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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting with Carroll County School Board on, July 13, 2011 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
 David V. Hutchins
 W.S. "Sam" Dickson
 Andrew S. Jackson
 N. Manus McMillian
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Dr. Littrell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Jett called the meeting of the School Board to order at 6:06 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Littrell told that we will be missing a member for a while, but he will be here later. He told that it is good to be here with everyone and he knows the School Board has worked long and hard on the project that we are about to discuss. Dr. Littrell addressed the Board, staff and citizens with the following statement. He told that we are here to celebrate the closing of the Phase III QSCB Bonds which occurred on June 28th of 2011. As you know, with this move, there is \$15 million available at a 0% rate for 16 years. Also, the BOS has taken proactive steps toward the debt service on this obligation by reserving \$1.5 million for the first payment and a plan of action for the repayment of the entire note over the allotted 16 years with no tax increase. This was done with the foresight of the BOS who are very supportive of education and have demonstrated that on many occasions to this point and plan to continue.

The BOS authorized the USDA-RD funding that never came through last year and recently the standing application became an issue because of increased cost of the most recent bids due to having to meet the USDA-RD standards. The Board funded the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the School System with an additional \$125,000 to replace Oakland Elementary School roof for a total of \$492,260 above the regular School System allocations. Plus, the BOS fought hard by asking the School Board to make sure the School employees received a raise this year using unspent funds of the school system that were to be carried over. It would seem as if the School System has done exceptionally well with the leadership of the School Board as a team with the BOS.

Also, the BOS understands the complexities of large projects and knows there is a need for "slow and steady" in making sure the dollars for Phase III are spent wisely. Especially in the environment of the recent bids and many surrounding questions, it would seem to be a better process to work together to understand our community needs

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as a whole to achieve the necessary end results to satisfy QSCB requirements, have a Phase III that we are proud of and the enhancement of an educational system that will lead to prosperity for our youth and their families for generations to come. We feel as if Educational opportunities in our community are solidly linked to economic opportunities that we so desperately need.

Therefore, the Board of Supervisors requests that the School Phase III project include those elements that are necessary for the project to solve the problems of the current facilities specifically HVAC and water lines in the current CCHD facility. The community and the BOS are interested in the long term results rather than a band-aid until more money must be spent in emergency situations.

The BOS has a series of questions that include several pieces of Phase III. The answers may not be had today, however the BOS does feel it is well worth discussions of the topics to enhance the Phase III project. The BOS is sure that there are legitimate answers to the questions being asked. However, the BOS is being asked questions and need answers to supply to the citizens of Carroll on the topic. Therefore the best way to handle this is by simply asking the questions so we can all know what is being talked about and the plan of actions that have been developed to make this project succeed.

The Board of Supervisors does not intend to go behind the School Board, micro-manage, or impede progress in any way. To this point, there has been a lot of discussion about simplifying this project, while having points of disagreement between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors. There have been reasonable questions that the public would like the answers to. There are indeed aspects of this project that upset the Board collectively, for example, not including the HVAC and the Water lines in the base bid. The Board has gone on record on several occasions to communicate this element to the school and officials, to no avail. In all likelihood, if members of the BOS are upset with some issues of the project, the citizens of this County will also be upset. We were elected to represent these people, and have a fiduciary responsibility to ask the pertinent questions. In no way is this intended to throw up and road blocks or to delay the project, but is intended to stretch the taxpayers' dollars, who are funding the debt service on this project. It is time to work together in the best interest of our citizens to accomplish Phase III.

In conclusion, I would like to read a quote from Turning Point that says: "Taxpayers around the world are in a feisty mood. They're demanding civic leaders and public employees to be accountable for the managing of the common good. They expect politicians to be accountable to the voters. They're ready to hold their governments accountable to act in a wise and disciplined way. They want to hold teachers accountable for the schools and generals for the armies. Without accountability, there's little discipline or restraint in our world." –Turn Point

Mr. Jett told that he does not have any prepared opening remarks, but he appreciates the opportunity for both boards to meet. He told that it has been a long process to get to this point and the hours that have been spent is tremendous. He told that when Dr.

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Littrell spoke about answering to the community, the School Board answers to the community as well. He told that there are educational components that are critical to Phase III and he hopes that the presentation will answer some of the questions. He told that Mr. Hurst and Mr. Jackson were on the original Phase III project as well as several parents, administrators and teachers. He told that the community has been very involved. He told that funding plays a critical part as well as the educational components. He told that Dr. Smith made a presentation last night to the School Board about the scope of the project and how it has been changed. He told that he knows there will be a lot of questions and the School Board has a lot of questions as well. He told that hopefully this will be a meaningful project and they will be able to work together.

PHASE III PRESENTATION

Dr. Smith handed out information and told that they had a very good conversation last night. He told that he is going to outline and compare the former project with the redesigned project. He told that they tried to follow the guidelines set forth by the School Board Commission and the School Board has directed him to look at how we can fit this project into the \$15 million guidelines. He told that it has taken several times of visiting the sites and he and his staff have worked diligently to look at every possibility to create square footage within the building. He told that they have even gone to the point of taking the classroom measurements to see what would comply with the Virginia Department of Education guidelines for classroom space and we have been very thorough. He told that they are trying to get their best recommendation to complete the project and to meet the guidelines of the QSAB application and comply with the wishes of the conversation that they have had thus far. He told that on the base recommendations a critical part of the project is the entrance because of the science facilities as well as the renovation of the current science facilities. He told that it is also a vital component to the transfer of 330 students to the high school. He told that they have created a science laboratory that meets the DOE specifications and a common laboratory across the hallway and they have added an additional classroom space in the pre-design that will be used for anything. He told that they also have the media center which is an important thought because the current media center was built in 1968 and it is part of the building that is in desperate need of renovation. He told that he and Frank measured there and it is just shy of 5000 square feet. He told that underneath of this section is the entranceway into the facility and it will contain the administrative offices as well as the security gate and right now security concerns him greatly. He told that right now when you enter you can go down either hall, into the gym and circulate throughout the facility without making it to the office. He told that it is not a secure building in terms of maintaining who is supposed to be inside. He told that the field house is next and it is a little different than what was talked about in the past. He told that it is important for us to maximize every square foot for the transition. He told that this location is remote but it will work. He told that they have looked at the renovation of the current field house. He told that currently they have classroom space on the 2nd floor and locker room space and very little bathroom space, concessions area, weight room and a locker room for the football teams. He told that the recommendation that he is making to the School Board is to renovate the first and the second floor for classroom space and it would create

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approximately 5 classrooms. He told that it would eliminate the locker room on the first floor. He told that there would be a new field house that will be new construction. He told that the weight room boys and girls locker rooms and a storage facility for equipment. He told that on the 2nd floor of the new building there would be classroom space that is about 900 square feet per room. He told that this would give us 9 classrooms total and it is a remote location but it is an important piece to the transition. He told that if we do not add square footage to the building we cannot make the transition happen because the guidelines set forth by the DOE will not allow it. He told that the other base which is a critical piece is the cafeteria. He told that they now run 4 shifts and they will be adding 300 more students. He told that it skews the entire master schedule and the students may not be able to take the classes that they want. He told that this is a must for the transition. He told that the cafeteria will expand into the current auto mechanics room.

Dr. Smith told that on the alternatives they are recommending that auto mechanics and the horticulture wet lab be placed where the fuller house is being constructed which is located behind the baseball field. He told that there will be room for 4 bays and a lift system.

Dr. Littrell asked if it is a one story building.

Dr. Smith told that it is but it will have a loft that can be used for storage.

Dr. Smith told that the next alternate is the auxiliary gym. He told that one of the concerns that they have is the result of not having the auxiliary gym is only 9th and 10th grade students will be utilizing the current gym during the instructional day. He told that if they do not construct the gym the 11th and 12th grade students will not have fitness classes. He told that in this community that is a critical component of their high school experience. He told that we have many students who take P.E. their entire four years. He told that they even transport fitness students to the high school from their 9th grade class. He ask if anyone has been in the weight room and the current bathrooms in the gym and told that they are awful. He told that they would convert some space into classrooms.

Dr. Smith told that the removal will be the entire previously planned baseball field, parking facility, paving, the dugout and everything else. He told that it was an expensive proposition. He told that it was useful to us because if they were constructing the 9th grade wing they would have had to replace much of the foundation soil because of the fill. He told that since they are not going to do that it does not need to exist. He told that it was expensive and this is a cost savings for us and they hope it goes a long way. He told that horticulture lab that was planned has been moved and they just talked about it. He told that they were also removing the 9th grade wing. He told that everything would be pulled from that side of the building. He told that the HVAC has been quiet a conversation. He told that he certainly hopes that it can be part of the project. He told that the application copy that everyone has clearly states that the construction part of the project would include the Woodlawn facility and we all know that. He told that it states that they will evaluate the HVAC mechanical electrical system and that is part of the

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application. He told that with conversations with legal counsel they have to stay very close to the application. He told that the QSAB dollars are very special and they have to stay as close as possible to the application. He told that even the changes will have to be approved through DOE. He told in terms of the overall scheme he thinks that it is a good plan and a workable plan and it gives a look at the structural focus a second time. He told that this is not the plan they wanted, it will not enhance the instructional programs like they wanted it to and it will limit usage of the facility. He told that it will not allow them to grow and expand and it will lock us into an instructional program that will be rigid and they will have to work through the challenges. He told that it is a workable solution for the closure of Woodlawn and the use of the \$15 million dollars.

Mr. Dickson ask how much actual new construction is there as far as adding new square footage.

Dr. Smith told that he wished he would have calculated it but he would say 20,000 square feet of actual new construction.

Mr. Williams told that it is 6850 square feet for each floor on the field house and 8800 square feet in the front entrance.

Mr. Dickson ask on the 8800 part of that is classrooms and part of it is office space.

Dr. Smith told that the entire 2nd floor of that is classroom space. He told that the 1st floor is the entrance, Administrative office area, and guidance department.

Mr. Dickson told that when the school was built there was a future expansion off the 2nd floor across from the vocational part. He asked if that would be used.

Dr. Smith told that they can't utilize that. He told that they investigated that thoroughly and it is generally thought that the specifications for the weight load would not work.

Mr. Hutchins told that codes changes and frequently there are ways to work around or to enhance or reengineer to make it usable and ask if that was looked at and if so what is the specific problem.

Mr. Williams told that it was and you would have to take the roof loads all the way to the ground and you would have to go in and cut out foundations in the ground because you have to carry the whole roof load. He told that the only thing that the roof would carry would be the floor. He told that with the labor intensity of doing that you could build somewhere else for less money.

Dr. Smith told that they are very proud of the instructional program that they have and they do so much for the kids. He told that people ask why the school can't hold as many students as is used to. He told that the guidelines have changed drastically. He told that the graduation standards for 1974 were 18 credits to graduate and now it requires 24 and

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26. He told that now we have to utilize the facility in such a diverse way and it causes us to use the school in a different way.

Dr. Littrell ask about the auxiliary gym and wants to know if the left portion is the gym itself and the piece on the right is a 2 story portion with classrooms and restrooms.

Dr. Smith told that if you have ever attended any of the games in the gym you will know that there are not enough bathroom facilities. He told that we usually have 700 people and only 2 bathrooms. He told that they made sure that bathrooms were added in the bid because we receive complaints every year.

Mr. Larowe told that Dr. Smith had mentioned the balcony in the current gym and ask if it is going to be classrooms.

Dr. Smith told that they have not planned that yet. He told that he spoke with several members of his Board about that and they said hang on with that because it would take seating capacity out of the gym, but it is a possibility. He told that they could possibly fit 3 regular size classrooms along the balcony and it would be suitable for temporary occupancy. He told that it is still one of the possibilities. He told that above the balcony there are wooden bleachers and that is where Mr. Larowe is referring to. He told that he is not sure that with the additional students that they would be able to have a full assembly if they do that.

Mr. Jett told that the auditorium is not big enough to hold all the students.

Dr. Smith told that it is just less than 900 seats.

Dr. Littrell ask about the horticulture and auto mechanics building and ask if there were any thoughts of making it two story.

Mr. Williams told that it will be a free standing building and it will be a pre-engineered structure. He told that it really doesn't work for auto mechanics because of the lifts. He told that there is a storage area on top.

Dr. Smith told that they would move onto the Hillsville site. He told that the entrance way is a critical piece. He told that it is the most sensitive area of a school because that is where people walk into the building. He told that the current office is far away from the entrance and you cannot see who is coming. He told that once you walk in you can access the entire building and that is not good. He told that it has to be changed and the new construction creates new office space and provides a secure area for students to enter the building. He told that this allows 3 classrooms to be constructed where the old office is.

Mr. Hutchins ask how many square feet it is.

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Dr. Smith told that it looks like 2560 and told that it is not a large area. He told that it will allow for the drop off area to be safer. He told that the parent drop off will be in the rear of the building. He told that it is congested on Main Street in the mornings when students are being dropped off. He told that they have added onto the basement area. He told that it was not a finished bottom floor and they can add classroom space. He told that there will be 3 floors of classrooms and it will be an independent facility. He told that it is nothing fancy. Dr. Smith told that they will renovate the current media center as media center. He told that the alternates will be next. He told that they would love to be able to get all of the alternates but he does not think it will make it in.

Mr. Hutchins ask what the cost of the new construction per square foot is estimated at.

Mr. Williams told that they estimated \$130 per square foot. He told that they received bids on other more difficult but smaller buildings last week that came in at \$100 per foot but he is not going to say that for Virginia because for some reason we don't get as good of prices in Virginia. He told that they anticipate that it will come back in for what it bid for the first time or less.

Mr. Hutchins told that he had been hearing from some friends that \$100 per square foot is what a plain vanilla building has been coming in for.

Mr. Williams told that if that was the case we could possibly get it for \$100 because it is vanilla.

Dr. Smith told that he had a call in about that but no one ever called him back. He told that he does not know what the State average is. He told that the instructional impact is next and they are very proud of the programs that they offer. He told that they anticipate a very positive conversation regarding the STEM program on the 28th. He told that they offer diverse programs for the students and this will be further growth of the academic program. He told that STEM is an important project and they are excited about it and it is a regional project. He told that this plan will pose obstacles for us with larger classroom sizes. He told one thing that he heard when he started was smaller classroom sizes was a real pride and it still is. He told that this will directly impact the class sizes at the high school and we should know that going in. He told that we can handle larger class sizes. He told that there will be reduced flexibility of schedules and they will be meeting the minimum standard of the DOE. He told that if we do not establish new construction we will not meet those standards for student space. He told that there will be around 90 teachers and not all of them will have their own classrooms and that is an issue. He told that they will be locked into the program they have now or something similar. He told that they will establish the square footage for the program that they currently have and it will take he predicts for some programs to be eliminated because of the space limitations. He told that there will be increased student travel to remote locations because there will be 9 classrooms in the field house and those students will be traveling. He told that it concerns him and they will be unsupervised for a period of time during the travel. He told that 99% of the time things will go fine but that 1% concerns him. He told that they have extensive in various rooms like the band room and others and

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we will be utilizing these rooms for nonparticipating students. So, the band room may act as a math room and what do you think will happen to the equipment. He told that this will happen in the drafting labs, computer labs and any other space that is available. He told that students are students and things will happen. He told that they currently have 3 computer labs that are used for SOL testing. He told that it is important to have the media center on the 2nd floor of the entrance because they will be using that for testing as well. He told that the bulk of testing takes place at the secondary level in grade 9 through 11. He told that bringing 9th grade up doubles their testing so it is an important component. Dr. Smith told that he is recommending to the School Board that they approve the base bid and alternates as listed on the handout.

Dr. Littrell ask if the alternates are in that order.

Dr. Smith told that he would think it would be up to the Board to determine that based on money and fundamental needs. He told that the HVAC System is a conversation that the Board needs to have but this is the recommendation that he is making.

Dr. Littrell ask if they do not get the horticulture and auto mechanics building it just goes away.

Dr. Smith told that it goes away but we will have to place those programs somewhere. He told that they have been racking their brains to see where they could be placed. He told that he has had the conversation with local property owners and the staff at the Crossroads facility and they are exploring all options in case this doesn't make.

Dr. Littrell ask how many classrooms will we be adding in the base bid.

Dr. Smith told that it would be 15 for around 330 students.

Mr. Jett told that they are used to a 7 period class day the school is now performing 4 blocks and it gives the students more opportunities to take more classes but told that it is more complicated as far as scheduling and that is why the space is important.

Dr. Smith told that one of the rationales was going back to the QSAB application and the narrative language which states on the last sentence of both paragraphs explaining the project at both sites and that the HVAC and electrical systems will be evaluated. He told that it is not a critical piece of the project and it hasn't been from the start. He told that we all know that it needs to be considered but in terms of the QSAB application from the beginning it has not been a core part. He told that this stays true to the application.

Mr. Hutchins ask why it was not a core part of the project.

Dr. Smith told that it was one of the decisions that he had to make.

Mr. Hutchins told that he ask because have seen examples several times of pictures and they have been briefed that here is a calamity waiting to happen. He told that it

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makes him wonder why we wouldn't have included it in this as critical as we have been told it is.

Dr. Smith told that the application process awarded points and the mechanical system was not a high priority item.

Ms. Quesenberry told that it had no point value.

Mr. Hutchins told that it looks like we went for the maximum points instead of the maximum benefits.

Ms. Quesenberry told that the second round of the QSAB was for energy efficient projects and the third round was for consolidation and closing older schools.

Dr. Smith told that they applied for the second round and did not get it. He told that the new square footage will make the transition possible and the goal of the project is to close Woodlawn.

Mr. Jett told that one thing about it being an alternate is we will know a true cost.

Mr. Hutchins told that he is trying to rationalize the advantage of it being separate.

Mr. Jett told that the Board will have to decide which of the alternates we can afford and what fits in.

Mr. Utz told that if we don't get the space then it is null and void.

Dr. Littrell told that the Board has asked Mr. Larowe to give a synopsis of some things that they have talked about.

Mr. Larowe told that he just returned from a meeting where they signed off on an application from the Tobacco Commission for the school to upgrade equipment. He told that one of the important aspects is that Carroll County is fully engaged in and supportive of education and the activities that are going on. He told that the Board is supportive of the improvements of the facility and construction in partnership with the School Board and that is really important. He told that it is important to understand that it is a partnership and in every aspect we have to be working together to make this project work. He told that this Board has a set of goals and they have done that ever since they were elected and they work towards those. He told that they hang inside the conference room and they are reminded of the goals on a regular basis. He told that he wanted to remind the School Board that one of the major goals is to plan for the future of Carroll County and underneath that number one is regarding Phase III and its focuses. He told that this Board has not been anything except supportive of education and understands the connection between education and prosperity. He told that one of the things that some people get focused on is K12 education and checking out the boxes to make sure that we get kids from kindergarten to 12th grade and then they are somewhere. He told that the

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Board is interested in KLife education and being able to have something for these kids in the future to be able to stay for. Mr. Larrowe told that there have been a lot of investments and activity along the way that we are very proud of. He told that we may have some opportunities in the future and we will tie those together.

Mr. Larrowe told that there are some things that the Board is very concerned about. He told that he thinks everyone is on the same page that we have to follow the QSAB requirements. He told that the Board is concerned about the needs and making sure they are addressed. He told that we have seen the pictures of water lines and such that have been brought to us. He told that there has been continuous discussion whether it is in the hallway or a formal session about the infrastructure of CCHS. He told that it is a 40 year old school and we understand that there are some challenges there and they need to be addressed along with the educational space that is needed.

Mr. Gardner told that they have pointed out tonight that you cannot do the HVAC and get the needed space for \$15 million.

Mr. Larrowe told that there may be some opportunities there.

Mr. Gardner told that you can't do both. He told that without the space you have no project.

Mr. Larrowe told that he is just addressing the concerns. He told that we want it to be functional and able for growth not only within the school system but in the community as well. He told that the Board is very cognizant of the history of Phase I and II. He told that if we go back and look at those he still gets hit on a regular basis about if the space was adequately designed, having extra architectural pieces and so on. He told that we are not here to debate that but there are some lessons to be learned and he is sure that every one of you have been asked the same questions.

Mr. Utz told that was before their time.

Mr. Larrowe told that he understands but we need to learn from history. He told that some of the things we do is think about that and actually there was a comment last night talking about they need something to do is what was posted. He told that one of the things that the Board of Supervisors has done is talking about Phase I and II and being mindful that we don't have a repeat. He told that there was a quote that was come up with talking about a Chevrolet verses a Lexus and where is this community in being able to support that and making sure that we are cognizant of that in Phase III. He told that he is not going to suggest where we were on Phase I and II but there is a lot of people who could end up answering that question. He told that another concern is about the space that had been designed for entry into the high school and is it a Chevrolet or Lexus and is this the most prudent use of funds in this project. He told that going back to Phase I and II, Mr. Utz wasn't here then but you are now. He told that it is not that the Board wants to micromanage, they are just questions within the community and the best way to address those is to ask. He told that he has a picture that was taken at Mt. Airy High

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School and they have just constructed this with the help of Pinnacle and it looks very similar to the front of the high school.

Mr. Williams ask if we have been in the facility and told that it is very beautiful.

Mr. Larowe told that he had not been in it and he is sure that it is nice.

Dr. Smith suggested that we ask Mr. Williams what the cost comparison is for the materials. He told that he is assuming that you are speaking to brick instead of glass.

Mr. Larowe told that he would love to have that. He told that there is no question about it being beautiful but he does not want us to get into the same discussion as before and if it is something that was not really needed.

Mr. Utz told that Mt. Airy is doing another project right now.

Mr. Larowe told that another thing is the current economic condition. He told that each person in here understands the current condition of not only this county but the state and nation. He told that the Board has no interest in burdening future generations with additional school debt above where they are this time. He told that this is something that the Board is clarifying and what we have talked about all along is a \$15 million project. He told that the Board has been very eager, signed off on, provided for whatever was necessary to get the \$26 million however that was amortized as 2 year nonpayment, 38 years ammonization. He told that amortized money is different over 40 years than it is over 16 years and anyone with a calculator can understand that. He told that the Board has made a point to make this project work and setting aside the fund balance of \$1.5 million for the payment that will be coming up in the future. He told that if we learn from history what would have taken place years ago, the money would have been amortized over the full 16 years and it would have been almost impossible to have done this without a tax increase and we have found a way to do that for this project and that is admirable for the Board to make that happen. He told that \$15 million has been repeated time and time again. He told that there were some interesting comments made about that and the USDA application that was removed recently. He told that was not done as a slam to the schools. He told that the opportunity to receive those funds was very limited and we have also been told and verified with Mr. Williams even that the USDA application is a daunting task for a bidder and we didn't feel that we got the best bid for the project because of the application. He told that if the USDA application is so cumbersome and so deteriorating and there is little to no chance of getting the money why would we want to proceed on. He told that it was a procedural matter and we hope that we will end up getting better bids and the extra money will go back into the project. He told that we are interested in getting the best bang for the best while fulfilling the QSAB requirements. He told that we want to get everything taken care of now so there is not an emergency situation in the future about water lines broken or the HVAC System down where the Board would be faced with more debt. He told that we need to work in unison to make that happen. He told that we all know who is paying the bill and in this economic time it is hard to tell friends and family that we keep borrowing money. He

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told that in the future when we have some growth because of the investments that we have made then there is a possibility. He ask how many have talked about how many exits we have in Carroll County and only 1 had infrastructure to them prior to this Board and all 4 have infrastructure now and that will help the tax base of the County and we are already seeing evidence of that. He told that one way of not succeeding is to not do anything. He told that he remembers when I-77 came through and everyone said that would be the salvation of the County and we would end up having industry and it never happened because we never invested in ourselves until now.

Mr. Utz told that if we don't have a school system we are not going to get the projects like you think.

Mr. Larowe told that it is the chicken and the egg and let's not have any infrastructure put in place and see what happens because we have been doing that for the last 40 years.

Mr. Golding commented that you said you weren't going to have any more burden on the people of this county and ask if we have put a burden on them with debt that we have gone in for sewer and water.

Mr. Larowe told that there has been \$1 million in debt.

Mr. Golding ask how much was borrowed.

Mr. Larowe told that it is around \$24 million, however, that is an enterprise program and it has revenue that comes back in so that is how USDA requires us to do that and the school system can't end up repaying the same thing.

Mr. Golding told that you think the future is infrastructure and I think the future is education.

Mr. Larowe told that he is not arguing and they go hand in hand. He told that you have to have both, not just one. He told that the bottom line is the cost is \$15 million per the Board of Supervisors motion on March 28, 2011 and it was also confirmed by the School Board on April 4, 2011 when there was a letter that came back from the school system confirming the \$15 million. He told that there were only 3 QSAB's funded in the State for \$15 million.

Mr. Gardner told that we are proposing to do the project for \$15 million but we cannot do that project and have everything that you want in it, the Board of Supervisors want in it and the School Board wants in it. He told that is why we have alternate bids and we will put in what we can and we know that it is \$15 million, but we have to have the space or we have no project.

Mr. Larowe told that he understands that, however from the video last night you said something about needing to access all kinds of funding sources for additional funding.

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Mr. Utz told that we started out with a \$26 million project and we got almost half of it.

Mr. Gardner told that he thinks we will explore all funding options for the exits and why would you not explore it for education.

Mr. Larrowe told that is not his question to answer and the only thing he is saying is that it was agreed upon.

Mr. Hutchins told that Dr. Smith came before our Board several times and said we can make this happen with the \$15 and that is why we agreed to it.

Mr. Jett told that we can close Woodlawn with \$15 million and that is what the requirement is and that is what is going to happen.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board just wanted to bring those concerns to you and we let you know what they are and to get the best bang for the buck. He told that the most important part is to have team work and not communicating and not being involved.

Mr. Gardner told that the resolution that was passed on Monday was not communicated.

Mr. Larrowe told that is not correct and Dr. Smith and he spent time last week and we talked about that being something that was going to happen.

Dr. Smith told that we talked about a great many possibilities including additional funding by USDA and those possibilities.

Mr. Larrowe asked if they did not talk about it.

Dr. Smith told that we did talk about the possibility but the conversation that we had on June 28th was that the USDA project might have caused some concern with the bid so we had talked about pulling that out. He told that when we talked earlier in the week we had the conversation but then I talked with Travis Jackson about the possibility of the USDA funding coming forward and it was a very positive conversation. He told that after that conversation he was a bit surprised that the Board acted so decisively to eliminate that possibility because it is a good possibility even though the funding process was not determined. He told that when the financial team met they talked about the possibility of additional funding and there were limitations set but it was always a possibility and that is why the conversation continued and it was still lingering.

Mr. Larrowe told that it has been talked about this being a \$15 million project and the potential may have been there, however I did talk with USDA and was told that there was \$48 million available nationwide and that is not going to end up giving us anything and it is not something that would end up being a huge influx for this community. He told that he knows there has been some discussion about what that would end up being but the

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reality is the Federal government is broke. He said that the possibility is approaching zero.

Dr. Smith told that he has stayed in contact with Travis Jackson and was told that recently Emory and Henry College received \$5 or \$6 million in funds in USDA funds for their field house project. He told that the conversation that he had with him last week was the possibility of \$4 million. He told that he doesn't know if we would need \$4 million but it is disappointing that the possibility is cut off and ended so abruptly on Monday night. He told that it was a beneficial program for us all and the chairs have shared this conversation about adding something more and there has always been that conversation and he wants to keep that conversation going because we may need something. He told that we all know its \$15 million but if we need just a little bit more would you be willing to consider. He told that it would help the School Board if the Board is willing to consider an additional \$500,000 or \$1 million if it was needed in the end.

Mr. Larrowe told that is a question for the Board of Supervisors, however I have been given direction that the project is \$15 million. He told that he had an email from a Board member last night that said how many times we have to say it is \$15 million. He told that it is interesting in that if you say you are going to buy your kid a car and set an amount and they bring something back that costs more what are you going to do.

Mr. Dickson told that the Chairs and Vice Chairs met and discussed this and the reason that the application was pulled is when the bids came in we were shocked. He told that we were lead to believe that this is the time to get bids in low so we hurried. He told that he ask the two gentleman why we left the USDA requirements in and the response was we didn't have time to change it.

Mr. Jett told that is what he was told on the 28th.

Mr. Dickson told that was why the bids come in high.

Mr. McMillian told that two different contractors told him that they did not bid because the requirements were in there.

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Berrier ask what happens if it comes in \$1 million over and his answer was we could go to Carter Bank and he will loan it at a low interest rate because USDA is not the only ones that loan money. He told that is why he voted the way he did to get lower bids and if the majority says that we need to borrow additional we could go to someone. He told that when the \$27 million was coming from USDA everything was great and it would work without raising taxes but it was a 40 year term until no money showed up. He told that the assessment people came into town this week and people are figuring if their property is lower they are going to pay less taxes. He told that he would love to see the whole thing especially the baseball field but it didn't happen and we have to do the best we can do.

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Mr. Hutchins ask if Davis Bacon will affect the labor rates in this area.

Mr. Williams stated that it would just tell you what you have to pay.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is higher than the going rate in this area right now.

Mr. Williams told that QSAB has that requirement.

Mr. Golding told that he has heard in the county for 10 years regarding the beautification of the elementary schools and none of us had anything had anything to do with it. He told that we looked for an architect firm that would do a good school and one that would provide our kids with a good instructional problem and he doesn't want that thrown up to him anymore. He told that none of us will be here making those decisions in 20 years and we have to think about the future. He told that it is not about politics but to do what is best for Carroll County.

Dr. Smith told that we talked about the entrance way and we wanted something that was useful but that we could be proud of. He told that they came up with a plan that was cost effective.

Mr. Williams told that Gary managed to photograph the best part because there is vanilla beside of it. He told that it is the front of the building and everyone here understands that education is something that industries look at when they come into the community. He told that the elementary schools are beautiful and people are impressed by them. He told that he didn't have anything to do with those. He told that his schools are vanilla, functional and economical. He told that they just did a building for less than \$100 per square foot. He told that this area is the only place that has any character to it. He told that 20 feet behind it there are 2 stories that hold the media center and the offices. He told that there are no windows in the media center now. He told that it would cost twice as much for brick as it would for glass. He told that if it was brick it would have to be reinforced with #5 rebar inside it. Mr. Williams told that the glass will identify the front of the building and it is the only architectural feature in the entire project.

Mr. McMillian ask if that is true why don't we do all the walls in glass.

Mr. Williams told that it doesn't have to have air in it. He told that it has a better rating than any other walls in the building. He told that it is very attractive and it will be 70 feet and it is less expensive than brick.

Dr. Smith told that if the Board chooses to alter the plan and take this part out would it be an additional cost.

Mr. Williams told that it would cost more and it would be less attractive. He told that the baseball field would have been attractive too. He told that if we had the \$26 million we could have got all of it and that is why we bid it out separate because we knew we would have to pick and choose.

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Mr. Hutchins told that he heard just today that surely you aren't going to build the same as the elementary schools and told that he would like to see a cost comparison of engineering costs between and if it is cheaper and we have numbers to show it makes it easier to defend.

Mr. Williams called his engineer today and ask if we had done it in brick would it cost the same thing or more and was told that it is cheaper with the glass because you would have to have deeper footers, rebar, etc. He told that it could be one and one half or two times as much.

Mr. Hutchins told that if we could get the comparison to be able to tell people.

Mr. McMillian told that they have had their ears bent because of the architectural nightmares. He told that St. Paul looks like a community college and we have a responsibility to tell the taxpayers that we are not going to make the same architectural mistakes.

Mr. Williams told that he would like to take everyone to see some of the other buildings.

Mr. McMillian asked about the 20 feet back.

Mr. Williams told that is where the media center and administrative offices are. He told that it also gives the kids a place to stand out of the weather.

Mr. McMillian told that we have kids everywhere and he knows that can't be helped.

Dr. Smith told that the security is a main concern and they already have cameras on site and we will have to evaluate it.

Mr. Williams told that when we need \$27 million and only have \$15 million he thinks Dr. Smith's use is about as good as you can use it to solve the problem.

Mr. Jett told that he was involved in Phase II and Carroll's project came in the cheapest in the state and he doesn't want to lose sight of that. He told that Hillsville Elementary was a prototype that had been built several times before and we didn't have all the architectural fees so it made it come in cheaper. He told that we still hear about it as well. He told that they have visited several schools that Pinnacle has been involved in and he likes their approach because it is simple and clean.

Mr. Hurst told that he thinks we all have the same common goal and we have a responsibility to get the best for the money and we know we can only spend so much money. He told that the important thing is to get the best value. He told that if it gets down to it and we only need a certain amount of money then that is the time to pull the trigger. He told that we only have the \$15 million for now and we have to figure out how

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to get the best bang for the buck. He told that it is not going to be perfect and its not going to have a golden star but we have to represent the students and citizens of the County. He told that after the 16 years what are we going to have to show for it. He told that he doesn't want to walk away from it thinking if we would have spent another million to get something that is going to cost way more 16 years from now. He told that we owe it to ourselves and to the citizens to explore all the opportunities.

Mr. Jett agrees and told that is what the School Board has tried to do. He told that they have worked tons and tons and it has gone from a new high school to what we have now. He told that the educational components are the biggest part and we feel comfortable with what has been presented tonight.

Mr. Gardner told that they have schedules and bills to pay and the \$15 million is there so he ask that the Board appropriate that. He told that a Public Hearing has to be held to do that and he would encourage you to do that because the engineer has not been paid. He told that we have a legal obligation to do that.

Mr. Dickson ask if we have a bill to know how much we owe.

Ms. Quesenberry told that the last thing they got was for a little over \$1.6 million and there is about \$15,000 worth of reimbursables.

Mr. Dickson ask if that was the total.

Ms. Quesenberry told that is what they owe to date and that will put us at 75% paid.

Mr. Dickson ask how much the total bill is.

Ms. Quesenberry replied it is \$2.3 million.

Mr. Golding told that they have done the work and it has been changed 3 times. He told that the money is there all we have to do is pay them.

Mr. Jett told that the Board took action on the Clerk of the Works that the County would pay for and ultimately they were to report to both Boards and nowhere in the document does it say that they will report to the School Board and that gravely concerns him. He told that they are elected to make educational decisions for the county and we feel like we are being circumvented. He told that the original document was different.

Mr. Larowe told that there have been some discussions about the Clerk signing off on pay requests and is that still on the table.

Mr. Jett told that he would think so.

Dr. Smith told that it would be change orders, questions, and various issues with the construction. He told that many of the recommendations would come from the Clerk.

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He told that the document he saw is inconsistent with what we are talking about now which is working as a team and the language in it is unacceptable. He told that they would like to have a Clerk.

Mr. Hutchins ask if it is the reporting piece.

Dr. Smith replied yes.

Mr. Hutchins told that you are saying if they are reporting to both you are okay with it.

Mr. Jett read through the job description and told that it does not involve the School Board and hopes that they will reconsider. He told the partnership has to be there and this will go a long way as far as that goes.

Mr. Dickson ask if they thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Jett told that they have talked about it from day 1.

Mr. McMillian ask what it came in at when they put it out.

Dr. Smith told that it was put out at 20 hours per week over a 26 month period and it came in around \$95,000 to \$120,000.

Mr. Golding told the reason they didn't put much emphasis on this is the architectural firm assured us they would be here 3 days a week to manage the construction and we were trying to save cost.

Dr. Littrell ask if the draft that he was shown is acceptable.

Mr. Jett told that it looks very similar in design.

Mr. Golding suggested that the two chairs get together and figure out the wording and bring it back to us.

Mr. Hutchins told that there has to be cooperation between all or it will fail. He told that typically it is hard for a person to answer to two masters. He told that he is there as the eyes and ears of the tax payers and a County as a whole.

Mr. Gardner told that the information has to flow.

Mr. Hutchins told that a good Clerk can save a lot of money on change orders.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to accept the scale down project as presented and move forward with the bid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golding.

Mr. Jett told that this would authorize Pinnacle to prepare bid documents.

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Mr. Hutchins made a motion that we set a Public Hearing for receipt of the funding and allocation at the August 8, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Smith ask about the Clerk of the Works.

Mr. Hutchins made a motion for the Chairs to work out the Clerk of Works position and advertise as quickly as we can. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mcmillian and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gardner made a motion for the Chairs to work on the Clerk of the Works position and get it out as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Mr. Utz and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hutchins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Williams told that he cannot get the bid out until they are paid so they will not get started until August 8th.

Dr. Littrell called the Board to order for a special meeting.

Mr. Hutchins made a motion to pay a partial bill as a bridge loan in the amount of \$850,000 for A&E fees from the fund balance to expedite the school project and we will be reimbursed for that as soon as the allocation for the QSAB dollars are done based on advice from council. The motion was seconded by Mr. McMillian and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to execute payment to Pinnacle for invoices in the amount of \$850,000 and to receive the loan from the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Utz and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

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

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Upon motion by Mr. Berrier seconded by Mr. Golding and passing, the School Board adjourned.

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk