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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, June 13, 2011 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: 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
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. He told that in the absence of the Chairman he would be taking over today. He told that Dr. Littrell is participating in the Great Race and we wish them the best. He told that hopefully they will come back with a trophy.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711 (A1, A3, A5, A6, A7)

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, disposition of real estate, prospective business, investments, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

Mr. Cornwell explained the reason for entering into Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passing, 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
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Montgomery who led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Dickson welcomed everyone and explained that Dr. Littrell could not be with us tonight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on May 9, 2011 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for June 2011 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign in July 2011 for 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	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the School Board appropriation in the amount of \$572,134 from grants and additional funds that become available.

Mr. Hutchins asked under the School Board appropriation were those dollars part of the budget originally and just needed realigned or is this new money.

Dr. Smith told that they are revenues coming in as a result of the initial budget so we are wrapping up things for the year.

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Mr. Hutchins replied that it is not an increase it is just realignment.

Dr. Smith told that it is dollar that would be coming to us as a result of the student numbers. He told that they try to project those accurately but sometimes they are off.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Sheriff's Office Allocation in the amount of \$200 from a donation that was received for DARE education.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to allocate \$9494 that was received from the Department of Environmental Quality for the Litter Prevention and Recycling Program.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

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LODA MEMBER AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the LODA Member Agreement for the VACO Program.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

LODA RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the LODA Resolution below.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has created the Line of Duty Act Fund for the payment of liabilities prescribed by and administered under the Line of Duty Act, § 9.1-400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has shifted the cost of paying past and present liabilities under the Line of Duty Act, from the State to local government entities through Item 258 of the 2011 Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Virginia

is automatically included in the Line of Duty Act Fund unless it opts out by June 30, 2012, and chooses to self fund its obligations under the Line of Duty Act; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Virginia

desires to opt out of the Line of Duty Act Fund and self fund all liabilities relating to its past and present covered employees under the Line of Duty Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Carroll County, Virginia hereby agrees to opt out of the Line of Duty Act Fund effective June 30, 2011, and self fund all liabilities relating to its past and present covered employees under the Line of Duty Act effective July 1, 2011.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes

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Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

LODA OPT OUT RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the LODA Opt Out Resolution below that is required by VRS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Item 258 of the Appropriations Act, paragraph B, the Virginia General Assembly has established the Line of Duty Act Fund (the "Fund") for the payment of benefits prescribed by and administered under the Line of Duty Act (Va. Code § 9.1-400 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of administration of the Fund, a political subdivision with covered employees (including volunteers pursuant to paragraph B2 of Item 258 of the Appropriations Act) may make an irrevocable election on or before July 1, 2012, to be deemed a non-participating employer fully responsible for self-funding all benefits relating to its past and present covered employees under the Line of Duty Act from its own funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Carroll County to make this irrevocable election to be a non-participating employer with respect to the Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Carroll County hereby elects to be deemed a non-participating employer fully responsible for self-funding all benefits relating to its past and present covered employees under the Line of Duty Act from its own funds; and it is further

RESOLVED that the following entities, Cana Volunteer Fire Department, Cana Volunteer Rescue Squad, Carroll County Fire and Rescue, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, Dugspur Rescue Squad, Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel Rescue Squad, Laurel Fork Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel Fork Rescue Squad, and Pipers Gap Rescue Squad to the best of the knowledge of Carroll County, constitute the population of its past and present covered employees under the Line of Duty Act; and it is further

RESOLVED that, as a non-participating employer, Carroll County agrees that it will be responsible for, and reimburse the State Comptroller for, all Line of Duty Act benefit payments (relating to existing, pending or prospective claims) approved and made by the State Comptroller on behalf of Carroll County on or after July 1, 2010; and it is further

RESOLVED that, as a non-participating employer, Carroll County agrees that it will reimburse the State Comptroller an amount representing reasonable costs incurred and associated, directly and indirectly, with the administration, management and investment of the Fund; and it is further

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RESOLVED that Carroll County shall reimburse the State Comptroller on no more than a monthly basis from documentation provided to it from the State Comptroller.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$449.52 from recouped funds from various expenses.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

FOUR FOR LIFE

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$29,330.94 from funds received from the Commonwealth of Virginia/Department of Health for training, equipment and supplies in the area of emergency medical services.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$330.15 from funds recouped from various expenses.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

FIRE FUNDS

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$67,523 from funds received from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs for use in the Carroll and volunteer fire prevention programs.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing during the July Board Meeting regarding the potential boundary and incentive amendments to the Enterprise Zone.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SCHOOL SYSTEM UPDATE

Dr. Smith told that the most exciting thing that they have going on now is the construction update. He told that on May 25th they had a pre-bid conference and there were 19 companies represented. Dr. Smith read through the companies who are interested so far. He told that there was an addendum that went out on June 1st for clarification of the pre-bid conference and they have the bid opening scheduled for Thursday at 3:00 and at 4:00 at they will be read publically. He told that they will have to review the bids and receive recommendations from Pinnacle. He told that the School Board will be meeting on June 28th to have a follow up session at 5:00.

Mr. Dickson asked the location of the meeting.

Dr. Smith told that it will be in the Board Room. He told that he feels like all of the companies will be here and they are hoping to have some very strong bids. He told that the construction market is not faring well right now and this will be very competitive. He told that the Department of Treasury has set the maturity rate at 16 years and the bond sale will be taking place on June 16th with a closing date of June 28th. He told that they have a drawdown schedule set based on what has been communicated to us by Carolyn Perry. He told that County Administration has been informed of all of those details there will be some documents coming that will need to be signed. He told that there are some other projects that are pending for the schools and one is the lighting system at the high school. He told that they will be testing the system at 9:30 on Thursday night and they are excited and it will be a dramatic change. He told that on the Oakland Roof which the Board was so generous in funding is scheduled to be complete by this Friday. He told that they had a difficult time getting started because it was so wet. He told that they are also replacing the visiting bleachers after continuous use for 50 years. He told that they poured the pad for them this morning and they are scheduled to be complete by the 24th. He told that the last time he saw those bleachers full was 2 years ago and it scared him to death to see it full and people jumping up and down because they were getting old. He told that they had a very important event take place on May 28th which was graduation. He told that they had 253 graduates and had 133 advanced studies, 97 standard, 5 modified standard, 13 special education, and 5 GED graduates. He told that 53% of their students were in the advanced studies group and they are very pleased with that. He told that the future plans of the graduates varies and they have 80% planning to pursue 2 or 4 year colleges, 46% of the females will be attending 4 year colleges or universities and 40% of the males will be attending 2 year colleges. He told that 89% of the females will be attending either a 2 or 4 year college and the same can be said for 42% of the male graduates. He mentioned the schools that the students plan on attending. He told that there were 6% going into the military and 15% will be going into the world of work. He told that they just started summer school but he does not know the final tallies. He told that the sites are at Hillsville, St. Paul and Gladeville as well as the High School being the regional site for high school students.

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Mr. Hutchins told that AEP was offering an incentive program lighting if you are using certain lighting and they will provide a reimbursement to change those to energy efficient up to \$8000. He told that there is going to be 4 segments and unfortunately the County missed the first segment and asked if they were aware of the program.

Dr. Smith told that they are not aware of it.

Mr. Hutchins told that you can get up to \$28 per fixture if you change the tubes and the ballasts. He told that they are green ballast and he thinks Ms. Adams has a piece of the information and it may be wise to look at it.

Dr. Smith told that it might be beneficial when doing the renovation.

Mr. Hutchins told that there are 3 blocks left and he knows that Galax did a huge upgrade.

Dr. Smith told that they just recently had discussions with AEP regarding the stadium lighting and there was no mention of this but they will check into it and will have Tammy give Ms. Adams a call about it.

BUILDING OFFICIAL UPDATE

Mr. Whitten thanked the Board. He showed the map regarding Property Maintenance and told that it has been a real benefit to the citizens. He told that there are several buildings that have been raised and told that they were mostly abandoned buildings or they received neighbor complaints. He told that they have a lot of property maintenance complaints and someone from the office goes out to look at each one of them. He told that they have become real aggressive about being a licensed contractor. He told that there is a sheet that has to be filled out when someone comes into get a building permit. He told that there are a lot of new codes coming in next year and in 2014 we will start having federal audits. He told that they will be looking at the new energy codes. He told that they are going to have to start asking for plan reviews on residential homes. He told that they will not be doing full plan reviews but with the new codes coming in they are going to have to be asking for structural plans and right now they are doing all of the commercial plan reviews in the office and a lot of other counties are having the contractors send their plans out for review and sometimes it takes up to six months. He told that within a week or two all of the permits should be online and they have noticed that permits are picking up.

Mr. Dickson told that we don't want to add anything that is going to hinder builders like the plan reviews if we don't have to.

Mr. Whitten told that they will just be asking for limited structural reviews with the new codes so it should not cost the homeowners any extra expense.

TAX RELIEF/ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Ms. Quesenberry told that it is good to be here. She told that the last time she was here asking for an increase in the tax relief was in 2004. She told that she had sent each board member a letter with information about this. She told that this needs to be approved now because it would need to be on the 2011 tax bill that is going out in a couple of months. She told that her office constantly gets calls about this and they mail out the qualifications to anyone who inquires. She told that the City of Galax also amended theirs last year. She told that the current tax relief will be the same that she is asking for, she is just asking for it to be increased to the full amount. She told that there are 8 in the county that have qualified and the average exemption is \$921.00. She told that she has 14 more that are pending. She told that they estimated \$20,000 for the budget. She told that in 2009 there was a drop because of the Social Security increase. She told that she through in the information on the veterans.

Mr. Dickson told that even though we don't have a say in it he thinks the veterans relief is a great thing.

Ms. Quesenberry told that it is and she thinks we will see some amendments to it soon.

Mr. Dickson told that it has been a pleasure to work with you and we still have a few months before your retirement.

Ms. Quesenberry told that it is her pleasure.

Mr. Hutchins told that as he reads it will become effective January 2012 which will be the next tax year.

Ms. Quesenberry told that when the tax bill goes out for 2011 it will be on it that you may qualify for relief in 2012.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board approved to schedule a Public Hearing on the tax relief and also an ordinance on the veterans on July 11, 2011.

Ms. Quesenberry told that she appreciates Mr. Cornwell.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Sandra Felts told that she is a homeowner on Coulson Church Rd. I am here to voice my concern over the proposal of the 4-lane to nowhere. I am angry, sad, worried, and mystified why this 4-lane should be built. I don't believe that we live in a democratic society when our land can be taken away from us when there is no need for it. It is not certain when and if anything will be built at the Wildwood Development much less east of it where I live. I can listen to all the made-up reasons with no facts, data, or proof why this 4-lane should be constructed. Because of the economic condition that our state and the U.S. is suffering, the money needs to be spent where there is an apparent need for it. I am sure there are road projects that need to be funded rather than foolishly spending citizens tax dollars on this \$5 million plus project. She told that only reason she truly believes for this 4-lane is to help sale the land at Wildwood Development. As I was told by Delegate Carico this 4-lane is needed to get the "infrastructure" in place to make the Wildwood Development more feasible for development. As I said before, take our land away from us in order to sell the land at Wildwood. Perhaps the land at Wildwood could have already been sold if the price per acre wasn't so expensive. She ask how does one know with 100% certainty that these improvements will enhance roadway safety, capacity, and accommodate future economic development. Is everybody traveling 52 (which is a 2 lane road) west to the development? I'd say the majority of people would travel I-77. The only 4-lane that needs to be constructed is to the development's entrance not past it down my way. The predictions (and that's all they are) by VDOT could be made about any road improvements. Ken McFadden, regional economic developer, who's spearheading the Wildwood project for the Blue Ridge Crossroad Economic Development Authority, said "its progress. It's a step in the right direction. It will improve access certainty." Is traveling a 2-lane 52 west to get to the 1/2 mile of 4-lane improving access? This sounds stupid to me. What about the access from the other 3 directions? What about the proposed pedestrian and bicycle sidewalks out here in the country? Where are we going to walk and ride a bicycle to? With the proposed Wildwood Development and this 4-lane, it sounds like the old saying "you are counting your chickens before they hatch".

Ms. Effie Thompson told that she wants to address the Board of Supervisors on the proposed road construction at Exit 19 Rt. 620. First, I want to Thank Andy Jackson for attending the May 18th meeting held by the Dept of Transportation to explain the proposed Rt. 620 improvement project. He was the only supervisor to attend that I was aware of. Evidently no other supervisor was curious enough about the huge amount of tax payer money being spent and if we were getting our money's worth. The first letter we received from Carroll County Administrator was dated June 29, 2006, five years ago. I am not aware of any developers at Wildwood. That's a long time for new business developments and it's still vacant land. She told that she wants to add a few thoughts about this supposed quote "improvement to enhance safety & upgrade the roadway system". She told that she wasn't aware we were in need of that many

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improvements to safety needs. I do know that in order to market Wildwood, the road to that development needs upgrading. After all Carroll Co, Grayson Co, the City of Galax and of Course the developer and owner will see to that. But do we really need the 4 lane all way to Rt. 932- Kaywood Lane. I think not. I understand from the County Administrator that it was extended from original plan because the project received more money and if it was not used for this project it would be lost and sent back. The original plan was to go a little below Mr. Turman's entrance to his development. That's all that is required. There is no other property beyond that for development. The sewer service ends at the Turman property and per my talk with Carroll County Administrator there are no plans to bring it east of the entrance down Rt.620. I know this project has been quoted on local paper as a "road to nowhere". If it is completed- that will be true. The local property owners should not be the only ones concerned about the amount of money required for this 4-lane road, but so should all County residents and all tax payers. We cannot afford to hand to special interests that will benefit from this road project. Maybe they think "if we build-they will come". Be assured, we will continue to use whatever means necessary to call attention to this unnecessary widening of Rt. 620.

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that the ladies had some great recommendations. He told that the question that he ask has never been resolved regarding who requested the State agency to look at the conflict of interest. He told that Mr. Cornwell erroneously stated that I had been to the State Police. He told that he has two concerns about this one is if it was done in closed session then he would have thought they would have already asked about the source of information. He told that Mr. Cornwell was wrong and he expected a correction and an explanation and when he asked that question he got the following response from Dr. Littrell which is I spoke with our County Attorney and he said he was read a letter by the State Agent which the State Agent attributed to Mr. Goldwasser. He told that the letter was not seen as this occurred by phone, hope this helps. Mr. Goldwasser told that it seems like a strange response. He told that he wrote back to Dr. Littrell telling him he appreciated his efforts but this really does not help, the issue is whether all of the information about the conflict was provided and the source information is vitally relevant to know if a thorough effort was made. He told that this is especially important since the consideration took place in closed session. He told that the reason he ask the question is because he has no way of knowing upon who the State Agent relied on for information, in fact he does not know what a State Agent means just as Mr. Dickson thought it was significant to know the answer to this question so does he even more so after the County attorney made a statement. He told that if this is the best you can do please give him the contact information for the State Agent and he will be able to go there for his answer and he received nothing after he sent the email. He told that the thing that troubles him is he does not know if the conflict of interest is illegal or what but he does know that there is certainly perception on his part and on many others that there has been a lot of stone walling and non transparency. He told that he knows the investigation review was done in closed session and he thinks back to Watergate and did they let Nixon and his lawyers study the situation and say that everything is okay, no, they had an open investigation with an independent prosecutor. He told that he knows this Board before the last meeting had made 104 consecutive unanimous votes and that is

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pretty formidable. He told that he would like an answer to his question and it would elay some of his fears that this is not a very transparent investigation.

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Mr. Dickson asked Mr. Huff to explain why the section on Coulson Church Road had to be farther.

Mr. Huff told that a large amount of the funding is federal. He told that the only way to get it is to go with what the feds let us do and they determined that it should go to Kaywood Drive.

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Huff is the Area Land Use Engineer for VDOT.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mr. Larowe explained the purpose of the Public Hearing and went over the proposed tax rates and explained the reduction in farm machinery tax.

Mr. Dickson opened the Public Hearing at 5:02 p.m.

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With no one to speak the Public Hearing was closed at 5:03 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the proposed tax rate to include the reduction on Farm Machinery.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ADOPTION OF FY2012 BUDGET

Ms. Smith told that beginning in 2010 the County started following a budget process. It begins with adoption of the budget calendar in July and culminates with budget adoption the next June. A managed capital improvements program is part of this process. You adopted the FY2012 – FY2016 CIP in February of this year to guide capital expenditures for the near and long term. Revenue review with the assessor, commissioner, and treasurer also takes place. For the past three years, the Board has directed no tax increase. With your action tonight, Carroll County will maintain a stable tax rate for four calendar years, in one of the most challenging times we've experienced. You are to be commended for that.

Ms. Smith told that when this Board took office, the County's fund balance was at a minimum level to operate without revenue anticipation notes. Since 2008, the board, without raising taxes, has been able to bolster reserves to a level to allow the County to accept grants enabling the installation of a \$1.5 million microwave system, the construction of a state of the art hydro-cooler at the Farmer's Market, and the purchase of multiple emergency vehicles. We've also, during this downturn in the economy, managed the County's debt to allow economic development expansion and much needed school construction.

Ms. Smith told that we are actively managing finances to meet the goals the Board set in 2008 and revised in 2010. As Finance Director it is my goal to develop, monitor and execute a financial plan for the County that is fiscally sound and meets the near and long term goals and objectives of the Board. A fiscally sound plan is a stable plan than is insulated from trend adjustments and economic shifts. The budget before you for adoption this evening is a combination of fiscal stability and meeting goals.

Ms. Smith ask that the Board adopt the budget as presented this evening with total revenues and expenditures equaling \$33,977,009 for the general fund and \$15,000 for the

law library fund, and that you appropriate the amounts presented by department. I also ask that the Board adopt the calendar year 2011 tax rates as advertised as you just do. These tax rates represent no increase from calendar year 2009, and in fact, represent a decrease with your action this evening decreasing the rate on Farm Machinery. With your previous adoption of the school budget on April 25, 2011 in the amount of \$37,929,689, the total FY2012 County General, School Operating and Law Library fund budgets are \$71,921,698.

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates all of the hard work.

Mr. Dickson told that being able to achieve all of this in 4 years would be impossible without the help of the staff. He told that they appreciate the guidance.

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the proposed FY2012 Budget.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board appropriated the funds set forth in the budget.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

WILDWOOD ACCESS ROAD

Mr. Larowe told that this is part of the Economic Development Access Program. He told that they have met with VDOT about the potential of getting an access road to the 620 property. He told that VDOT does have funds available for those projects so we have an opportunity to get the road put in. He told that there are 2 ways to get this done. The first is to allow VDOT to put it in and that may take some time and the second option is to apply to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and do it ourselves and VDOT will reimburse us. He told that this will provide an adequate road to the BRCEDA

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property. He told that if the buildings are not qualified in 5 years the payment is to be repaid but in the contract with the owners they have agreed to pay it back so there is little to no liability for the County. Mr. Larowe read the resolution regarding the access road.

Ms. Felts asked where the access road would be.

Mr. Larowe told that it is at the top of the hill at the entrance to the property.

Mr. Hutchins told that there are no guarantees but if Wythe County had not stepped up to the plate they wouldn't have Pepsi. He told that we have an opportunity to get the funding.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the resolution below.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority has acquired and is developing property for the purpose of economic development use located off of Coulson Church Road, Route #620, in Carroll County, Virginia, for the purpose of economic development within the Wildwood Commerce Park; and

WHEREAS, this property is expected to be the site of new private capital investment in land, building, and manufacturing equipment which will provide substantial employment; and

WHEREAS, the subject property has no access to a public street or highway and will require the construction of a new roadway to connect with Coulson church Road, Route #620; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carroll hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation, fee simple right of way and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, for this project will be provided at no cost to the Economic Development, Airport and Rail Access Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carroll acknowledges that no land disturbance activities may occur within the limits of the proposed access project prior to appropriate notification from the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carroll hereby guarantees that all ineligible project costs and all costs not justified by eligible capital outlay will be provided from sources other than those administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide Economic Development Access Program funding to provide an adequate road to this property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide a surety or bond, acceptable to and payable to the Virginia Department of Transportation, in the full amount of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's allocation less eligible private capital outlay credit determined by VDOT; this surety shall be exercised by the Department of Transportation in the event that sufficient qualifying capital investment does not occur on the Wildwood Commerce Park property currently owned by the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority within five years of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's allocation of funds pursuant to this request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the new roadway so constructed will be added to and become a part of the secondary system of state highways.

(Order)

6 YEAR ROAD PLAN

Mr. Larrowe told that there has not been any funding for the 6 Year Plan in years. He told that one road has been on the plan for over 10 years which is Route 620 and there are two others that continue to be on the plan and they will remain ranked as one through three. He reviewed the roads and the order that the Board has ranked those. He told that there is not enough money to do all of these at this time, but it gets those roads noticed and some attention to them. He told that we need to approve the Road Plan this evening for VDOT.

Mr. Hurst asked if there is not a way to shorten the project on 620 and asked why it needs to be so long.

Mr. Dickson told that in order to get the funding we have to go by the Federal guidelines.

Mr. Huff told that is correct. He told that it also has to be a major collector road.

Mr. Larrowe told there are two locations of feeder roads and they are Exit 1 and Exit 19 because Exit 8 and 14 have already been developed. He told that there are very limited places where the money could be used.

Mr. McMillian told that it is a considerable amount that we would be walking away from.

Mr. Larrowe told that they are hoping that it gets put on the Governor's List so we will not have to use Carroll County's money. He told that it has been on the plan for over

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10 years and the total cost is over \$5 million and if we can get it done with the Governor's funds so it will free up money for the 6 year road plan.

Ms. Thompson told that she asked Mr. Larrowe and he told her that it can only be spent on Rt. 620.

Mr. Larrowe told that it has to be spent on a feeder road.

Mr. McMillian told that is what Mr. Larrowe just said.

Mr. Dickson told that the statement was correct.

Ms. Felts ask where the extra money is going to come from to pay for Route 620.

Mr. Huff told that it would be the federal portion of funding.

Mr. Larrowe told that the \$2.44 is coming from the State and the rest is federal.

Ms. Felts told that she thought that it was federal money.

Mr. Dickson told that the State has to contribute in order to get the federal money.

Mr. Huff told that the funding would not come in one lump sum that it will be allocated each year.

Mr. Larrowe told that there is a map with the roads on it and he has looked at each of the roads.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the six year road plan resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	No
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

Mr. Hurst told that it is only because of the Route 620 portion that he is voting no.

Mr. Jackson told that he has issues with Route 620 as well but now understands that if we do not do it how the feds say we will not get the funds. He told that he would like to see it shortened.

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Mr. Dickson told that because of the low economic growth is probably why we are able to get this. He told that it could be going somewhere else. He told that when the stimulus money came around a lot of the localities were not ready to accept the money and we were and were able to get a lot of water projects because of it that will help economic growth and this is another step even though it is not the most popular thing. He told that it is not anything personal.

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Larowe told that we have appointments that come up usually in January and there are some in July. He told that at this time we need to do the Library Board, Airport, New River Regional Water Authority, SREC, Social Services and 9th District Financing. He told who the current appointees are that are serving.

Mr. Dickson told that everyone knows the duties of the appointments.

The nominations are as follows:

Mr. McMillian nominated Mr. Hutchins for the Library Board.

Mr. Hutchins nominated Dr. Littrell to the Airport Board.

Mr. McMillian nominated Jessica Montgomery to NRRWA.

Mr. Hutchins nominated Mr. Larowe to SREC.

Mr. Hurst nominated Ms. Shank to the 9th District Financing.

Mr. Hutchins nominated Chastity Hill to Social Services.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing the Board approved the nominations as listed.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes, Abstain from Library Appointment Vote
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that we have some good news today. He told that the Annexation agreement was approved this morning and will go into effect on June 30th at 12:00 midnight.

Mr. Dickson told that the three judges who traveled here were very complimentary that the County and the Town could agree and settle the disputes that have been going on for a long time. He told that they are very pleased to finalize that today.

Mr. Larrowe told that we found out today that the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association selected the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan as the Outstanding Comprehensive Plan for the State of Virginia and the award will be given at the annual meeting on July 21st. He told that there have been many people who have come and spoke about the 4-H position and those interviews are this Friday so hopefully someone will be in place very soon. He told that he applied for and was granted entry into the Senior Executive Institute which is through the University of Virginia for some training for County Administrators. He told that he would be working with them for a couple of weeks dealing with progression, local government and the effects of communities. He told that the Emergency Olympics was held last Saturday. He told that we have been talking about doing this for a couple of years. He told that there was competitions between all of the squads and the fire departments who came out. He announced all of the winners of the competitions. He told that it was a great day and he knows that the program will grow. Mr. Larrowe told that the School Bond sale will be on June 16th and the maturity has been set at 16 years. He told that they had calculated for 15 years so there will be a reduction in the monthly payment. He told that they are conducting Round Table meetings will all of the employees to discuss numerous things. He told that Jolena Young, 911 Coordinator has been on the job for about 3 months and has done some amazing things already. He told that met with her recently and they have procured some software that will allow C-Com to text the dispatches out to the members so that they have the addresses with them instead of calling back to get them. Mr. Larrowe told that on the Wildwood signage they are working with Dan Huff. He told that they have been talking about the pool and told that it will cost a tremendous amount of money to rehab. He told that the engineer as well as others have went to look at it to see what would be needed to be done to take the pool out and dressing up the area. He told that he wanted to let everyone know that there is progress taking place. He told that he responded to a constituent last night that all of the Board members would like to have a swimming pool for the community. He told that it is an expensive process but it has been on your radar.

Mr. Hutchins told that we do need to try to look at it and as part of our goals we said that we will try to look at opportunities to improve recreation and that is one of the things we are doing. He told that he is not sure that we can do it in the next 1 or 2 years but he thinks we have to come up with a solid plan. He told that the Wellness Center and Galax Pool we can use but that is not having our own but the cost of doing it right now is formidable.

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Mr. Dickson ask if we were talking about taking the pool down or just the building.

Mr. Larrowe told that we were talking about taking the building and the pool out. He told that Ms. Montgomery had mentioned taking the building and putting it in the pool. He told that one of the things we have looked at is the structure itself and it did not have any heating, electrical services and because of the mold she did not feel as if there is any reuse of the building.

Mr. Dickson told that if we fill the pool with the building and we decide put in another one it would it create a problem.

Mr. Larrowe told that you very well could be and they also talked about using the brick out of it to go somewhere else. He told that it would be the same thing with the concrete that comes out of the pool, it would have to be landfilled.

Mr. Dickson told that he sees no problem with removing it since it has ceased function and we would spend more money on bringing it back to standard even if you could. He told that he is not sure we could put a heating system in it that would get it heated. He told that he knows from experience that after 4 or 5 in the evening the kids turn blue because the water was so cold. He told that the decision to close the pool was thought about very seriously but with the tremendous decline in usage and everyone going somewhere else. He ask if it would be possible to have the engineer to look at a way to plan and see what we could put on that property. He told that it seems that the problem is always what would we put on the property. He told that we have continually looked for land to move the entire recreation department, but that could be really expensive we always thought the land it is on would be great industrial land and worth millions but so far no one wants to offer that so maybe the only use for it is the recreation department. He told that if she could do that at a very limited cost and if we could get an idea we could acquire some kind of bid to get a cost on what it would be to build whatever would be suitable. He told that this is not making a decision to do anything, it is making a decision to see what can be done and what we could afford.

Mr. Larrowe told that one of the thing that we had discussed is Ms. Montgomery would work on the plan for the recreation park as soon as we get some of the water and sewer projects off the table and we are now transitioning some of those out.

Mr. Dickson ask if that is agreeable with everyone.

Mr. Jackson told that it is a good step and the pool cannot economically be fixed. He told that a 40 year old pool is like a 100 year old car and it is time to make a decision to move forward. He told that we could keep putting \$60 to \$100 thousand in it each year and you would soon have what it would take to build a new one for.

Mr. Dickson told that we could then determine if it is a feasible location and if not we could start looking harder for another place.

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Mr. McMillian told that he has two small children and at one time or another everyone on this Board has made some good memories at the pool but we made the decision to close it based on the facts and we cannot let those emotions and memories make the decisions for you. He told that he agrees with the other Board members and we need to decide if it is the right place.

Mr. Larrowe told that he had the pleasure to work with the Recreation Commission recently to talk about all of the upgrades that have been done and they are very pleased. He told that the Recreation program is elevated over what it has been in the past and it is moving forward. He told that there is progress taking place as a result of the Board.

Mr. Dickson ask where we stand on the list of delinquent taxes. He told that we have made an effort to collect and so far have collected around \$70,000. He ask what we need to do to progress forward.

Mr. Larrowe told that it is in the Treasurer's hands although the Board can request a listing of the delinquent taxes on an ongoing basis so you can see what is taking place and hand it over to the County attorney to be able to collect. He told that there is no charge to the County for him to collect the taxes.

Mr. Dickson ask Mr. Cornwell what he would suggest.

Mr. Cornwell told that there is a statute that states that the Treasurer is suppose to make out a list for you within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year and under another section of the code you can request that list. He told that the list is rather broad and includes properties where less than \$20 is owed. He told that we would be interested in is the Real Estate where payment is delinquent and taxes on personal property, machinery, tools and merchants capital that the Treasurer was unable to collect. He told that once we receive the lists we can decide if you would like to publish the list. He told that under the Code we request a copy of all of the lists. He told that she does have 60 days but she might be able to get it to you sooner.

Mr. Hurst ask if we got the information at this point in time could we ask for it to be updated every 30 days.

Mr. Cornwell told that the statute doesn't provide for that but if he had the list he could update it to the Board every month.

Mr. Hurst told that if we are going to use it as a tool it will need to be updated regularly.

Mr. Cornwell told that they can ask the Treasurer to include it in her report every month. You may ask for an update every month and a new list quarterly.

Mr. McMillian told that when we are talking about delinquent taxes, define that as to what the criteria is.

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Mr. Cornwell told that it is any taxes that are delinquent. He told that if he files a lawsuit it has to be over 2 years.

Mr. McMillian ask if it is the same on personal property.

Mr. Cornwell told that personal property is anytime after it is delinquent as long as there is no appeal on the assessment. He told that you can also go to their bank and withdraw the amount owed.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved to ask the Treasurer to provide the lists as required in Code Section 58.1-3921 and would ask that it be available by July 11, 2011.

Mr. Hurst ask if it needs to include a timeframe to be updated.

Mr. Cornwell told that we should get the list first and proceed from there. He told that advertising the list will increase the revenue.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. McMillian told that Cana Volunteer Fire Department has a vehicle that the engine has blown up in and they have assessed and it will cost more to repair than what it is worth. He told that they have went through procurement and they use this vehicle to pull the hazmat equipment. He told that he is looking for authorization for them to purchase a vehicle with their own funds and none from the County. He told that he has talked with Ms. Shank and there is some other criteria that they will be working out under the guidelines that we set a couple of years ago.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved for Cana Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a replacement vehicle with their funds and no contributions from the County as long as the guidelines are followed and met.

Mr. Jackson told that it is something that needs to be done as long as it is done by the guidelines.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. McMillian told that the Comprehensive Plan took a lot of time and he would like to commend Mr. Newman for his work on it. He told that he appreciates everyone coming out to express their views. He told that he would like to have moment of silence for Mr. Bill Sowers of Sowers Construction who passed away.

Mr. Hutchins told that on the Route 620 project you can look around and see others who have failed and succeeded. He told that it is a difficult decision to make either way. He told that the sure way for us to not have any job growth is to not try. He told that if you do try and don't get immediate results it appears bad but if you look at how long it took Wythe County to grow to get Gatorade. He told that we now have a lot of ways to attract industry and there is growth happening. He told that it is a hard decision but we have to do what is best for the County in general over time and only time will tell if it turns out to be a wise decision. He told that he would like to commend staff for the extra workload that they carry.

Mr. Hurst told that when you are in government and trying to carry out the best for everyone you always hope for a compromise and we didn't get that today. He told that we do work hard to make the County a better place to live and better for the young people who live here. He ask for everyone to keep Mr. Bob Martin in your prayers due to his motorcycle accident and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Jackson told that he agrees with everything that has been said. He told that the Planning Commission gets a lot of criticism but they do a great job as well as Mr. Newman and the award is a great honor. He told that on Route 620 he would like to see it shortened but if that is what we have to do to get the Federal money then so be it. He told that there are a lot of government regulations that you have to go by and we try to do what is best for the entire county. He told that we are trying and we have to take chances. He thanked everyone for coming out today.

Mr. Dickson told that it has been a productive meeting and was pleased to pass the budget without a tax increase for the 4th year and was glad to see that we may get some relief for veterans. He told that it is good to see things progress. He told that it is hard to make decisions that are displeasing to some. He told that we are not trying to hinder or hurt anyone individually.

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Mr. Hurst told that tomorrow is Flag Day and it is an important day for our Country and encouraged everyone to get out their flag tomorrow.

ELECTRONIC CHECK SIGNATURE

Mr. Larrowe told that we have been talking about getting the checks signed electronically. He told that we need authorization to use \$4431.50 from Capital projects to make that happen.

Mr. Dickson ask if we can table that and take it up next month.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks we need to do it.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to use \$4431.50 to purchase equipment to get the checks signed electronically.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ADJOURMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board adjourned until July 11, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk