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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, June 9, 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 4:13 p.m. and asked Mr. Newman to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mr. Dickson told that it was good to see a large crowd and told that there were around 100 children at the Crooked Creek Fee Fishing area over the weekend.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting held on May 12, 2008, 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. 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. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for May 2008 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on

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the 13th and 30th days 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. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGN

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for a Children at Play sign to be placed at 2964 Meadowbrook Road.

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. Jackson and passed unanimously, the Board approved to re-appropriate funds to the Sheriff's Office budget in the amount of \$15.00 for copies of reports for insurance to Office Supplies line item 031020-5401 and \$326.00 for travel expenses to Gasoline line item 031030-5408.

VOTES

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

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

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE RE-APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to re-appropriate funds to the Sheriff's Office budget in the amount of \$30.00 for copies of reports for insurance to Office Supplies line item 031020-5401 and \$600.60 for travel expenses to Gasoline line item 031030-5408.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ANIMAL CONTROL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously, the Board approved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$15.00 received as a donation from the Conservatory of Dance and Theatre to Animal Control Uniforms line item 035010-2012.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claims as presented this

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day and as evidenced by check numbers 90323-90528, and did authorize a check to be processed to pay for two cargo trailers at the Farmer's Market in the amount of \$10650.00.

EXTENSION REPORT – EMILY NESTER

Emily Nester told the mission statement of the Extension office and told that the Carroll County office is located in the Southwest district. She told that the office provides 4-H Youth Development, Family Nutrition Program, Ag & Natural Resources and Community Viability. She told that there are 800 youth enrolled in the 4-H Program. Ms. Nester told that Family & Consumer Sciences assist with families with nutritional and health and the Family Nutrition program teaches nutritional information to low income families. She told that Ag & Natural Resources help sustain profitability of agriculture. She presented 2002 Farm Census.

Mr. Hurst asked about the Extension Leadership Council.

Ms. Nester told that the last meeting was in December 2006 and that they did have a meeting last week to try to re-establish the Council.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Clyde Easter reiterated what he stated at the last meeting. He told that he is concerned with expenditures in the budget, especially since 2006. He told that he would like to know if all expenditures are worth what is being spent. He told that there are extra figures on finance department, fire department and tourism. He stated that the economy is not good, there is a high unemployment rate, and that he hopes that the Board is looking close at expenditures. He told that the Board inherited some problems from the prior Boards, but some figures have come up since the Board took over and asked if AmerLink is working any employees. He told that he understands orders for log homes are not being built in Carroll County. He stated that jobs are needed in Carroll County, but sometimes the cost is greater than the benefit. He discussed his lots that he could not get approved for sewer and asked the Board for help to get approval.

Mr. Randy Lineberry told that he is the Fries Fire Chief and that they have been covering 44 square miles and over 6000 homes and businesses since 1961 and that this is the first time that they have asked for help. He told they have 1982 and 1987 trucks that need to be replaced. He told that they have fundraisers each year. He told that they run 67 fire calls and 520 EMS. He

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told that it took 5 hours to show Mr. Roma the coverage area and they are asking for some help in serving the Carroll County citizens. He told that they work mutual aid with Galax and Ivanhoe.

Mr. Dickson told that they did ask for a report and didn't get one this year.

Mr. Lineberry replied that he was in the hospital and didn't get it done this month.

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the discussion of personnel, for the discussion of disposition of 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 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;

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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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Cornwell discussed refinancing the County debt. He told that the PSA could save \$500,000 and the County could save \$100,000-\$200,000. He told that this could be looked at with no cost or obligation.

(Order)

APPROVE EXPLORING REFINANCING DEBT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized Mr. Cornwell to look into the possibility of refinancing the County debt.

VOTES

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

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AUTHORIZE FLOODPLAN ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing during the July meeting pertaining to the Flood Plan Ordinance.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding Public Hearings of July 14, 2008 for the following proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance declaring Carroll County as the exclusive service area of the Carroll County Public Service Authority and providing for mandatory connection to the water and/or sewer facilities of the Carroll County Public Service Authority;
2. An Ordinance prohibiting unauthorized tampering, use or connections to public water and sewer facilities;
3. An Ordinance authorizing the Director of the Carroll County PSA to declare limitations on the use of water during time of emergency due to water shortage caused by drought, pollution, or environmental hazards;
4. An Ordinance prohibiting unauthorized discharge or dumping of sewage;
5. An Ordinance to require central water systems for subdivisions containing 15 or more lots;
6. An Ordinance to repeal and revise Chapter 122 of the County Code, relating to the control and prevention of cross-connections with, and backflow into the public water supply.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Dickson opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

With no one to speak, Mr. Dickson closed the hearing at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008/2009 BUDGET

Mr. Dickson opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Jimmy Alderman told that he doesn't see how the citizens can afford the tax increase. He told that the County can cut tourism and personnel and asked the Board to look at those cuts. He told that Breezy Ridge was promised fire hydrants and asked the Board to consider putting those in the budget.

Mr. Hutchins told that the PSA did discuss fire hydrants today.

Mr. Ron Hall told that he is concerned about taxes and they are a result of wasteful and irresponsible spending in prior years. He told that the government is spending beyond its means. He told that we have a system of free enterprise and we must live within the means. He told that he didn't mind paying for the things that the County has to have, but he is not convinced that all of the additional personnel are needed. Mr. Hall discussed the chrome on the fire trucks and told that Gary Larowe had said that government is a business. He agreed it was a business and stated it should be run as a business. He told that in Corporate America departments were told to cut and if department heads don't cut then they look for a new department head. He advised that the department heads take \$12 million out of the budget.

Mr. Glenn Sage stated that the County showed a balanced budget and wondered how well the County had been adhering to this. He told that he understands that the County is in debt for \$60 million. He told that the citizens of the County have no idea how the County stands on debt and told that the citizens deserve reports. He told that he has heard rumors that the County is not doing anything to retire the debt, but is borrowing money to pay the interest. He stated that the Board should make this public.

Edna Thomas told that she received a bill that said her property was worth \$244,000. She told that she had paid \$350 to have an assessment done and it

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came in at \$164,000. She thanked the Board for making the people wait from 5:30 until the Board got to the meeting at 7:00.

Mr. Bernie Thomas asked what made the \$79,000 difference in the assessment.

Mr. Robert Puckett told that everyone is concerned about their taxes. He asked with no jobs and nothing going on how can the Board raise the taxes. He told that people have a choice not to buy gas, but if they don't pay taxes then the County comes after the citizens. He told that the Board can reduce the assessment. He stated that the Board is supposed to represent the citizens and he don't feel they are being represented. He told that the Board should be there when collecting taxes so they can hear everyone complaining.

Mr. Rex Hancock told that his concern is where to go from here and what is going to happen at the next assessment. He told that the Board needs to pay attention to what people are saying.

Mr. Ray Melton told that his taxes are up too and he doesn't understand why seniors have to pay because they have paid all their life. He told that seniors should have a tax exemption. He told that if the Board sets the tax rate at 59.5 he will be paying the same taxes as last year because the value went up.

Mr. Olen Gallimore asked if the Board was hiring. He told that the budget was advertised but asked if the tax increase was advertised. He asked if the \$1.3 million had to be put back all in one year and told if the tax is set at 59.5 he will be paying 53.9% more taxes when he heard it would be 11%. Mr. Gallimore told that people would think about selling out. He told that he has one lot that has public water by it that went up over 400% and was told previous assessors brought values up to where they should be and asked why it went up so much this time. He told that the moral in the building was low and most think one department is held above the others and they should all be the same. He told that when he calls he gets a recording and there is suppose to be a receptionist and asked why personnel has increased. He asked if County business is kept on computers at home with employees working from home. Mr. Gallimore asked that with the Financial Analyst can the County do away with the Treasurer, the Commissioner, and the Administrator. He told that the County is throwing money away for this position. He told that if the tax rate is this high farmers will be forced out of business. He told that the School Board had level funding so why can't the County.

Mr. Dickson stated that the County budget is one-half million dollars less this year.

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Mr. Gallimore suggested a County income tax or a luxury tax for landowners who live here less than 6 months. He told that the Carroll County tax rate should not be higher than Wythe County.

Mr. Floyd Richardson told that he came a couple of months ago and asked the Board to look at a 20-25% cut and asked the Board to tell Gary Larrowe to find the money.

Ms. Joann Nowak told that she fell in love with Carroll County 2 years ago because of the cost and taxes were low and now they are looking at a 43% increase. She told that countywide may be 10% but several are facing a much larger increase. She asked the Board to reconsider the 59.5 tax rate and look at cuts or additional revenue and volunteered to help.

Mr. Mike Metcalf told that he moved here 9 years ago and commented about the Courthouse and was told that it was not the Courthouse that it was back one block. He told that he could not even think about the debt. He asked that when the County makes a capital expenditure does it send out an RFP and at what level. He told that government is not a corporation and there is no blank check here.

Mr. Barry Branscome told that the economy is tough and a lot of people are out of jobs or are on fixed incomes. He told that he doesn't know if he can afford an increase and doesn't know how farmers make a living. He stated that he hoped the farmers were not put out of business and the food coming from China.

Mr. Colin Farmer told that people are over burdened with taxes and that the budget should not be increased. He told that maybe the County don't need a County Attorney and could let other people do that job.

Ms. Linda Hill told that she sold real estate in Richmond and she thought that when the assessors came through they would come to the house and look at it. She told that there were things added so she mentioned it and it was redone. She told that the tax rate going up 9 cents is too much and there are a lot of foreclosures and refinancing in the County. She told that everything goes up except paychecks and thought the people should see a report each month. She told that she has never seen anything from the School system that makes sense. She told that the County should not have credit cards or expense accounts and if it did there should be a cap and the County should buy from surplus. She told that the County should not make it worse by raising taxes because that would cause delinquent taxes.

Mr. Dwayne Harmon told that he heard several comments about closed session. He told that he appreciated the ones that had spoken before and told that the citizens are concerned. He commented that the new Detroit is down in

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Mexico because things are already gone here. He told that a proposed tax increase is putting a burden on people and the County needs to tighten the belt and buy surplus vehicles.

With no one else to speak, Mr. Dickson closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Ms. Clara Richards spoke concerning the moving here because she couldn't afford to live in Florida.

Ms. Nancy Hill told that the Board not showing up on time shows mismanagement. She told that her mother is a retired teacher of 32 years and her thanks is her assessment going up 123%. She told that their money had to be spent on the health of her mother. She asked what is positive about not being able to work or find a job and told that it is time everyone comes together to make changes to make a happier County. She told that she worked as a project manager in DC and was always given x number of dollars and x number of months to complete the project.

Ms. Mary Bobbitt told that something needs to be done about closed session. She told that the average increase is 40% but most of hers was 200% and stated that the housing market is down. She told that she appealed her assessment and the revised assessment increased. She told that the Board of Equalization puts a burden on people to show how the assessment is different from like properties. She told that if you are retired and drawing social security that the taxes would be 3 months of social security to pay the taxes and people will have to sell their property.

Mr. Colin Farmer recommended keeping the tax rate at no more than 51 cents. He said that the Board tells people the budget will be the same as last year, but it needs to be cut.

Mr. James Towe told that his father was the Emergency Coordinator with a budget of \$6000. He told that he lost his job so he is selling timber and land to make it. He told that when you are going through hard times you have to cut. He told that the County should find a charitable organization to take over the swimming pool and the County should use surplus vehicles to save money. He asked the Board to tighten the belt.

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Mr. Eldon Horton told that the Supervisors are having trouble cutting the budget. He told that he can balance his budget if he raises prices but he doesn't have captive customers. He told that the County has added more to the budget that they can afford. He told that the budget could be balanced by cutting spending.

Mr. Ray Melton told that the Board has a big job ahead of them. He told that 51 cents is the most they could expect from the citizens and told that the County should have another assessor.

With no one else to speak, the public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Dickson told that the Board normally don't respond but take comments and consider them. He told that some suggestions are not feasible and some are and told that he wished it was as simple as cutting. He told that it takes money to do things and told that he would like to have Wytheville's tax rate along with their tax base. Mr. Dickson asked if the Board should get rid of the economic development people and quit trying. He told that the Board has made strong gains in 5 months and they do not like the assessment either, but the State mandates a lot of what the County can do. He told that they have cut the budget \$500,000 and have set a tax rate to pay for the budget. He told that last year the rate was below the budget so that hurt. Mr. Dickson told that the closed session was not just about personnel, it also involved prospects to help with development. He told that it was not a matter of the Board not trying to be out on time, but they were trying to save money by having closed session earlier so the County Attorney could leave and not have to pay for him to stay. He told that 5 months is a short time to correct things. He told that they are working on E&S and the subdivision ordinance. He told that the Board can not change the assessment and the Assessor is certified. He told that they have hired outside firms and get the same results. He asked people to give them time and told that they would do the best they could. He told that if the economy turns things will look better and if not they will have to make cuts.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that he is very concerned about the plans and stated the public information about the Mayberry Opry development has not been great. He told that the process leaves a lot to be desired and there needs to be more public consideration. He told that closed sessions are not the way to do this and that he hopes they are being used for necessity. He told that the Board needs to make an effort for the citizens to feel that they are part of the process. He told that due diligence needs to be performed and anybody can promise development. He told that he tried to find a track record of the companies, but could not find one and wanted to know why they could not consummate the deal with Mt. Airy. He told that the Board needs to do things

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in open to let citizens hear what is being done. He told that rumors start because of closed session and stated that he hoped the Board would express the thoughts to the IDA.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that the IDA and the Board would be going over some information. He told that due diligence is being done and to provide information in open is not fair and equitable for proposals. He told that the County can't afford to have bad things happen like it has in the past. He told that Mr. Goldwasser had suggested contacting outside sources and wanted everyone to know that the County has done that. Mr. Larrowe told that County has worked with the VEDP to get their thoughts. He told that he is not sure that the County is close to dealing with the proposal at this time and told that efforts are underway to make sure everything is done in a prudent manner.

Mike Goldwasser gave a precautionary word about what Closed Sessions cause.

Mr. Dickson told that both groups are working together and it is premature to put information out because another proposal might come forth. He told that if anything is done there will be a lot of work that goes into this.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Recreation Commission was seated and Myron Dalton is the new chair. He told that he has met with people from VA Tech on advanced technology in manufacturing. He told that he visited Governor Kaine and the Secretary of Transportation and the Governor has continued funding for Route 58 for \$12 million per year and told that the Board may want to revisit Route 669 to use this money.

Mr. Larrowe told that he attended a VEDP meeting in Richmond and made a presentation concerning assets of the area. He told that he is working on the personnel policy and hopes to have it complete by July. He told that the County had a prospect visit last week. Mr. Larrowe told that he met with the PSA to bring water to the Happy Hollow area with the self help program. He told that the Board will have an award presentation for Tommy Wilmouth with Carroll EMS in July.

Mr. Larrowe told that there are still a few squads that are not sending reports and letters will be sent out that states that it is putting their funding in jeopardy. He told that the HVFD has submitted an application to Rural Development for funding for a truck.

Mr. Larrowe recognized Gerald Goad as the intern and told that he is getting the word out about good things happening in Carroll County. He told

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that the County received \$3300 from the Local Emergency Management Planning Grant and \$1.5 million on the Communications Grant of which \$800,000 will be coming to Carroll. He told that the Decentralized Sewer grant application was submitted for \$400,000 to the Tobacco Commission and one for the Regional Tourism Grant for \$27,800. He told that the Board would be having a joint meeting with the IDA on Thursday at Countryside beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Larrowe told that the budget would be adopted on June 23rd at 7:00. He told that the Health Department will be raising their rates as of July 1st. Mr. Larrowe told that the Animal Control Officer had done a seizure of 13 dogs, 6 cats, 4 horses and 2 goats. He told that the County needed to perform an assessment on the enhanced benefits for hazardous duty positions which would include EMS and Animal Control. Mr. Larrowe told the dates of upcoming meetings.

(Order)

AUTHORIZATION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO TRANSFER THE WATER AND SEWER ASSETS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized holding a Public Hearing on June 23, 2008 to hear public comment pertaining to the proposed transfer of County owned water and sewer assets to the Public Service Authority.

VOTES

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

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. McMillian thanked everyone for coming and giving their input.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciated everyone coming and told that 6 months ago he was sitting in the audience and had the same concerns. He told that he had a hard time finding out about the debt during his campaign, but it is coming down. He told that the closed session was a sore point, but they are necessary. He apologized for taking so long tonight and stated the Board will try to do better. He told that the Board is getting a handle on the budget, but it is hard to understand all of the line items and told that they will not spend more

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money than necessary. He told that he will be having a Town Hall meeting at Woodlawn on June 24th and there would be representatives from the PSA and the School Board.

Mr. Hutchins apologized for the closed session. He told that they have worked hard and will continue to look for ways to cut the budget. He told that they have several matching funds that if they cut they would lose state funding. He thanked Brenda Marrah, Ronald Newman, and Adams-Heath for their participation in the Decentralized Sewer Grant. He thanked Mr. Dickson for his explanation following the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hurst thanked everyone for coming. He told that the Board feels the same as the citizens. He told that it is hard to cut when the County is just providing the match for the money coming into the County. He told that the Board understands the aspect of County business and as prices go up it makes it hard to manage a household and it also makes it hard to manage the County. He told that some people do not realize all that the Board of Supervisors is doing to try to provide for the County. He apologized for the length of Closed Session.

Mr. Jackson told that he concurs with what has been said. He told that for 5 years he sat in the audience and wondered what was going on in closed session and told that he appreciates where people are coming from. He told that the County has lots of widows and widowers living on a small amount of money. He told that he has been able to see some of the County employees in action when EMS responded to his granddaughter's accident and got her to the hospital where she was transferred to Winston and also on Friday he was able to help out the Animal Control Officer. He told that the Board is working on creating jobs and last week he had a chance to go by where they are building the prison in Grayson County and they just broke ground on the expansion of the New River Regional Jail in Dublin. He told that the County has lost opportunities because we don't have infrastructure and with more planning we will have more opportunities.

Mr. Dickson apologized for the timing of the Closed Session. He told that the Board could have two closed sessions, one at the beginning that required the County Attorney and one at the end of the meeting to discuss other items. He told that the County does have a paid EMS and also allows the volunteer squads to bill so that helps bring in revenue to help fund this department. He told that he hopes citizens see improvements they like.

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REVIEW/STUDY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

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Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for a committee to be set up of 2 Board members and 3 citizens to review and study economic opportunities.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until June 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Countryside Restaurant for a joint meeting with the Carroll County IDA.

VOTES

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

W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk