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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, August 9, 2010 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Wesley G. Hurst
Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
David V. Hutchins
W.S. "Sam" Dickson
Andrew S. Jackson
N. Manus McMillian
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, disposition of real estate, prospective business, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not Present
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, 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

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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. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not Present
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

Mr. Hurst told that it was good to see everyone here this evening and he lead in invocation and pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on July 12, 2010 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not present
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for August 2010 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of September 2010 of checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

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VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not present
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

EMERGENCY SERVICES ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved an addition allocation in the amount of \$5000 from the Virginia Department of Emergency management. These funds will be used to improve the response and recovery efforts in case of a disaster.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not present
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CHILDREN AT PLAY RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the resolution for the Children at Play signs.

Installation of "Watch for Children" signs – Secondary Route 687 Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-210.2 of the Code of Virginia provides for the installation and maintenance of signs by the Virginia Department of Transportation, alerting motorists that children may be at play nearby, upon request by a local governing body; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-210.2 further requires that the funding source for the installation of such signs be designated, and in this case, the source shall be from the Secondary Road System Construction allocation for the County; and

WHEREAS, residents for a portion of Fishlake Road (Route 687) have requested that a "Watch for Children" signs be installed, as illustrated on the attached drawing titled "Route 687 - Fishlake Road – Watch for Children Signs."

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation to use funds from the Secondary Road System Construction allocation to install two "Watch for Children" signs at appropriate locations along Fishlake Road (Route 687) in Carroll County, Virginia.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Not present
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

CORRECTION IN MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved a correction in the June 14, 2010 minutes under Tax Rates/Budget. The County budget amount will be changed from \$39,909,569 to \$32,909,569.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Not present
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

ROLLOVER REQUEST

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the rollover requests below from FY2010 to FY2011.

Revenue:			Expenditure:		
33010-0025	Fed Aid - App Reg Comm	24,250.00	12050-9080	Tourism - ARC Grant	24,250.00
24040-0014	Other Cat Aid - FM	10,000.00	83060-9010	FM - Capital Outlay	10,000.00
24040-0011	Other Cat Aid - Tob Comm	94,762.67	83060-9020	FM - Tob Comm	94,762.67
24040-0014	Other Cat Aid - FM	4,809.15	83060-9030	FM - Cap Out Cooling	4,809.15
19020-1000	RC - Carryover	39,713.55	32020-7000	Vol Fire - Fire Pgms	39,713.55
19020-1000	RC - Carryover	34,690.65	32030-7002	Vol Resc - Four Life	34,690.65
24040-0049	Other Cat Aid - PSIC	308,620.98	35050-7010	EMS - PSIC	308,620.98

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19020-1000	RC - Carryover	5,044.09	35050-9087	EMS - LEMPG	5,044.09
		521,891.09			521,891.09
Total GF, Sch, Law Libr		73,300,483.08			
1% of total		733,004.83			

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not present
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

FUND BALANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the designed fund balance below.

FY2011 Recommended Operating Fund Balance

Fund Balance requirement - auditor recommendation 10% combined school and county budgets	\$ 7,257,160
Cash flow - provide cash July - October when expenditures exceed revenues	
Emergency operations - funds required without notice for major repairs/maint	
Business development - maintain balance to match business development grant funding	
Provide financial stability to improve credit rating and provide a source of interest income	
Reimbursement grants - grants requiring the expenditure of funds before requests for reimbursement	2,000,000
<u>Designated fund balance</u> - amounts accrued designated for specific items	<u>2,391,714</u>
Total Required	11,648,874
Current General County Operating Fund Balance (Treasurer's Report June 30, 2010)	<u>11,648,874</u>
Undesignated fund balance/(deficit fund balance)	<u><u>0</u></u>

Designated Fund Balance:

Stabilize debt service school construction	1,500,000
Courtroom Security Fees	182,076
Highway Safety Program	209,338
IT Capital Improvements	

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	240,300
Grant match LFFD truck	135,000
Grant match Library improvements	50,000
Grant match Cannery improvements	<u>75,000</u>
Total Designated	<u>2,391,714</u>

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

MT. ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the Performance Contract of the Community Service Board.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

There was no one to speak at citizen's time.

WCC PRESENTATION

Dr. Charlie White thanked that Board for letting him be here. He told that he has with him Carroll's representative on the WCC Board, Mava Vass and Dick Dalton. He told that over the last 4 years enrollment has went up from 1300 to 2450 and they are really proud of that. He told that in the spring of 2010 15.7% of their students were attending at Crossroads Institute and 115 courses out of 228 are held there. He gave some statistics on the number of enrollments over the last couple of years and stated that Carroll's

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numbers have been on the rise. He told that they offer a lot of programs at Crossroads including LPN, Construction Trades, Criminal Justice, Truck Driving and IT. He told that they just started their biggest program which is Behavioral Health and Disability. He told that it is taught online and has over 300 students enrolled. He told that they have several scholarships that help the students. The Wythe Bland Scholarship provides 2 years and 1 semester for any student who graduated from a Wythe or Bland County High School. He told that they also receive monies from the Tobacco Commission to help with scholarships. Dr. White told that they have hired several new staff. He told that the local funds are a great help and it is split between the counties. He told that they are building an auditorium, a new kitchen and some meeting rooms. He told that there is a new sign going out front and they are working on a hiking trail. Dr. White told that there has also been some work done in the parking lots. He told that there are some rumors going around that they are leaving Crossroads. He told that as always when the lease is up they are required to do an RFP. He told that they have a good relationship with Crossroad and there is too much going on to leave Galax unless they get a much better deal. He told that one problem they are having is the male dominate technical programs are losing enrollment and it is a problem everywhere.

Mr. Hutchins told that a member of the faculty serves on the CLEO Board and wanted to thank Mr. White for having him there because it is a great asset. He told that he would like to invite him to the next meeting on September 15th.

Mr. McMillian told them to keep up the good work.

Mr. Hurst asked about the high school students being able to graduate with an Associate's Degree.

Dr. White told that he does not know of anyone from Carroll County that has done that but it is something that they offer. He told that a lot of students do the dual enrollment and they had 6 people to graduate in May and then graduate from high school in June. He gave some statistics for dual enrolment over the last couple of years and told that this is the most progressive thing in higher education.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY 75th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Turner reviewed the number of visitors at the Visitors Center and for Crooked Creek. He told that last month they had 200 more people than they have ever had. He told that Tourism is looking a lot better than it did a year ago. Mr. Turner handed out information in the Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary and also went over the schedule of events. He told that there will be a formal ceremony on Friday morning at 11:00 and the Department of Interior, Virginia and North Carolina Governors, and Park Officials would be attending. He told that on that Saturday our Honor Representative will be announced and he would like for the Board Chair to introduce the representative. He told that Carroll County will have a booth with brochures and he told about the Antique Car Show.

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BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the resolution below.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY 75th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the 469 mile Blue Ridge Parkway joins Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains national parks and was built over a 52 year period from September of 1935 until its completion in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Parkway has remained the most visited unit in the National Park Service system since the 1940's and contributes to the region's prosperity, bringing more than \$2.3 billion annually to local economies; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County features 30 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway plus one of the most visited access points to the parkway at Fancy Gap; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway is one of the most biologically diverse places in the temperate portion of our planet, containing more species of trees than all of Europe, a number of protected species of plants and hundreds of historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Parkway shall continue its legacy by developing and sharing engaging information about the importance of this exceptional natural and cultural resource, involving local communities through events that focus attention on the history and stewardship of this treasure, and advancing a new generation of advocates who embrace Parkway values, speak out regarding future challenges, and actively work for a sustainable and healthy Blue Ridge parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway is also home to hundreds of historic structures and is a place where visitors come to make memories and enjoy the recreational opportunities that abound there; and NOW, THEREFORE, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY HONOR REPRESENTATIVE

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved Ms. Mava Vass as the Honor Representative for Carroll County.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes

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Mr. Dickson Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

HEIRS TAX PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cornwell told that the State has added provisions to the State Code to allow the county to adopt if they want. He told that the present state tax is 10 cents per \$100 with no tax on \$15,000 or less. He told that there is presently a \$25.00 filing fee and this would allow the county to collect an additional \$25. He told that if this is adopted it will go into effect immediately.

Mr. Hurst asked if the \$25 fee would go into the general fund.

Mr. Cornwell told that it would.

Mr. Hurst opened the Public Hearing at 5:53.

Ms. Carolyn Honeycutt told that this is the Board's decision and she does not endorse it. She told that it might help with the budgetary problem and the money would go into the general fund. She told that the fee has been \$16 for years and this would bring it more in line with family who have wills to probate. She told that at the most the fee would be \$51 and this is not a large fee, but it would affect some people.

Mr. Olen Gallimore told that he is reluctant to let the Board know how he feels because they don't what people say. He told that last month when they closed the road that everyone was opposed and they did it anyway and he could assure them that a lawyer is looking into it right now. He told that they are trying to punish people who try to have something. He told that if this is imposed not to spend many more tax dollars to showcase Rick Boucher.

Mr. Bennie Quesenberry told that if this is similar to the death tax he is opposed. He told that it is a privilege to pay taxes and he feels blessed to live here instead of a third world country. He told that he doesn't understand how the taxes are used and what they would be used for.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told that he is having trouble hearing everyone. He told that this is an inheritance tax. He told that he has seen where positions were being created and the guy who does the subdivision ordinance hired another man. He told that we need to spend wisely and to put it all out in the open. He told the Board not to put anymore tax on the citizens.

Mr. Ray Melton told that when people try to better themselves it doesn't work. He told that he had moved back to the area and is paying more tax than when he was away

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from home. He told that we need to stop adding taxes and to find something to make money on instead of taxing us to death.

Ms. Carolyn Honeycutt told that the level for a small estate is \$50,000 across the Board so any estate that is under that do not get taxed. She told that this is not an inheritance tax it is a probate tax. She told that this is just an additional fee and does not know why the State called it what they did. She read the letter that she sent to the Board and told that she is not endorsing this, it is a decision to be made by the Board.

Mr. James Dawson told that he does not oppose because he does not have a lot. He told that the problem is that no bank will appraise land at what the county has it at and they got stuck with land values when they were going up. He told that he has 10 acres that appraise at 44,000 and he would be glad to sell it. He told that he has lived here all his life. He told that most people get elected to get rid of someone else. He told that the current Board would be voted out to get someone else if they don't do what the people want. He told to not leave him like when he came back from Vietnam.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Smith presented the FY 2010 Year End Report with a Power Point presentation. After explaining the budget verses actual, revenues by category, expenditures and remaining balance she asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Dickson told that it is hard to question when the budget comes within 1 ½ %.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board Goals are in the packet under information. He told that the Tobacco Commission gave BRCEDA \$1 million for Wildwood and also \$300,000 on the Education Center for Crossroads Institute.

Mr. Larrowe told that this past Friday we held the USDA/Rural Development Celebration Day. He told that Mr. Hutchins was away that day in Richmond serving Carroll County. He told that the Deputy Undersecretary for USDA was here and that Carroll County has received over \$86 million from them in the last 10 years. He told that it is unheard of to have those kinds of dollars in Southwest Virginia. He told that we had a lot of staff and elected support and he wanted to thank everyone for their efforts. He told that the office has a meeting scheduled with the Deputy Secretary for Rural Virginia on August 24th.

BOARD GOALS 2010

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved the Board Goals for 2010.

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Mr. Hutchins told that he would like to see how they are going to quantify.

Mr. Larrowe told that there are a parallel set of Administrator action goals.

Mr. Hutchins told that it would have been good if they would have come together.

2010/ 2011 Goals of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors

1. Preserve and promote a high quality of life for Carroll County citizens.
 - a. Improve the variety and quality of recreational and cultural opportunities
 - b. Devote resources to implement programs for enhanced public relations and information delivery with County citizens
 - c. Provide for the expansion of the Property Maintenance Code enforcement, Litter Control program and anti-litter campaigns
 - d. Support Emergency Services for enhanced protection of life and property
 - e. Dedicate resources to renovate Library

2. Effectively support growth and development
 - a. Complete the Comprehensive Plan process
 - b. Codification of County ordinances
 - c. Develop continuity of government plan creating an organizational structure which will maintain through government transitions
 - d. Expand marketing efforts of the County with emphasis on Economic Development and Tourism
 - e. Leverage resources regionally
 1. Pursue opportunities to combine resources to standardize and increase the efficiency of local government
 2. Develop programs and networks which will capture outside resources to be used inside the communities
 - f. Dedicate resources toward a comprehensive Economic Development plan including the expansion of development efforts at Wildwood
 - g. Provide support of staff and operations through sound policy development
 - h. Coordinate with offices for expanded E-Government activities in all areas of County operation
 - i. Develop a balanced budget that provides an increase to fund balance
 - j. Develop policy for efficient and effective operations of the county in conjunction with Constitutional Officers, Boards and Commissions

3. Plan for future needs of Carroll County.
 - a. Coordinate with School Board Phase III Construction including emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) programs for

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- increased capacity in Workforce Development and increased access to higher education
- b. Encourage and support the deployment of Broadband technology throughout the County
 - c. Plan for the utilization of infrastructure investments in cooperation with the PSA

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved to allow the School Board to surplus 3.979 acres of their property to the Grover King Post 1115 VF and to establish a Capital Improvement Fund to deposit the proceeds for future school related projects.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for coming and told that it is good to see government at work. He told that they don't always give the answers that each person wants but they do listen to what citizens have to say.

Mr. Dickson told that it is good to see people out. He told that the Board does listen even though Mr. Gallimore says they don't. He told that on the abandoned road that he had walked it and could not see anywhere that farm equipment used it. He told that they try to listen and check things out and they do value your input. He told that we need to get a printout of the Woodlawn School property and look at it for something for recreation.

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Mr. McMillian thanked Ms. Smith and her department for their hard work and told that we are cutting things to the bone. He told that there continues to be cutbacks from the federal government and they keep sending things down and expect the localities to make up for it. He told that there is only so much we can do and told that he appreciates everyone coming out to voice their opinion.

Mr. Hutchins apologized for not being at the USDA Celebration Day but told that he was attending the VACO Steering Committee. He told that there has not been a representative from our area in some time and he had been asked to serve on two committees. He told that they discussed many things including sovereign immunity, unfunded mandates and aid to localities. He told that while there they presented a resolution on pay day lenders and thought we may want to look at it.

Dr. Littrell told that most things have already been said. He told that he encourages everyone to take part in the Blue Ridge Parkway 75th anniversary. He told that Fancy Gap is the busiest exit on the Parkway and he appreciates everyone for coming. He told that we do listen to everyone who speaks and he has a notebook of all the comments. He told that even if the decision doesn't go the way you want it does not mean that they don't listen. He commends the Finance Department and told that it shows how tight our budget is. He told that it was great to have the ribbon cutting at Loves and told that we get some kind of request every day, but we are in competition with other counties.

Mr. Hurst thanked the Administrator's and Finance Office for the work on the budget. He told that a lot of counties envy us and we have not had to raise taxes. He told that it is great to have everyone here and they always listen to the comments and try to find a solution.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board adjourned until September 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

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Chairman

Clerk