

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 8, 2013 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 "Bob" Martin  
                              Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
                              Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator  
                              Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, 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. Hutchins explained the purpose for entering Closed Session as listed below. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and

consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

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 Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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;

**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

Mr. Dickson led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hutchins welcomed everyone and told that we have a full agenda tonight. He told that it has been a short time since the incident on I-77 and there were some deaths and numerous injuries. He told that he was in New York during that time and received numerous comments from folks up there that knew he lived in Virginia. He told that it was broadcast on the news as one of the top worst accidents. He told that it is hard to understand the amount of destruction in a short period of time. He told that he would like to recognize some of the people that worked the accident such as the State Police, CCFR, 911, Sheriff's Office, mutual aid in North Carolina and Virginia and the hospitals. He told that Mr. Larowe sent him updates as they were happening and the County opened its arms to help and the Town did the same thing. He told that there is nothing he can say to bring back the loss of lives and injury but we can try to do some things to help in the future as history tends to repeat itself. He asked for a moment of silence for all involved.

Mr. McCraw told that many know because of his concerns of I-77 that he worked with Annie B. Crockett to get the buses off of the interstate. He told that I-77 from the state line to Exit 8 is a big point of concern not only for buses but for regular traffic as well. He read a resolution that the County has up for approval tonight and told that Dr. Littrell has some excellent ideas to add to this resolution.

Dr. Littrell told that he has been thinking about this a lot and a couple of ideas are to have electronic speed limit signs based on the weather conditions that are strictly enforced, to require vehicles to use emergency flashers and to have police cars parked at the beginning of the area where they need to take caution.

Mr. Hutchins told that we are not going to take action on this resolution just yet, we will wait until the consent agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**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 Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 11th, March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 28, 2013 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

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 Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for April 2013 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 2013 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)

**IPR RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved the resolution below.

IN SUPPORT OF MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION AS IPR  
REGIONAL SUB-RECIPIENT

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has modified the program delivery vehicle of the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this modification results in the formation of Six Service Regions across the State served by a sole Regional Sub-Recipient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission is submitting a proposal to serve as the Regional Sub-Recipient for Service Area One; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning District Commissions are governed by an Executive Committee comprised of representatives from each member locality; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRPDC's proposal is based on partnerships with several independent organizations that will serve as "Local Service Providers" to the localities; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRPDC's proposal includes language to continue working with the governing body of each member locality to solicit input and direction on the delivery of the IPR Program; and

**WHEREAS**, under the MRPDC's proposal, each member locality will be asked to choose an area provider from all interested Local Service Providers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors support the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program Delivery proposal as written and submitted by the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, and looks forward to the continued success of this program in our locality.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**I-77 RESOLUTION**

Mr. Larowe told that he worked on this with Travis Jackson and the Town Council has the same resolution up for adoption tonight. He told that we could send a letter along with the resolution with other suggestions such as those mentioned by Dr. Littrell.

Mr. Hendrick asked was 55 mph arrived at.

Mr. Larowe told that it is an arbitrary number based on what is in place currently.

Mr. McCraw told that a lot of states have it set up to where car traffic runs one speed and truck traffic runs another.

Mr. Hendrick told that he would almost be hesitant to make specific recommendations and the reason is whatever they do they will do a traffic study on and no one is going to enact anything without a full traffic study. He asked if we need to make it more generic and push for a comprehensive study and include things that we think might help. He told that Poplar Camp has truck traffic restricted to one lane and it is never enforced. He told that with the split speed limits, the enforcement is always an issue. He told that we need to push for something but any action that VDOT takes is going through a traffic study.

Mr. Larowe asked if it would be appropriate to add at the end of this a speed limit of 55 mph or other reasonable restrictions as appropriate to VDOT. He told that gives specific but leaves the window open.

Mr. Hendrick told that having received requests like this in the past at VDOT they are going to have to do the study. When you are talking average speeds is probably 72 miles an hour now that is a 12 mile difference and that is creating a problem in itself.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks we send it to them and let the experts come up with something.

Mr. Hendrick told that he thinks we need to send something.

Mr. Dickson told that one of the senators expressed a concern over it and he mentioned the 55 mph.

Mr. Hutchins asked Dr. Littrell if he was okay with putting the other things that he mentioned in a letter.

Dr. Littrell told that he is okay with an addendum.

Mr. Martin told that it amazes him that we don't have an organized detour plan when there is an issue on I77. He told that he could come up with a plan and send trucks down 100 and cars down 52. He told that there needs to be an organized detour in place.

Mr. Hutchins told that he agrees and told that Mr. Mock might want to look at that for the Emergency Plan.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the resolution below as well as an addendum letter.

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined on the basis of the most recent tragic accident that occurred March 31, 2013 on Interstate 77 in Carroll County, measures need to be taken to

provide a safer environment for our Citizens, and others traveling on that section of Interstate; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia recognizes its responsibility to ensure the protection of its citizens and those traveling in its community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia recognizes that Interstate 77 North and South Bound lanes, between mile marker 1 and 8, are plagued by periods of dense fog and high winds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia recognizes that numerous accidents have occurred on Interstate 77 North between mile markers 1 and 8 and South between mile markers 8 and 1 and sympathizes with the loss of life and injury of individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia recognizes the rate of speed and large number of tractor trailers contribute to the increased risk of accidents along this area of Interstate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors request the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation direct that Tractor Trailer traffic traveling on Interstate 77 North be restricted to the right lane beginning at mile marker 1 and ending at mile marker 8 and those traveling Interstate 77 South be restricted to the right lane beginning at mile marker 8 and ending at mile marker 1 and all Southbound truck traffic be limited to 55 MPH.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board authorized holding a public hearing on the six year road plan during the May BOS Meeting.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes

Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**PHASE III APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$56,190.55 for the Phase III Construction/Renovation Project.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board authorized holding a public hearing on proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance during the May BOS Meeting.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**RECOGNITION OF TRAVIS JACKSON**

Mr. Hutchins told that he would like to recognize a good friend and say thank you for helping the County to get infrastructure in place. He told that it is not a plaque but he would like to say thank you and he appreciates all that Travis Jackson has done for the County while working with USDA/Rural Development.

### **DENNIS COLE – PHASE III UPDATE**

Mr. Cole told that he appreciates everyone who was able to attend the dedications and told that it was a good opportunity for people to see all that has taken place with the project. He told that the projects are complete and they are finishing up on the paperwork. He told that at the Intermediate School they are working on final payments and some items from the contractor. He told that they are responding to all of the warranty issues. He told that at the high school they have met with the contractor with the torazo floor and to date they have not accepted it. They are working to find the most feasible solution to that. He told that there are a couple things that still need to be done such as sidewalks that have cracked and they are waiting on the weather. He told that the steps are supposed to have stair nosing. He told that they have provided all of the closeout documents.

Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. Cole and told that he has worked well with staff and have kept the Board apprised.

### **CSA SUPPLEMENT – MIKE JENNINGS**

Mr. Jennings told that they have the information in front of them and he also has some historical data. He told that they are 9 months into the budget year and at this point he can tell that the funding is not going to be sufficient to last the rest of the year. He told that the county has to match 29.1% match and it would appear that he needs to ask the county for \$127,000 more to get them through the end of the year. He told that compared to last year they should come in around \$109,500 less so they are making progress. He told that the information that he handed out gives historical data from 1994 and it appears that they have reached the peak and are headed down the other side.

Mr. Martin asked about the State Board and if they look at it what do they say.

Mr. Jennings told that every year the State has come down a little every year. He told that we are plagued with substance abuse so ours is not coming down as much as some of the others. He told that they give them some recommendations and they are putting some of those in place.

Mr. Dickson told that he is on the Board and he is pleased with the number of foster children. He told that in January they had 55 and are now down to around 25 or 30 and they are also short one person in Social Services.

Mr. Jennings told that they have one retirement coming up so they will be down another person. He told that they have made a lot of progress in permanently placing foster kids.

Mr. Dickson told that hopefully there are ways to lower it in the future.

Mr. Jennings told that Mr. Hutchins has been at some of the CPMT meetings and has heard some of these discussions.

Mr. Hutchins told that as he looks at the numbers he hopes they are on a downward trend. He told that there are a lot of single parent families and all of that contributes when the child doesn't have the security of a home. He told that we will put it on for approval on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Littrell told that he is on a committee at the State level and they were talking about some of the counties having audits.

Mr. Jennings told that we will have a CSA audit within the next 2 to 3 months and they will have a State audit on Foster Care in May.

Dr. Littrell told that some were caught unaware.

Mr. Jennings told that they are aware and are working to have everything in good shape. He told that he is here tonight as the Chair of CPMT not as the Director of Social Services.

(Order)

### **LOOSE LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE**

Mr. Hutchins asked if Mr. Cornwell could give us the definitions of fence in verses fence out.

Mr. Cornwell told that in a fence in county you have to fence your animals in. He told that if you have animals that you want to keep on your property then you have to fence them in and if you fail to do that then you are responsible to your neighbors for damages. He told that in a fence out county you have to fence them out if you don't want them in your yard.

Mr. Hutchins asked what we are.

Mr. Cornwell replied we are fence out which brings about part of the problem that Animal Control has and why he has brought this to the County Administrator. He told that it is regarding livestock running at large particularly on highways. He told that there is a statue 15.2-1218 and he read it aloud. He told that the proposed ordinance that Animal Control is asking the County to consider making it a violation for animals except for cats and dogs to be running at large. He told that this is a two bite rule and specifies that the first time you are just notified that the animal is loose but if they get out again you can get a summons to court. He told that the issue that has come up recently is failure to keep goats off of the highway which has resulted in the death of one of the goats. He told that this is a problem that has been identified and Animal Control has asked that the Board consider the ordinance.

Mr. Dickson asked what the punishment is for the second offense.

Mr. Cornwell told that it is a Class I Misdemeanor and it would be up to the judge.

Dr. Littrell asked if Class I is high or low.

Mr. Cornwell told that it is up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$2500. He told that it can be adjusted.

Mr. Martin asked if he hits a cow tonight on his way home there is no ordinance.

Mr. Cornwell told that is correct. He told that if there is no ordinance you have to prove negligence in letting the animal get out.

Mr. Hendrick asked with Carroll being a fence out county how does the section that talks about running on the land of others work.

Mr. Cornwell told that it is not a fencing ordinance but it would allow a property owner who had a cow come dig up their garden to be able to make a complaint and seek damages from the owner of the livestock.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there would be any conflicts.

Mr. Cornwell told that we are not requiring anyone to build a fence but it does not allow you to let your livestock run at large so there is some conflict.

Mr. Hendrick told that if his cattle get out and into his neighbor's garden by fence out it is their fault but by this ordinance it would be my fault.

Mr. Cornwell told that with this ordinance you could be charged. He told on the impoundment it is written so that if the animal is on a public highway we can impound it but if it is on the neighbor's property we can't.

Mr. Martin told that if somebody hits a goat on the highway and destroys their new pickup it will be one of those wild goats.

Mr. Cornwell told that a problem is proving ownership but most people around here know whose animals are whose.

Mr. Dickson asked if we later on decide to change from fence out to fence in it will lessen the effect of this ordinance.

Mr. Cornwell replied somewhat.

Mr. Hendrick asked if he is familiar with the penalties for fence in.

Mr. Cornwell replied no.

Mr. Hutchins asked if we would like for Mr. Cornwell to present an ordinance to us next month.

Mr. Dickson told that he thinks we should look at the fence in law and told that he would like to vote to change it.

Mr. Hutchins asked if this would be a step for us to have something now.

Mr. Cornwell told that you can take out of the ordinance the other properties and could also reduce the penalty.

Mr. Hendrick asked if Mr. Cornwell has reviewed this.

Mr. Cornwell told that Mr. Woods took this from the one he prepared for another county.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved for Mr. Cornwell to present a Loose Livestock Ordinance at the May meeting for the Board to review.

#### VOTES

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

(Order)

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

Mr. Hutchins told the purpose for the Public Hearing and opened the hearing at 5:52 p.m.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins told that he does appreciate the efforts that have gone into it. He told that the budget committee has looked at a lot of different things.

Dr. Blankenship thanked everyone for their efforts. He asked that they look at this very seriously as he know they have.

Mr. Spencer told that he echo's Dr. Blankenship and it has been a smooth process this year and the communication has been better. He told that they have respect for each other and that they tried their best to present a realistic budget.

Mr. Hutchins told that he is concerned about the uncertainty of federal programs and they are not sure how that will affect us. He told that the unemployment rate is rising in Carroll County and the household income is declining so people are hurting.

Mr. McCraw told that before the proposed County budget he would like to say that as a member of the budget committee they have worked and have directed staff to use these budget goals; Dedicate and re-direct resources to broaden public services provided by the County based on community needs, maintain Fiscal Responsibility by balancing needs of the community with available resources to increase the fund balance with an emphasis on delinquent tax collection, and develop and implement policies for efficient and effective operations of the county in conjunction with Constitutional Officers, Boards, and Commissions. He told that these are all board goals.

Mr. Hutchins told that the budget committee worked diligently.

(Order)

### **PROPOSED FY14 COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Ms. Catherine Dalton thanked the Board for allowing her to present the proposed budget. She presented the presentation below.

Carroll County  
FY2014 Proposed Budget



## Budget Goals

- Dedicate and re-direct resources to broaden public services provided by the County based on community needs
- Maintain Fiscal Responsibility by balancing needs of the community with available resources to increase the fund balance with an emphasis on delinquent tax collection
- Develop and implement policies for efficient and effective operations of the County in conjunction with Constitutional Officers, Boards, and Commissions
  - Maintain revenue neutral budget in relation to property taxes
  - Continue providing high quality services in all departments

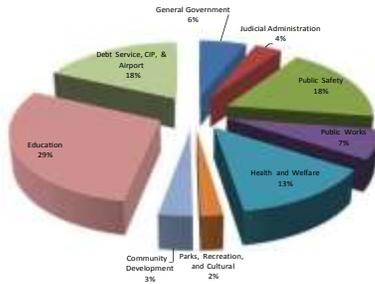
## FY2014 Proposed Budget

- Budget Considerations
  - Reassessment Year
  - Stable revenue collection rates
  - Increased efforts to collect delinquent taxes
  - Revenue Neutral

## FY2014 Expenditures

- Personnel Considerations
  - Continued transfer to employee of additional 1% of the employee share
  - Health insurance rate increase of 3.4% - passed on to employee
  - Leaving vacant positions unfilled
  - Combining responsibilities of Erosion and Sediment personnel to oversee mandated Stormwater Management program
  - Creation of Natural Gas Utilities Specialist as required
- Operating and Capital Considerations
  - Continued increased fuel costs
  - Reduced funding of approved CIP items

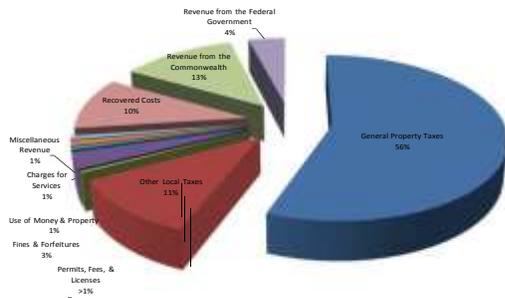
## FY2014 Expenditures



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Expenditure Category	FY2014
	Proposed
General Government	2,371,698
Judicial Administration	1,374,456
Public Safety	6,985,176
Public Works	2,612,946
Health and Welfare	5,280,265
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural	826,538
Community Development	1,233,110
Education	11,377,935
Debt Service, CIP, & Airport	7,050,481
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>39,112,605</b>

## FY2014 Revenues



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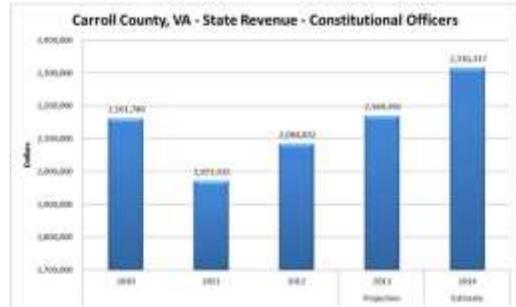
Revenue Category	FY2014
	Estimate
General Property Taxes	21,851,781
Other Local Taxes	4,409,000
Permits, Fees, & Licenses	154,173
Fines & Forfeitures	1,200,000
Use of Money & Property	229,902
Charges for Services	356,100
Miscellaneous Revenue	322,250
Recovered Costs	4,035,471
Revenue from the Commonwealth	4,974,798
Revenue from the Federal Government	1,579,130
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$39,112,605</b>

## FY2014 Revenues

Revenue Neutral tax rate is the rate that would be required to produce the same amount of revenue in the next fiscal year as if real estate had not been reassessed.

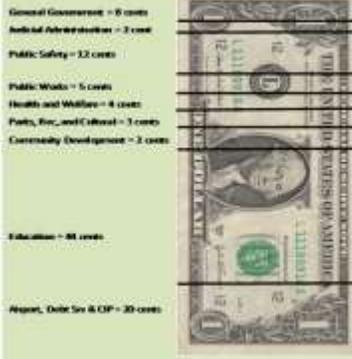
- Revenue neutral rate .68 as calculated pursuant to code section 58.1-3262 versus FY2013 tax rate of .595

## FY2014 Revenues



## FY2014 Expenditures

How is each local tax dollar spent?



## FY2014 Proposed Budget Recap

- Revenue neutral budget
- School Board funding at over 98% of their total request
- Greater emphasis on delinquent tax collection

FY2014 Proposed Budget

Questions?

Mr. Hutchins asked how much the state increase of 3% to constitutionals cost the county.

Ms. Dalton told that we pick up the VRS, VRS Ins., and life insurance. She told that a large component of the fringe is on the county which is about 30% of the county.

Mr. Hutchins told that just so the public knows, the state is saying that they are giving a 3% but the county is picking up 30% of the salary and we don't have a choice in it.

Mr. Martin told that the county is taking the same approach as the school board in that we are increasing by 1%.

Ms. Dalton replied yes for the VRS.

Ms. Dalton thanked the finance department, department heads, the Board and all staff for their support in her first budget year.

Mr. Dickson told that it looks like you have done a good job. He asked if it includes any employee raises for our people.

Ms. Dalton told that there is a 1% COLA to be in line with what proposed by Social Security.

Mr. Larrowe asked about the 98% and how that was figured.

Ms. Dalton replied as a percentage of the total request.

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Dr. Littrell told that when you look at the pie chart where it shows expenditures, is that local and state and federal combined.

Ms. Dalton replied that is the entire budget.

Mr. Martin asked about the pie chart on the last section it showed the airport and capital improvements. He told that he doesn't know how you would fix it differently but that was a pretty large percent and the bulk of that is not going to the airport he wouldn't think.

Ms. Dalton told that the bulk of it is debt service, then CIP and then the airport which is very small compared to the other two.

Mr. Dickson told that debt service is the payments on this building.

Ms. Dalton replied yes as well as the school.

Mr. Dickson told that we got a good rate on our insurance but we are passing it all on to the employee. He asked Dr. Blankenship how they were handling that and if they were passing it on to the employees.

Dr. Blankenship told that it is passed on to the employees.

Mr. Dickson asked if all of it was.

Dr. Blankenship told that 80% of the cost is passed on and that is the minimum that they require.

Mr. Hutchins thanked Ms. Dalton and told that she did great for her first time.

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### **PUBLIC HEARING – NATURAL GAS RATES**

Mr. Larrowe told that we are in the process of putting in a Natural Gas Line and as required the IDA is building out the line and the County will be operating. He told that the third partner is Mohawk and they have been helping along the way. He told that as part of this the County has to adopt an ordinance about the value of the gas that will be flowing through the line. He told that usually this is set by the State Corporation Commission but we can set our own rate. He told that he has worked with Mr. Cornwell and Roanoke Gas to come up with an ordinance that has residential, commercial and industrial services. He reviewed the rates that are in the ordinance. He told that there are miscellaneous fees within the ordinance. He told that this can be reduced, adjusted or increased in the future.

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Mr. Hutchins asked Dr. Blankenship, if and when Natural Gas is available to the schools will it help with the utilities.

Dr. Blankenship told that they use coal at the high school so that is a wash but it would be significant at Hillsville Elementary School.

Mr. Hutchins told that if we did a cost analysis, the cost of installation might be recouped within a 5 to 7 year period.

Mr. Hutchins told that there is probably a lot of commercial establishments around that could use natural gas a lot cheaper than some other things. He told that coal may become not existent.

Mr. Hutchins opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. and told the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Hendrick asked when the rates are changed will it require action by the Board.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes, it would be readoption of the ordinance. He told that it will be much like water and sewer.

Mr. Hendrick told that a lot of times on the water and sewer there is a minimum charge and with gas some people only use it 6 months out of the year, are they still charged the minimum.

Mr. Larrowe told that there is a turn on/off fee for seasonal use.

Dr. Littrell told that he is not familiar with therms and ask how much an average house would use.

Mr. Larrowe told that he has been told that about 200 therms per year for average home usage. He told that Mohawk is using 100 therms per day and we could have a rate comparison.

Dr. Littrell told that you are not looking at a huge amount of money.

Mr. Larrowe told that you are looking at the monthly charge, the delivery fee, and the cost of the gas itself.

With no one else to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board adopted the Natural Gas Rate Ordinance as presented.

#### VOTES

Mr. Hendrick            Yes

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

Mr. Larrowe told that we need to authorize the Public Hearing on the County Budget on April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and to also advertise the rate structure which is \$0.68 which is revenue neutral.

Mr. Hutchins told that we will be having the adoption of the school budget the same night along with a couple board approval items. He told that we do not need a motion for that.

(Order)

### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Brian Spencer told that on the Natural Gas Rates they are comparable to what he pays in Wythe County. He told that if they come towards the Interstate he imagines that all of the restaurants would like to sign up. He told that right now his bill is over \$5000 a month for the restaurant in Hillsville.

Mr. Hutchins told that he had Natural Gas for four years and they loved it. He told that the cost is minimal.

### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Martin told that he wished we had more in the budget. He told that he remembers a time when they had World War III over building the tennis courts at the High School and now they are in need of some maintenance. He told that it bothers him that it needs repairing and he wished there was money there. He told that he would like to see both boards doing more towards fixing the mechanical system and adding additional classrooms at the high school. He told that on a positive note it was an extreme pleasure to be with the Town and the School Board and everyone smiling and being pleasant. He told that it is amazing that the industry infrastructure that we have and if the economy turns around Carroll will be in excellent shape.

Mr. Hendrick asked what steps the board will need to take to look at additional sites for Natural Gas.

Mr. Larrowe told that the hope is to go back to the IDA with expansions. He told that they have already had calls from other industries. He told that it will work much like water and they will look at PERs.

Mr. Hendrick asked if it is the Board or the IDA.

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Mr. Larrowe told that it will be the IDA because the County cannot build it out.

Mr. McCraw told that he knows that the Fire Chief at Cana has a request to use money to purchase some things for departmental improvements.

Mr. Larrowe told that the request came in on Sunday and we have it in Board Approval for the next meeting.

Mr. McCraw asked if he has contacted everyone that needs to be contacted.

Mr. Larrowe told that he doesn't think Mr. Mock has been involved in that process to this point and he would encourage that to happen.

Dr. Littrell told that he wanted to thank Mr. Martin for bringing up the Airport. He told that due to some permitting problems and the weather that the project will be started this week. He told that this will be an excellent addition to the community and he appreciates the County's support. He told that he wanted to thank Mr. McCraw and staff because it has been a challenging time with the budget and he is pleased that it is revenue neutral. He told it was the best they could do.

Mr. Dickson asked if we have an Emergency Plan.

Mr. Larrowe told that we do and every four years it is readopted. He told that it will be coming before the Board for approval very soon.

Mr. Dickson told that he understands that Mr. Mock was out of town during the incident and we need to make sure that whoever is in charge also has the Emergency Plan. He told that he would like to have a copy of it. He told that we should also look at the Physical Plant for Natural Gas.

Mr. Larrowe told that they have calculated the savings per year and it is \$3000 for the High School, \$9000 for the Physical Plant and about \$30,000 for Hillsville Elementary.

Mr. Hutchins told that he appreciates everything.

## **RECESS**

The Board recessed until April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

## VOTES

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

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Mr. Martin            Yes  
(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk