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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, January 9, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: David V. Hutchins
W.S. "Sam" Dickson
Dr. Tom Littrell
Joshua A. Hendrick
Phil D. McCraw
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin
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 3:37 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. McCraw, 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 purpose for entering Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McCraw, 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. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

The Board recessed at 4:22 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Dickson asked Mr. Hutchins to lead in invocation and pledge. He told that he is excited about the good things that are going to happen and work together as a group. He told that he thinks it will be a great year. He welcomed everyone and ask that they spread the word that meetings will not be starting before 5:00 p.m. and that makes us available to the ones that work and hopefully it will give them a chance to attend.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board pulled out the CIP from Board Approval and move it to the February meeting to allow staff time to answer the questions.

Mr. Martin ask if he was talking about CIP.

Mr. Hutchins told that it would be numbers 1, 2 and 3 of Board Approval.

Mr. Martin ask if it is the school construction projects.

Mr. Dickson replied no.

Mr. Hendrick replied that it is the CIP for the Schools, County and the PSA. He told that his questions are details on a lot of the line items and things of that nature. He told that with him being new and he is getting a lot of inquiries as well. He ask Mr. Larowe how far the list has gotten as far as answers.

Mr. Larowe told that we do have some answered and we will continue to work on it.

Mr. Hendrick told that the questions just went out on Saturday.

Mr. Dickson told that CIP means Capital Improvement Plan and it is something that the previous Board set up to plan for items that will be needed in the future. He told that on the school, one of the big ones is the HVAC and to the tune of \$4.3 million, he told that PSA has some and we have some of our own. He told that there are some questions and a lot of the things have not been fine tuned so we need the extra month to look over. He told that it will be a good thing.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on December 12, 2011 and January 3, 2012 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

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VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for January 2012 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of February 2012 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. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF LE BLOCK GRANT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to appropriate \$2209.00 from an award from the Department of Criminal Justice to use for police supplies.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$17,489 from the Highway Safety Program to hire an additional deputy.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

WELCOME OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Mr. Dickson told that he is glad to have all of the newly elected Constitutional Officers at the meeting and told that we are here to serve and we wish everyone the best.

Mr. Gardner told that if there is anything he can ever do to let him know.

Mr. Lyons told that he appreciates the opportunity to serve not only the county but the every citizen and let their voice be heard whether it be in the court room or in the office with a problem in general.

FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

Mr. Kevin Semones told that there are three big projects going on and some of those have been going on for a while. He told that in 1992 we started in this County with basically two crops which were cabbage and apples and they have tried to come up with crops that they can make more money on and produce here. He told that a few examples are they started in 1992 with no pumpkins in the County and now we have 3000 acres. He told that a lot of work went on to get it and it keeps growing each year. He told that another crop they have been working on is greens and the two main greens they have focused on are collards and kale. He told that they have also worked on cilantro and other crops. He told that when they started it concerned him because you have a lot of the same disease problems that you do in cabbage but it has really been a good crop. He told that in 2005 there were no greens and in 2011 they had over 69,000 boxes. He told that another big crop is corn. He told that they rented a hydro cooler for a couple of years and the first couple years they did around 14,000 boxes and last year they had over 86,000 boxes. He told that the goal was 100,000 boxes and they will work on that again for next year. He told that the marketing efforts were really good and the first load of this year went to Kansas. He told that we sent a lot of loads North this time which is a little unusual. He told that typically a lot of the products go South because it is so hot. He told

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that another big crop that comes through is broccoli and we worked on it a lot with the Extension Office. He told that you went from basically no broccoli to this year we are at about 60,000. He told that it went to Food City, Kroger, Whole Foods and Ingles. He told that we are getting out there and doing some things with the different crops. He told that diversification is really important. He told that if you go back to 1992 when we started we only had two crops and the cabbage demand has dropped. He told that a lot of things have happened at the market in the last couple of years thanks to the Board and some grants that were received are the instillation of 2 hydro coolers and we have a chance to bring a third one in thanks to VDACS having one in another facility and we actually needed it. He told that they have two five ton ice machines and have \$30,000 to \$50,000 in handling equipment and we have a grant request in that has been approved by the Tobacco Commission and we will find out for sure on the 12th. He told that the Tobacco Commission is impressed with how we have invested the money. He told that they continue to work on Food Safety and right now the Market is USDA GAP Certified and we have about 8 growers in the County who are also certified. He told that a lot of the chain stores are saying that they want some type of Food Safety Certification from a third party and USDA is one avenue. He told that if WalMart gets hard core with you they will ask for Global GAP and that is another step that we need to work towards. He told that it will take some money to get to that point because you have to do clean rooms and several other things. He told that hopefully we are going in the right direction. He told that the least amount of sales has been about \$3.5 million and the best is in the \$30 million range.

Mr. Martin ask how many hours he works a week.

Mr. Semones told that in the winter it is 70 to 80 and in the summer it is 110 to 120.

Mr. Martin told the concern he has is Superman had to sit down and rest every once in a while.

Mr. Semones ask that they keep working with him and they will get the place to where it will be something.

Mr. Martin ask if he needs additional help.

Mr. Semones told that they can always use help. He told that the issue is if you hire a lot of full time help it gets slow in the winter and you don't need them. He told that in the summer months you can't get enough help.

Mr. Martin told that you have made the Farmer's Market and he has heard nothing but praise for what you do but he also has the concern that we need some more help.

Mr. Semones told that he is okay and he will come and beg for help this summer.

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Mr. Dickson told that if they can help with the third hydro cooler they would like to do that as well and you were talking about grants and ask if he is the one who does the application for those.

Mr. Semones thanked the Board for bringing Tammy Hall over from the Administrator's Office and she has done a lot with the grants. He told that Teresa Sharpe has done a lot as well and he appreciates it.

Mr. Dickson told that they appreciate the work that he does and we don't want to work you to death.

PHASE III UPDATE

Mr. Dennis Cole thanked the Board and told that they should have field reports in front of them. He went over the entire report and told that he will be glad to ask any questions.

Mr. Hendrick ask how many days he is on site.

Mr. Cole told that he is there every day.

Mr. Hutchins told that he knows that it is early but ask if there will be much participation by local vendors or will the contractors be bringing them in.

Mr. Cole told that most contractors have a group of sub's that they use but they can bring general labor. He told that he does anticipate some Virginia firms being used. He told that he has ask both contractors to break down the subcontractors so that he is able to get an amount calculated of how much has been spent here or elsewhere.

Mr. Hutchins told that would be great.

Mr. Martin told that the Board is interested in the money staying local.

Mr. Cole told that it is to their advantage to use local such as concrete. He told that some materials are not worthwhile to bring long distance.

Mr. Dickson thanked Mr. Cole for coming.

PHASE III ALLOCATION

Mr. Brian Spencer told that at this time there is a need for an allocation in the amount of \$ 323,834.63 is needed for the current expenditures and they have been approved by the Clerk of Works and the architect. He told that the Clerk of Works position is a wonderful thing and he appreciates it. He told that it is good to have double checking. He told that on the remaining allocation that they would like to see the whole amount allocated for the project knowing that we have the checks and balances in place. He told

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that reason is right now the way the schedule is for payment it would be almost 60 days before a subcontractor could get paid because of the allocation needing to be approved by the School Board and then the Board of Supervisors. He told that you are looking at a 45 to 60 day process and a smaller contractor may not be able to bid because of the outlay.

Mr. Martin ask if he meant that a smaller contractor would have to do some extra financing to have cash flow.

Mr. Spencer told that could happen.

Mr. Hutchins told that to go back to what Mr. Cole said most of the larger subs, this is a normal process for them and you know that when you bid. He told that they know that going in. He told that he doesn't know if this is the right time but he would like to make a motion that we have a joint meeting with the School Board the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. so we could discuss and this would be specifically for Phase III and if there were any surprises coming down Mr. Cole could let us know and we could discuss jointly. He ask when the invoices are required to be in.

Dr. Smith replied on the 25th.

Mr. Hutchins told that is standard.

Mr. Larowe ask just for clarification would that be the first Thursday or the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

Mr. Hutchins told that it would be the first Thursday and that way both Boards could sit down and approve at one time.

Mr. Dickson told that other than changing the meeting dates for both Boards and he assumes that the School Board has already set up their meetings. He ask if they made their meetings before or after the BOS so they could take care of the approval.

Mr. Spencer told that they are meeting the day after the Board Meeting because of the way that the bills have to be paid and the checks have to be cut on the School. He told that the first week was not feasible to have the checks ready.

Mr. Hendrick ask what the payment schedule is for the contractors, what is the date because usually the payment schedule is in the contract where payment is due 30 – 45 days.

Dr. Smith told that when they have discussed the payment schedule at construction meetings that they have had the contractors have been a bit itchy of about more than 30 days.

Mr. Cole told that typically contractors like to be paid in 30-45 days at the max and he believes that there is a late payment penalty.

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Mr. Hendrick ask if the pay requests are due on the 25th of each month.

Dr. Smith replied yes.

Mr. Hendrick told that you are looking at almost 3 weeks before you have the meeting.

Mr. Hutchins told that the motion is to hold it on the first Thursday and the invoices would be due on the 25th.

Mr. Hendrick told that he was just asking about the pay because the County hired Mr. Cole to represent us on the ground and his expertise goes beyond mine and if he approves it, the architect approves it and the School Board approves it, it seems redundant for us to approve it. He told that the only question he would have is how the change orders will be treated that would be outside of the budget because the School Boards request was for the whole allocation of the remaining monies. He ask how they would propose to do change orders.

Dr. Smith told that the change orders would have to come through the contractor, to the architect, to the Clerk of the Works then to the School Board and that would be a separate meeting date. He told that in the past change orders have been approved by the entire Board.

Mr. Hendrick ask if change orders go outside of contingency it will have to come back to the Board.

Dr. Smith told that was correct.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is asking questions that he knows the answer to.

Mr. Spencer told that with the allocation the money can only be used for the school construction and it cannot be used for any other shortfalls that the School has.

Mr. Dickson told that we have a motion on the floor and ask if they thought the first Thursday of the month will solve the problem as far as getting the people paid.

Dr. Smith told that was not a conversation that the School Board had at its previous meeting.

Mr. Dickson told that if they meet and approve it before the School Board meets that should work. He told that with meeting jointly if either Board has questions the Clerk of Work will be able to answer them.

Mr. Martin told that he thinks it is important that we meet with the School Board on a regular basis because they handle so much money and we need to be on the same page.

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He told that Mr. Larowe that he would like to give his office and the financial department a pat on the back and we have a better handle on the checks and balances than we have ever had and if we have the check and balance in place he wonders if we need a joint meeting to go over this.

Mr. Dickson told that he doesn't think that it would be a problem to open it up to other things. He ask Mr. Hutchins about the motion he made.

Mr. Hutchins told that it was just to discuss Phase III.

Mr. Spencer told that he does not know the time commitments of the members. He told that their Board is very interested in having a solid relationship and he applauds the County for the checks and balances and with Mr. Cole and the architects. He told that whether we meet on a monthly basis on that date or some other time they can have discussions on other items but he can't lock in a certain date and time, but there is a will and a desire. He told that he thinks Mr. Cole's position is hands on and whoever decided to do that on the Board it was a wonderful idea.

Mr. Martin told that the biggest concern that he has is looking down the road. He told that right now there is no trouble getting bidders and he wants them paid in a timely manner and not get the reputation of hard to deal with. He told that if you go to the bank to borrow money there would be interest tacked on.

Mr. Dickson told that if we have the meeting that would not happen. He ask if there was a second to the motion.

Dr. Littrell told that he seconded the motion.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	No
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	No

Mr. Martin told that he wants to meet with the School Board, but doesn't think once a month when we have checks and balances in place is the way to go.

Mr. Dickson told that if this doesn't work we can change it, but it is a good start.

(Order)

PHASE III ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to appropriate \$323,834.63 to the School for the pay requests.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Martin told that he knows that when a committee comes to the Board with recommendations it automatically takes the form of a motion, is that right. If we have a committee that comes forward with a report and make recommendations under parliamentary procedure isn't that taken as a motion.

Mr. Cornwell told that has not been the procedure of this Board.

Mr. Larrowe told that it would not necessarily be a motion.

Mr. Martin told that his point is whether that was in a form of a motion.

Mr. Hutchins told that the discussion occurs and the School Board approves those numbers recommended by Mr. Cole then we could ask.

Mr. Cornwell told that the Regional Jail uses it that way so he knows what you are talking about.

(Order)

CSA

Ms. Smith told that a week or so ago the Director of Social Services forwarded a request to the County to sign an additional allocation for the Comprehensive Services Act and she thought she would give a little background before asking for approval. She told that Virginia passed in 1993 that pooled together about 8 different funding streams that fund services for high risk youth. She told that the services are mandated and we have a share. She told that our local match for CSA is 29.1% of all approved services and the State is responsible for remainder. She told that in 2008 our CSA expenditures were about \$910,000 and last year they exceeded \$2 million. She told that we continually ask why these expenditures are going up at a drastic rate and the Director of Social Services attributes it to the economy and unemployment. She told that other Southwest Virginia localities are experiencing the same situation. She told that the current projected expenditures for CSA are \$1.6 million for this year and the current expenditure budget in

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this year's County fund is \$1.3 million which is a difference of \$300,000 and we are responsible for 29.1% which is a cost to the County of about \$87,000. She told that since these are projections and many times the services are not used, we have two options. The first is to sign the funding request agreeing to fund the expenditures but make no allocation at this time or agree and go ahead and make the additional allocation. She told that either way we need to go ahead and sign the document. She told that the approvers of these services are the Community Policy Management Team and the Family Assessment Planning Team and we have expressed the need for judicious services but we have a great need for services with high risk youth.

Mr. Hutchins ask if this is a decision that we need to make at this meeting or can you give us a recommendation. He told that he would like some time to look at it and not have to make a decision immediately. He ask if this is something we could do at the February meeting and get some information and your recommendation. He told that bottom line is we have to pay it.

Ms. Smith told that in years past what we have done is signed the document because we are responsible but made no budget adjustment until the actual expenditures were known towards May because it is a projection. She told that if past year is any indicator we will probably exceed the \$1.6 million.

Mr. Martin ask who develops that budget in the first place.

Ms. Smith told that it comes from recommendations from CPMT and FAPT as to what services are needed for the current youth. She told that looking at the youth that they are serving and the services they have encumbered, their projection is \$1.6 million.

Mr. Martin told that he who pays the fiddler names the tune.

Ms. Smith responded not necessarily.

Mr. Martin told that it looks to him that we pay for the fiddler and can't dance or name the tune either.

Ms. Smith told that there has been discussion in the last year because we are responsible for 29.1% and the State is responsible for the rest. She told that they have talked about capping expenditures and different things but so far nothing has been agreed upon.

Mr. Martin told that the Governor's budget appear that the aid to localities is going to drop a lot across the board and he is concerned that the amount that we have to pay is going to go up.

Ms. Smith told that it is a concern.

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Mr. Dickson told that it would probably go ahead and benefit us to make the budget adjustment since we are going to have to pay it anyway.

Ms. Smith told that she may have to make another one.

Mr. Dickson told that it is not likely that we will not have to so if we go ahead and take care of it now we will know that the money is already there for it.

Ms. Smith told that she can bring an additional allocation for approval next month.

Mr. Hutchins told that we learned at VACO this past weekend that CSA is not going down and was told that there was \$1 million spent on one individual.

Mr. Martin told that we might as well go ahead and pay it.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to sign the document agreeing to fund our portion of CSA and to make a budget adjustment or allocation during the February meeting for \$1.6 million.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CARROLL AT A GLANCE

Ms. Smith told that back in October we started looking at doing some graphs that would give you a quick look at the County's financial position and something that we could share. She told that as we move into the FY2013 budget season, we thought it may be helpful to look at a small snapshot of revenues and expenditures for the last 3 years. These are indicators of the revenue projections and estimates, and the expenditure requests you will see in the upcoming months during the FY2013 budget process. First let's look at real property tax revenue. After property values are set during a reassessment, which we had in CY2008, values change only by the amount of new construction. For the past three years, new construction has increased values by only $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a percent. Once values are known, the other driving factors for real property revenue are the tax rate and the collection rate. As you will note in this chart, the tax rate has remained the same, so the increase noted is for new construction which has netted a little over \$100,000 in revenue increase in three years. This represents relatively flat real property revenue.

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She told that the next chart is building permit revenue. Building permit revenue is a new construction indicator. Building permit revenue was at a five year high in FY2008 at approximately \$172,000. You can see that in 2011 it was \$85,000. The minimal revenue from building permits indicates that new construction is at an all time low.

She told that the last revenue stream that we'll look at is state revenue for constitutional officers. This revenue comes from the Compensation Board. Funds are approved for the compensation board by the general assembly and the compensation board allocates the funds to the five constitutional offices. She told that in the past three years, funding for officers and their staff has decreased in all areas – salaries, benefits, office expense, and equipment. We have asked the officers to reduce their budgets as much as possible, and to use any other funding available to support their operation. Along with reductions by the compensation board, reductions to these offices have also come from the State Department of Planning and Budget as part of a \$50M aid to locality reduction. The current Governor's budget indicates a slight easing of these reductions for FY2013.

Now, let's move to expenditures. In the area of correction and detention, expenditures are increasing. In the three years represented on the graph, there is a \$494,000 increase or 51%. These expenditures represent housing juveniles and adults in regional facilities. We are experiencing an increase in prisoner days as well as per diem costs. The per diem costs increases are in part a result of the \$50M aid to locality reduction and due to a recent negotiation with the regional jail, our per diem costs for prisoners at the regional jail for more than one year will decrease. Total expenditures for FY2012 should be less than in FY2011. She told that the next graph is overall expenditures for public assistance or social services. The sharp increase is due to expenditures for comprehensive services act services. You've heard an explanation of that increase and see it in graphic form here. She told that the last graph is the contribution to schools from the County. While State and Federal revenues to the schools have declined over the past several years, the County and schools have worked together to keep the County's contribution relatively stable. She told that these six graphs are just a snapshot of County revenues and expenditures, but tell the overall story of flat or declining revenue, and increased expenditures. She told that in the coming months, you will hear more about current and future year revenues and expenditure requests and ask if there were any questions.

Dr. Littrell ask if there are any plans to put these on the website.

Ms. Smith told that they will be on the website and there is a whole buffet of graphs to go along with these so we may be bringing those to you.

Dr. Littrell told that other localities have done that and it is a really good way for citizens to get a snapshot of what is going on in the County.

Mr. Martin told that he has read that across the State the schools are facing large cuts.

Ms. Smith told that the Governor's proposed budget is not favorable towards the schools.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Phil McCraw as the alternate member of the Consortium Board.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. McCraw told that he had someone in mind but have talked to the County Attorney and it may be a conflict of interest so he will continue to look.

Mr. Dickson told that we can put it on the agenda in February.

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Mike Goldwasser thanked the Board for the opportunity and welcomed all the Board and the new members in particular. He told that he wanted to suggest a few things. He told that after the election where people so clearly expressed a desire for change, it is hard to know why they felt that way but he thinks part of it has to do with process. He told that maybe that is just his own thinking. He told that there was an interesting editorial in the Roanoke paper where they seemed to have a somewhat similar situation where it has been changed very much for the good. He told that they cited some changes that had been made under a new manager and he thought he would mention it and you can consider whether some of them might be advisable here. He told that one of them is in the case of executive sessions, to disclose the specific reasons for holding them and the second is to post briefing reports online prior to meetings. He told that it might be useful because you talk about the value of using the internet, Dr. Littrell. He told that maybe a week in advance an agenda could be posted so people would know what was going to be discussed and on the other end it might be useful to, and I know you are busy, minutes could be posted within a few days of the meeting. He told that it is no harder to do after three days than it is to do after the next meeting and it would keep people more informed. He told that he hoped you would encourage the PSA and IDA to do a similar thing. He told that they said the constituent ideas are solicited before decisions are made on controversial matters and that would be a favorable change. He told that he knows you are really concerned about all of the legislation and so forth and wanted to urge you to think about the process. He told that he knows that it is easy and there are so many things that it is easy to forget about that but you could send a signal to the citizens that you really are listening and would like to make it so they could be more involved in government. He told along the same lines, on the PSA if he remembers right, Mr.

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Hutchins and Dr. Littrell at the candidate's forum both spoke about a desirability of having other appointees and you said that you may do that sometime. He told that if it is a good idea why not do it now, and again you are sending a signal and he thinks it is important that you want more people to be included in government and you don't have a monopoly on the ideas and so forth. He thanked the Board and wished them a happy new year.

Mr. Olen Gallimore told that he is here as a citizen of the County concerning the roads. He told that since the department of highways have been done away with they have fixed it to where we have to call this 800 number it is like calling the DMV or AEP if we have a small problem and it takes you two hours to speak with someone if you get to speak with someone. He told that when they have rain, and he spoke to Mr. J.L. Quin about this over a year ago, there is a downhill grade on their road for about ¼ of a mile. He told that they had topped the road about a year ago and they have cleaned the ditches out one time since then. He told that the road worked good for a while but now every time it rains the water runs down the middle of the road and it is washing the shoulders out and if you get off of the pavement you are in a hole a foot deep. He told that they don't clean the culverts and it seems like we should have the same amount of state employees or workers that we did before but it seems like all they want to do know is sit in those buildings until Martinsville or Salem calls and tells them they have something that needs fixed when they have probably already seen it. He told the workers are out in pickups that we pay for riding up and down the road. He told that he rides down the road and tree limbs beat on his mirrors and the cab lights and he is sure that it does the same thing to school buses. He told that he wished the Board could make a motion and send it to VDOT and let them know that we need our roads fixed. He told that he knows they are short on funds like everyone else, but we don't pay the guys to sit in the field houses and wait on somebody from somewhere else to call about fixing something.

He told that we should have the same amount of workers as before and all they want to do now is sit in the building until Martinsville calls them. He told that he wishes the Board could make a motion and send it to them to let them know they need to fix the roads since they have the man power to do it. He told that if the Board could come up with something that we could send them.

Mr. Dickson ask if he was talking about a resolution.

Mr. Gallimore replied yes.

Mr. Dickson told that the State wants to give the County the roads to take care of.

Mr. Gallimore told that he wouldn't mind that, he is sure we can handle it better.

Mr. Dickson ask if we could put that on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Hendrick requested that Lisa Hughes be here.

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Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Huff is going to be here.

Mr. Hendrick told that Mr. Huff does not concern maintenance in Carroll County.

Mr. Dickson told that if we are going to do the resolution all we have to do is pass it and send it to them.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is a matter of discussion and what Mr. Gallimore wants to do is very common. He told that the fact of the matter is this Board has no authority over VDOT and prefers that the Board stay out of it.

Mr. Dickson asked if Mr. Hendrick could take care of contacting VDOT.

Mr. Hendrick told that he can give it to Lisa, but Mr. Gallimore or any citizen needs to talk to them and unfortunately it is the 800 number but he would be glad to talk with the office to hear their thoughts but a resolution will probably not get much more done.

Mr. Dickson asked if he needs the road number or just do it for all roads.

Mr. Gallimore told that his address is 817 Country Road.

Mr. Martin ask what the best way because he has two roads that he was going to ask about that need maintenance.

Mr. Larrowe told that we have been taking the requests from Board members or citizens and Mr. Newman has been contacting VDOT and being a liaison. He told that sometimes it comes back where something can be done. He told that the point that Mr. Hendrick made about the Board not having the authority to do anything is right. He told that he doesn't think that Ms. Hughes has ever come before the Board and it might be a good will gesture and might raise it up on her radar and we could invite her to the next meeting and discuss that.

Mr. Hendrick told that per discussions with Lisa she has never been invited to a Board meeting.

Mr. Dickson ask if Mr. Larrowe could take care of that.

Mr. Larrowe told that he is taking care of it right now.

Mr. Martin told that when his great grandfather was on the Board of Supervisors, Frank Fowler and the County was doing the roads he has an old brochure from the Galyean Road Grading Company for a two horse drawn scrapper that they were going to try to sell the county and maybe he needs to bring it in and take a look at it.

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Mr. Dickson told that he called the 800 number once for a citizen and they came and fixed it the next week. He told that he got straight to the person but maybe he was just lucky.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe thanked everyone. He told that the Farmers Market Expansion is going well and they were hanging trusses. He told that this will be a great addition and they are also working on designated parking at the Market Village so spaces will be reserved for Tourism. He told that we are working on the Energy Efficient Lighting which was a grant to upgrade the lighting to reduce power consumption. He told that there is a third round for the grants that we hope to apply for to take care of some of the buildings which would include the Farmers Market Retail, Library, Fire and Rescue, and C Wing of this building. He told that the grant amount was around \$9000 with a match of \$26,000 and we should see a return on it in two years. He told that we are working on the sound system for this room. He told that we have been pushing to get some bids and hopefully we will know something by March, but have been having some difficulties with providers saying they are too busy to put in a bid. Mr. Larrowe told that it was a pleasure to be able to attend the VACO training and we had four Board Members to attend as well. He told that it is great to learn and be able to move the County forward. He told that we will continue to serve at your pleasure.

Mr. Dickson asked the audience in the back of the room if they are able to hear.

The audience replied that they could.

Mr. Hendrick told that they were discussing that during the PSA meeting and were not able to hear anything that was said.

AMERLINK SALE

Mr. Dickson told that this is regarding the sale on January 5th. He told that this was a bankruptcy sale that we had nothing to do with.

Mr. Cornwell told that pursuant to the order of the bankruptcy court the lease agreement on the sale center was offered by the trustee and the highest bidder at the sale was James Dixon for the amount of \$69,000 which money will go to the bankruptcy court. He told that the trustee was aware of our concerns as well as the provisions of the lease agreement which contains terms and conditions for the successful bidder to comply with. He told that the trustee has ask for Mr. Dixon to provide him information on his financial ability to perform the terms of the lease including setting up a business because it was the Board's attitude that it wanted a business in there operating. He told that the information is due on Friday and the trustee has assured him that he will share that with us. He told that the trustee has filed an application to approve the lease, however we have not scheduled a hearing on that contingent upon Mr. Dixon's information coming in and any discussions or negotiations relating on what he intends to do and the time table

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that he intends to use. He told that he recommends that we leave the matter hanging right now and he will circulate the information to you and we will address the issue of if we are going to be in favor of, be opposed or take no stand on the assumption lease by the bankruptcy court. He told that the trustee would like to get it before the court sometime within the next 30 days. He told that on the sale of the industrial property there was a bid of \$100,000 for the property including the building. He told that the agreement was that the County would receive the first \$700,000 plus ½ of the taxes and clearly the \$100,000 does not come close to that. He told that the trustee has indicated that and I told him that I felt the Board would feel it be necessary to reject that bid of \$100,000 which would have the result of transferring the property to the County. He told that the trustee had the right after he turned the property back over to the County to have the buildings removed so at the same time he offered the buildings for sale. He told that on the log office building a minimum bid of \$500 was made and I have expressed some concerns about that bid and the trustee has discussed with him a rejection of that bid which would mean that when the property is turned back over the log office building would remain on site and become the county's. He told that the other building which is metal received a high bid of \$30,000 to remove the industrial building. He told that the trustee has indicated that he felt that was an appropriate bid and he would like to ask the bankruptcy court to approve that and wanted our comments. He told that he thinks that was a relatively appropriate bid and that we let the trustee know that we will not oppose that acceptance. He told that will essentially give to the unsecured creditors \$69,000 for the lease if that is agreed to and the \$30,000 for the industrial building to help those people who suffered loss. He told that it would also, contingent upon what we see with Mr. Dixon's proposal, hopefully put a business in the buildings to create employment in the county and transfer to the county the property with the log office building on site. He told that he would be happy to answer any questions and these are his recommendations.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to agree upon the industrial property with a rejection of the bid in the amount of \$100,000 for the property, rejection of the bid of \$500 on the log office building on site and approval of the bid for \$30,000 for the metal building to be removed down to the concrete slab by the buyer within 60 days of confirmation of sale and approval of agreement with early termination of marketing period with the trustees quick claim deed of the property to the county. Also approval of agreeing with the trustee in requesting additional information from Mr. Dixon so the county can view that and make a later determination

Mr. Hutchins ask if Mr. Cornwell would again state for the record where the funds go.

Mr. Cornwell told that the county does not get any funds. He told that the \$69,000 for the lease goes to the trustee and the bankruptcy court pursuant to court order as well as the \$30,000 for the metal building. He told that we get the industrial property back as well as the log building that is still on it.

Mr. Martin told that we would reject the \$100,000 bid on the property and the \$500 bid for the log building.

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Mr. Cornwell told that we would ask the trustee to do that and he has an email from the trustee indicating that he would agree to that. He told that the only thing that is hanging is the lease contingent upon what we receive.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the room being full and all of the citizens who have stayed with us. He told that it is always good to see them here and have informed citizens. He told that he appreciates the chance to attend the VACO Conference this past weekend and it was very interesting with several seminars and unfortunately we heard from two of the topics that were covered. He told that one was the VDOT problem and the possibility of local government being responsible for keeping the roads up. He told that with that would come some money but as we know how the state works sometimes that money gets less and less as the problems get greater and greater so it is something that we would not want to do. He told that even though we might get to the ditches more speedily we wouldn't have money to do very many ditches. He told that it is an ongoing issue that we need to be aware of. He told that they also spoke of the CSA issues and how that is something that local governments have no control over and unfortunately we have had to come up with some extra monies and it is very difficult to budget for that. He told that he appreciates Ms. Smith and the other staff working on the dashboard concept and thinks it will be a real asset for citizens. He told that he thinks we have gotten a good start to the year.

Mr. Hutchins told that as start the New Year he would like to thank the staff for last year and also Ms. Smith for the information provided today. He told that he likes Dr. Littrell's idea of the dashboard and thinks it will help. He told that we started working on delinquent taxes last year and ask if we could get an update on the status of that in February. He told that the Rural Caucus and Legislative Day are coming up and it will be a good time to meet with new legislators. He told that if any citizens have questions that they would like to have presented to forward those and they will take them with them. He congratulated Mr. Dickson on an excellent ran meeting.

Mr. McCraw told that he appreciates the chance to sit and the Board and it has been a humbling experience. He thanked the people in his district for putting him in the position. He told that he enjoyed the VACO Conference and learned quite a bit and also

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saw some things he has never seen. He told that he has enjoyed working with the Board and told that they have some different ideas about different things, but thinks we are all going to be able to work together very well.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is happy to be here.

Mr. Martin told that he likes Mr. Hutchins idea of meeting with the School Board because we need to be meeting together. He ask if it is possible to get a graph of the debt service of the IDA, PSA and the County that has a retirement schedule with it. He told that in the past there have been concerns that the County government didn't have a handle on money coming in and going out. He thanked Mr. Larrowe and the finance department and told that he sleeps better and honestly they have done a top notch job of putting this together. He told that there were times when they didn't have a clue where we stood financially. He saluted Mr. Larrowe and his staff in the county department. He told that going along with Mr. Goldwasser, he would like to meet with the government teachers at the High School to see if they can involve those students more. He told that he does have a lot of concerns about the roads. He told that he is not off in a subdivision but would like to see something done on Route 52. He told that if you go down below Roy Marshall's garage the ditch line is a foot deep and an inch off of the road and someone is going to hit that thing and flip. He told that this has been going on for months. He told it is not only subdivisions but primary roads and secondary roads to and it is a disgrace. He told that all dirt roads lead to Carroll County and sadly all dirt roads with big holes are leading to Carroll County. He told that he enjoys working with the group.

Mr. Dickson told that he had something he was going to show to Mr. Goldwasser, but it looks like he has already left. He told that the reason you don't see the minutes 3 days after the meeting is because they are not approved until the next meeting and if we show you something that is on there incorrectly once it is out there it is there so they are not posted until approved. He told that is a normal procedure for everyone He told that in Closed Session that Mr. Cornwell does state why they are going into Closed Session and also the codes that are associated.

Mr. Cornwell told that he probably bugs some by doing that, but it is the law.

Mr. Dickson told that the agenda is also online before each meeting. He encourages everyone to let Ms. Adams know if there are items that need to be placed on the agenda and the deadline for submitting that information is the Wednesday prior to the Board Meeting. He told that we can always adjust the agenda, but we don't like to get blindsided. He told that he thinks that this will be a very good day.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board adjourned.

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VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk