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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, March 14, 2011 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: 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
 Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Dr. Littrell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711 (A1, A3, A5, A6, A7)

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

Mr. Cornwell explained the reason for entering into Closed Session.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, 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;

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

(Order)

Mr. Dickson introduced Mr. Oscar Hill Crooked Oak Missionary Baptist Church who lead in invocation and pledge.

Dr. Littrell told that we have a lot of problems in Carroll County, but we need to remember Japan and the tragedies they have recently faced as well as the deputies in Buchanan County with the incident over the weekend. He told that next Wednesday, March 23 is the 50th year celebration for Joy Ranch from 2:00 until 5:00 and they have several activities planned. Dr. Littrell told that Empty Bowls Day in Carroll County is on March 24th and he hopes everyone will come out to the First United Methodist Church to support the event. He told that the cost is \$10.00 and it will go to help our area food banks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins , seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 14, 2011 and March 7, 2011 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

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

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(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for March 2011 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of April 2011 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.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CARROLL COUNTY EVALUATION MANUAL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the Carroll County Evaluation Manual as presented.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY MOBILE

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved to apply for the Sesquicentennial History Mobile to visit our county.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

SCHOOL SYSTEM UPDATE

Dr. Smith distributed a packet of information and told that it is a pleasure to be here. He told that he would like to discuss some good news, as you have probably read in the media he was contacted by the Governor's Office in regard to the award of \$15 million. He told that they were persistent in this venture and are fortunate to be given the full amount requested. He told that the allocation is for CCIS in the amount of \$6,715,078 and the High School in the amount of \$8,287,922. He told that this opens up opportunities for us. He told that we are one of three school systems who received the full award and the other two are also in Southwest Virginia. He told that these Qualified School Construction Bonds are very beneficial to this County. He reviewed the timeline for the bonds and told that Friday, May 13th is the deadline for the bond sale for the agreement between the local government and the Treasury. He told that he has been informed that they will be getting a memo from Dept. Of Treasury with more information on it. He told that there are special spending rules and there must be a contract with third party utilizing 10% of the funds within 6 months upon issuance of the bonds and 100% of the proceeds within 3 years. He told that they are thinking that will be December. Dr. Smith discussed the principal repayment standard, he told that the payment schedule is very flexible with 10% being paid back by year 5, 50% by year 10 and after that it must be a scheduled balance payment.

Mr. Hutchins told that he told that he had heard somewhere that there may be an interest that they credited back.

Dr. Smith told that he is not certain of that and it is not what he has read thus far. He told that he can research and get back to you.

Mr. Hutchins told that when the details are being worked out it reminds us of the BABS and it was great but at the end of the day the door slams.

Dr. Smith told that they would be meeting on Friday with finance team and they are looking at the worse case would be 16 year repayment schedule. He told that they have had conversations with VPSA and currently it is 5% for 29 years. He told that he has spoken with Travis Jackson and he is hopeful to have USDA funding to apply for. He told that he did some basic calculations and how it compares to last year. He told that when you look at the numbers there is a savings of around \$17 million and that is a tremendous bargain.

Mr. Hutchins told that we are looking at \$15 million with 0% interest and ask how much we will have to borrow in total.

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Dr. Smith told that through conversations with the architect they feel that with some luck that the project could come in at right around \$22 million which would be an additional \$7 million to borrow.

Mr. Hutchins replied that you are looking at that through Rural Development.

Dr. Smith replied yes and VPSA as well as USDA.

Mr. Hutchins looking at scope what do you think the cost of the base bid will be.

Dr. Smith told that they are not certain. He told that the real goal right now is to close Woodlawn and the base bid is what they absolutely have to have in order to close it. He told that the closure is part of the requirement for the QSABs. He told that if the bids come in low they could pick and choose from the alternatives.

Dr. Littrell ask if the architects have an estimate for the base bid that is at or under the \$15 million.

Dr. Smith told that he is not sure and it just depends and they don't know what that cost will be until it is put out to bid.

Mr. Hutchins told that they should be about to get it within about 10 – 12%.

Dr. Smith told that in having conversations with them this morning what recently happened in Japan is a worry now. He told that to estimate the numbers he just can't do that.

Mr. McMillian asked on the additional \$7 million, has the School Board talked with anybody about doing the financing and do they have any idea on where the funds would come from to repay it.

Dr. Smith told that they have had conversations. He told that it appears that VPSA has bond sales and they would qualify for 29 year at 5% but that is worst case. He told that he has a meeting with Travis Jackson regarding USDA funds on Friday. He told that they have already prequalified the project with USDA.

Mr. Hurst asked if they have worked out standard amortization schedule and come up with a debt payment service on it and how it compares to last time.

Dr. Smith told that they have been working with Gary's team and he thinks the numbers are palatable.

Mr. Hurst told that his concern is the debt payment.

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Mr. Dickson stated that the architects are estimating \$22 million and told that they had to have some numbers to estimate that instead of just pulling it out of the air.

Dr. Smith told that they had estimates from last time. He told that they are going by bids that have come in recently. He told that they are confident that it will come in under the \$26 million that was proposed before. Those are just estimates from this Company and other companies within last 6 months. He told that he just visited Mecklenburg County and their high school came in approximately 30% less than the projected cost.

Mr. Dickson told that he worries a little about a lot of the money coming to SWVA and being able to put people back to work, he told that it may rise the costs. He asked how much it will cost to go out to bid.

Dr. Smith told that it doesn't and they are ready to go out to bid right now.

Mr. Hutchins ask what the total cost for architect fees will be.

Dr. Smith told that it is \$1.5 million and they are to be paid when we complete the project and it is based on a percentage.

Mr. Hutchins ask of now are we paid up on the fees.

Dr. Smith told that they have not paid any fees yet.

Mr. Hutchins asked if we are going to stay within same debt service schedule that we have.

Dr. Smith told that they don't know yet. He told that they would love to say but they just don't know. He told that the Board has ask that he request to approve and bless project to go out to bid as soon as possible. He told that this does not obligate us, but would give us a better idea of what this project will cost.

Mr. Dickson ask if we not able to close Woodlawn would we still get the money.

Dr. Smith told that the money would go back. He told that if Woodlawn is not closed he feels like we would not meet the obligation of the application and would have to send it back but he can research it.

Mr. McMillian told that there is a lot of criteria that has to be met to get these funds. He told that Health Safety is a priority and ask where we stand on the Literary funds.

Dr. Smith told that as far as he knew there were no projects on the Literary list as of right now and all funding is coming through QSABs and VPSA.

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Mr. McMillian told that they are looking at renovations in Bland County and he would be curious to know what their projections on cost are compared to the funding they received.

Dr. Smith told that they are not to the same point as we are in the planning stage.

Mr. McMillian asked if the School Board had any conversations with Administrator's Office regarding financing.

Mr. Larrowe replied that he nor Ms. Shank have other than the timeline. He told that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday.

Mr. Hutchins told that considering the environment has changed since last time he would like to see something to let us know we can afford it before we go out to bid and would like to know what we are going to be faced with and what is it going to cost us. He asked if it is going to be additional debt service dollars because that equates to dollars.

Dr. Smith asked what is the total cost of the project that you would like those numbers.

Mr. Hutchins replied that he doesn't know because he doesn't know the cost of the project.

Dr. Smith replied nor do I.

Mr. Hurst told that the whole idea is we don't want to increase debt service. He told that once the debt rolls off where does that leave us.

Dr. Smith told that knows exactly what you want, but he can't generate those numbers yet.

Mr. McMillian told that he feels like cat led to slaughter and wishes we had more to go on and I Know you do to.

Dr. Smith told that he can estimate, but he doesn't know if those are real or factual. He told that he would like to come back with a spreadsheet with how much it will cost for each thing, but he can't do that until he knows what the costs are. He told that the longer we wait the more costly it will be to the citizens of the County.

Mr. Cornwell told that he thinks we are going to have to have a budget that way we will know when the bids come in if we can afford it or not. He told that usually if you turn a bid down they are to ask to see the budget.

Mr. Dickson told that he doesn't even know what we can even afford.

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Dr. Littrell told that he was under the impression that we were working off of \$15 million for a while.

Dr. Smith told that this is a gift and they have worked hard to bring this to the County. He told that if there are requirements he will work on those.

Mr. Hutchins told that Mr. Cornwell's statement covered his concerns.

Mr. Jackson asked if the extra \$7 million is because this is not enough to cover what it was suppose to.

Dr. Smith told that was the estimate they placed in the application to qualify for the maximum award. He told that we would love to have put in \$20 million.

Mr. Jackson told that the \$22 million will take care of the entire project.

Dr. Smith told that they don't know that yet. He told that it would take care of closing Woodlawn. He told that the \$22 million is what the architects feel would sufficiently cover more than closing Woodlawn but doing other aspects of the project.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the schools will be up to par after we go through this process.

Dr. Smith told that they would be very good for these 2 schools for another 25 years. He told that the other schools are going to have to have routine maintenance on them.

Dr. Littrell asked if they have a CIP for maintenance in their budget.

Dr. Smith replied yes.

Mr. McMillian asked if the alternative list for the high school is in order according to importance.

Dr. Smith replied that it is not.

Mr. McMillian told that the HVAC replacement is way down on the list and it looks like it would have been included in the base.

Dr. Smith told that it is not absolutely required to close Woodlawn but it is a critical portion.

Mr. Hutchins asked when Dr. Smith would be coming back to us with the budget for the project.

Dr. Smith told that he could do that on the 28th as well.

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Dr. Smith told that they have been working hard with the virtual learning program and it has been in the media lately due to an issue with the Governor's platform. He told that they have had success with it.

Mr. Hutchins ask what he thought would happen to it.

Dr. Smith told that he thought either the Governor would veto it or this will be the last year we have the project because we can't afford it.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Jared Strickland told that there is a meeting about zoning in Fancy Gap coming up. He told that he is a property owner and also a student at Radford University and a concerned citizen. He told that his grandfather Harry Strickland served on the PSA Board and his uncle, Horace served on the Planning Commission from its conception until his passing and another uncle, Namon Strickland currently serves on it. He told that the cabbage house was established in the early 1900's which his grandparents later purchased, followed by his mother and father and now he is the owner. He told that the greyhound bus used to stop there to get free apples and there were plenty of tourists then. He told that after the interstate opened the businesses in Fancy Gap began to slow down. He told that as the current owner of the cabbage house he has had to move a trailer to satisfy adjacent land owners and then had to move it again because it was not in the right place. He told that on that trailer was a set of scales that weighed cabbage. He asked if this was not a part of our heritage in Fancy Gap. He told that it used to accommodate the citizens of the community and now it sounds like it is going to accommodate the tourists. He told that everyone is not against all of the proposed plans, but they would like to have a say in the matter and several property owners have not even been contacted. He told that everyone does not have the same ideas of being told what they can and cannot do on their property. He told that they have a petition going around that has over 300 signatures and he wanted to let the Board know his opinion on the matter.

Ms. Debby Goad thanked Mr. Larowe and the County employees. She told that she had voiced some concerns about the Farmer's Market and they have all been taken care of. She told that the real reason she is here is because she had asked the Treasurer's Office through a FOIA request for a list of the delinquent taxes. She told that she received them for 2006 through present and she was shocked to see a lot of listings for 2006 and 2007. She told that there is over \$137,000 delinquent for 2006 and if you add the penalty it would be over \$200,000. She told that she did not realize that the policy had changed. Ms. Goad told that she is not talking about home owners who are on a fixed income, but there are construction workers, investors and even one person who own nothing but rental property. She told that there are homes in excess of \$200,000 and if they can afford that they can pay taxes. She told that we need to send someone out to collect it, and you may say it will cost too much but it is someone's job.

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Mr. Cornwell told that the Treasurer gave him a list of 54 properties and they were able to collect \$71, 813.68 from those. He told that there are 11 suits pending and they have a sale scheduled for April 30th. He told that they collect on these at no cost to the County. The Treasurer has told us that she has another list of 60 or 70, but we have to wait on her for the list.

Mr. Dickson told that it has been a while since any Board has taken the initiative to collect and they have tried to. He told that we have to wait on the Treasurer to send them.

Mr. Cornwell told that there is a 20% collection fee that is tacked on for the property owner.

Ms. Goad said that some credit card companies take a write down when a lot of money is owned and told that surely the County doesn't do that with the penalty or the interest.

Mr. Cornwell told that the Treasurer can waive the penalties, he is not sure that she does, but she can.

Ms. Goad replied could the supervisors ask the Treasurer not to do that because it is not fair to those who pay their taxes on time.

Mr. Dickson told that we are not over the elected officials.

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that he hopes the Board does not consider this a rehash, but he is taking a positive approach to something. He told that in your mind this is a settled matter and he respects Mr. Cornwell's opinion, but he spoke with a State Legislator and a lawyer who feel that the conflict of interest is not settled. He told that he wants to make a positive suggestion that will be good for all. He told that there is a method available that will allow you to ask for the Attorney General's opinion. He told that there is no down side to this but it will be a good thing for the citizens who feel as if this has been whitewashed. He told that it is another way that he can go about getting the opinion, but suggesting it in a positive way to you. He told that this is not on the agenda, but wasn't sure if you wanted to do it.

Mr. Cornwell told that he reported previously that a State agency did look at the conflict of interest and determined that there was no reason to even open up a file because this was not an issue. He told that he reported that to the Board several months ago during Closed Session under personnel and I was released to report that in public today.

Mr. Goldwasser told that he thinks it is important not to be done in closed session and the facts that were reported to the agency be made available to the citizens so we know all the facts were presented.

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Mr. Cornwell told that the only facts that were presented were by Mr. Goldwasser.

Mr. Dickson asked who requested the information from the State Agency.

Mr. Cornwell replied Mr. Goldwasser.

Mr. Goldwasser told that he was not ask to present any information.

Mr. Dickson replied you did not ask State Police or anyone to investigate.

Mr. Goldwasser said no that in fact right now he is mentioning it to you before because there is a legislator who is interested in doing it.

Mr. Cornwell told that he just reported what he was told.

Mr. Goldwasser told that he would like to know who told him because it is not true and there are grounds for a lawsuit here.

Ms. Goad told that the Treasurer's Inquiry Tool is not working correctly. She told that it will show if the person has paid their tax, but if someone is delinquent it will not show up, it says to contact the Treasurer's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN

Dr. Littrell opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Dan Huff served as moderator and made the following opening remarks: This hearing is being held at the Carroll County Governmental Center, March 14, 2011, at 5:30 P.M., in accordance with House bill 1041 passed by the 1977 session of the General Assembly and in specific, Section 33.1-70.01 Code of Virginia, which requires the joint effort of the County Officials and the Department of Transportation personnel for the tentative commitment of estimated available secondary construction funds for updating and revising the Six-Year Plan beginning with Fiscal Year 2011-2012. This hearing will include the 2011-2012 Secondary Construction Budget Priorities for Carroll County, which will be the first year of the approved Six-Year Plan. He told that a copy of the proposed Six-Year Plan and priorities for the proposed secondary construction budget for 2011-2012 have been available for public viewing at the Carroll County Administrator's Office; and a copy is on display here. He told that after receiving your requests, the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation Personnel will finalize the Six Year Plan for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 THRU 2016-2017. Mr. Huff told that currently there is one project in the draft Six-Year Plan, which is the 4-lane project from I-77 to Kaywood Drive near Exit 19 of I-77. For the Fiscal Year 2011-2012, \$118,550 is shown to be allocated to the project on the draft plan. For the Fiscal Years 2012-2017, the draft plan is also currently showing a total of \$558,420 being projected to be allocated to the projected through 2016-2017.

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

Route 825

Mr. Lacy Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Vaughn, and Mr. Nick Moody spoke of the need of road improvements, and the difficulty of school buses traversing Route 825, especially at the connection to Rt. 740. Comments were also made about a motorist that went over a bank, and the need of maintenance.

Route 793

Mr. Robert Schleicher asked about the possibility of getting Route 793 paved, and using the Rural Rustic Program.

Route 608

Ms. Audrey Burnett commented that Route 608, an unpaved route, needs to be paved. She has written county and state officials with no success.

Route 817 (&785)

Mr. Olen Gallimore stated that surface treatment maintenance (patching) needed on Route 817. Also on Rt. 785, the layback of the slope should be done at the intersection with US 52. He also agreed with the previous speakers concerning the desired improvements on Rt. 825.

Dr. Littrell asked if the Governor's Transportation Plan may help with secondary road improvements. Mr. Huff responded that most of the roads that on the governor's list are primary route type projects, so additional secondary funding did not look promising.

Mr. Hutchins discussed Rt. 825, where the previous VDOT Hillsville Residency Administrator, Mr. Bob Beasley, and Mr. Huff, and himself met in the field to review the Rt. 825 conditions. It was discussed that the improvements at the entrance with Rt. 740 would be difficult because the width required would make the slope of the improvement very steep, and additional right-of-way would be required, taking much of a resident's front yard. Mr. Huff stated that there were no unpaved road funding allocated this year.

Mr. McMillian asked about guardrail improvements, such as on Lambsburg Mountain. Mr. Huff responded that there are many places in the county where guardrail is needed, but a 5-6 foot shoulder width is required. In areas such as Lambsburg Mountain, the cost to build the required shoulder widths would be very costly.

Mr. Hurst asked if maintenance funding is available to repair Rt. 817. Mr. Huff replied that maintenance is fully funded, and the maintenance crews would be getting to the repairs when asphalt plants are reopened.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT OF ANNEXATION

Dr. Littrell opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Cornwell told that the County and the Town of Hillsville entered into a settlement agreement to settle matters of certain litigation and bringing additional land into the town. He told that we have discussed this matter at length in public and have referred it to the Commission of Local Governments who toured the area. He told that they had a public hearing here and reported to us that they recommend approval of the settlement agreement and the annexation. He told that if the County and Town approve the settlement we would like to get it to the Court for approval before July 1st.

With no one to speak close Public Hearing at 6:12.

Mr. Cornwell told that we can take up the ordinance at this time.

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the ordinance as submitted.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PETITION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF THE LOCALITIES AS SET FORTH UNDER THE TERMS OF SUCH AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.2-3400 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, in June 2010, the Town of Hillsville (the “Town”) and the County of Carroll (the “County”) approved a Voluntary Settlement of Annexation, Revenue, and Utility Issues (the “Settlement Agreement”), which constituted a voluntary settlement as authorized by Section 15.2-3400 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; and

WHEREAS, in September 2010, the Town and the County submitted the Settlement Agreement to the Commission on Local Government (the “Commission”), which thereafter conducted a hearing as required by law and which issued its findings and recommendations in a Report dated January 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-3400 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires the Town and the County, subsequent to the Commission’s

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review, to approve the original or a modified version of the Settlement Agreement by an ordinance passed by a recorded vote of a majority of the members of each governing body after a duly advertised public hearing on the Settlement Agreement, and thereafter to petition the Circuit Court of Carroll County for an order affirming the Settlement Agreement and establishing the rights of the localities under the terms of the Settlement Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town and the County now propose to enter into a modified Settlement Agreement (the “Modified Settlement Agreement”), which provides for the annexation to the Town of certain territory, allows for the future annexation of other territory, provides for the settlement of certain pending litigation and the reaffirmation, modification, or termination of certain utility contracts, for the waiver of certain County and Town rights, and for other matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors, by this Ordinance, approves and adopts the Modified Settlement Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and hereby authorizes and directs its Chairman to execute the Modified Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator and the County Attorney to petition the Circuit Court of Carroll County for an order, pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-3400, as amended, affirming and

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validating the Modified Settlement Agreement and establishing the rights of each locality as set forth under the terms of the Modified Settlement Agreement.

3. The Chairman, County Administrator and the County Attorney shall take all other actions as may be needed to obtain the necessary Court approval of the Modified Settlement Agreement.

4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the date of its adoption.

Duly adopted and approved this 14th day of March 2011 after public hearing duly advertised and conducted.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AMERLINK BANKRUPTCY FINAL REPORT

Mr. Cornwell told that we have entered into settlements with Amerlink and Proform and the bankruptcy court has approved both of those. He told that the Trustee has been given the opportunity to come up with a tenant for the sales center and to sell the Industrial property and the County will recoup the money. He told that the clock is now ticking and if they are unsuccessful we will get the property free and clear.

Mr. Hutchins told that there have been a lot of questions about how this deal came about especially in the conceptual stage and asked what the statute of limitations is on this.

Mr. Cornwell told that he is looking at that now to see if there are any issues that they may want to bring to the Boards attention concerning actions or individuals involved in those transactions. He told that they would make a report sometime in the near future.

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Mr. Cornwell told that he has checked regarding the posting of minutes under FOIA and they have confirmed that there is no requirement to post minutes on the website, we just have to make them available. He told that there is not even a requirement that a County has to have a website.

Mr. Dickson told that we did not create an illegal action.

Mr. Cornwell replied no.

Mr. Hutchins told that we could look at only posting them quarterly and that would save staff time.

Mr. Cornwell told that they have to be available for review, but you do not have to post them or anything else on the website.

Dr. Littrell told that it is good to see a final report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that the Board had requested to have staggered terms in the future and the Electoral Board has come back with a suggestion on how to do that. He told that a copy has been included in the packet and the School Board has gotten a copy a well. He told that for the Extension update, Travis Bunn is working as the Ag Agent in Carroll as well as in Patrick County and the 4-H position will be advertised this Friday for 21 days.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mr. Cornwell told that the minutes do not have to be posted online however we do try to post them and the audit is now online. He told that the March 7th meeting for the approval of financing for Wildwood was held and it is one of most promising projects that we have going. He told that the request for the Glendi Sugg Branson Bridge has been approved by VDOT and Hillsville will be taking lead on the activities associated. He told that the Communication tax is much higher last month and that is because 3 large companies paid early so you will see reduction later. He told that the State will be doing the Fly mapping in late March and will deliver the images in October. He told that we did sign the tourism lease for the Market Village and the anticipated move in date is April 2nd.

Mr. Larrowe told that Senator Warner will be here on the 1st Wednesday of each month for Warner in your corner at the Galax Library. He told that we are working with the City on a Gateway Grant. He told that Michelle Dalton has been working on the Common Health Screening program for employees and that will take place on April 19th. He told that we built in code codification to the budget for this year and it has not been done since at least 1980's. He told that we need to have it taken care of and get updated so we will be putting out an RFP. He told that we are working on the budget. He told that we have recently been working at Recreation and the modifications seem to be

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working. He told that we are starting to work on getting the bids out for the Library Grant. He told that they are also working on some upgrades at the Farmers Market.

Mr. Jackson told the he is glad to see Tourism Department moving and being more accessible.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jackson told that it has been a good day and the year has started off good. He asked Dr. Littrell to let him know when it is his month to have a Chaplin here. He told that he appreciates all the staff.

Dr. Littrell replied that his months are May and June.

Mr. Jackson told that the State Sesquicentennial committee has a traveling history museum which will start in July. He told that we will be applying for some dates to see if they can come to Carroll County. He told that April 23rd is the kickoff for the County which will be held on the Courthouse lawn at 2:00.

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that the 6 year plan is less than bleak but without some plan there would be no progress. He ask everyone to keep the earthquake victims in your prayers and told that they are in a lot worse shape than we are.

Mr. Hurst told that he has enjoyed celebrating his birthday today. He told that it is good to see people out. He told that everyone wants more money for roads, but he feels positive that they will be able to do some maintenance. He told that on the delinquent taxes a lot of it is not in our control.

Mr. Hutchins told that our roads are in bad shape and everyone looks to us to fix them but with no money it is hard to do. He told that on behalf of BRCEDA it was a pleasure to have the meeting on Wildwood. He told that we need jobs and we have to lay the foundation for that. He told that he appreciates the Chairman and the staff.

Mr. Dickson told that he started going over the accomplishments that the Board has made and listed them as follows:

The process quickly started when the BOS took office on Jan. 1, 2008. A strong display of bi-partisan cooperation began when a Democrat Chairman and a Republican Vice Chairman were elected for the first year. Civility among the members and visitors was quickly established and a set of goals was established for citizens to track progress as well as the BOS. The administrative staff and departments within the county have followed this practice and have their own goals. Our departments in most cases have less general employees than most counties our size but with talented people and extended use

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of technology they exceed normal expectations. We are proud of our team and continue to help them with further education to enhance their work.

The following list shows a portion of our accomplishments but each one could be a story in itself and we as elected officials would love to talk in detail about any you desire.

PSA/Public Service Authority/Water and Sewer

\$22 million in projects will be covered by \$8 million in grants, which means 40% of the cost will be free. We were awarded the most of any Va. County because we were shovel ready.

Long Range Water from the New River regional Water Plant (90%+ complete) has a capacity of 4 million gallons per day at present. 50% of the current capacity will supply growth equal to 30 exit 14's without expanding.

Fire protection at exit 19 is 500,000 gallons. (We had to have this for industries) Now we do.

1,000 new PSA customers have been added during our term to the 2,000 we already had. (33% growth)

Projects completed or in process are: Honeycutt Dam Road Water, Fancy Gap Water and Sewer, Wildwood Sewer, Long Range ater, Exit 1 Water and Sewer and Sylvatus Water. Each one has an importance of its own but we have to mention water and sewer will soon be available at all four I-77 exits. A favorable project bidding climate has added dollars to projects not available for grants. We are also looking at Cliffview Water and Coon Ridge Water.

In addition we have taken advantage of 2 self help projects at Happy Hollow Road and Pridemore Road to supply water for \$0 dollars to the county. No other County has done 2 projects and only 12 has been completed in the state of VA . We plan on doing another one.

Purchase a New 2008 Tandem Dump Truck worth \$93,000 for \$9,300 along with a USDA grant of \$83,700.

Grants other than PSA

\$200,000 USDA grant to renovate the Carroll County Library, along with the generosity of the Belva Goad estate of \$33,000 the county will contribute \$45,000 for a \$278,000 facelift. The county actually pays 16% of the total cost.

\$1.5 million grant for a new sheriff dispatch center and a new radio system. Installed fiber optics to the Carroll County Fire and Rescue. They also have digital reporting systems as a result of grants.

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With highway safety funds, the Sheriff is now purchasing his own cars and a savings of \$80,000 from the 2007 budget. Also, USDA granted \$40,000 toward the total cost, so we purchased vehicles at 50% of their value and have them in reserve so we will not need cars anytime in the near future.

USDA grant of \$50,000 plus VAL EMS council grant of \$80,000 we purchased a \$156,000 ambulance for a total cost to Carroll of \$26,000.

Upgraded Farmer's Market with a new Hydro-Cooler with funds from the VA Tobacco Commission. This one piece of equipment is putting money in the pockets of local farmers with total value more than \$700,000. However our talented maintenance staff in conjunction with many employees designed and built the unit for less than the \$500,000 grant. Free money to Carroll County again.

Technology

GIS department added with unlimited possibilities-check it out on the carrollcountyva.org website. Very exciting addition, we will help you understand if you need help.

Regional effort with Grayson and Galax to expand fiber optics county wide plus other regional projects.

Sponsored Technology classes at Crossroads for employees to advance their knowledge.

E-mail in Carroll County is simplified by a standard address for all and is simply the first name initial followed by last name @carrollcountyva.org. (Example) sdickson@carrollcountyva.org

Tourism

The retail Farmer's Market has a new entrance and exit plan that allows tourist busses to enter and circle building on the newly paved parking lot and also adds to the convenience of other customers. We now have additional rest room facilities at the Market Village which will also offer shopping from various retail stores. This along with our own tourism office under the same roof will encourage travelers to stop and shop.

The County Fair is now located at the Farmer's Market and much work has been done to make grounds more acceptable for all activities. Permanent lighting and cooperation of the wholesale market we have grown each year and look forward for things to come.

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The Carter Home was transferred to their foundation for grant purposes and the overall good of the foundation. A truly hard working group.

The Ivanhoe property was sold and new excitement has been centered around this area. Privately owned and now added to the tax base.

The old Social Services building at the interstate (formerly the Poor House) has been torn down and removed. A potential problem has now become a site for future growth.

Growth/Clean-Ups etc.

Love's Truck Stop at Exit 1 has been a tremendous success that employs several people and brings travelers to Carroll County. Look for more growth soon.

Sub-Division Policy revised after many public hearings and joint effort of CC Planning Commission, building official and the BOS.

Comprehensive Plan completed to direct Carroll into the future and more. Planning and execution have been the theme of your BOS and will continue on our watch.

Recreation Dept. has added teams and participants at a fast rate and we are continually planning for expansion or relocation of facilities.

The budgeting process has become a year long work to ensure we don't miss opportunities and maintain a budget within our means. We added a Capital Improvement Plan, first ever for Carroll County. This allows us to anticipate larger item needs and don't end up being a budget breaking issue.

In trying economic times everyone is encouraged to pay down debt and we have to the tune of approximately \$1,000,000. The fire stations at the Airport and Dugspur are free and clear. We have also cleared up debt with the Guynn property that was purchased as part of the Amerlink debacle.

The Amerlink deal continues to haunt us; however we have an agreement but not without a cost to the county. Between the incentives, land purchase, land give always and legal fees, Carroll County has paid approximately \$1.88 million for a business that never came. We will recover some of the loss and end 99 year lease agreements due to the dedicated work of several people.

On a brighter note, Carroll County established the Business Development Program, which is now the Small Business Development Center in cooperation with Grayson and Galax. As of October, 2010 we have created 711 new jobs with a capital investment of more than \$42,000,000.

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Just because we are growing, increasing capacity and operating under a business model does not mean we are frivolous with spending. We have held the line on taxes even though the state keeps pushing items down on us to pay such as constitutional offices and schools.

After many years of negotiating we have settled the lawsuits with the Town of Hillsville and have made an agreement on annexation area plus revenue sharing for the I-77 area. This has been tried by many previous boards but had never been accomplished.

The next BOS will serve 4 years as before but will now have staggered terms with 3 being elected every 2 years. This will help progress and continuity for all projects.

Conclusion

I hope you have a better feel of what the Carroll County BOS has done and are doing to grow Carroll County even in difficult times. This is by no means a complete list and does not include all we have accomplished or other areas we are working on. The world belongs to those that show up, we will be there for Carroll County.

He told that he would be glad to make this list available to anyone. He told that when they took office it was mixed emotions, but they were able to establish stability quickly.

Mr. Lacy Bowman told that he would like to ask another question. He ask how many had been over to look at his land and told that he has never seen anybody try to get a business to look at it.

Mr. Larrowe told that they had met several times on it.

Mr. Bowman told that the only time he had seen Mr. Larrowe was in a restaurant. He told that the land it sitting there ready to go. He told that he knew Cracker Barrel has been here but no one stopped by his property.

Mr. Dickson told that we have a list of property that is available to the prospects. He told that they look at what we don't have and move on. He told that it is hard to get anything to come right now. He told that we work with the State and on other things that we can't divulge. He told that it is not for the lack of trying.

Mr. Bowman told that the annexation bothers him. He told that we were suppose to put water and sewer in one of his subdivisions and the next thing he knew the Town was doing it. He told that as much as he pays in taxes he should get something out of it. He asked if anyone has taken anyone to see his property.

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Mr. Larrowe stated that he has been to the property several times and in fact told that when he was at Mr. Bowman's office he was told that he could take the cable down.

Mr. Bowman stated that he told Mr. Larrowe to take the cable down but that is the only time he has heard from him.

Mr. Dickson told that there are some independent people in the County who have hired marketing firms. He told that if we do get anything we will push it hard.

Mr. McMillian commended Mr. Bowman for investing so much money in the County.

Dr. Littrell thanked Mr. Dickson for the time he spent working on the accomplishments. He told that today was a very informative meeting and he appreciates everyone who came and spoke. He told that he wished there is more they could do about the 6 year road plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board recessed until March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk

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