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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, November 16, 2009 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked Mr. Dickson to lead in prayer and pledge.

#### **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION**

Mr. Larrowe told that this month we would be recognizing Jack McGrady. He told that when you hear the name, Jack McGrady we all think different thoughts. We might think of how he joined the "Carroll Team" as a part time carpenter in 2004. We might think of the work that he did while with us like the Carter Pines Trail, the remodeling of offices, the design and creation of furniture needed in offices or the perfectly laid block on the Labyrinth. However, when I think of Jack McGrady, I think of another Carpenter that Jack resembled so much! Jack is a person who was always associated with positive, and never negative. Mr. Larrowe told that Jack grew up in Carroll County and resided here all of his life. He was married to Louis Jean and they have 2 children, Eddie and Debbie. Jack loved to fish, hunt and attend the Virginia Tech football games. However one of his passions was Mission work. Jack was in New Orleans after Katrina, and was in Mexico building houses. He was in our community with the Carroll Christmas Fund and many other attributes. Jack spent much of his time helping out his boss, Ricky, helping build a barn and finishing his basement and any other projects that he had going on. He told that before joining Carroll County, Jack worked for the School System in maintenance. Some of you may be surprised to know that when Jack was around 12 years old he would pretend to be an auctioneer in his neighborhood and would try to sell things. He went on to attend auctioneer school and worked with Dawn Auction and Dennis Ward. Jack worked the crowds and the people loved him. Mr. Larrowe told that it has been said that when you are born, you cry and the world rejoices. So, live your lives in such a way that when you die the world cries and you rejoice. He told that he has the faith to know that Jack is still a Carpenter.

Mr. Hutchins asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. McGrady. He and Mr. Hurst hung the plaque on the wall in the Board Room in remembrance.

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**RECESS**

Mr. Hutchins told that there would be no closed session and the Board would be recessing until 5:00 p.m.

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**CANA FIRE TRUCK BID**

Mr. McMillian told that this is a must and made a motion to accept the bid on the terms that were presented. Mr. Dickson seconded the motion and it passed.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**PIPERS GAP AMBULANCE**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved the purchase of an ambulance by Pipers Gap Rescue at no cost to the County and to allow for disposition or trade – in.

Mr. Larowe told that this has come through the ESB and they have approved it.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on October 13, 2009 as previously distributed to the

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members of this Board by its Clerk as recorded in Minute Book No. 25 in the County Administrator's Office.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for October 2009 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> days of November 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.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**LITTER CONTROL GRANT**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to allocate \$8233 from funds received for the litter prevention grant to carry out the County's annual cleanup program.

VOTES

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

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**TOURISM ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$44,250 from a grant from Appalachian Regional Commission to place an informational kiosk at the entrance to the Blue Ridge Parkway in Fancy Gap. The grant award along with matching funds from Carroll, Galax and Surry total \$47,500 and Carroll will act as the fiscal agent.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to transfer \$40,000 from Board Reserve to Legal Services.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to transfer \$20,400 from Capital Project Reserve to IT Consulting.

VOTES

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

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**APPROVAL OF RFP**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to issue an RFP for the completion of a compensation study for County employees. The scope of this study will include, but is not limited to, development of minimum staffing standards, review of job descriptions and FLSA exempt, non-exempt status, development of a pay grade and step plan and development of performance evaluation tools and processes. The study will encompass the positions under the direct supervision of the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors. In seeking proposals for this study the Board recognizes the value of human resources and the need for a competent high performing work force in order to achieve the goals the Board has set forth and to maintain the highest quality of life for citizens of Carroll County.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**SCHOOL BUS GARAGE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the following resolution regarding the School Bus Garage Transfer.

WHEREAS, the Carroll County School Board holds title to a certain parcel of real estate that the School Board now deems to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, this parcel of property is commonly known as:

the Carroll County Public Schools' Bus Garage site, located in the Pipers Gap Magisterial District in the Town of Hillsville, 116 Franklin Street and recorded in Deed Book 99, Page 444; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Carroll County School Board does hereby declare the aforementioned property to be surplus and directs that this resolution be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County in compliance with the Code of Virginia Section 22.1-129A, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Carroll County School Board desires and intends to continue using the fueling station on such property for School Board vehicles, including

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school buses, following its transfer of title to the property to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors; and the School Board respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors permit the School Board to use the fueling station for such purposes so long as the fueling station is operational; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Carroll County School Board be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the necessary deed of conveyance to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and take any other actions required to affect this transfer of title.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**ANIMAL CLAIM**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an animal claim to Henry Easter in the amount of \$120.00.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**SURPLUS ITEMS**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to surplus the Recreation Departments 1997 GMC Jimmy #IGKDT13W1CK511599.

**VOTES**

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

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

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**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the following resolution regarding the Business Advisory Council.

Whereas, existing Carroll County businesses play a vital role in providing jobs and contributing to the economic stability of the region, and

Whereas, the retention and expansion of existing Carroll County businesses is essential to the ongoing economic development efforts of the region, and

Whereas, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority recognize the importance of engaging and providing for the ongoing communication with Carroll County business leaders, and

Whereas, this collaboration between Carroll County business leaders and local government authorities would contribute to the identification and advancement of economic development opportunities in the region,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority do hereby jointly authorize and support the establishment of the Carroll County Business Advisory Council with the intent that the Council serve as a catalyst for organizing and sponsoring activities that promote economic vitality and contribute to the general welfare of the community.

To that end, we affix our signature as a sign of commitment to work together with Carroll County businesses to help ensure the economic success and sustainability of our community.

**VOTES**

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

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**NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Hutchins told that we held a Public Hearing on a proposed Nuisance Ordinance a while back.

Mr. Cornwell told that they are not trying to impose large fines on the citizens and that the purpose of the ordinance would be to allow citizens to complain if a dog was on their property. He went over the proposed ordinance and told that the Commonwealth Attorney is willing to prosecute according to it. He told that this would be a citizen driven ordinance and we would not go out looking for dogs on people's property unless we receive a complaint.

Mr. Hutchins told that this is not intended to be a leash law and it will be a complaint driven ordinance.

Mr. Cornwell told that this would be no different if a person goes onto someone else's property and trespasses. He told that the ordinances are almost identical.

Mr. Dickson asked if there is a time limit on a subsequent complaint.

Mr. Cornwell told that we could add within a year from the time the ACO writes up the complaint.

Mr. McMillian asked how long we maintain records.

Mr. Woods told that we keep them for five years.

Mr. Hurst asked about the classes of misdemeanors.

Mr. Cornwell told that there are 4 classes. He told that Class 1 is no more than 12 months confinement and a fine of no more than \$2500, Class 2 is no more than 6 months confinement and a fine of no more than \$1000, Class 3 is a fine of no more than \$500 and Class 4 is a fine of no more than \$250. He told that there is no subsequent offense in this ordinance and the judge can always do less.

Mr. Hurst told that he wants it to have some teeth to it, but he doesn't want people put in jail necessarily.

Mr. McMillian asked if the State Ordinance overrides our ordinance.

Mr. Cornwell told that it does not.

Mr. McMillian told that his first responsibility is to protect the citizens and no ordinance is going to be perfect. He told that every case will be different and people need

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to try to be good neighbors. He told that dogs can not read no trespassing signs and he doesn't want to adopt something that is not going to work.

Mr. Cornwell told that they would also have a court cost of \$65.00.

Mr. Jackson suggested that the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense be a Class 3 and if it happens a 4<sup>th</sup> time that the Class increases.

Mr. Cornwell told that he can do that, but he didn't want to make it complicated.

Mr. Hutchins asked Mr. Woods if he would be able to enforce this ordinance.

Mr. Woods told that it is enforceable and will be a solution to some issues. He told that it will increase the calls to some extent, but he thought that he would be able to handle it. He told that he agrees with Mr. Jackson and thinks that increase the Class for more offenses will help.

Mr. Hutchins suggested that we table this until December to get the changes made.

(Order)

### **ESB ACTIONS**

Mr. Larowe told that on June 24, 2009, Mr. Roger Hawthorne was placed on suspension from operating or being on Carroll County equipment, or responding to emergency calls associated with all Emergency Services operations until further notice. Carroll County did not suspend Mr. Hawthorne from the Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department, however he has not been allowed to respond to any Carroll County emergency calls since the suspension date. On November 12, 2009 the Emergency Services Board held their regular meeting. At this time, there was a motion made to reinstate Mr. Roger Hawthorne with the restrictions placed on him by HVFD. (to include a 6-month probation period, not being allowed to handle any Department funds and not being allowed to assume any leadership role in the Department) The motion passed with four votes yes and four abstentions. After further review and consultation with the County Attorney, it needs to be pointed out that the Emergency Services Board lacks the authority to place any suspended person back on County equipment without explicit approval of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors. Therefore Mr. Hawthorne is still a suspended until actions by the Board of Supervisors on the matter. Lack of action, continues the suspension of being on Carroll County equipment, or responding to emergency calls associated with all Emergency Services operations until further notice. He told that he has communicated this with the fire chief and Mr. Hawthorne. The actions of the ESB did not reinstate Mr. Hawthorne to use the equipment.

Mr. Jackson asked if he was only suspended from using County equipment because there is some equipment that is owned by the Town.

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Mr. Larrowe told that we have no authority to suspend him from the Town equipment.

Mr. Jackson told that he was under the impression that the ESB is an advisory board and should only be making recommendations not decisions on personnel issues.

Mr. Cornwell told that is correct, they should only be making recommendations.

Mr. Jackson told that he felt it is time to move on.

(Order)

### **QUALIFIERS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE**

Mr. Larrowe went over the qualifiers. He told that we have worked with the insurance carrier on the Jr. programs and it is up to us as to what age we allow. He told that these qualifiers should help us to get the highest qualified and trained individuals in leadership roles.

Dr. Littrell asked about #1, does it mean that they don't have to live within the county.

Mr. Larrowe told that we do have some that live outside the county and it should say within 5 airmiles. He told that we would get that corrected. He told that we are plotting the members on a map to see how close they are to the stations.

Mr. Larrowe told that progress is being made with the Capital Improvement Plan for EMS and it will tell what and when things need to be replaced.

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the following Qualifiers for Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

#### **Qualifiers for eligibility to volunteer with a Carroll County Fire Department or Rescue Squad**

- Live within the boundaries of Carroll County OR within coverage area or must live within 5 air miles of the station to be served from.
- If member belongs to both a Fire Department and a Rescue Squad, member is only eligible to serve as an officer in one agency
- Must be 18 years of age for Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- Must be 12 years of age for Junior EMT and 16 years of age for Fire Cadet program
- Must be 21 or over and hold an EVOC card to drive emergency vehicles

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- Must have a criminal background check
- Must submit to a drug screening upon application and future periodic random drug screenings or drug screenings for cause

**Items that will disqualify a member from volunteer service**

- A conviction of Driving Under the Influence in the past five years, or more than one conviction of Driving Under Influence in the applicant's lifetime.
- Any felony conviction.
- The use of any illegal drugs during the last twelve months.
- Illegal sale of any drugs or narcotics.
- Documented untruthfulness on applicant's application, or in response to requests made by the ESB or County Administration.
- Conviction of any domestic violence.
- Upon any police investigation until the outcome.

**Qualifier to hold an office for Fire**

- Fire Chief must be certified as Firefighter II , if they are available and willing to serve
- Assistant Fire Chief must be certified as Firefighter II, if they are available and willing to serve
- All line officers must hold a minimum of Firefighter I certification
- Must live within 5 air miles of Carroll County
- Must live within your coverage area

In the event that a Fire Department has no members certified as Firefighter II, Firefighter I is required

**Qualifier to hold an office for Rescue**

- All Captains must be ALS certified, if they are available and willing to serve
- All line officers must hold a minimum certification of EMT
- Must live within 5 air miles of Carroll County
- Must live within your coverage area

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In the event that a Squad does not have an ALS provider an EMT is required.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**BRCEDA – KEN McFADDEN**

Mr. McFadden thanked the Board for the invitation to speak. He told that he is still meeting new folks and he feels like that is the key to economic development. He told that we have the most successful Small Business Center in Virginia and we need to do more to retain and support it. He told that he has been meeting with some people regarding Workforce Development. Mr. McFadden is working with existing industry to retain the industrial jobs that we have. He told that one of his priorities is to work with localities to make sure we are doing what we can to retain these industries. He told that the Wildwood Commerce Park is progressing well and they will continue to keep the Board posted. He told that the Regional Authority we have here is something to be proud of. He told that BRCEDA has open doors and listening is as important as doing. He told that he looks forward to continuing the progress and he is glad to be a part of it.

Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. McFadden and told him that he has already become an intricate part and we have been recognized for the regional efforts. He told that we are setting standards for other regions and he appreciates the hard work.

(Order)

**C CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Mike Goldwasser thanked the Board and told that it has been over a year since he has been here and told that it is good to see government in action. He told that he did have a concern about the openness and inclusiveness over the last year, well last five years. He told that the cost of general government has more than doubled with a 108% increase. He told that there is nothing wrong with increases, but he is trying to put himself in the Board's position, and he told that he never wants to be in that position. He told that it is important to involve the citizens when spending large amounts of money. He told that the same members of the Board are PSA members and millions of dollars are borrowed for new developments and these are decisions that the public deserve to be involved in. He told that the PSA, BOS and IDA minutes need to be available to the

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public and if they are not then he wants to know why. He told that these need to be on the chillsnet website unless we are trying to hide something. He told that his second request is to hold Public Hearings for major expenditures. He told that he wants to know why RD is telling us to spend more money because it costs more to send water to Galax than to Hillsville. He told that his third concern is that there is no reason for the same people to be on the PSA as is on the BOS. He told that they are not the only ones with knowledge on how to run government. He told that there is a reason to have two different Boards, but it is not illegal like the minutes are. He told that we would soon be involved in annexation. He told that people are upset and disillusioned. He told that the last time he was here there were a 100 people in the room and they were kept waiting. He told that things that he has objected to like the Market Village and the Opry and no tinfallable. He told that he is not saying I told you so. He told that Gary said that we need the citizens input and they are the ones that will make an impact for the next 10 – 20 years. He asked the Board to do more listening before they make decisions.

(Order)

### **GIS PRESENTATION**

Ms. Phillips thanked the Board for their time. She told that the website is still in the testing phase and it has not gone live yet, but it will on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. She told that she wanted to show the functionality and the ins and outs. She told that there are three ways to begin a search, by property or tax map #, by owner name or by street names. Ms. Phillips went over the website and demonstrated how to bring information up. She told that this is a beta server so it doesn't work as quick as usual. She told that a lot of counties have had this in place for a while and she is excited to get it launched.

Mr. McMillian asked if it could calculate area.

Ms. Phillips told that it can and showed the measure tool.

Mr. McMillian told that this will help with land developing and it is comparable to the one in Surry County.

Mr. Hutchins asked how long Ms. Phillips has been with the County.

Ms. Phillips replied that she started in September 2008 and moved to GIS in may of this year.

Mr. Hutchins told that this far exceeds what they had hoped for.

Mr. Larowe talked about a one time programming fee for accessing the data. He told that this is highly sophisticated and it has cost money to get it created. He told that it will cost around \$5000 to get the log in created and if we don't have it we can never charge for use now or in the future. He told that this could be one of the best tools that Carroll County has and asked that we allow for the log in not to exceed \$5500.

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Mr. McMillian asked if it shows fire districts and flood zones.

Ms. Phillips told that the fire districts are not on there yet, but the flood zones are.

Mr. Larowe told that we can add layers and even get down to showing where vicious dogs live.

Dr. Littrell asked if you have to pay to use the site.

Ms. Phillips told that anybody can obtain property information but being a user would allow you to use the advance search.

Mr. Hutchins told that it would be good for a potential developer and we should look at trading economic development and growth for use of the site.

Mr. Dickson suggested creating a layer to use for property that is for sale. He agreed with not charging yet. He told that this has grown so fast, he had no idea.

Mr. Larowe asked even if Surry County is free, do you still have to have a log in associated with it?

Ms. Phillips told that there is a yearly maintenance fee of \$1000 and if we make changes outside of that time frame they are \$250 per occurrence.

Dr. Littrell suggested a 15 minute trial period.

Mr. Hutchins told that we need to look at all scenarios and it may be useful to look at an annual fee instead of monthly.

Ms. Phillips told that this is a big debate and it is hard to know which way to go. She told that she is planning to set up a general log in for all county staff.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING – ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Mr. Larowe told that the intent of the public hearing is to hear public comment regarding the Enterprise Zone modifications. He told that the maps are hung on the wall for all to see and they have been working with DHCD to expand the zones. He told that there are no changes within the Town limits. Mr. Larowe told that this is used as an economic development tool and we have had some participation in the past and hope to have more in the future. He told that there is a total of 1134 acres in the modifications and they can rearrange it in the future as long as it is done in during the open period.

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Mr. McMillian asked if we would be looking at Exit 1 in the future.

Mr. Larrowe told that we can only have 2. He told that when others in the State become available they could apply for another.

Dr. Littrell asked if we were using the maximum number of acres.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes, we are utilizing as much as we can.

Mr. McMillian asked if there would be signs in place.

Mr. Larrowe told that we would be going to the developers and he went over the incentives that are offered.

Mr. Hutchins opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

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### **ENTERPRISE ZONE RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing the Board approved the following resolution regarding the Enterprise Zone.

WHEREAS, Carroll County Board of Supervisors is elected by the people of Carroll County as it governing body; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County will submit an amendment application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for 2 non-contiguous extensions to the existing enterprise zone designation; and

WHEREAS, the County authorized Gary Larrowe, County Administrator to submit all information needed to apply for enterprise zone designation; and

WHEREAS, the County also authorizes the County Administrator to meet other program administrative and reporting requirements, as defined by the Enterprise Zone Regulations, throughout the life of the zone;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors approves an amendment application to DHCD for FY 09 Enterprise Zone Designation.

#### **VOTES**

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

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Mr. McMillian        Yes

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME**

Mr. Larowe told that juvenile court had a copier and it is not working now and they have requested to purchase one not to exceed \$3750. He told that in the past they have had money in the budget but we pulled those funds out.

Mr. Hutchins asked where the money would be coming from.

Mr. Larowe told that it would have to come from Board Reserve or CIP.

Mr. Larowe told that Mr. Newman is working hard on the Comp Plan. He told that we had a Comp Plan but it was not customized to our county and we will be trying to get citizen input.

Mr. Newman told that they had 11 proposals and the selection committee reviewed those and narrowed it down to 3. He told that they did interviews and then reduced it down to 2. He told that there was one firm, Chandler Planning that understood the goals and they also have the qualifications. He told that public meetings would be held for citizen input.

Mr. Hutchins told that he appreciated what was taking place. He told that he shared our Comp Plan during the Land Use & Planning Class and it was eye opening to see other counties.

Dr. Littrell told that they made an excellent choice and he doesn't think we will be disappointed in the finished project.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Newman for tacking this. He told that it is a major undertaking.

Mr. McMillian asked how long we have been working on this.

Mr. Newman told that we advertised in June and received proposals in July.

Dr. Littrell asked if there is a completion date.

Mr. Newman told that it would be December 2010.

Mr. Larowe told that Ms. Harrison had presented 3 options regarding the reassessment and told that those are located in the Board packet.

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Mr. Hurst told that we always hope the assessment is done accurately for the citizens and told that he is not interested in making a decision this evening. He told that this needs a lot of discussion.

Mr. Dickson told that property continues to go down so it would benefit the public to go ahead and do it, but it would leave the county with less money to work with.

Mr. Hutchins told that putting it off a year would give them time to see what happens with the economy.

Dr. Littrell told that he purchased some property recently at the same price that it was assessed for over a year ago.

Mr. Dickson told that he tried to find someone at VACO from Bathe County to see how it went after they threw theirs out.

Mr. McMillian told that vacant and values tend to hold steadier than developed land.

It is the consensus of the Board to table this until December.

Mr. Larrowe told that the IT Study has started to see where the bottlenecks are. He recapped the meeting attended over the last month and told that the BRCEA Legislative Dinner will be on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and business may be conducted there so we will need to recess until that date. He told that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 and the next Board Meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McMillian told that December 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Day and he would like to do something to observe it.

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### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board awarded the Comprehensive Plan Proposal to Chandler Planning and Planning Works LLC for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

#### **VOTES**

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

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### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the opportunity to be able to go to VACO. He told that he went to 3 sessions. He told that he visited a house this morning regarding Indoor Plumbing and told that this person does not even have running water. He told that his wife is working on a program called backpack buddies. He told that 70% of children at Oakland school receive free or reduced lunch and this program allows some children to be sent home with a backpack full of food for the entire weekend and they bring them back on Monday. He told that the cost is \$10 per child per weekend. He told that this county is in great need and this is one way that we can meet childhood hunger.

Mr. Jackson told that he appreciates Dr. Littrell sharing about the program. He told that the ESB is working hard on a lot of projects. He told that they are looking forward to getting a plan in place for replacement.

Mr. McMillian thanked Dr. Littrell and Mr. Hutchins for their work on rooftop. He told that we take a lot of things for granted. He thanked all the staff who have worked on the GIS and told that they have made a lot of progress. He told that the majority of the money that we go after for infrastructure is based upon citizen request or suggestions. He told that they do it because they are asked. He told everyone to remember it is Thanksgiving and to be thankful.

Mr. Dickson thanked everyone who worked on the retreat. He told that we are very blessed and we are making progress. He told that it is easy for citizens to point out things that don't work out, but we have set our course and will be staying on track.

Mr. Hurst told that going into the Thanksgiving season that we have a lot to be thankful for. He told that he was moved by the commemoration of Mr. McGrady. He told that today is a special day and that he was supposed to have a special guest, Ms. Ila Shumate. He told that she has had some health issues recently but today is her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and hopefully she can join us in the future. Mr. Hurst thanked Mr. Newman and everyone who worked on GIS as well as everyone who worked on the retreat. He told that it was good to look at your own report card.

Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. Newman for the work on the comp plan. He told that we plan to continue to grow and this will be our road map. He told that expenditures are either in the budget or done through a public hearing. He told that we are far better off than many. He invited others to go look at some of the projects that IPP is doing. He told that the retreat was great and very eye opening and thanked his fellow board members.

(Order)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

November 16, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board adjourned until November 23th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)