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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 11, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Joshua A. Hendrick
Rex L. Hill
Dr. Tom Littrell
Bob Martin
Robbie McCraw
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, 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, A5).

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

1. 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.

5. 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. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, 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. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick welcomed everyone.

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is good to see a crowd. He told that they enjoy participation. He told that it is Dispatcher Appreciation week and those folks do a critical job and don't get recognized as much. He told that it is also Animal Control Officer Appreciation week. He told that Mr. Woods does a terrific job and works long hours and if you see him tell him how much you appreciate him.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hendrick told that we need to add budget calendar. He told that he would like to remove Board Goals.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick told that Mr. Phil McCraw is not here tonight and asked everyone to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He told that he hates that he is not here, he has had to miss a couple due to illness.

(Order)

MT. ROGERS PDC - AARON SIZEMORE

Mr. Aaron Sizemore told that Planning Commissions in general are authorized by the General Assembly in 1969. He told that they are formed to operate as an extension of local government. He told that they try to leverage federal money on behalf of the counties. He told that their specialties are grant writing and it is hard for localities to take time to write these grants. He told that they write the grants and administer them and you don't have to pay them the administration fee and that is the biggest benefit. He told that they do planning activities continuously. He told that in the last two years they have spent about \$285,000 in Carroll not to mention other grants. He told that they have written grants for the Wired Road and Wildwood. He told that Brian Reed works here the most. He told that he is not going to go into any more details, there is a packed room

and alot to take care of. He told that if you have questions, you can contact him at any time.

Mr. Hendrick told that specifically on the Transportation the more voices you have the better off you are.

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING - SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Public Hearing was opened at 6:11 pm with Ms. Lisa Hughes serving as moderator, with the following opening remarks:

This hearing is being held today, April 11, 2016, in accordance with House bill 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 2016-2017 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 Personnel will finalize the Six Year Plan. Currently the next proposed projects in this year draft plan to be completed this construction season are:

- 1) Route 676 – Bluestone Road
- 2) Route 820 – Freemont Road
- 3) Route 864 – Longwood Drive
- 4) Route 986 – Cherokee Road
- 5) Route 857 – Stanton Drive
- 6) Route 920 – Trail Road
- 7) Route 852 – Woods Edge Road
- 8) Route 873 – Shady Valley Road
- 9) Route 876 – Cedarwood Road

Upon the completion of the opening remarks, the following requests were received: Route 798, Troutland Road Citizen Lois Rogers requested that improvements, in the form of hard surfacing and road widening, be performed on Route 798, Troutland Road. She said the mostly one lane road is usually scraped twice a year and the ditches cleaned. She also said the road serves 19 homes and 25 drivers, with 4 new additional teenager drivers to be starting this year. Some of the items that needed improvements were a blind curve, a steep hill, and bank drop-offs. A nearby stream has also washed out a section of the road in the past. Sometimes the stream gets stocked with fish which adds traffic due to increased fishermen activity. She also mentioned that a school bus has hit mailboxes in the past while trying to turn around. Some of the potholes have caused vehicle damage in the form of broken tie rods. Ms. Rogers informed she was also representing other citizens who could not be at the public hearing due to family obligations. She has also prepare a video of the conditions and forwarded it to Supervisor Bob Martin. She would also like to see the traffic counters installed more.

Route 648, Harmies Bottom Road – Citizen Luster Bowman requested that his road receives surface treatment. He said he has been coming to the public hearings for 30 years and his road keeps going to the bottom of the list. Citizens on the road signed a 1997 letter to donate right-of-way. Road needs dust control. Two nurses and a pharmacy technician live on the road and need to be able to get out. He mentioned there are 8 roads in front of him with less traffic (i.e., counts). Mr. Bowman also said in the past a gravel road had been paved that was not on the 6 year plan (note: Harmies Bottom Road is on the plan currently)

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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. There are 21 homes on the road and the improvement would tie three roads together that are already paved. One section is too narrow for two cars to pass. Citizens Wally Spencer, Libby Wilcox, Steve Poovey, and Cecilla Poovey also filled out attendance cards in regards to Route 633, but did not speak. (note: Groundhog Mtn. Road is on the plan currently)

Route 763 (& 638), Hunter Ridge Road (along with Rt. 638, Huff Hill) – Citizen Glenda Dalton spoke on the need to pave the ¼ mile gravel portion of Route 763, Hunters Ridge Road, and to resurface the entire length of the paved existing route. Center line painting was also requested, along with Children at Play signs. In addition, it was requested to pave Huff Hill Road, which has 12-14 families living on it.

Citizen Kristina Durnil also requested that the gravel portion of Hunter Ridge Road be paved. It constantly gets muddy and it appears that VDOT spends a lot to constantly grade and add gravel to the road. She has talked to previous Board of Supervisors members about the need to pave the road. Citizens John Mathews, Conrad Dalton, Adam & Otoniel Vasquez, Archie Lake, Larry & Debbie Durnil, & James Dalton also filled out attendance cards in regards to Route 763, Hunters Ridge Road, but did not speak.

Citizens Caroline Wynne-Roberts and David Adams filled out attendance cards in regards to the paving of Route 638, Huff Hill Road, but did not speak. (note: Rt. 763, Hunter Ridge Road is currently on the plan; Route 638, Huff Hill Road is not the plan)

Route 640, Keno Road – Citizen Edward Turner informed that there is approximately 0.8 miles of Keno Road that needed paving. It serves as a commuter road for several citizens to get to work. The surface is usually rough. He was grateful for the Rural Rustic Program and realizes that the county needs are greater than the VDOT funding. Citizens Noel Quesenberry and David Bachmeier also filled out attendance cards in regards to Route 640, Keno Road, but did not speak. (note: Rt. 640, Keno Road is currently on the plan)

Route 764, Panther Creek Road – Citizen Deborah Tibbitt speaking on behalf of her and her husband, requested that the gravel portion of Route 794 be tar/graveled from Route 763 to Pulaski County Line, a distance of about 2.5 miles. They have been visiting from Virginia Beach for 10 years and relocated to the area. Ditches and culverts need to be better maintained on the road. Potholes are only fixed twice a year. She had forwarded a video of the road issues to Supervisor Bob Martin.

Mr. Martin asked if the total 2.5 miles could not be funded, would Ms. Tibbitt like to see a section of it paved. She replied that paving the section to Falls Branch would be great, a section of about 1 mile. Route 893, Round Hill Road - Citizen Reed Donelli requested that the scraping (i.e., machining) be discontinued on Round Hill Road, due to the mud that the activity creates. The road was also requested to remain on the list to be paved. Citizen Terry Holshouser name was also shown on the Donelli's attendance card, but he did not speak. (note: Rt. 893, Round Hill Road, is currently on the plan)

Route 916, Heritage Road Citizen Emily Padgett desires for Route 916, Heritage Road, to be added as a Rural Rustic Project. She thinks the width is OK. Traffic has doubled due to fishing activities. Dust and potholes are terrible on road, and the potholes create dangerous situations for children. Children have hit their mouths on school bus seats due to the rough road. A Carroll County patrol car flipped and crashed on the road. She thanked the BOS for listening to her concerns. Citizen David Padgett also filled out an attendance card in regards to Route 916, Heritage Road, but did not speak.

The Public hearing was closed at 6:49 pm.

After the hearing the following items were discussed:

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- 1) For the Rt. 640, Keno Road project, it should be possible to pave up to the existing low water bridge.
- 2) The approach of using the traffic counts (or ADT's) should be an impartial way to rank projects on the Secondary Six Year plan. For the existing projects that were discussed this evening, the projects would move up on the priority list if using the ADT approach.
- 3) Using the input that was received, VDOT will draft up a plan for the Board consideration and approval.
- 4) VDOT explained that Carroll has approximately \$75,000 that can be used for safety improvements. If there are no objectives, the funding will be used to improve the sight distance on a Route 221 curve at the intersection with Route 666. No objectives were noted.

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING - HEIRS TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Cornwell told that the Code of Virginia allows the County to adopt to impose a tax on the amount equal to 1/3 of the amount of state tax on the probate of a will. He told the same section allows you to impose a \$25 fee on the listing of heirs. He told that the public hearing is to choose one or both or neither.

Mr. Hendrick opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Gerald Goad told that basically on behalf of his office he just needs something signed. He told a Public Hearing was held back in 2010 on the same subject. He told that he does ask that you consider the citizens, it is our responsibility to probate wills and family's are grieving the loss of a loved one already. He told that he does not have any opinions on this matter, he does not endorse this or condone it. He told that this is strictly up to you, he just needs to know how to enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to thank him for coming in to office early.

Mr. Hill asked how much funding this would bring in.

Mr. Goad told that it would all depend but they did pull some numbers and they are averaging about \$400 a month on the 1/3. He told that they average about 10 list of heirs a month.

Mr. Hendrick closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Martin told that we are facing a \$3.5 million shortfall and we are going to have to make some hard decisions. He told that \$25 didn't make or break them. He asked how much would it be a loss in revenue.

Mr. Hendrick told about \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Martin told that it sounds like peanuts but what would it be in 10 years.

Dr. Littrell asked if the money goes to the General Fund. He told that he would like to hear from the budget committee and see what they think.

Mr. Martin told that it is not that much money but when you start adding it up.

Mr. Hill told that we can do either or.

Mr. Cornwell told that you can do the 1/3 or the \$25 or you can do both.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that they are currently paying the 1/3 now.

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Mr. Goad replied yes.

Mr. Cornwell told that the State imposes a \$25 fee that we have nothing to do with, this would be an additional \$25 fee.

Mr. Hill asked if it matters the number of heirs or if it is just \$25.

Mr. Cornwell told that it is for filing a list no matter how many.

Mr. Martin told that he moves we leave this for the budget committee to review.

Mr. Robbie McCraw seconded the motion.

Dr. Littrell told that we don't like to rush into anything but this is something that Gerald needs done as quickly as possible to get it on the books. He told that time is of the essence.

Mr. Martin withdrew his motion.

Mr. Robbie McCraw withdrew his second.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved to codify what we are already doing at this time which is the 1/3.

Mr. Hendrick told for those of you reading this, it is number 1.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved for the Budget Committee to review the collection of the \$25 fee for list of heirs.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING - SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Hendrick opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Dr. Littrell told that the State has increased their funding and it is roughly \$1.4 million is that correct.

Mr. Hendrick replied yes.

Mr. Hendrick closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

(Order)

ECO MOU - SHERIFF GARDNER

Sheriff Gardner that he needs to seek your approval on doing this. He told that they do a tremendous amount of emergency custody orders on mental health issues. He told that within the last two years that has changed, it is now a minimum of 6-8 hours before we can start the transport and that may be to Va. Beach or Marion, where ever there is a spot open. He told that what they are finding at least on two occasions, we have had two people meet at the same spot in Waynesboro, one going to Petersburg and the other coming here but they cannot switch prisoners. He told that it is causing a tremendous financial burden on just affording the overtime to get this done. He told that the state is not reimbursing us for that. He told that we are trying to come up with something that would remedy that with Mt. Rogers. He told that Mt. Rogers has already been awarded a grant to do Twin County Hospital as a drop off point. He told that they have 3 CO's at the hospital right now. He told that it has worked in other places in the state and if the hospital was a drop off and it meets the criteria they can stay there. He told they are hiring S Cops and they can sit with them while at the hospital and they can also do the transport. He told that it would be a tremendous savings for us. He told that this won't work on every one of them but it if works on half that would help. He told that they are asking for permission to enter into a MOU and wanted you to know that this is available.

Mr. Hendrick told that general consensus of the Board will work.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it would be a big benefit.

Mr. Martin asked if it would apply for juveniles.

Sheriff Gardner told that it could apply to juveniles.

Mr. Martin asked who picks up the cost.

Sheriff Gardner told that we do, it comes from his budget. He told that it is not a choice, it is mandated by the State.

Mr. Martin told that it is a great idea that somebody come up with.

Mr. Cornwell told that the minutes will reflect that the Board is in consensus with the MOU.

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hendrick told that we have one that is not on the list and it is Michelle Dalton for the alternate to the NRVJR.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Robert Beasley to the Planning Commission.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Benny Robinson to the Solid Waste Authority.

Dr. Littrell told that he serves on the IDA and asked if there is an issue with that.

Mr. Cornwell replied no, we have an opinion on that.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Michelle Dalton as the alternate to the NRVJR.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Cornwell told that he also serves as the attorney for the NRVJR and he wanted to advise the Board of the excellent job that Ms. Cannon does as your representative. He told that she serves as the Treasurer and most of the members would tell you she is fiscally responsible.

(Order)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mr. Hendrick told that it is not a dramatic update other than they are in the process of first round interviews. He told that they are still receiving and reviewing interviews. He told that they are not done performing first round interviews.

(Order)

BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hendrick told that the change is the presentation would be in May, the Public Hearing in June and a special called meeting on June 27th. He told that the largest issue is the school but we are not ready to present tonight.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the amended budget calendar as presented.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Dr. Littrell told that he may miss the called meeting in June because he already had something scheduled. He told that he can let you know closer to time.

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

No one was signed up to speak.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Hill told that he has been reading minutes back to 2009 and each year we fuss about the budget and our financial situation and we have a tendency to kick the can down the road. He told that this year we are at a dead end alley and it is going to be tight this year. He told that we have one of the highest property rates in Southwest Virginia and he for one doesn't want and probably will not vote for an increase.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is truly enjoying this learning experience and he is pleased to serve the citizens of the County. He told that staff has been great as well as the gentleman on the Board.

Dr. Littrell told that this isn't his first six year road plan and each time he hears horrible stories and it would be nice if we can fix them all. He told that some sound downright dangerous and they get shifted around. He told that he wishes we could do more and hopes that the state will come up with more money. He told that he can help with the Children at Play signs. He told that the Moose Lodge in Galax has provided them in the past and if anyone needs those he can make the request. He asked if we are going to have trash pickup this year.

Ms. Adams told that it is the same as usual and she can get the bags for you.

Dr. Littrell told that it is a great thing and many civic organizations do it.

Mr. Martin asked what the Economic Development Announcement that the Governor did at Crossroads.

Ms. Cannon told that it has been postponed until the 18th of April.

Mr. Martin told that he gets the comparative financial report from the Treasurer and some are good and some are bad and asked Ms. Cannon what her take on it is.

Ms. Cannon told that she hates to speak on this report because it is not something that she generated but it does match our financial report. She told that it used to be that we sent the school transfer in December and now we divide by 12 and send each month. She told that they may have gotten the whole transfer in the report.

Mr. Martin told that he is just trying to understand.

Ms. Cannon told that we look almost in line to where we were last year.

Mr. Martin told that he doesn't understand why we cut the personal real estate.

Ms. Cannon told that the personal property increased. She told that it was a shifting of taxes last year.

Mr. Hendrick told that you have heard that the budget is not good. He told that the gap is under \$3 million currently and you have two options, you have to raise capital or cut cost or a combination. He told that this is his 3rd year on the budget committee and we are at the point of no more kicking the can. He told that we have used cash balance to balance in the past and we are not going to do that, it is not a good practice. He told that it means more cuts and more capital raised. He told that we have to figure out what the balance is between the two.

Mr. Hill told that we can blame the state when they didn't fund schools a couple years back and we still haven't recovered.

Mr. Hendrick told that you have heard it numerous times, QSCB, last year's payment was earmarked in cash balance. He told that this year is not. He told that there is not enough money to earmark and we still have to pay the QSCB. He told that we are going to have to make some hard decisions.

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Mr. Martin told that is the Middle in High School and the good news is it is no interest but you had to do it in 15 years. He told that we have to find some positive and it is the County has renovated schools and we have done all that with cheap interest money so we are way ahead but it hurts in the mean time.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that he will echo what Jim said about Nikki, she is doing a great job and puts a lot of hours in and staff and everybody in general and he appreciates everyone's hard work.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk