

February 9, 2015

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, February 9, 2015 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: David V. Hutchins  
Phil McCraw  
W.S. "Sam" Dickson  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Joshua A. Hendrick  
Bob Martin  
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

Mr. Cornwell 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 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**

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| 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. Dickson, 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**

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

Mr. McCraw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Hendrick led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. McCraw told that several members attended Legislative Day in Richmond last week and they were able to meet with a couple delegates.

Dr. Littrell told that one of their greatest concerns is to prevent the closure of the Southwest Virginia Training Center. He told that they have 133 residents and we are not exactly sure on the employment numbers. He told that that was a bill before the General Assembly this year that went through Subcommittee and then to appropriations but it was tabled so it was killed before this session. He told that they will work hard to see what they can do to change the course. He told that the parents and guardians have a lot of influence so he urges everyone to contact Richmond and lobby to keep it open.

Mr. McCraw told that we are very passionate about keeping ours open. He told that they were very direct and have been asked to be kept informed. He directed staff to come search into getting a study done with how many employees, residents and any pertinent information. He told that it is vital that we save it.

Mr. Larowe told that we are happy to take on the challenge.

Mr. McCraw told that he has been looking over facts and figures over the last few years and he knew we had been successful but didn't realize how successful we have been with grants. He told that in 2014 we collected \$1,840,109.12 and since 2011 we have collected \$7,178,435.99 and that is remarkable for a county this size. He told that his hat is off to staff.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on January 12, 2015.

**VOTES**

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| Mr. Hendrick | Yes |
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| 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 Mr. Martin, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for February 2015 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the March 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

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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 AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the agenda, adding Dugspur School to the discussion.

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| 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. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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

(Order)

**GENEALOGY CLUB LEASE AMENDMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Genealogy Club Lease Amendment.

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

(Order)

**SEWER AGREEMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Sewer Agreement.

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

(Order)

**CANNERY TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved a transfer for electrical from maintenance general properties to the cannery in the amount of \$5,500.00.

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

(Order)

**WILDWOOD/VDOT APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved an appropriation for funds received for the Commercial Wildwood Entrance from VDOT. These funds will be transferred to BRCEDA because they are administering the construction.

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

(Order)

**AIRPORT UPDATE – GREG YONCE**

Mr. Greg Yonce told that he is not here to ask for money tonight and they appreciate the support provided by Carroll, Grayson and the City of Galax. He told that the Airport has changed and they would invite everyone to come out and visit. He told that they have a full time Airport Manager now and they have people who come in on weekends and after hours so there is usually someone there. He told that alot of good activities have been going on such as Bill's Helicopter Service and Twin County Aviation. He told that they have seen more deliveries from FedEx and UPS. He told that they have had around 2400 operations at the Airport so about 1200 take offs and landings. He told that since November they have had 9 business jets. He told that they will be working on their Capital Improvement Plan which is basically just a wish list and at the top of the list is the extension of the runway. He told that there are some things that will have to be finalized before they get it to that step. He told that there will have to be some studies that are done, the Federal Aviation will pay for that one time. He told that if they do the study prematurely and they determine there is not a need for the extension then we will have to fund the next study. He told that they are wanting to wait and make sure they have the need for a longer runway and the business associated with it. He told that they are looking at refurbishing the fuel farm, it has been there for about 10 years. He told that the fence project is suppose to be finished later this year. He told that there is a possibility that they will repave the runway and stripe it. He told that he is proud to say that the Airport is in good shape, they have a new terminal building and the majority of that was paid for with funding from grants from FAA and Virginia Aviation Association. He told that there is a minimal amount from each of the localities and again he thanks you for that. He told that they do have a website, [twincountyairport.org](http://twincountyairport.org) and it has several links including Carroll County. He told that they also have a courtesy car that they provide to any pilots that come in. He told that he would like to invite the Board on June 5, 6 and 7th the Area 52 flyers coming and they fly radio controlled jet aircraft that do up to 200 mph. He told that they are working on a couple community events. He told that they have a meeting room available if anyone needs to use it they are welcome to. He told that they appreciate the support they have shown.

Dr. Littrell told that since the terminal has been built they have had several people stop to buy fuel. He told that there is a place to check the price of fuel and they are generally one of the lowest around so that has brought people in.

(Order)

**DUGSPUR SCHOOL**

Mr. McCraw told that Mr. Martin asked about Dugspur School at the last meeting and we have found out that abestos abatement is going to cost \$23,100 before it can be torn down.

Mr. Martin told that he is not a realtor but if we did that and sold the building he feels like it will bring more than \$23,000.

Mr. Larowe told that one of the issues is to do the abatement the building must be torn down and cannot be reoccupied.

Mr. Martin told that he forgot how many acres is with that .

Mr. Larowe told that we can look it up on GIS. He told that you would also have to invest in tearing the building down.

Mr. McCraw told that because of the asbestos, you can't do anything else with it until its taken care of then there is no other options.

Mr. Martin asked if we tear it down, do we have to remove the debris.

Mr. Larowe replied yes, some can go to the landfill and there may be some other alternatives but we would have to get permission.

Mr. McCraw told that we have two options, we can leave it alone or tear it down.

Mr. Hendrick asked if we have a cost on tearing it down.

Mr. Larrowe told that we do not. He told that we can do most of it but we would have to have trucking to haul it and the tipping fees.

Mr. Dickson asked if we are spending anything on it now.

Mr. Larrowe told that he doesn't think so.

Mr. Martin told that it is a beautiful site but the building looks like it was bombed. He asked if we can get some more information.

Mr. Larrowe told that we could. He told that if we go ahead and choose to do the abatement we are not out of anything.

Mr. Hutchins asked if it is a planned expenditure.

Mr. Larrowe told that it is not in this years but it would be in Capital Project Reserve. He told that there is not much in there and this would almost deplete it.

Mr. Martin told that we can take it slow.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved to forward this request to the budget committee and if we can't do it this year, look at we can do it next and while we are looking at it get the estimated cost of demolition and tipping fees and get someone to give us an estimate of what it would be worth.

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

(Order)

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Mr. McCraw told that as you know our Recreation Department is under new direction and alot of new changes are being made and he thinks it will be more customer friendly. He told that she wants to take the Rec Department out of Dixie and go into more of a local type thing and he thinks it is a wonderful idea and we should consider supporting the direction they would like to take.

Mr. Hutchins told that there is alot of pros and cons and our budget is becoming more challenging each year and our friends at the State are not sending us more money and we are having to find creative ways to do things. He told that some of the services have to change and ask if there would be a significant savings if we went to local and would it give us more opportunity to do more games. He told that he believes the answer is yes. He told that we strongly need to do that and would make that motion. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Mr. Dickson asked if anyone had an idea of the cost savings.

Ms. Cannon told that if we have a Dixie tournament we have to pay \$5000 off the top of the gate. She told that last one we took in about \$7200 and \$5000 went to Dixie so if we could keep that and invest in the program.

Mr. Hendrick told that local option would provide a larger schedule for games.

Ms. Cannon replied yes. She told that in Dixie you have to select an allstar team and you have to allow them time to practice. She told that if you look at the cost over the last 5 years we wouldn't have to be investing in sending them to Alabama.

Mr. Hutchins told that when you are putting together an allstar team you pick the best players and this should give the average player more time to play.

Ms. Cannon told that she can answer that but she wished the Recreation Director was here to present her ideas because these are her ideas. She told that the intention is to have a double elimination tournament at the end of the season where all kids are playing in the tournament and then the winner would proceed on to Roanoke for Commonwealth games.

Mr. McCraw told that he knows two kids that were the best of friends and both played for the same team and one made all stars and one didn't and they haven't spoken since.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**RESCUE SQUADS**

Mr. McCraw told that there has been some discussion about the situation of Rescue Squads in the County.

Mr. Hendrick told that it shows in our reports the calls and missed calls.

Mr. Martin told that he has meet with Dugspur Rescue and they will tell you they don't have the membership to be consistent with running calls. He told that it is a problem in most of the County and surrounding counties. He told that it is a real problem and it appears under Obamacare the we are going to be pushed into some situations whether we want to or not so we need to address it head on.

Mr. Hendrick told that Laurel Fork Rescue and Fire, one of the comments he always gets is membership. He told that it is hard to find volunteers and it is hard to have the level of service that you would like to have.

Mr. McCraw told that back in the day volunteer rescue squads, drivers didn't have to have training and there is alot more involved to get the basic certifications. He told that he is not knocking our volunteers because they do a great job, they are just short staffed.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is not just Carroll that has this problem it is every rural county. He told that eventually we are going to have to look at how we are going to handle this because one of our charter requirements is we provide for the welfare and safety of the citizens. He told that while everyone may expect the service taxes don't always cover that and it almost gets into a fee for service and he doesn't know where you go from there. He told that at some point in time we have to look at it.

Mr. McCraw told that we all know that the affordable care act is going to change a whole ballgame.

Mr. Hendrick told that with nothing on the advertised agenda sounds like we have alot to discuss and it is one of those conversations that no one wants to have but everyone

wants to have because it is not going to be easy. He told that he is not an expert on Emergency Services but he would ask that we go ahead and put it on the agenda for March if we can get some details from staff to have an intelligent conversation. Mr. Hendrick told that he would make that a motion. Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion.

Mr. McCraw told that was to direct staff to get information together and talk with the proper people so we can address the situation. He told that we have all seen the facts and figures and it is something we will have to address.

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

Mr. Hendrick asked if there is a Captains meeting before then.

Mr. Larrowe told that there will be one and he plans on attending and they will be attending the next one as well.

Mr. McCraw told that he attended as well and each squad is having their own issues, some more so than others.

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Martin asked how many openings are there on Planning Commission.

Mr. Larrowe told that there is one opening and we have advertised that and we do have some applicants.

Mr. Martin told that he knows one person that has for the Planning Commission and asked how much it pays.

Ms. Cannon replied \$49 per meeting.

Mr. Martin told that one of the applicants is a Sylvatus person and its Mr. William Bill Mitchell and he has made some mistakes in the past and since then has corrected those and has alot of expertise and he would like to see him appointed to the Planning Commission. He told that for \$49 a month he doesn't think we can go wrong. Mr. Martin moved that we appoint Mr. Mitchell to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

Mr. Hutchins asked if he could amend the motion that rather than make that appointment tonight that we have staff put a list and include all of the applicants in the next Board packet so we could look at all of them.

Mr. Martin told that you can table it and that will take precedence.

Mr. Hutchins moved that we table it and have staff include all applications from all so we can look at it.

Dr. Littrell seconded the motion.

VOTES

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

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

(Order)

**CITIZEN'S TIME**

No one was signed up to speak.

(Order)

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Martin told that secret sources told him that Dugspur School is 7.63 acres. He told that we touched on this and we are gonna face some really tough situations coming up and there is no place to hide and we will have to deal with them.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the opportunity to go to Legislative Day. He told that tomorrow is crossover day so it will be interesting to see what happens and this has been a short session. He told that hopefully they will do the proper votes to help us.

Mr. Hendrick told that he drives by the school occasionally and he knows what it looks like so it is something that the budget committee will look at. He told that he appreciates everyone coming out.

Mr. Dickson told that we have a vacancy on the IDA and he suggests that we post it is well and see who applies.

Mr. Hendrick asked who the vacancy is for.

Mr. Dickson replied Mr. Slate. He told that we allowed the Genealogy Club to move down stairs into the old chamber office. He told that he talked to Mr. Patterson and they are going to try to hand out Chamber stuff to anyone who comes in. He told that if we do anything would it be possible if we looked into volunteers to stay there and hand out stuff.

Mr. Larowe told that the Twin Co. Chamber had been interested in doing that and we can contact them and see. He told that we would have to create a Chamber and we are not in a position to do that.

Mr. Hutchins thanked the Chairman and told that he did a great job.

Mr. McCraw told that he appreciates everyone coming out tonight. He told that we had a very nice trip to VACo and we got some things accomplished. He told that we want to be kept in the loop on what is happening with the training center. He told that some things get lost in the shuffle.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTES**

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

February 9, 2015

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk