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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a Special Meeting on, May 6, 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

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and asked Mr. Hutchins to lead in prayer and pledge. Mr. Dickson told that the budget has been a hard process and it is never easy.

(Order)

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1)

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. to 5:17 p.m. for the discussion of personnel as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

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;

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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

BUDGET COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Dickson made the following comments concerning the budget:

During the Carroll County budget for 2008-09 we have had to make extremely hard choices that include reductions to departments within local government, delaying any salary increases to December 1, 2008 (2%) and scheduling the delaying payments to various groups and activities that rely upon the Carroll County budget. We have also experienced a large increase to the Regional Jail and associated expenses.

It is vitally important to remember that this present Board of Supervisors came into office with a huge deficit due to the raiding of the Fund Balance last year to balance the budget. Therefore, we were nearly six (6) cents in the hole to start with. This in addition to the claw back in aid to localities of nearly \$200k and the payment of items such as a water connection fee of \$103k to Rural Development that had been used on another project previous to our tenure makes for rough times.

We completely understand the national and VA economy as well and realize that our citizens are struggling from filling up their gas tank to feeding their family. We in general are facing problematic times. However, we have NOT stopped in our tracks!

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We all know that growth is dependent upon having infrastructure in place. Therefore in this budget we are planning for the future and know that the cycle will change to the positive. When this happens, we will have invested in ourselves and will have Regional Water, all four (4) interchanges with infrastructure, and a broadband network. These investments are imperative for us to be able to fund large ticket items such as schools in the future. We owe this to our hard-working citizens.

The Carroll County Board of Supervisor's values education emensley and appreciates the work of the School Board and the entire Carroll County Public School System. It is amazing the progress that has been made as a result of dedicated service and sacrifice. If it had not been for that same dedication from our leaders of the past, we would not have the present. We are sure that generations of the past were faced with equally tough decisions as we are making today.

We are very sympathetic to the needs of the School System however, Carroll County must use this budget to assist other investments as well. We also realize that the Commonwealth of Virginia has stepped up to the plate this year with additional funding. We are very appreciative of the additional money from Virginia. However, times are difficult and we need to move Carroll County forward and are forced to reduce the School Board Operational budget by \$273,398 .

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors are not opposed to the work that is being done on planning, however we can not fund the request this budget year. We would offer language to the School Board that would allow ,if funds are available, to proceed forward with the planning of Phase III and are excited to see what might be developed as a result.

It is true Teamwork that will allow all of us to move through and past this particular situation toward the future of more prosperity.

(Order)

**ADOPT CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION
BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the fiscal year 2008-2009 Carroll County School Board Operational Budget in the amount of \$43,760,339.00 including the local contribution of \$11,547,808.00.

VOTES

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

Mr. Dickson told that this exceeded the minimum by \$1.3 million of what the State says the school system needs. He told the Board had thought about closing the pool, but with the high gas prices people couldn't afford to drive and they also work young people.

Mr. McMillian told that it has been a terrible task to have to cut anything. He told that with the process that they are hoping there is money there next year. He told that he holds the school system dear to his heart. He told that the school is getting an additional \$1.8 million from the State over what they had last year and he would rather the money come from the County budget, but it is not there. He told that regarding the schools, old doesn't hurt anything and stated it is deferred maintenance that hurts. He told that the County would see a lot of good changes with the joint effort of the Boards.

Mr. Dickson told that they were concerned with the Instructional money. He told that they have school debt and they are lucky that it is less than what was shown on the draft. He told that the cut that the Board made makes up for the decrease in debt service.

(Order)

ADOPT CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved not to adopt the Carroll County School Board Construction Fund Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

VOTES

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

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(Order)

**ADOPT CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOOD SERVICE
BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Food Service Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$2,245,681.00.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ADOPT CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TEXTBOOK FUND
BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Carroll County School Board Textbook Fund Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$996,025.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZE COUNTY BUDGET SYNOPSIS ADVERTISEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized advertising the County Budget Synopsis.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized advertising the NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

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. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 5:38 p.m. until Monday, May 12th at 4:00 p.m.

VOTES

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

W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk