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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 11, 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  
                              Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Dr. Littrell called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

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

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

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, 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	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

Dr. Littrell told that it is great to see a lot of people out. He told that there are two opportunities to address the Board, one is during citizen's time and the other is during the Public Hearing. He told that he would like to bring Pulaski to everyone's attention ask everyone to keep the citizens, public officials and those affected in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Dickson introduced Mr. Jeff Pickett, pastor of Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church in Hillsville who led in invocation. Mr. Dickson led in pledge.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

**VOTES**

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 14, 2011 and March 28, 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	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian , seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for April 2011 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> days of May 2011 of checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**RECREATION ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation for Recreation in the amount of \$919.79 from fundraiser donations to be used for spring activities.

VOTES

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

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Mr. McMillian        Yes

(Order)

**DROUGHT PLAN**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the Drought Plan listed below.

Sec. I. Authority to declare water emergencies

During the continued existence of climatic, hydrological and other extraordinary conditions the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Carroll County may require that certain uses of water, not essential to public health, safety and welfare, be reduced, restricted or curtailed. As the shortage of raw or potable water becomes increasingly more critical, conservation measures to reduce consumption or curtail nonessential water use may be necessary. The definitions, water emergency criteria, and water use restrictions referenced in this ordinance are presented in greater detail in the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Drought Response and Contingency Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee is authorized to declare a water emergency in Carroll County restricting the use of water in any area of the county. All water stages are built upon and require compliance with previous water stages. For example when a Drought Emergency is declared all provisions of a Drought Warning are in effect. Also the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee may declare any of the three stages; they do not have to be declared sequentially.

Sec. II. Publication of declaration

Upon the declaration of a water emergency, the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee shall immediately post a written notice of the emergency at the front door of the county administration building and shall place a notice in the newspaper of general circulation in the area in which such emergency has been declared.

Sec. III. Water use considerations

Upon the declaration of a water shortage or emergency, the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee is authorized and directed to implement conservation measures by ordering the restricted use or absolute curtailment of the use of water for certain nonessential purposes for the duration of the water shortage or emergency in the manner hereinafter set out. In exercising this discretionary authority, and making the determinations set forth hereof, the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee shall give due consideration to stream flow conditions, water levels, available/usable storage on hand, draw down rates and the projected supply capability in the town; system purification and pumping capacity; daily water consumption and consumption projections of the system's customers; prevailing and forecast weather conditions; fire service requirements; pipeline conditions including breakages, stoppages and leaks; supplementary source data; estimates of minimum essential supplies to preserve public health and safety and such other data pertinent to the past, current and projected water demands.

Sec. IV. Limitation of restrictions

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The provisions of this article shall not apply to any governmental activity, institution, business, or industry which shall be declared by the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee, upon a proper showing, to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare or the prevention of severe economic hardship or the substantial loss of employment. Any activity, institution, business or industry aggrieved by the finding of the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee may appeal the decision to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors.

Sec. V. Water conservation measures

Upon a determination by the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee of the existence of the following conditions, the Carroll County Administrator shall take the following actions that shall apply to all water users in Carroll County:

- a) Drought Watch: when moderate but limited supplies of water are available and a drought watch is declared in accordance with the Drought Response and Contingency Plan, the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee shall, through appropriate means, call upon the general population to employ prudent restraint in water usage. Public outreach activities shall be identified to inform the general population of the potential for drought conditions to intensify any potential water conservation activities that may be utilized.
- b) Drought Warning: the drought warning stage includes voluntary water conservation actions due to the imminent onset of a significant drought event. Customers will be asked to reduce outdoor water use by only using water before 10a.m. and after 7p.m. and by:
  - a. Reducing turf watering
  - b. Using a broom, not the hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks
  - c. Reducing vehicle washing
  - d. Using bucket watering instead of hose watering when possible
  - e. Turning off ornamental fountains

Customers will be asked to reduce indoor water use by:

- a. Identify and repairing leaks
  - b. Turning off the water while shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
  - c. Reducing shower time to five minutes or taking baths with less water
  - d. Only using the clothes washer and dishwasher machines when there are full loads
  - e. Storing water in the refrigerator instead of running it to get it cold
  - f. Installing water-saver devices in the home, such as low-flow toilets and showerheads.
- c) Drought Emergency: as drought conditions continue to worsen, a drought emergency may be declared by the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee. When a drought emergency is declared, the following mandatory water restrictions are imposed:
    - All public water uses not required for health or safety will be prohibited

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- Watering outdoor vegetation will be prohibited, except from a watering can or other, container not exceeding three-gallons in capacity or with recycled water. Any person regularly engaged in the sale of plants will be permitted to irrigate only in amounts necessary to prevent the loss of nursery stock
- Washing vehicles except from a bucket or other container not exceeding three-gallons in capacity or with recycled water will be prohibited
- Washing driveways, sidewalks, exteriors of homes or other outdoor surfaces will be prohibited, however, any person regularly engaged in the business of washing such areas shall be permitted to use water for such purposes as long as the amount of water being used is minimized
- The operation of any ornamental fountain or similar structure using water will be prohibited
- The filling or refilling of swimming pools or wading pools will be prohibited
- Restaurants and similar establishments will be prohibited from serving water unless specifically requested by the customer
- Fire hydrant use will only be permitted for fire protection.

#### Sec. VI. Penalty and enforcement

1. Any person who violates any provision of the drought warning stage may be subject to the following civil penalties:
  - a. For the first offense, violators shall receive a written warning delivered in person posted by a representative of Carroll County.
  - b. For the second offense violators shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00), the fine to be imposed in the violator's next water bill, or in the case of violators not on the public water system, in a written notice.
  - c. For the third offense, violators shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense, the fine to be imposed on the violator's water bill, or in the case of violators not on the public water system, in a written notice.
  - d. For each subsequent offense, violators will be subject to water service termination and recommended fees.
  - e. Each violation by a person shall be counted as a separate violation by that person, irrespective of the location at which the violation occurs.
2. Any person who violates any provision of the drought emergency stage may be subject to the following penalties:
  - a. Residential customers who exceed the greater of 5,000 gallons of water per month of consumption or use more than their base usage for the same period in the previous twelve (12) months will be charged two-times the rate.

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- b. Residential customers who continue to use more than 5,000 gallons of water per month of consumption or use more than their base usage for the same period in the previous twelve (12) months will be subject to water service termination and reconnection fees.
- c. Persons who have been assessed a penalty shall have the right to challenge the assessment by providing a written notice to the Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee shall determine that the penalty was properly assessed and notify the complaining person in writing of their determination.
- d. The Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee may waive the penalty if they determine that the violation occurred due to no fault of the person.

Sec. VII. Notification of end of water emergency

The Carroll County Administrator or his or her designee shall notify the Carroll County Board of Supervisors when, in their opinion, the water emergency situation no longer exists. Upon concurrence of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors, the water emergency shall be declared to have ended. When this declaration is made, the information shall be conveyed to the general public through the news media.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**REGIONAL JAIL EXPENDITURES**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to use excess revenue from several grant reimbursements to fund overages that are being experienced in per diem costs for the New River Valley Regional Jail.

VOTES

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

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**USDA GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to use excess revenue from grant reimbursements to fund overages that are being experienced in legal fees.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2197.19 from various recouped expenses.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the corrective action plan for the Sheriff's Office. The auditors found the Sheriff to be spending funds without appropriation during the FY2010 audit. A corrective action plan has been implemented and all asset forfeiture funds have been deposited with the Treasurer. The auditor of public accounts requires an allocation in arrears to make the Board aware of the situation.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Littrell            Yes  
Mr. McMillian        Yes

(Order)

### **JV BASKETBALL RECOGNITION**

Dr. Littrell told that our JV Boys Basketball Team finished the season undefeated with a 21 – 0 record. He told that the last team to go undefeated was the 1997-1998 season and one of the Coaches, Casey Burcham was a member of the team at that time. He told that this group went on to win the Southwest District Tournament Championship. He ask the players to come forward to present them with a plaque. Dr. Littrell told that these are the kinds of presentations that we like to have.

### **EXTENSION UPDATE**

Mr. Andy Overbay told that he is here on behalf of Mike Martin, District Director. He had to be at his daughter's track meet. He told that this is a joyous time and it is a pleasure for him to introduce Travis Bunn who will be serving as the Ag and Natural Resource Agent for the County. He told that he has known Travis for 4 or 5 years and he is an outstanding young agent. He told that the 4-H position has been listed. He thanked the Board and the citizens of Southwest Virginia for helping to stop the restructuring plan. He told that he met with the new Director, Dr. Ed Jones today and they are in the process of working on things for Extension and has a meeting set up with the Secretary of Education to discuss what needs to be done to move forward.

Mr. Bunn thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here to serve. He told that he is getting to work with some of the farmers that he grew up watching and respecting. He told that if anyone ever needs help to give him a call or he is located at the old Hillsville Elementary building.

Dr. Littrell told that they are glad to have him.

### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that he will make it short this time. He told that it is good to have a county agent and Travis will do a good job. He told that he has a question which is the same one that Mr. Dickson had last month that was erroneously answered by Mr. Cornwell and it is who requested the State agency to do an investigation on the conflict of interest. He told that you do not have to answer now since you have 48 hours. He told that is the short coming of having closed sessions because it is easy to make a mistake and not find out about it because the general public doesn't know and that is an advantage of doing it in open session. He told that it is important that accurate information be obtained and also asked what State agency was asked.

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Ms. Janet Tate told that she was late today due to working on the Treasurer's Report before coming. She told that she would like to address the behavior at the last Public Hearing at Fancy Gap. She told that there was no time limit and people were out of control. She told that she started coming to Board meetings in 2005 when people ask her to come help with the motor cross. She told that it made her curious that so many people has showed up and found that some were even from North Carolina. She told that bullying tactics were used. She told that she would like to know where people are from when they get up to speak. She told that a lot of people left the meeting the other night. She told that this Board has done a good job and she appreciates them trying to keep things under control.

Dr. Littrell told that he would like to recognize Todd Shaw with Scout Troop 424 and his son Jason. He told that they are help as part of receiving his Communications Badge.

Mr. Shaw told that it is a pleasure to be here tonight. He told that this is his 41<sup>st</sup> year participating in Scouts and he sees the value in it. He told that if there is anything they can do to help just to let them know. He told that they focus on raising servants and they are here to serve fellow man.

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to appoint Ms. Mava Vass to the WCC Board and Ms. Michelle Dalton to Rooftop.

### VOTES

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

(Order)

### **PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Larrowe told that he is pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget. The continued depressed State and National economy have made this a very challenging budget year. The Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget is one that maintains core services, but is mindful of the Board's goals.

In the area of revenues, the following guidelines are used:

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- No tax increases are included
- New construction is estimated to increase values by less than 1%
- Farm Machinery tax is reduced by 50%

In the area of expenditures, the following guidelines are used:

- All departmental expenditures under the control of the County Administrator were closely examined and increased/decreased to mirror the goals of the Board
- Increases in fuel and utility costs were recognized
- Capital projects were reduced by purchasing items in FY2011 as feasible

He told that Carroll County has historically operated with a very efficient staff, and will continue to do so as we move forward into FY2012. We, like all local governments, are trying to do more with less, and I believe we have been more successful at this than most. Continued close scrutiny of all expenditures, and a vision of future projects is the focus of staff.

In the following weeks, I look forward to input from you and our citizens regarding this budget.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the staff and told that we have no idea how many hours have went into putting this together.

Ms. Smith told that it is good to be here this evening to present the proposed budget. She told that we as well as most counties in Virginia are facing tough economic times. She reviewed some scenarios from surrounding localities in regards to their budgets. She told that our plan is to actively manage revenues and maintain core services while being mindful of Board goals. She presented a power point regarding the entire budget. She told that we have included have included an aggressive delinquent real estate collection. She told that meals and lodging will be reduced due to the annexation. She told that we are down to the bare minimums in the budget. She told that all the information is in the Budget Book and it will also be posted online and a copy will be in the Administrator's Office. She told that by the Code we need to approve a budget by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Littrell asked if she could explain about the meals and lodging tax.

Ms. Smith told that we are still receiving the same amount but it is now collected by the Town and they write us a check instead of the county collecting and sending a portion to the Town. She told that it does appear as a reduction but technically it is still there.

Mr. Hutchins ask on the collection of delinquent taxes that makes up a large portion of dollars. He ask for the years we are going after, how much does that equate to.

Ms. Smith replied it is \$3.3 million.

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**AUTHORIZE BUDGET WORKSESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to hold a Budget Work session on April 25, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME**

Mr. Larrowe told that VDOT will be holding a Public Hearing in the Board Room on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. regarding Route 620. He told that it does not require any action on our part. He told that VDOT will also be having a district meeting in Salem on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He told that the CommonHealth and Benefits Fair will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and they will be doing health screenings. He told that we held a training session in March for volunteer agencies to go over financial issues, billing, insurance and several other things. He told that the Fire & Rescue Olympics are coming up and they are also hosting several CPR classes. He told that at next month's meeting Ken McFadyen will be here to give an update on Wildwood. He told that the Tourism Department has moved and it looks really nice. He invited everyone to go visit the new location.

Mr. Dickson asked everyone to look at the radio report. He told that it seems to elude an answer. He told that he had requested that Mr. Mock go over this to see what was wrong and he had emailed him again to let him know he would be sorely disappointed if he didn't received something this month. He told that if we have a system that is only 8.5 on a scale of 10 is that sufficient. He told that if he was a deputy he would say it is not good enough and had been told that we received a grant and he didn't know how much of it was spent in Carroll. He told that the radios before did not seem to have these problems. He told that EMS has the same system and it works everywhere.

Mr. Donnie Spangler told that they are 2 different systems.

Mr. Dickson ask if the emergency services works better.

Mr. Spangler told that he couldn't give an honest answer on that, but they do have to switch stations to get out sometimes.

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Mr. McMillian asked Mr. Spangler if he is satisfied with the system.

Mr. Spangler told that it has improved but they still have a lot of scratchy areas. He told that the channels they were using on the old system were illegal and they are on a different zone from Fire & Rescue. He told that there is a lot of concern from the deputies that it is not as good as it used to be.

Mr. Dickson told that he has ask for a copy of what we wanted from the vendor that sold it to us.

Mr. Larrowe ask who he requested the information from.

Mr. Dickson told that he asked Mr. Mock.

Ms. Shank ask if he was looking for the bids or the RFP.

Mr. Dickson told that he wants the detail of what we wanted to see if there is something that the vendor hasn't done and if that is the case get them back in here.

Mr. Larrowe told that they have contacted the vendor several times. He told that he is not an expert, but they were trying to make sure it was all as it was suppose to be. He told that he was not aware that the information was requested or we could have gotten it to Mr. Dickson.

Mr. Dickson stated that maybe he is asking for too much but if EMS is better he doesn't understand why. He ask if it is possible to get Mr. Mock here to answer some questions and also a representative from the Sheriff's Office and EMS. He told that if there is a problem we need to get it fixed instead of waiting till something happens.

Mr. Hutchins told that he is not sure we can get 100% just because of where we are located and told that there may be some dead pockets unless we move to satellite.

Mr. McMillian told that 85% seems low to him.

Mr. Hutchins told that the grant may have stipulated what they were able to do with the system.

Mr. Dickson told that there were some recommendations made but it doesn't say why they are needed or if they will fix the problems.

## **SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Dr. Smith told that at the last presentation the School Board was tasked with removing the debt service and to attempt to fund a 3% across the board salary increase using the carryover funds. He told that they were holding the \$340,000 in carryover funds as a savings in the upcoming budget year and he has a great fear that next year will be difficult. He showed the changes in the executive summary. He told that they have done this with the carryover and by not filling 2 additional positions and that makes a 2% plus the step for teachers and a 2 ½% plus step for support staff. He told that he does have concerns for 2013 and one of those is the \$900,000 in jobs act funds. He told that unless there is a new federal program that will be one budgetary gap that will need to be filled. He told that in the school operating budget there was compensation for the composite index and he is not sure where that will come from. He told that there is also the potential of a VRS increase, health insurance increase and the text book adoption is coming forward.

Mr. Dickson ask on the 9.4% increase in health insurance does the employee pay the difference or does the employer.

Dr. Smith told that both pay part.

Ms. Quesenbery told that the bulk is the county's responsibility because we are required to pay 80%.

Mr. McMillian ask about the art and elementary positions that will not be filled. He ask at what point do we no longer not fill positions.

Dr. Smith told that was a good question and they are trying to figure it out. He told that they have not been filling positions since 2008 and it is a total of 48. He told that if you compute that into dollars it is around \$2.4 million and that has helped compensate for the financial crisis and during the same time receiving less state funds. He told that the county has been generous and they have not seen a decrease in those funds and thanked the Board. He told that it is a challenge and if you would have ask him in 2007 about being 50 people less he would have thought you were crazy. He told that everyone has lost but they cannot continue to combat the financial crisis with not feeling teachers. He told that we cannot afford not to be staffing the schools and we are going to have to step up. He told that it appears that the State is placing the burden on the localities to fund the schools. He told that it is not fair but that is what we have to work with.

Mr. Jackson ask on the rehires is 48 the total that should have been hired and we didn't or were there some that were rehired.

Dr. Smith told that they have not filled the 48. He told that they have been selective and if they have a math teacher at the high school leave and it would bump the class size up they would have to rehire. He told that the vacancies are positions that work with the children who need the most services.

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Mr. Jackson ask like in art is that in a school where you had 2 teachers.

Dr. Smith replied no that it went from full time to part time.

Mr. Jackson told that instead of doubling up the class you have doubled up the teacher.

Dr. Smith told that it one way to look at it.

Dr. Littrell told that they had hoped the increase would help the ranking and ask if they knew if it will.

Dr. Smith told that they will not find out until the fall but it should help our rating. He told that generally they are giving steps and 1%.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the School Board being with us tonight.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

Dr. Littrell opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. and told that purpose.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she is on the Health Advisory Board for the school and they are concerned. She told that she worked in the medical field before and there is not a school nurse there all day. She told that it is great that they have them because kids go to school with many more medical problems now. She told that teachers have enough to do without having to evaluate the kids so this is a huge concern.

Dr. Smith told that they have added hours back into nursing that was removed last year.

Mr. Hurst asked if that is the reason for the \$33,000 increase.

Ms. Quesenberry told that yes it was adding hours back to the nurse's day.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to meet to approve the school budget on April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### VOTES

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

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Mr. McMillian        Yes

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**2011 ELECTION DISTRICT DISCUSSION**

Mr. Larrowe told that Justin Barnard has really worked hard on getting the maps done. He told that the Electoral Board and Ms. Cloud have worked on it as well. He told that there are some minor adjustments and reviewed the map that shows all of the proposed changes.

Mr. Dickson told that there is one less precinct.

Mr. Dennie Shockley told that we had 19 precincts and now there are 18.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Redistricting Ordinance on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical.

VOTES

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

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**SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. McMillian appreciates everyone coming out to show their support. He told that it is a trying time to look at budgets and when you look at it as people and it affects their lives. He told that he doesn't have words for it. He told that they do not want to raise taxes but at the same time they want to support the schools. He told that it is heart wrenching and money does not grow on trees. He ask for everyone's prayers and told that it doesn't look like it is going to get better anytime soon. He commended the School Board for burning the midnight oil.

Mr. Jackson told that he concurs with Mr. McMillian. He told that he may be the oldest on the Board but he has two granddaughters in the school system and he thinks a lot about their education. He told that he is not sure there is an answer and he knows the School Board has worked diligently. He told that the money gets shorter from the State all the time and it looks like it is going to get worse, hopefully we can all work together as we have in the past. He thanked the staff for working so hard. He told that he is big on history and 150 years ago the first shots were fired at Ft. Sumner. He told that on

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April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 they will be holding an annual confederate memorial service and everyone is invited to attend on the courthouse lawn. He told that on April 28<sup>th</sup> they will observe the 1<sup>st</sup> company to leave and will be recognizing the brave men from Carroll County. He told that Carroll has always answered the call to serve their county and they are patriotic and honorable. He told that we had 9 units to leave from Carroll County. He thanked everyone and told that he appreciates them coming.

Mr. Hutchins told that it has been a very productive day. He told to not say that he is sorely disappointed that the School Board could not work out the 3% for everyone is an understatement, but you have to do what you have to do. He told that he doesn't think the citizens understand that we can't print more money. He told that the State has done very well at not raising taxes but they have not indicated that they are passing expenses onto the localities with the mandates. He told that it is not going to change until we reach a point where State legislatures understand the problem. He told that we have done a good job with the cuts that we had. He told that he doesn't know when it stops until we are allowed to add additional revenue sources and it burdens the Board to think about a tax increase just to support things that are mandated by the State. He told that it is going to be difficult and the citizens need to understand that.

Mr. Dickson told that he would like to reiterate the work that has been done on our budget. He told that we have done the School well over the last 4 years and we have done it while maintain our tax base. He told that Mr. Larowe spends a lot of time working on Economic Development. He told that he is pleased with the redistricting and Mr. Barnard has done a great job. He told that he is pleased with the School Board and wished they had been able to do the 3% across the board. He told that it sounded like a fair way but that doesn't always work. He told that he hopes revenues grow and he knows people wouldn't be here if they were not concerned. He told that if anyone sees places where they can work on the budget to let them know.

Dr. Littrell told that it has been an interesting day. He told that Kathleen Barker who was a long time educator in the County past away and asked everyone to remember her family. He told that we had great sports recognition with a fine group of young men. He told that they look forward to what they will be doing in the future. He told that they have to have a balanced budget and they do the best they can.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board adjourned until April , 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### **VOTES**

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

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Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk