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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

Mr. McCraw called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

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

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, 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	Not Present

Mr. Hutchins lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. McCraw welcomed everyone and told that it was good to see a crowd. He told that the School Board has installed new covers on the dugouts at St. Paul School. He told that Crooked Creek is stocked and ready to go.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 9, 2015.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for April 2015 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the May 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	Not Present

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell 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	Not Present

(Order)

DUGSPUR SCHOOL ASBESTOS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the proposal acceptance from ECS Mid-Atlantic for the Asbestos Abatement for Dugspur School.

VOTES

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

(Order)

DUGSPUR SCHOOL ABATEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Proposal and Contract Agreement for the abatement of Dugspur School.

VOTES

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

Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Not Present

(Order)

ACCESS ROAD

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to bring the Access Road to Wildwood into the VDOT System.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CPMT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the Comprehensive Services Act utilization in the amount of \$528,186.00.

VOTES

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

(Order)

MT. ROGERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board appointed Steve Winesett to the Mt. Rogers Executive Committee.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SCHOOL ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the school for funds received in the amount of \$300,855 to the FY15 budget. The School received more funding than budgeted for the E-Rate, National School Lunch Program, 21st Century Learning, Title III, Title VI and Migrant revenue.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes
Mr. McCraw Yes

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

(Order)

SHERIFF ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the Local Criminal Investment Fund in the amount of \$959.95.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing during the May meeting for a budget amendment for FY15.

VOTES

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

(Order)

HERO DAY

Mike Mock told that HERO Day will give us a chance to recognize our folks within the County and also give a chance for people to come in from outside of the County to participate. He told that they will have an apparatus showcase and it will show some of the uses, public safety training and education such as CPR, youth cadet program for kids, vendors and exhibits, bouncy house, face painting and several other things. He told that there is a 5K run that morning. He told that there is more information on the website. He told that they will recognize the departments by having a dinner afterwards and will have the awards ceremony after that. He told that they look forward to it and think it will be a lot of fun.

Amanda Parris told that last year they did this and this year they will have an education day on Friday for school kids. She told that the kids will have different stations that they will rotate through. She told that they do need some help if anyone is interested. She told that parking will be an issue on Saturday so if anyone is available that would be great.

(Order)

ROBINSON, FARMER, COX - FINANCIAL REPORT

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Mr. Gordan Jones told that he is with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and he is the partner in charge of the County's audit. He told that there are three reports in the financial statement you have the independent auditors report. He told that it issues unmodified opinions, the cleanest opinion you can get and there is no room for improvement there. He told that the second report, the government auditing standard report on internal control. He told that they did issue one finding that is related to audit adjustments and basically what it says is the auditors cannot be part of the internal control. He told that this past year Ms. Cannon took over those responsibilities and it is looking alot better and is very close to not having those findings and Tammy from the School Board has assured him that she will correct that on her side this year. He told the third and final report is the single audit report and it is required when you expend more than \$500,000 in federal funds and the County spends that easily and there are no findings. He told that there are new standards this year and they will have to implement gaspy 68 and if you have heard anything about it, it will require you to put a portion of your funded liability on your books. He told that for 2014 and previously this information was allowed to be shown as supplementary but you will be required to add it to the books. He told that the liability for the County is about \$8 million and a portion of that will show up as a liability on your books. He told that related to that the VRS report has to comply with gaspy 67 so this year it required alot more testing on their part and it probably took one auditor one extra day at the County and an additional day at the School Board. He told that they didn't charge any extra for that, the State sprung it on them in August and they didn't feel like it was right to charge you all for something that the State sprung on them with late notice. He told that on the handout you have a summary of the general fund for the last five years. He told that the green column shows the 2014 numbers. He told that property taxes increased at about 1.1%, the other significant revenue are state and federal funds and that has been decreasing over 5 years just a little under 4%. He told that is typical around the state. He told that overall the general fund revenue is \$36.8 million, increasing at less than .5% per year. He told that the expenditures are increasing at about 3% per year and one of the most significant ones is the transfer to the school and that has been increasing at about 8.75% and that is typical around the state. He reviewed the remainder of the percentages that are located on the handout. He told that the cash balance is about \$9.4 million and someone asked him the other day why the cash balance is different from the fund balance and it is because the fund balance has to be reported on principals which means your receivables have to offset your payables. He told that the general fund is typically the operating fund for the County and typically when you check to see how well a County did you look at the general fund. He told that the calculated the fund balance as a percentage of the operating expenses and they include the School Board and the total is about 69.5 million and that is about 18.8% and your cash balance is about 13.5% and those numbers are safe. He told that they recommend about 15% for localities.

Mr. Martin asked how are we compared to others.

Mr. Jones told that it is comparable, maybe a little lower. He told that typically it runs from 15 to 25% and can be as low as 10%. He told on page three it is the same information just shown a different way. He told that on page 4 they are shown in a line graph and more of the same are on page 5 and 6. He told that on page 7 you have a summary for debt and the County's total debt is about 45.6% including school. He told the debt per capita is about 1500. He told that the state stopped giving them those numbers about 2 years ago but the last time it was measured it was about 2700 so the County is well under that. He told the last numbers are the assessment summary, he told he thinks this is the first one he has seen where the assessment dropped off like this. He told that over 10 years it has been increasing about 2.3%. He told that he has a letter to those in charge of government and it is a summary of the audit process. He told that overall it went well and there was only one finding that we talked about.

Mr. Hutchins told that on page 4 it indicates revenue verses expenses and he thinks that is at a point in time where they invested heavily in acquiring some industrial buildings for which we have been blessed to have landed industry which has created about 300 jobs. He told that somebody could look at this and say you are spending more than you are bringing in but we have now put them back into the tax roles but he thinks it is noteworthy.

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Mr. Dickson told that if we buy a building and it is transferred to IDA, it shows as a loss to the County.

Mr. Jones replied yes, it is shown as a transfer.

Mr. Dickson asked if you have delinquent taxes that are not collected they say it rolls over after 20 years. He asked if there is a chart that shows how much rolls over.

Mr. Jones told that the code gives the Treasurer the option to write off any taxes that are older than 20 years on the real estate side and personal property after 5 years.

Mr. Dickson told that in this book there is a page that shows what was uncollectable.

Mr. Jones told that they are required to estimate an amount that they think you will write off over the next 20 years. He told that they estimate on what you wrote off 20 years ago.

Mr. Dickson asked if there is an acceptable range for that.

Mr. Jones told that he doesn't know that he has ever compared that by locality.

(Order)

J.B. GARNDER, SHERIFF UPDATE

Sheriff Gardner told that last year he was before the Board and offered to help the citizens of the County anyway he could and tonight he comes to keep that promise. He told that recently two Board members, Mr. McCraw and Mr. Hendrick approached him and asked for help and he asked what they would like for him to do. He told that they asked him to consider helping them with the purchase price of a fire truck with money from their highway safety program. He told that tonight they come prepared to offer that help. He told that he spoke with folks in the County Administrator's Office about the possibility of making this happen and they saw no reason they couldn't help. He told that they are offering a check for \$220,000 to go into an account for agencies that make up our first responders. He told that it is his understanding that the County already has in place a schedule to replace fire equipment that has become outdated. He told that he went back and spoke with his deputies who risk their lives in writing these tickets and the goal is saving lives and how they felt about helping out and he didn't get a single negative comment, they were all in favor. He told that he asks for your assurance that this money will be spent for the safety of first responders because they are there for us every day and there is no way we could do it without them. He presented the Board with a check.

Mr. McCraw told that he would like to say as part of the budget committee that they talked about it and they knew what JB told them last year and he did just what he said he would do and we appreciate it. He told that you have his word that we will use this money for safety reasons only.

(Order)

CCPS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. McCraw opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m. and told the purpose.

With no one signed up to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:37 p.m.

(Order)

SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Secondary Construction Budget Priority List and the proposed Secondary Six Year Plan for fiscal years 2015-2016 to 2020-2021 for Carroll County

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was held at the Carroll County Governmental Building on April 13, 2015. The public hearing was opened at 5:38 pm.

Board
Members
Present

Phil D. McCraw –Chairman	Fancy
Gap District Dr. Tom Littrell - Vice Chairman	
	Pipers
Gap District David Hutchins	Sulphur
Springs District Sam Dickson	
	Supervis
or at Large	
R.J. “Bob” Martin	Pine
Creek District	
Joshua Hendricks	Laurel
Fork District	

Carroll County
AdministrativeStaff

Gary Larrowe Administrator	County
Nikki Cannon Administrator	Assistant County
Crystal Adams Coordinator	Administrator

Trans
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Staff

Lisa Hughes, P.E. – Martinsville
Resident Engineer
Dan R. Huff, P.E. – Martinsville Area Land
Use Engineer
William Dotson – Land
Development Engineer

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Public Hearing was opened with Ms. Lisa Hughes serving as moderator, with the following opening remarks:

This hearing is being held today, April 13, 2015, in accordance with Housebill 1041 passed by the 1977 session of the General Assembly and in specific, Section 33.1-70.01 Code of Virginia, which requires the joint effort of the County Officials and the Department of Transportation personnel for the tentative commitment of estimated available secondary construction funds, beginning with Fiscal Year 2015-2016. A copy of the proposed Six-Year Plan and priorities for the proposed secondary construction budget for 2015-2016 have been available for public viewing at the county building; and a copy is on display here.

After receiving your requests, the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation

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Personnel will finalize the Six Year Plan.

Currently the top four priorities are:

- 1) Route 793 – Sherwood Road
- 2) Route 825 – Burnette Road
- 3) Route 960 – Bronco Road
- 4) Route 718 – Wolfpen Ridge Road

These roads are scheduled to be completed this year.

Upon the completion of the opening remarks, the following requests were received:

Route 806, Echo Valley Road

Citizen Ron Ferguson requested that improvements, in the form of hard surfacing, be performed on Route 806, Echo Valley Road. He made several comments in regards to the length of time the road has been in existence. VDOT has been good about maintaining the road with gravel, but paving is highly desired. Mr. Ferguson provided a sketch of the road (attached)

Citizen Steve Cone also spoke on the desire to pave Echo Valley Road. There have been several cattle trucks that have used the road. For long term maintenance, pavement would be better.

Citizen Debra Cone also requested Echo Valley Road to be paved to reduce the dust.

Citizens Chris Thomas, Liz Ferguson, Ricky Robinson, and Karen Frazier, & Connie Burned filled out attendance cards in regard to Echo Valley Road, but did not speak.

Pecan Hill Road – Citizen Joe Krieg commented that Pecan Hill Road needs gravel on the entire length, not just the front section. Citizen Donna Krieg filled out an attendance card in regards to Pecan Hill Road, but did not speak. (note: Dry Twig Road, Rt. 954, terminates at Pecan Hill Road. Pecan Hill Rd is not a state maintained road)

Route 640, Keno Road – Citizen Edward Turner informed that there is approximately ¾ miles of Keno Road that is not paved. He thought it would be a good candidate for a Rural Rustic project

Route 683, Turner Spur Road – Citizen Mason Ayers said that the entire length of Turner Spur should be paved. There is a Doctor's Office on the road now, as well as a lot of traffic going to Meadows of Dan.

Route 676, Bluestone Road – Citizen Phillip Helms informed that he and others have been waiting patiently for Bluestone Road to be paved. When pulling ditches, a lot of mud is created; gravel is needed on all parts of the road, not just the hills. (note: road is on the plan currently)

Route 648, Harmies Bottom Road – Citizen Luster Bowman requested the road to be put on the plan to be paved. (note: road is on the plan currently)

Route 633, Groundhog Mountain Road – Citizen Ed Stanley requested that improvements be done to Groundhog Mountain Road (from Rt. 639 to Rt. 640) in the form of paving.

Route 954, Dry Twig Road – Citizen John Hayes requested Dry Twig Road to be improved. Citizen Betty Jean Hayes filled out an attendance card but did not speak.

With no other citizen requested to speak, Moderator Lisa Hughes informed the supervisors

that the requests would be reviewed with a follow up report prepared. The public hearing was closed at 6:01pm.

(Order)

COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Cannon told that it is her pleasure to present the budget to you tonight. She told that some of the budget challenges this year that we were faced with are the initial payment of the Phase III Construction, increased cost of personnel, initial funding year on reassessment, and some capital needs such as some fire apparatus and an ambulance. She told that they went through great strides to balance the 2015 budget and the options to balance the budget were to increase taxes, reduce services or redistribute resources and we worked hard to redistribute resources so it has been crossed off. She went over the revenues and told that \$1.2 million in misc. revenue includes the fund balance. She told showed a pie chart and told that she doesn't combine state and federal revenue like the auditor did. She told that our state funding is decreasing. She told that looking at taxes in surrounding jurisdictions, the budget committee got together and talked about an approach and we knew we were going to have to look at the tax rates. She showed a chart that showed all surrounding localities tax rates and in comparison ours appears to be a little high. She told that on machinery and tools we have the lowest rate and farm and machinery tax, we are the only ones that are taxing. She told that they are recommending we do away with the farm tax. She told that in 2012 the Board actually adopted to eliminate half of the tax so they decided to meet the intention of the Board and eliminate that tax. She told on personal property tax, Carroll is significantly lower than others and we are recommending an increase from \$1.60 to \$1.95. She told on machinery and tools we are the 2nd lowest and they recommend to increase to \$1.75 and also on real estate to decrease to \$.66 by .02 per 100.

Mr. Dickson asked if increasing machinery and tools will affect those business that just came in.

Ms. Cannon told that she doesn't think so, it is a comparable rate and it is based off of depreciation rates. She told that on the expenditures there is an increase in public safety and education. She told that public safety is increased due to purchase of fire truck and an ambulance and also increase personnel and the schools is attributable to the debt service. She told that we are now at a point where 40% of our total budget is education and 22% is public safety. She told that some of the considerations were health insurance increase, 4th year of VRS and there was a state approved COLA for constitutionals of 2% beginning in September, and the initial implementation of the fire apparatus CIP. She told that the debt service payment on this building decreased this year by a significant amount and in community development there is a \$35,000 decrease because IDA is paying the debt service on Wildwood. She told that on personnel, there are six positions in Carroll Fire and Rescue to address some of the issues that we have been talking about. She told that we have a very large investment in this budget to increasing services to citizens.

Mr. Dickson told six positions and that is why public safety went up.

Ms. Cannon replied that is part of it and part is the fire truck and ambulance and part is budgeting for highway safety in the budget instead of through board approval.

Mr. Dickson asked if part would come back on the revenue side.

Ms. Cannon replied yes. She told that there were a lot of moving parts to this budget. She reviewed the tax rates again that are proposed.

Mr. Martin told that he knows personally that some of the counties have neglected school buildings and we have almost completed all the upgrading. He told that one of these days you will see their numbers jump way up.

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Mr. Hutchins told that moving the machinery and tools puts us in line with those around us and it is a benefit to the region if we are to acquire an industry and he thinks it is a positive. He told that we have talked about level funding to schools for years and it has gone up about \$1 million each year and we have continued to increase that funding and that is something we can take pride in doing.

Ms. Cannon told that you made a good point during the audit presentation about our investing in economic developments and those things are paying back and we should recognize some of the fruits of that investment. She thanked the budget committee and Gary for their efforts in helping prepare the budget.

Mr. McCraw thanked her for all her hard work.

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Allen Leigh told that he lives in Grayson County and he is here tonight about a federal issue. He told that our Congressman listen to the people in their jurisdictions and that is why he is here. He told that he is Vice President of a group and they have started a petition that already has over 1600 signatures. He told that he has many with him tonight from surrounding counties. He told that the forestry service has told him that they are going to issue a scoping letter that tells them what they are going to do with the lands. He told that it has come to their attention that the Forest Service intends to close 200 miles of historic trails to all equestrian and mountain bike use in the eastern end of the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area (MRNRA). This action will reduce the total amount of trails available to ride by 79%. They have also indicated in their plan to enforce the trail closures by hiring federal officers who will issue citations to anyone using those trails. This closure will also stop adjoining landowners from being able to ride into the forest from their homes/land. Annually, thousands of equestrians, mountain bikers, hikers and campers come to the MRNRA. It is so popular because of the diversity of trails. Historically, people who lived in what is now the National Forest created roads and trails for travel to market, work and to visit each other. Sadly, the Forest Service is calling these "user created" trails illegal trails...trails that were created by our ancestors! Folks who have lived in these mountains for decades can tell you that these roads/trails have been in continuous use for generations. Equestrians, bikers and hikers have adopted these trails for use. He told that closing these 200 miles of trails will be devastation to the local economy. One local contractor who has ridden these trails for 30 years estimates as much as \$45,000,000 has been generated in this small community just in the construction of new homes by horse people and the increase in taxes collected by the federal and state governments. The University of Virginia estimates that over 9, 000,000 in sales are generated annually by the horse industry in Grayson and Wythe Counties alone. Recognizing the devastating economic impact these closures will have on our local economy, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to issue a Resolution supporting the preservation of the 200 miles of historic trails targeted for closure by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service is basing its decision to close these trails on a 23 year old environmental study that was conducted in 1992. Additionally, when asked, they were unable to produce a detailed map of the trails they plan to close which has to make one wonder.

We are asking you to intervene to STOP these closures by the Forest Service and preserve these historic trails left us by our ancestors and STOP the Forest Service from attempting to ticket National Forest adjoining property owners for accessing the trails.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Hendrick told that he is glad to see so many folks at the meeting. He told that he appreciates Nikki and staff for the work on the budget. He told that it started with dreary expectations but it turned out not as bad as they thought.

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Mr. Hutchins thanked staff and told that it has been a difficult year to balance numbers. He told that each year he has expected real e

Mr. Dickson told that he is please with the number of people who showed up. He told that he can relate to the horseback and he was on the Board when

He told that if you are on the 6 year road plan and get bumped off you need to let someone know. He told that we always try to keep them on there. He told that you can call VDOT and speak to Lisa or Dan.

Dr. Littrell told that it has been a great meeting. He thanked the Sheriff for the check adn told that he appreciates the support

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk