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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, July 14, 2014 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  
Bob Martin  
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County 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)**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the purpose of discussion concerning a prospective industry where no announcement has been made, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A5).

Mr. Cornwell explained the purpose for entering Closed Session as listed below. 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.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, 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

Mr. Hutchins thanked everyone for being here and asked that we have a moment of silence in observation of Richard Slate. He told that Carroll County has lost a tremendous asset. He told that Mr. Slate has been active for many years in the IDA and he was a very innovative creative thinker and regardless of his age his mind was very sharp and he had a tremendous amount of knowledge. He told that tomorrow will be evident of one of his thoughts and something he worked hard on.

Mr. Dickson lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hutchins told that tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. he thinks most of you have received an invitation for an announcement that will be good for our region. He told that he thinks Mr. Slate would be happy and it will be a good announcement. He told that Carroll County was awarded a NACO Achievement Award for the development of the Natural Gas System within the County. He told that we submitted the same to VACO and he was a bit disappointed that it did not get consideration. He told that we had a couple thank you notes from the Sr. Olympics.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**VOTES**

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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. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on June 2, 2014 and June 9, 2014 with one amendment to a vote on the Highway Safety motion.

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. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for July 2014 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the August 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)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SCHOOL ROLLOVER REQUEST**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a rollover to the School in the amount of \$192,142.89,

VOTES

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

(Order)

**DAY REPORTING TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$2,457.41 to Day Reporting since the day reporting employee was paid from the Courtroom Security for the initial part of the year.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SHERIFF CARRY OVER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a rollover for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$52,097.36 from the remaining balances in appropriated Highway Safety and Morgan Shepherd donations.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**WIRING CARRY OVER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a rollover in the amount of \$150,556.00 for the remaining CIP for the wiring of the building. The project is underway but required two advertisements. The first advertisement, the County did not receive any bids therefore the project has taken longer to complete.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**COUNTY ADMIN TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer in the amount of \$11,196.21 to County Admin for hiring of part time help and year end balances.

VOTES

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

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Dr. Littrell            Yes  
Mr. Martin            Yes

(Order)

**LEGAL TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$12,744.44 to cover overages in legal services.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**CARE OF PRISONERS TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$163,745.01 to cover overages in the cost for care of prisoners.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**GAS UTILITY ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$3,296.00 for expansion of natural gas services.

VOTES

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

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

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to appoint Nicole Edwards to the Regional Library Board and Gary Larrowe to the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hutchins told that we had discussed a MOU with the Commissioner's Office and he hopes everyone has had a chance to look at it where they would assume responsibility of doing the major portion if not all of the assessors duties and he thinks there is one or two things that we would do different. He told that this agreement will cover all of those things.

Upon motion by Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Hendrick asked what they things were that were going to be different.

Mr. Hutchins responded the mapping, the GIS will remain separate.

Ms. Cannon told that there was a sales report. She told that they are working to try to do everything the way it has been but there are some things that we don't if there will be time to complete them.

Ms. McPherson told that it was actually completed today.

Mr. Martin asked Ms. McPherson is she and the people in her office were okay with this.

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Ms. McPherson replied yes, they will know more when the workload starts.

Mr. Martin told that they have to pass it tonight to find out what it is.

Mr. Hutchins told that we know what it is we just need to shift it from one to the other.

Mr. Cornwell told that there is no term on this agreement and there are items regarding funding and that is always subject to the Board as you go through your budget. He told that he doesn't want any misconceptions that this agreement is forever.

Mr. Martin told that Fran answered one of his concerns and that was if she agrees with it but it bothers him that she was elected overwhelmingly by the people of the county and here we are dickering with the office and he is a little uncomfortable with that.

Ms. McPherson told that if she is provided with the employee she is sure they can get the job done. She told that it is a large workload that they are taking on in addition to their workload and they will know more. She told that Janie pretty well has it covered for this year so they will have time toward the end of the year when they get the books completed to know how much training they are going to need. She told that they basically know what they are doing and it is just getting everyone trained to do the certain aspects of it.

#### VOTES

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

Mr. Hutchins told that she had asked at one time about a potential increase of salary because of the increase in workload. He told that the budget that they passed did not include any of that but he is not sure. He asked the budget committee if that was a consideration at that time.

Mr. McCraw told that when they came up with the budget he was working under the assumption that things are going to be the way they are going to be now. He told that it was taken into consideration.

Mr. Hendrick told that it was an 11<sup>th</sup> hour idea and it was considered but open for further consideration.

Dr. Littrell told that honestly he doesn't recall.

Mr. Hutchins told that they looked at it but the extra dollars were not there

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**CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Chris Goad told that he has been with the school for 15 years and he is here to speak for the touchdown club. He told that their new coach has been able to access what we have and don't have and he came up with a wish list. He told that they have raised about \$2500 towards it and the need is some new navy jerseys, the ones they have a ragged. He told that the other item is a blocking sled and it is a good training piece of equipment and they want to know if there is anything that the Board can do to help them towards this wish list.

Dr. Littrell asked if he was looking for a specific amount.

Mr. Goad told that anything would help. He told that they would love for you to cap it off but he knows that it may not be realistic. He told that they buy a lot of food for them and try to fill the void if there is something that they don't have. He told that they put on a golf tournament and a pancake dinner.

Mr. Larrowe asked if he has been to the School Board to ask for this.

Mr. Goad replied no.

Mr. Larrowe told that the appropriate route would be for you to go to the School Board because the BOS actually funds the School Board and it would be based upon what their priorities are associated with athletic programs. He told that the Board funds the School System at a huge number around \$11 million and within that they should be able to take care of some socks and jerseys. He told that another thing is we have a new screen printing operation in the Industrial Park now and they may end up being able to help. He told that he is not trying to get business for them, it is just a local asset and it would be positive to be able to make that connection.

Mr. Goad told that he will mention it to them. He told that these are items that apparently there were not funds for and he is of the understanding that this is not in their budget.

Mr. Martin told that you give two prices on jerseys, what is the difference.

Mr. Goad told that one is embroidered and one is screen printed.

Mr. Martin wondered what would happen if we paid half the difference and they paid half.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks he needs to ask them first. He told that we just said no we were not going to increase the pay for Fran's employees and we turn around and say we are going to find money that is speaking out of both sides of our mouth.

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Mr. Martin told that he agrees but Supervisors Time is coming.

Mr. Goad told that he appreciates your consideration.

Mr. Martin told that years ago the Board gave a \$5000 donation on the recommendation of Dr. Deboe to provide meals for the players.

Mr. Goad told that he played for Galax and they had a steak and a potato at Western Steer back then and when he came to Carroll they had coaches scrambling to buy food so they have been able to take some of that burden off.

Mr. Hutchins told that we appreciate him coming.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Martin told asked Fran what increase she was asking for.

Ms. McPherson told 12% and it is just to get them in line with the others.

Mr. Martin asked how many employees there are.

Ms. McPherson replied 4. She told that she did not ask for herself, just her employees.

Mr. Martin told that there is precedence for this, he moves that the four employees in Fran's office be given th4 12% increase in line with the extra duties that are being assigned to them.

Mr. Hendrick asked if that would be the four employees before the merge.

Ms. McPherson replied yes.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is not going to say anything that he has not already told but he can't say that he whole heartedly agree with 12% and he will say that in his management they give raises for two reasons, your all stars and change of duties. He told that he thinks there is warrant in discussion but he can't agree with 12%.

Ms. McPherson told that the reason she asked for 12% was to bring them in line with the other employees. She told that at this point it doesn't have to be 12% she just wants some type of recognition for her employees for the extra duties.

Mr. Hutchins asked if her salaries are set by the Comp Board.

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Ms. McPherson replied yes.

Mr. Hutchins asked if they are all in line with the Comp Board.

Ms. McPherson replied yes. She told that she would like for them to have some type of recognition for the duties that they are going to be taking on. She told that they have been training and going out with Janie on the days that she is here. She told that three of her employees now know how to measure a house and rate it. She told that they are working on making this work.

Mr. Dickson asked if there are any other departments that have given their employees raises that you know of.

Ms. McPherson replied that she has no idea.

Mr. Dickson asked the Sheriff if he knew of any.

Ms. McPherson told that with the State budget their raises had been taken away this year.

Mr. Martin asked if he can withdraw the motion and put 4%.

Mr. Dickson told that if you make it 5% he will second it.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to reverse it again and make a motion that those four employees receive a 5% raise.

Mr. Dickson seconded the motion.

Dr. Littrell made a motion to table it for three months and then revisit it.

Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

#### VOTES

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

Mr. Hutchins told that since that motion did not pass, he will call for a motion on the 5% increase.

#### VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick told that he can't whole heartedly say one way or another but he agrees with the motion and he has a pretty good idea how it will shake out.

Mr. Hutchins told that he votes no for the reason that he thinks we need to see what the impact is and if it is more than that we take care of it or if it is less. He told that the motion dies.

Ms. McPherson asked what it is that you want her to provide to show what their work load is.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks you won't know until you get into it for some time. He told that if you look at it we had two people plus a part time and you are gaining two people so the additional workload would be just the half time person. He told that there will be a learning curve but the two people that you are getting should have some knowledge of what you are doing. He told that you can use your people any way you want to but you may take two of the four people to do this or you may spread it out over all of them. He told that he can't say but from man hours standpoint you are losing 1000 per year.

Ms. McPherson told that she is gaining one person that is trained.

Mr. Martin told that he will close by saying he would like to declare that he is Sam Dickson's campaign chairman and shortly it will be announced.

Mr. Dickson told that he is not running again but thank you sir.

Dr. Littrell told that he has some Moose signs children at play and he cannot remember who asked for those and he has two extra for the future. He told that the Airport Commission has asked him to see if the Board would support a resolution supporting the action of the Twin County Airport Commissions request to the Federal Aviation Administration to reverse the allowance of a cell tower on Sr. Road and he has some drawings if no one has had a chance to see.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr., Martin and passing, the Board approved to prepare a resolution asking the FAA to revisit placement of a cell tower near the Training Center.

Dr. Littrell told that the Airport Commission believes that the FAA has made a mistake and we have asked them to review it.

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

Mr. Dickson told that most of them setting there are part of the PSA also and if you read the papers and keep up with what is going on then you are aware that we had a whistle blower that said we used grant money wrong and the USDA agency decided that the whistle blower was right so they told us to send them \$266,167.20 so we did. He told that as quick as they sent the check they appealed the decision and it went on to a federal hearing officer and he stated, I do not find any violations that supports a finding of unauthorized assistance and he finds agency error in deciding the Joy Ranch Road extension and constituted unauthorized assistance and could not be funded with grant funds, so in essence what it did, they turned it around and they are sending us our money back. He told that he doesn't know that they are sending us enough money to pay for our attorney and all the other that the whistle blower cost us but at least we are getting our money back and we proved that we were right and used the money right. He told that he is Chairman of the PSA and have to say that it is a reputable group of people and they don't go around trying to cheat even the federal government out of money, they just do what they can for the people and they are very pleased with this ruling.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is not trying to start a discussion on this but he is well aware of what Sam was just talking about and he doesn't know that he would use the term whistle blower.

Mr. Dickson told that is the term that they used.

Mr. Hendrick replied, they used.

Mr. Dickson said yes and he is glad you brought that up.

Mr. Hendrick told that he still doesn't agree with it and it doesn't matter who it was.

Mr. Dickson told that is the term they use and they call them whistle blowers because if you do it for federal tax purposes you get an automatic 10% back of everything you have to pay. He told that whether this one gets anything or not but on the internet it tells you can get 10 to 30% of what you are charged even if you appeal it and you win, the whistle blower may get his or her percentage. He told that he is glad you brought that up and he probably should have told it to start with.

Mr. McCraw thanked everyone for coming out.

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Mr. Hutchins told that he had some constituents call him about Twin County Regional Hospital about diverting rescue squads to other hospitals. He told that they called the CEO this morning to ask why there was at least some that were diverted. He told that he said that he had made that decision and the census at the hospital for June was much higher than it has been historically and it had carried over into July. He told that they were full and had one bed in ICU but one in surgery that was going to ICU so they had no place to put anyone. He told that because the numbers are usually down during that time a lot of the staff was on vacation and they were short staffed. He told that he asked the question if you have a critical patient what do you do. He told that if you have a fractured ankle that is one thing but if you have someone who is having a heart attack, you don't want to hear divert. He told that it is his understanding that he said that by law they have to treat any walk in patient and second, if the rescue squad deems the patient needs to be seen there then they would not turn them away. He told that they would be looking at the protocol for internal and with rescue squads to make sure that everyone knew that. He told that he appreciates everyone being here.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk