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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, July 10, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Joshua Hendrick  
Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Bob Martin  
Phil McCraw  
Robbie McCraw  
Steve Truitt, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hill, 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, A3. A5, A8).

Mr. Truitt explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

1. Discussion or 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.
3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
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.
8. In the case of boards of visitors of public institutions of higher education, discussion or consideration of matters relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and grants and contracts for services or work to be performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public institution of higher education in Virginia shall be subject to public disclosure upon written request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government" means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political subdivision thereof; (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity created under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of foreign persons or foreign legal entities, or any legal entity created under the laws of a foreign government; and (iii) "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory or protectorate thereof.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved to come out of Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, 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. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation.

Dr. Littrell lead in pledge.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on June 12, 2017.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing during the August meeting regarding the proposed Real Estate Tax Exemption.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved approve an additional allocation for Social Services and requested to approve the reclassification of CSA expenditures out of the Social Services Budget.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to reclassify CSA budget for FY2018 to a separate department. CSA is not under the purview of Social Services, the budget is controlled by CPMT, this needs to be moved out of Social Services Budget.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**LAW LIBRARY**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the Law Library Fund for FY17 in the amount of \$5,338.75.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**DR. SPRINKLE – WCC UPDATE**

Dr. Sprinkle told that he is going to give a brief update. He told that he wants to recognize a couple of board members and he appreciates their efforts. He told that Carroll County continues to have the highest number of graduates and they continue to partner with the school for dual enrollment and they enjoyed a great working relationship with Dr. Blankenship and we look forward to working with Dr. Perry. He told in the fall they had 589, duplicated count. He told they are seeing a little shift towards career and technical education. He told in the spring they saw an increase to 693. He told this summer we had a huge increase in interest, actually a 300% increase with 68 students participating in dual enrollment in associates degree programs and 29 students completed certificates or degrees from WCC and 27 students earned credentials in other areas. He told they have increased opportunities at Crossroads and they have added welding

stations and courses are scheduled to begin this fall. He told that they have also added the capacity for the first year of the machining program and they are excited about that. He told the Regional Practical Nursing pinning was held at Crossroads for the first time and they have also added a new health simulation lab. He told they have a simulated hospital patient in a simulated environment. He told in workforce development he thinks it is important to remember that WCC is not one of the larger schools in the system but right now we were awarded 548 credentials and that places us 7<sup>th</sup> out of 23. He told they are also offering a non-curriculum workforce development welding class. He told that they are a regional hub for truck driving and they are partnering with others on that. He told that he doesn't know if any of you who have been on campus but if you have you will see the power poles off to the left. He told the power line program started out with 9 students and 7 completed, it is a 14 week program. He told an interesting thing happened with that, power companies got so interested in those students they were bidding up starting pay. He told that several students had offers and they ranged from \$17.50 to \$23.40. He told the next class will start in September. He told they were awarded \$630,000 in partnership with Southside Community College and that is to start an underground power worker program. He told they have done a Workforce Credentials Grant Program that will make it more affordable for students, so instead of the student having to pay \$4,500 for a program they would only have to pay a third of that. He told included in that is the power line worker, nurse aide, welding and the CDL truck driver training. He told they have been able to get funding if a person can establish domicile, they can get that \$4500 program for as little as \$450. He told a huge barrier has been lifted. He told that there are a couple pieces of literature in the packet that he would like for you to review and he wants you to be aware of on the website, if you click on a category it shows up to date information. He told it will tell how many positions are open in the field, salary and projections on growth. He told that there is a legislative piece in your packet and there is a Hillsville residents featured in that. He told that he appreciates the opportunity to share information about your college and the things that are going on.

Mr. Martin told that it may not be the biggest college but it has certainly had a positive dynamic influence on Carroll County young men and women that went there. He told that he went there and his daughter went there and he has never regretted it and only has positive thoughts about it.

Mr. Hill told that he went there for two years and he appreciates the education that he received there.

Dr. Sprinkle told that there is a lot to be proud of right now.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he really appreciates what you are doing for career and technical, he is involved in that in his daily job. He told that it is almost impossible to find electricians or plumbers. He told that we are going to be striving for that field shortly because everyone is aging out.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there have been any labor need discussion with the construction industry, like transportation. He told that they have a labor shortage in the industry. He told that he has reached out to local colleges and he knows you offer an engineering program but the curriculum has changed and it is geared more towards transferring to a 4 year college. He asked if there is any discussion about bringing in a more technical Associates Degree that had the core classes.

Dr. Sprinkle told that he thinks that we are always open to looking at needs. He told what would be best is if we have a specific conversation with you about those needs. He told that there are two things that they have to have

### **DEMI SEXTON – VA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Thank you all for letting me come to speak tonight. I'll just give you a background of what I'm doing in Extension, what the position is and a little bit about me. My name is Demi Sexton. I'm from Pulaski, Virginia. I went to Virginia Tech in Applied Agricultural Economics. This position came open with Extension at the end of last year and it is a Family Consumer Sciences position so that can cover anything from nutrition, food

safety to family financial management; my side is the financial piece. Danny Peak who is the Southwest District Director for Extension and Travis Statton, the Southwest Virginia United Way CEO got together and formed this position to provide financial education for Carroll County, Grayson County and the City of Galax. This partnership is developed to create a Financial Stability Center, that name might change. I may send you all a survey about the name of that at some point. Our focus is on financial education because there is an obvious need so some things that we looked at to determine this need would be the asset/poverty rate. That means the percent of households that don't have enough income of three to six months saved up in case something bad were to happen and you can see those numbers below. Wise County is on there because there is another stability center down there as well. We also looked at the unbanked rate and that's folks that do not have a checking account or savings account with a regular financial institution. We look at the underbanked rate so that means they may have a banking account but they're not utilizing it a whole lot but they're also using these predatory lending companies or loan places that have a very high interest rate. Then, we're also looking at the poverty level as well. Although those are good markers for our target population, financial education is for anybody. I think anybody can benefit from it. We are currently in the development phase so I've been meeting with folks at Crossroads and the institutions there like Wytheville Community College; Hope House, I've been working there in the evenings with the guys that come there; Hope, Inc. who has connections over here with Mount Rogers; any local business or community member. We're working with them to start a relationship so that we can reach our target population essentially. We have an office at the Carroll County Extension office on Oak Street. In Galax, I'm using the Town Manager's conference room and the United Way has an office there as well and I have an office in Independence at the Gate Center which is the old Sheriff's office. I'll just tell you all a little, quick story. It won't be long. I'm currently working with a couple. They're out of Galax. I think this story gives a good idea of what I'm doing and why we need to do it. A couple out of Galax called; they saw a write-up in the newspaper about what I'm doing. They said, hey, we have this loan and we need to look at some other options. They had a loan from a predatory lending company; their interest rate was 35.83 percent. Their payment's \$249 a month so I think \$170 some is just interest. It's like a \$6,000 loan and so we sat down to do a financial history. I always start with that like what money do you have saved up, who do bank with, that kind of stuff. They don't have much in checking or savings because they've got bills to pay. They are living on SSI and they really needed help. They decided to contact a local bank to see if we can get them a better loan with a better interest rate because I explained what that 35.83 percent meant but they didn't qualify for that because of some credit issues so we looked into that. That came up about five or six things on their credit; none of them they've done. I sat down with them and figured out what they could afford if we called each company to pay those things off each month. They were not familiar with those things so each company gave me an address and that address was of their neighbor. Their neighbor has started these accounts. I think when we think of identity theft we think of someone across the ocean doing that to us and it's actually right beside of us. I'm working with them to move forward with pressing charges and getting that removed from their credit. That's one story. So, hopefully, those things will be removed and go to the bank for a better loan with a better interest rate in the end and that person can be taken care of. Do you guys have any questions?

Mr. Martin responded, "Maybe we need your services at Budget time."

Ms. Sexton stated that these criteria, you don't have to fall within these criteria. I think my paper says I've had three individual appointments; I think that's grown that's tripled know. People are just calling and saying I need help with this. Not just financial stuff; there's an individual working with resumes, job interview skills, that type of thing.

Mr. Martin asked if she ever thought about expanding into high schools. Some of these kids, they don't have a clue.

Ms. Sexton said yes, I've worked with Jonette Mungo when I first started at this job because I was just getting my feet wet with it and we did Real Money, Real World at Carroll County Middle School. We went in and spent several weeks there and gave them financial education. Some of them did not even understand what's the difference between my gross salary vs. my net salary, what I'm taking home. They had to choose an

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occupation and the ones that chose bull riding were shocked to learn when they had to come pay their utility bill that they couldn't afford it. It's an eye opener, but I personally would like to get, that's 4-H side of Extension, in with the graduating seniors. They're about to go off to college to wherever they choose and sometimes at colleges they have those tables with the free pizza and the T-shirt, sign up for a credit card and they need to know how to manage their money as well.

Mr. Martin stated that it was always amazing to him the amount of kids that were coming out of college and I didn't think they had a clue about applying for a job or job interview skills and so forth.

Ms. Sexton said it was a broad thing. We kind of want to offer tax preparation as well. And the Center is not a center, that's why we're changing the name. I cover Grayson, Galax and Carroll so I'm on the road all the time but my contact information is at the top of this page so if you ever need anything or have any questions, let me know.

Mr. Hendrick stated he thinks it's great. This is what we've been supporting with our commitment to United Way, part of it. Just so y'all know if you put everything together what she was talking about was at the Middle School. That was put through United Way as well which is a great program and I know other Board members has said the same thing. I remember when I first started in this arena in 2011 and I went to the teachers and I said can we do a real-world class. I said we've got kids in the workforce that can't balance a checkbook. We've got grown adults that don't know what a 35 percent interest rate will do to them even if it's just on six grand. It'll eat you alive; I mean that's worse than a credit card.

Ms. Sexton stated it is very sad.

Mr. Hendrick continued stating any of these efforts we can do, you're going to see huge dividends in society as it comes back so I appreciate what you do.

Ms. Sexton replied our thing we say is if we're affecting our local communities, we're affecting southwest Virginia, in turn we're affecting our state in the bigger picture if that makes sense.

Mr. Hendrick said the asset/poverty rate, not to try to argue numbers, I think that's low. We got us at 23 percent, Carroll County. I would venture a guess at a more accurate number is going to bump closer to 50. That's just my guess.

Ms. Sexton responded that some people look at it and say oh poverty rate, that's actual if you have three to six, well it depends on who you listen to, the money you have saved up to live on in case you lose your job. In this area, a lot of the businesses have left so we've got small businesses and we've got people traveling to Volvo in Dublin. Also, having people, it's not just sitting down and let's create your budget; if you have a budget and get laid off at Volvo, how are you going to make things work during that time.

Mr. Martin told that she may want to go by and introduce yourself to the new school superintendent, also from Pulaski.

Ms. Sexton said I know her; she was at the high school when I was there. I will do that.

Mr. Martin stated that we are glad to have you.

Ms. Sexton replied with a Thank you.

Dr. Littrell said I was just reading in a magazine, I think it was AARP this morning as a matter of fact, that half of the population of the United States does not have \$400 available immediately for emergency expenses. To me that was quite telling.

Ms. Sexton stated hopefully, this can make a difference. Thank you all very much.

(Order)

## **CELL TOWER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Hendrick to lead the discussion.

Mr. Hendrick asked Steve Truitt and Steve Durbin if they had a chance to look into any route to regulate where the cell towers go?

Mr. Durbin said it really depends on what your goals are and what you mean by regulating.

Mr. Hendrick said where they can put them.

Mr. Durbin said I think we talked about on mountain ridges. I think that's what was mentioned last month. You have some limited options; three sources of authority to regulate something of that nature. Number 1 would be under the Subdivision Ordinance which doesn't give you a lot to work with in terms of use. It really is tailored to when you subdivide land. There are setback provisions in the Subdivision Ordinance but they're minimal. You're not going to get a lot of impact that way. Second thing we discussed is the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance. We looked at that in terms of wind turbines, I think, was the main focus a few years ago. Cell towers are specifically exempted from that part of the code so you cannot regulate them through a Ridgeline Protection Ordinance. The only route that I see would be through the same chapter of the Code that addresses zoning. If you were not interested in adopting a full-blown zoning ordinance, I think you could go through that process perhaps and designate certain areas that you wanted to protect whether that be in terms of "No cell towers in these locations; No cell towers of a certain height in these locations; or One hundred foot or less approved by right, higher than that would require special exception or something of that nature." You could also address design to some extent using that procedure to perhaps permit mono-poles by right but for lattice towers you have to have a special exception. He told you would have to go through that process, have to have a public hearing. He told that you would not, as he reads the code have to adopt regulations over the entire county. He told you could have a mountain top district.

Mr. Hendrick asked if any effective route would be through zoning in one form or another.

Mr. Durbin replied yes, that is really the only way you have.

Mr. Hendrick told that is what he figured the answer would be and he appreciates you looking into it. He told that he has a handout and that is about 70 feet from that house and the tower is about 150 foot tall. He told you can see the houses built around it and it was installed in the middle of them.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if you could do a fall zone setback.

Mr. Hill asked if under the subdivision ordinance could you do a setback specifically for towers.

Mr. Durbin told that he can look at that. He told in high growth counties you have more flexibility under the ordinance and he can take a look at that and see. He told for example adopt a setback equal to the height of whatever structure you are building.

Mr. Hendrick told safety wise is it ever going to fall, I doubt it but one of the topics that we looked at was ice sheets and you know what that is going to look like when it falls off not to mention whatever assessed value the house had, it just went down.

Mr. Martin told that it is probably a good time to bring you up to snuff, about 3 years ago we talked about windmills and there was a company that was interested in putting up windmills on Stoots Mountain, over towards Austinville. He told currently that company is planning 8 windmills on Poplar Camp which is in Carroll. He told that he knew it would only be a matter of time and that has come to pass. He told that he and his brother own the first part of the mountain and they were contacted last year and since then they

have met and they want to put at least windmills. He told they have put a 300-foot test tower on our property and it didn't take them long to decide it is feasible. He told we are to the point where they want us to sign an agreement. He told all 8 of the windmills would be in Carroll County. He told they are working to get right of ways and they want to sign agreements with landowners. He told they are three bladed and at some point, they have to construct power lines to connect into the APCO grid. He told they are tying up a lot of money to get the sights. He told that he is guessing that those towers are a million dollars each and he hopes there is some way to get some tax revenue off of it.

(Order)

**CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGN**

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if we have any on hand now.

Dr. Littrell told that he has two at the office.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he needs a couple for Wisler Drive, there are children out and there have been a lot of complaints about cars going to fast.

Dr. Littrell told the Moose Lodge in Galax has provided those.

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Phil McCraw told the nomination he made last month didn't work out and he wants his name taken off.

Mr. Martin told we have some good folks on there and we really need to fill the spot.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Ronnie Collins to the IDA to replace Benny Robinson.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Damon Alley told that they are from Wythe County. He told that they wanted to come today to let you know and discuss how our baseball team was done at the Rec Department. He told that the kids worked all seasons and won championships to come up here and get disqualified. He told that they think they were wrongfully done. He told they won 8 games straight to get through the Wythe County season and 4 of those being in the tournament. He stated that they were told that pool A and it even states at the top of that bracket that it was its own entity and that once they made it past the county championship and went to pool B that it was its own tournament. He told they asked again when they met about this at Wythe County prior to us getting to Carroll and they stated yes. He told that most of your teams on average have three pitchers and they stayed in the winners bracket and fought through 24 innings just to get there so it's a struggle to get through six teams in our county. He told another issue is how they have the counties broke up, you have Wythe and Carroll fighting for six teams. He told what they were told after they won the county championship is that it was its own bracket and our pitching count reset.

Mr. Martin told that it is difficult with the number of pitchers to go through a bunch of games.

Mr. Alley told they figured it up and if you hit the losers bracket that is 30 innings that you have pitchers trying to pitch through. He told they were comfortable knowing when they got through Wythe that their pitching counts would reset. He told that they come up here and felt like we were made a mockery of, like we were a bunch of cheaters. He told that as a Rec Department they should be there for the kids. He told that there were two Wythe County teams and those two teams were ejected for the same things. He told Carroll County Rec Department knew before we took the field that we were misinformed on the pitching rules and they let us take the field and let us win and when we won they took it away from us. He told that our pitchers had over 48 hours rest, we put one pitcher in that had pitched his 15 innings in the prior tournament which we were told we were at a clean slate and as soon as we put him in they called our coaches for a meeting. He told that we had turned in all of our pitching records to Wythe County Rec and they didn't have that on hand and disqualified us prematurely. He told it is hard telling 10 and 12 year olds that they worked their tails off all season to get it took away from them like that.

Mr. Martin told it sounds like to me the whole thing should have been taken care of before it got on the field instead of hurting kids.

Mr. Alley told that we have three now that have stated they think they are done with baseball. He told they not only took this game away from them, these kids practice day in and day out at home and with their team and with no reasoning except it's a technicality.

Mr. Martin told that he knows generally about what you are talking about and it sounds like that somebody in Wythe County missed the boat and it may even extend. He told it should have been settled before the kids got to the field. He told that if there was a problem he would call the Rec Department.

Mr. Alley told that is where they are with it, Wythe County did miss the boat. He told that he doesn't know if you are aware, the Rec Department Leader has actually resigned today for such instances. He told it was known information especially after the first game with the 7-9 year old's that Wythe County was misinformed. HE told they even changed the batting rules on us twice before we started. He told that they need to look at the umpires and their knowledge of the sport. He told the umpire picks up the ball at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and says dead ball.

Mr. Martin told that the Board in the past have encouraged the Rec Department to always stress signing up kids and advertising because this Board wants as many kids as possible to take part. He told that he doesn't have a solution.

Mr. Alley told they want their kids to take part but not after the season they had. He told we don't want them walking away not wanting to play the game anymore and that is where we are with it now.

Mr. Martin asked if there is someone over Carroll, Grayson and all of them to make sure everyone knows the rules.

Mr. Alley told to his knowledge there is not, everybody pulled out of Dixie a few years back and they made up this and just ran with NHFS rules and made it more of a regional deal. He told from his understanding you were playing by a different set of rules wherever you went.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the biggest reason all of the counties pulled out of Dixie youth.

Mr. Alley told that he doesn't know, he has only been involved since his child came of age. He told his first year was when they started Rec and he thinks someone needs to

head it up to make sure everybody is on the same page. He told it is a devastating blow to explain to kids.

Mr. Martin told anytime you hurt the feelings of kids, he apologizes on behalf of Carroll County if we have hurt the kid's feelings. He told anytime you do that it makes hard feelings.

Mr. Alley told the biggest thing was knowing they had the knowledge to turn this around but they chose to sit on it. He told it was almost like they were waiting on us to do it. He told that it looked like it was premeditated.

Mr. Martin told that he knows everybody wants to win and sometimes you put too much pressure on 7 or 8 years old. He told his granddaughter plays coach pitch and it sounds like the World Series when he goes to games.

Mr. Alley told they it wasn't too much pressure on the kids, they worked hard to get there and he feels like they would have been strong competition for Carroll but we won't know that now.

Mr. Hill told that he sympathizes with the position you were in, that is difficult when you forfeit or on the other end because you didn't win.

Mr. Alley told we could have took a lose better than that.

Mr. Hill told going forward we will strive to do better and direct our people to make sure we don't have something like this happen again, maybe we can have pretournament meetings.

Mr. Truitt told that he has spoken with our Rec Department and they all agree that we will have a Pre-tournament meeting in the future. He told that he realizes that you all didn't get notice of it but the rules did go out 15 days prior.

Mr. Alley told that we were playing by the rules that we were given from our Rec.

Mr. Truitt told the whole sportsmanship aspect is a different matter.

Mr. Alley asked who the rules went to, he is just curious.

Mr. Truitt told it went out by Matt Foy on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Alley asked if it was for just this tournament.

Mr. Truitt replied yes.

Mr. Alley asked if there were special rules for just this tournament.

Mr. Truitt told that it is a tournament, it wasn't an extension of the league.

Mr. Alley asked if it was a separate tournament, so our pitching count should have been reset.

Mr. Truitt told that he doesn't know about that.

Mr. Hendrick told that this is citizens time and we are over three minutes.

Mr. Jacobs told Mr. Alley did a pretty good job at explaining what happened. He told that he is a coach and so he has move of the details and it comes down to the lady who was taking care of us from Carroll and through his conversation with Mr. Truitt he found out that she wasn't the Director and she probably want' the person who should have been making the call about our disqualification. He told that what bothered him the most is Kevin Watson, the Director from Grayson was there with her and pushed the issue of the pitching records. He told for the tournament, our pitching records we didn't have, Scotty

Vaught kept those records himself and our pitching coach would go sign those after the game so we never had a copy. He told them that they could get them to them. He told he pointedly asked this lady if she knew there was a problem why didn't you tell us because there was other problems. He told that she said the game had already started. He told that when he talked to Mr. Truitt she informed him the reason she didn't tell us was she assumed because we were county and not Wytheville that we should know the same rules and that is not true at all. He told the decision wasn't even made while we were standing there, she called the head coach at 11:19 and at 11:25 she got him to let him know we were disqualified and the only people left were her and the gentleman from Grayson and she told him based on a conversation she had with someone from Galax that she was making the call that they were disqualified. He told the questions he has are why did she make the call on advice from Galax with only Grayson reps with her, why did it have to be made at 11 at night its not the Carroll County baseball league it is the Southwest baseball league consisting of Floyd, Grayson, Carroll and Wythe. He told it would have made more sense to let everybody in on the decision making process. He asked why was the decision made at 11 pm without our pitching logs available, why were we not warned and notified during the game. He told if they had let us know during the first three innings we could have stopped it at that point because we hadn't over pitched. He told if they had overpitched it would have made more sense in all fairness to all the children to replay that game and then go on to the Championship.

Mr. Martin told it could have been addressed and settled long before the game and it was a lack of communication. He told at this point he doesn't know what you can do, we can strive to make sure the Carroll part is address before we get in this situation in the future.

Mr. Jacobs told that he hopes something good can come from this in some way because right now about half of the Wythe county teams have informed Wythe County Parks that they will not play with this league again. He told the county is split and each individual booster club and team has the option to go back to Dixie. He told as far as why did they withdraw from Dixie, his understanding is simply money, that it costs more for the county per child to play. He told you asked if there is a board overseeing this to make decisions so you don't have some unqualified person making a decision at 11 pm.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that if this is something that stays together as an organization, the rules need to be written before the season starts and they need to encompass the tournaments. He told that he knows it may cost a little more to be part of Dixie, but the cost that comes with that you have set rules and formats and there is no gray area. He told that it looks like there is some inexperience in this. He told he was involved for 30 years in youth sports, he worked with wrestling and there were set rules. He told there is a lot that needs to be addressed with this, they are growing pains and hopefully it is something we can resolve.

Mr. Martin told it makes a lot of sense for Carroll, Grayson, Wythe and Floyd to be involved in something.

Mr. Jacobs told that he doesn't have a problem with that and he thinks it is a great opportunity, but it has to be done correctly and needs to be managed. He told that he fully agrees that Wythe County is as corporable as Carroll's official and trust me in Wythe he has already went to their Board meeting. He told there is another meeting tomorrow and there are a great deal more parents going to be at that meeting.

Mr. Martin told that he assures that everybody on this Board in some way shape or form has been involved in youth activities. He told he would be glad to serve on a board to work it out, that is sort of his area of strength. He told if one kid suffered he apologizes.

Mr. Jacobs told there are 16 kids and the stands were full.

Mr. Martin told that he is sorry there was a problem. He told the lesson is you can't assume anything, everyone must have a copy of rules and he will be glad to be a part of that.

Mr. Jacobs told he hopes that comes to fruition. He told as his departed grandmother says, I have heard the wind blow before, we want to see what comes of this and we want to see results.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told Mr. Truitt he assumes that you have investigated the debacle.

Mr. Truitt told that he did and he summed it up best he could in the letter. He told there was blame to go around, he believes Wythe County was informed on the rules, whether they were the right rules he doesn't know. He told the teams came down the road not informed of the rules which is a shame. He told he doesn't know what Ms. Patton knew or when she knew it but it is not her job in life to run that entire league. He told she did the best she could under a lot of pressure. He told she has assistance from Mr. Foy in Galax and the gentleman from Galax was there but he had a vested interest. He told it is a shame, the kids were served poorly by all of us, even their own coaches were not informed. He told there really wasn't anybody there in charge, they tried to step into the void whether you agree with their decisions or not.

Mr. Hendrick asked if the Rec Commission provided their input since they are an advisory board, he would think this would fall under them.

Mr. Truitt told that he did not actually work with them.

Mr. Hendrick told that is what they are there for. He appreciates everyone coming out.

Mr. Phil McCraw told he appreciates the faithful few being here. He told that it has been an interesting meeting and he has enjoyed being here.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for being here, the same group as always.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that Century Link, he has people in the Fancy Gap area that are very upset with Century Links services provided of their internet service. He told that in that area it is fed off of Beamers Know and they have three customers that are paying for 10 mbs and they are not able to get it, they are only getting 9. He told the people have called Century Link and they are not getting anywhere with it. He told they are basically being told that there is no competition so they can do what they want to. He told that he feels like there is not a whole lot we can do about it, that is who is providing us service here at the Complex. He told a call or a letter to express our concerns.

Mr. Truitt told that we have been discussing the issues with Century Link the last few days and unlike others we do have a choice.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told his wife called to change our service at home to remove some of the options and they told her it would cost more to remove and they really didn't care because they have no competition.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it is a countywide problem.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates everyone that is here tonight and he appreciates staff and what they do. He told it is a thankless job and Steve, he appreciates your diligence in the Economic Development area.

Dr. Littrell told that he likes to see folks come and talk to us and hear about things that people have come in contact and how we can improve in the future.

Mr. Martin told he received some correspondence about something that was available to widows of policeman.

Mr. Truitt told that you approved holding the Public Hearing in the consent agenda. He told that basically it is an ordinance for surviving widows of policeman who would be exempt from real estate tax.

Mr. Martin thanked everyone for coming out. He complimented Steve on overtures and making contact with potential business prospects. He told we have a lot of things going on, lots of times we come close and one of these days we are going to get one. He told we do have a couple prospects now, he is not at liberty to discuss those.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk