the PTO's come up with the match.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Treasurer's Report in the packet is incorrect and he has distributed the corrected version. He told that the County still is not seeing a report from Galax Fire, Fries Fire, Ivanhoe Fire, Lead Mines Rescue, Cana Rescue or Laurel Fork Rescue. He told that funding is based on calls and told that the reports are needed.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had a request from the Carroll County Bar Association concerning the process for recording plats. He told that they recommended having an assistant to the subdivision agent and recommended appointing Mr. Newman.

Mr. Larrowe told that there is a need to purchase an Animal Control vehicle. He told that there is money in the budget for this and would also include purchasing a light bar and do lettering. He recommended not exceeding \$25,000.

(Order)

TAKY BUDGET APPROVAL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to add \$2500 in the next years budget for the TAKY group.

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VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPOINT ASSISTANT SUBDIVISION AGENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Ronald Newman as assistant subdivision agent.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

Mr. Hutchins asked if Mr. Newman was out of the building for a meeting would there be coordination between him and Mr. Nester that one will be in the building from 8-5.

Mr. Larowe told that the County would have to have more people and basically have someone that only sits here to review the plats.

Mr. Larowe reviewed a list of upcoming meetings and events.

(Order)

MT. ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Mr. David Williams and Mr. David Hutchins to the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes

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Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He told that he hoped the decisions that were made today the citizens thought were good decisions. He told that the Board did have one 3-3 vote and that they are all still friends. He told that it is good to see the youth working together and encouraged everyone to visit the water treatment plant in Austinville. He told that he hoped to get the budget worked out.

Mr. Hurst told that it was good to see everyone at the meeting. He told that the Board went to see the water plant and it is a commitment to the County by being on the PSA. He told that it will enable having water in parts of the County that would otherwise not be feasible. He told that the Board is trying to make the best use of tax dollars. He told that on the report from Mr. Roma that for Cana Rescue not to report is unacceptable when the County is helping them.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is very distressing to look at the report when the Board is trying to help agencies. He told that the report from the Building Official looks great. He told that there is a VACO Supervisor Certification course in Charlottesville and recommended the course to all Board Members. He told that the PSA discussed sewer at the interstate exchanges and it will be costly, but stated that if the County doesn't make an investment now it will not be able to attract industry.

Dr. Littrell told that he is still enjoying his term on the Board and told that it is a learning experience. He told that he does have a concern with how the budget is presented and feels like Ms. Smith will help in this area. He told that the SADD group is worthwhile because they help keep the youth safe after the prom.

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting. He told that he values all of the Board members opinions and they will have times that not everyone votes the same, but they do respect each other's opinions. He told that the self help program will be a valuable tool for the PSA in years to come. He told that the County does need to support tourism and if they don't get their dollars as they come off the interstate then they will spend them somewhere else.

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Mr. Dickson thanked everyone for coming. He told that he likes the progress that the Board is making.

(Order)

SADD CLUB DONATION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to donate \$150.00 to SADD for the After Prom Party.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

AUTHORIZE CHECK TO SADD

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to authorize a check to SADD for \$150.00.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:04 p.m. until April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for budget workshop and other items that may come forward.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes

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Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk