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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, August 8, 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 Larowe, County Administrator
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Dr. Littrell called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Dickson, 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. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Dickson, 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)

Mr. Hutchins lead in invocation and pledge.

Dr. Littrell ask for a moment of silence in honor of the troops that are were involved in the helicopter accident. He told that they give the ultimate sacrifice and it is a tragedy for our country. He told that he had been listening to the problems of the world and realized what a blessing it is to live in Carroll County. He told that we live in a County that is progressive in a very traditional sense and we have a comprehensive plan that plots the course of the County for years to come and plans for the future, not just letting it happen haphazardly. He told that in the Comprehensive Plan we have recognized that we are a rural county with a strong background of agriculture. He told that yesterday in the Roanoke Times there was a great article that featured Carroll County talking about the broccoli experiment that is taking place and how we could be the broccoli producing capital for the east coast. He told that we already have the infrastructure in place for that with the hydro cooler at the Farmer's Market. He told that we are pressing ahead with developing the Wildwood Commerce Park at Exit 19 and it is just a matter of time before something very exciting happens there. He told that over the past couple of years we have put miles of water and sewer lines in the ground and we have collaborated with Wythe County and Wytheville for a sustainable water source from the New River with the Regional Water Project. He told that we are also blessed with caring, compassionate people who will willingly assist others. He told that two recent examples of that are our own County Administrator, Gary Larowe who just returned from a mission trip to Nicaragua. He told that another is Oakland United Methodist Church who took up a special offering to help fund the backpack buddies program. He told that the program ensures that the children will have enough to eat on the weekends. He told that the children that are selected are in the free or reduced lunch program and there is a concern

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that there is a shortage of food in the home and they are sent with about 8 pounds of food to carry them through the weekend. He told that one last thing that he wants to count as a blessing is the harmonious way that our Board goes about the business of governing the County. He told that we have a balanced budget and our tax rates have remained constant even with the severe economic downturn that we have experienced. He told that we are diligently and actively searching for businesses that want to expand in our area or relocate in the County. He heard after the election when there were 3 democrats and 3 republicans that we would always be tied 3 to 3 and nothing would be accomplished. He told that he is proud to say that has not happened and everyone has left the d's and r's at the door. He told that they have done what they felt was the best for Carroll County and his regret is that those who govern us from Washington cannot do the same for the American citizens.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AWARD

Mr. Hutchins told that on July 21st he and Mr. Newman were ask to attend the American Planning Association Virginia Chapter Annual Meeting and at the meeting they were presented with the Outstanding Comprehensive Plan Award for Carroll County. He told that he would like to read pieces of what the panel looked at; From inception to adoption the plan was inclusive of the County's residence and respectful of the County's heritage. The plan sets progressive goals, identifying and prioritizing implementable strategies to ensure its ongoing relevancy and success. The County sought a guide to ensure the viability of ongoing agricultural operations while also pursuing increased tourism development that is supported by proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and recent infrastructure developments. This plan implements a tiered development approach. The planning process included considerable media outreach, public participation, events within the county and significant youth outreach. Participation by the High School government classes included a workshop and a survey which resulted in meaningful input as well as support for key economic development goals and policies. We collaborated with the local farm bureau and other vested stockholders in this plan. The awards committee found all of the above to be true and they told that it is a highly readable and assessable plan that represents a modern vision based planning effort that can serve as a model for other counties. Mr. Hutchins ask Dr. Littrell to come forward to receive the award.

Dr. Littrell told that it is an honor to be recognized.

Mr. Hutchins told that this is the top award by the association.

Dr. Littrell told that Mr. Newman worked tirelessly for a long time on the Comprehensive Plan in order to receive this award.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on July 11, 2011 and July 13, 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. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for August 2011 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign in September 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	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board reaffirmed the Enterprise Zone Incentives that were identified by the State.

VOTES

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

(Order)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved amending the Emergency Operations Plan to include statements required by the weather service.

VOTES

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

(Order)

EMS ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$116,688.40 to Carroll County Fire and Rescue from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health to be used toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

VOTES

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

(Order)

FIRE FUNDS

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved an allocation of Fire Funds in the amount of \$8693.00.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

ROLLOVER

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to Rollover \$130,489.60 in EMS grants and Parks fundraiser monies from FY2011 to FY2012 to be expended on specific items.

VOTES

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

(Order)

HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDS ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$54,565 from a balance in the Sheriff's Highway Safety Funds to continue the program of paying OT to deputies to monitor radar.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING ON K12 FUNDS

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing on September 12th on the additional allocation of School funds.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes

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

(Order)

NRSWCD

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to allocate \$4500.00 to the New River Soil and Water Conservation District for FY2012.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ANIMAL CLAIM

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved payment of \$30.00 for an animal claim.

VOTES

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

(Order)

E-911 PRESENTATION

Ms. Jolena Young thanked that Board for inviting her. She told that she left Carroll County for 20 years while she worked in finance. She told that she moved back about 3 years ago and it is a great place to live. She told that our 911 is multi-jurisdictional and other localities are now looking into doing it and they are using the learning's that we have found. She told that they have three areas of emergency dispatch and have 8 91 dispatchers and 4 with Galax PD who work in 4 shifts and cover 24 hours per day. She

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told that in 2011 they answered over 25,000 911 calls and that does not include what came in over the Administrative Line. She told that they had 44,000 dispatches to various emergency situations and in 2012 they will be working with Fire and Rescue to enhance protocols. Ms. Young told that they have invested in technologies and now are able to text dispatch along with a verbal and everyone seems to find it very helpful. She told that the Commission members used some under spending on the Emergency Notification System for the three localities and they now have reverse 911 notifications. She told that they were working with fire to develop a protocol for structure fires.

Ms. Young told that in 2013-2014 they will be focusing on equipment refreshment. She told that the current equipment is 5 years old and it does begin to fail. She told that they are working on strategies to also improve capabilities. She told that they will be addressing maintenance and a common complaint they get is where to navigate on the Parkway. She told that Patrick County has signs and they will be looking at that. She told that they have one mapping technician who maintains the maps for fire and rescue and makes sure they are always up to date. She told that they are enhancing data in maps so if we did have a disaster we could quickly produce reports. She told that they have been working with Mr. Barnard in GIS on that and also on the fire hydrants.

Mr. Hutchins told that it sounds like your plate is full.

Dr. Littrell ask if everything is working well on the cell phones on the interstate.

Ms. Young told that they occasionally get one but the failure rate is decreasing.

Mr. Larowe told that the work that Ms. Young has done in the past few months is exceptional.

Dr. Littrell told that the commission appreciates her expertise. He told that regional cooperation is working well in so many sectors of government.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Brenda Quesenberry told that she is from the Sulphur Springs District and thanked the Board for answering her question from the last Board Meeting. She told that it is important for citizens to attend the meetings to see what is going on in government. She ask if it is possible to change the time from 4:00 until 6:00 or 7:00 so that others who have daytime jobs are able to attend.

Dr. Littrell told that they will probably continue with the same time until the organizational meeting in January.

Ms. Quesenberry told that if meetings were later a lot more people would come.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates her participation.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that it is a pleasure to be here. He told that the fair is coming up and he hopes everyone will be able to attend. He told that the new corn maze is ready and we are very excited about it. He told that he was involved with the Senior Executive Institute and it was very meaningful and positive, and we hope to see some rewards from that. He told that there is a list of grants that have been applied for and awarded and we will be updating it monthly. He told that the Wildwood Dedication will be on August 16th and we will be having the Regional Water dedication at the same time and this is positive growth for the County. He told that he and Mr. Hutchins were able to meet with Congressman Griffith this morning and he is very interested in Workforce Development and job creation. He told that he will be focusing on manufacturing and he committed to have someone attend a Workforce Development meeting. He told that it was a positive meeting.

Mr. Dickson told that he was impressed that he is willing to be present if we have a prospect visit.

Mr. Larrowe told that Congressman Griffith liked Wildwood and we will look for ways to help meet his goals. He told that we have advertised for the IT Director and we also have 2 part time employees who have started at the Farmers Market. He told that they are processing over 30 tractor trailers per week and the sweet corn is coming in now. He told that one individual will be planting 500 to 700 acres next year. Mr. Larrowe told that they have had loads that have went to Kansas, NY City, and Kentucky. He told that management just went through a three day training and we are planning more for the future. He told that the county code has not been updated in many years and we are working on getting it done. He told that the Constitutional Officers are very excited to get it updated.

Mr. Dickson asked about the hydro cooler and how long it would be before we need another one.

Mr. Larrowe told that the Eastern Shore Farmers Market, which is one of the five placed in Virginia has transitioned into another facility so the Market here is the only one left. He told that they have a hydro cooler and they are willing to let us have it for a nominal fee. He told that Mr. Semones will be visiting the facility to look at it.

Mr. McMillian asked what capacity they are working at now.

Mr. Larrowe told that they are not processing past 1 a.m. but they are starting very early.

Mr. McMillian told that they seem to be running more efficient.

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Mr. Larrowe told that a compressor went out last week and they seem to think it can run on 3 right now, but they may be asking for a replacement.

Mr. Jackson asked if they will be operating during the fair.

Mr. Larrowe told that he thinks a lull will take place. He told that they are looking at enclosing the shed and expanding it for safety reasons.

Mr. Hutchins told that the Workforce Investment board still has an opening and ask if we could get someone who is in agriculture. He told that if we can find the right fit he thinks it will work well.

PUBLIC HEARING – QSAB FUNDS

Dr. Littrell opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m. and explained the purpose of the hearing.

Mr. James Roark thanked the Board for what they do. He told that it is a thankless job and he appreciates their hard work. He told that for 37 years he was a facility manager and he read in the newspaper about Phase III. He told that he is concerned about the mechanical aspects and he can't emphasize how important it is. He told that the mechanical equipment is 40 years old and most of the time you are doing good to get 30 years out of he so he is extremely concerned. He told that the heart of the school is the equipment. He told that the atrium that Mt. Airy has is glass and there are energy and maintenance problems. He told that there is no overhang over the door and it is extremely important to have it for wind and rain. He told that it does take away from the aesthetics but it is important to have and he didn't see it in the picture.

With no one else to speak the public hearing was closed at 5:09 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins ask Mr. Larrowe to go to the flip chart and walk everyone through the numbers with what we have paid bond council, A&E Fees, etc.

Mr. Larrowe told that we started with around \$15 million.

Mr. Hutchins ask how much do we owe back right now.

Mr. Larrowe told that the bond was for \$14,818,293.03 and the A&E fees were \$2,325,000, reimbursables are \$14,918.97 leaving us with \$12,478,374.06 for the project.

Mr. Hutchins ask about bond council.

Mr. Larrowe told that it cannot be paid out of this. He asked Dr. Smith to check the numbers and ask if this is what the Board wanted.

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Mr. Hutchins told that it tells what we have and what is left to work with.

Mr. Jackson ask if there are any costs that we don't know about.

Mr. Larrowe told that is over his pay grade.

Mr. Jackson told that since no one answered he assumes that no one knows.

Dr. Smith told that he does not know about anything at this time.

Mr. Hutchins told that there were some good questions ask at the joint meeting. He told that Pinnacle stated that they would be here 3 days per week and ask if that is part of the fee that is listed.

Dr. Smith told that there would not be an additional fee that it was already included.

Mr. McMillian ask if there is a covered awning in the plan.

Dr. Smith told that he is meeting with the architects tomorrow. He told that he does not remember seeing it but he will ask.

Mr. McMillian ask if there are 2 glass doors.

Dr. Smith told that there is one in the foyer and then there are 2 at the main entrance to go into the building.

Mr. Dickson ask if we can do with what we have.

Dr. Smith told that he is anxious. He told that it could be out to bid this time next week. He told that language is being worked out and it is in their hands right now.

Mr. Jackson ask if there is not enough left what the plan is.

Dr. Smith told that they would redesign the redesign.

Mr. Hutchins told that he heard what Frank said about the cost of the front of the building during the meeting and we had asked to get some numbers on that. He told that it is hard to convince himself that a brick front is more than a glass front. He ask if we can get some cost comparisons on those.

Dr. Smith said that he would have them bring those tomorrow.

Mr. Hutchins told that there are a lot of folks who have seen the picture and are commenting on the glass facade.

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Mr. Hutchins ask if there has been a lot of comments on the front.

Dr. Smith told that there have been no comments but he will ask them to bring the figures tomorrow night.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing the Board approved the receipt of the QSAB funds in the amount of \$14,818,293.03 and approved a partial appropriation of \$850,000 to repay Carroll County for the bridge loan and \$862,168.97 for A&E fees and reimbursables.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	No
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jackson told that there has been a lot of progress. He told that there are times that he does not feel comfortable with the unknown. He told that he has to do what his constituents ask. He told that there is great leadership and cooperation from the entire Board. He thanked staff and legal for their hard work.

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates people coming out to voice their opinions and there are hard decisions to be made. He told that he respects Mr. Jackson for his vote and told that we are not elected for our opinion but to voice the opinion of the citizens. He told that a lot of people get lost in personal feelings and views and Mr. Jackson did what he was lead to do and that is honorable. He ask everyone to keep the families of Ricky Payne and Buster Jones in their prayers. He thanked all of the Board members, staff, School Board, Superintendant and council for the hard work. He told that it has not been an easy task but the end result will be a fine facility for children and that will be something to be proud of.

Mr. Hurst told that it is good to see people out. He told that he agrees with Ms. Quesenberry and citizens need to be able to participate and learn what is going on in the county. He thanked Mr. Newman for his hard work on the Comprehensive Plan. He told that it shows we want to move the County forward over the next 30 years. He thanked the departments for working on the fair. He told that he has heard several comments about it and he is looking forward to it.

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Mr. Hutchins thanked the staff. He told that Mr. Newman worked diligently and it has paid off. He told that he appreciates it and the intent of the plan is for the betterment of the County.

Mr. Dickson thanked the people who are concerned and he is not sure what a good time would be for all people, but it needs to be considered. He told that he is pleased with the \$15 million but has to wonder if we leave things out will they come back to haunt us. He told that he was not sure about the new lights on the football field but he was at the scrimmage and everyone thought it was great. He told that the visitor seating is much larger and he thinks it will be full. He told that he hopes the bids come in very pleasurable.

Dr. Littrell thanked the citizens for attending. He told that the Board is listening. He told that he read a pleasant email this morning from Edward Smith regarding Mr. Jim Whitten. He told that gold has reached an all time high and some of the first mines were found in east Carroll County. He told that maybe the schools would like to reopen those mines. Dr. Littrell told that he would like to see someone from the Senior Center attend a meeting to give an update on their operations.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board adjourned until September 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk

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