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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, July 11, 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 3:05 p.m.

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

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

Mr. McMillian introduced Mr. Israel Easter who led in invocation and pledge. Mr. Easter told that he coaches softball and they went to the State Tournament. He told that he held church service there with the kids. He told that his team ended up losing but they had some good memories and he is proud of them.

Dr. Littrell thanked Mr. Easter and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He told that he was reading the Roanoke Times this morning and one thing that we have been concerned about are the unfunded mandates and they seem to find their way to the localities from the General Assembly. He told that one of the most recent ones is our line of duty act which has the County pick up the premiums for those for our firefighters and rescue squad members and sheriff's deputies and it was once paid by the State. He told that these come down to us from Richmond and the reason they are unfunded is because they give us no money or any way to raise the money to pay for the mandates that they insist that we do. He told that what was in the paper this morning was very disturbing and hopes that it does not come to pass but if it does we in Carroll County and other counties in Virginia will be in for a very interesting ride. He told that title was State ponders punt on road repairs. He told that there is some talk in Richmond about having the counties maintain the secondary roads and the concern there is how would the County pay for paying and repairing secondary roads when the six year road plan has been null the last few years because of no funding. He told that one of the things the editorial said was that a study conducted by George Mason University and funded by Transportation Secretary notes that the percentage of secondary roads that are deemed insufficient by State standards grew from 24% statewide in 2007 to 31% today. He told that it is fair to wonder what level of chaos will ensue from localities from Fairfax to Tazewell are suddenly expected to assume responsibility that was last the counties in 1932. He told that the cities have had a chance to tax in order to pay for the roads where the County does not have that ability. He told that new local taxes which is really a bad word will

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probably be needed even if State officials hand over every penny in their budget now earmarked for secondary roads. Dr. Littrell told that the timing is really bad for asking counties to swallow what is a very big if. He told that the General Assembly in recent years has slashed State Aid for public schools, police and sheriff's departments and has walked away from its commitment to fund insurance benefits for law enforcement and emergency workers. He told that we need to make sure that our elected State officials in Richmond understand that we cannot afford to repair and maintain the secondary roads unless we are given ironclad responsibility in order to raise the funds necessary to do that. He told that the scary part is we may be told years down the road that we need to do it and not be given the means to raise the revenue so if you are concerned about this talk to your State legislators.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on June 13, 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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

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Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for July 2011 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign in August 2011 for 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)

VDOT RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution below.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation held a public hearing on May 18, 2011 for the purposes of discussing the proposed corridor of State Route 620; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on March 14, 2011 for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the Six Year Road Plan including the proposed corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and support the proposed improvements to State Route 620 by Governor McDonnell; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be duly attested and forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Martinsville Residency Office by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

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

(Order)

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VIRGINIA STATE PARKS RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Virginia State Parks Resolution below.

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park, including the Foster Falls Village and the Shot Tower, was named after the river it parallels the most; and

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park makes up 57 miles of trail including two tunnels, three major bridges, and nearly 30 smaller bridges donated from Norfolk and Southern Corporation to spur economic development and to create a unique recreational experience; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was the first state to open six state parks simultaneously on June 15, 1936, with New River Trail State Park being the 28th park acquired in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's State Park's have been recognized nationally as the best managed park system in the country; and

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park features panoramic views, fishing, the longest linear hiking, biking, and equestrian trail, picnicking, camping, boating, educational, environmental and historic interpretive programs, along with a multitude of programming including: the Festival of Lights and a venue for outdoor recreation and weddings; and

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park draws visitors from far and wide thus contributing to the economical and recreational opportunities for Wythe County, Pulaski County, Carroll County, Grayson County, the Town of Fries, the Town of Pulaski and the City of Galax.

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park allows individuals to reconnect with nature, an essential part of a healthy lifestyle, by providing a tonic for the mind, body, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, New River Trail State Park shares hands-on learning through Standards of Learning based environment education programs enhancing comprehension for thousands of students annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Carroll hereby congratulates Virginia State Parks and New River Trail State Park on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and extends best wishes for many years to come.

VOTES

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

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Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

BUDGET CALENDAR

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Budget Calendar below.

July, 2011

*11 Budget calendar adopted by BOS

August, 2011

*8 Goals adopted by BOS\County Administration

September, 2011

30 Budget packets (goals, personnel, CIP, requests) distributed to departments

October, 2011

31 Budget packets (goals, personnel, CIP, requests) due from departments

November, 2011

14-18 Budget review meetings with Department Heads

December, 2011

*12 Capital Improvements Program presented to Board as information

January, 2012

*9 Capital Improvements Program adopted by Board

February, 2012

Preliminary budget information assembled

March, 2012

13 Superintendent presents proposed budget to School Board, public hearing on this budget is held by School Board

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- 26 7:00 a.m. School Board approves School Budget
- 26 6:30 p.m. Budget work session - School Budget presentation to BOS (authorize advertising of proposed school budget and April 9 Public Hearing)

April, 2012

- *9 FY2013 Proposed County Budget presented to Board of Supervisors, 5:00 p.m. Public hearing School Budget
- 23 6:30 p.m. Budget work session - approve School Budget, authorize advertising of proposed county budget, tax rates, and May 14 Public Hearing

May, 2012

- *14 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing on proposed budget and tax rates

June, 2012

- *11 Adopt Carroll County FY2013 budget

Prepare 2012 – 2013 final budget documents

VOTES

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

(Order)

UPDATES TO FUND BALANCE POLICY

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the updates to the Fund Balance Policy.

VOTES

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

(Order)

COMMISSION OF ARTS

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the additional allocation in the amount of \$5000 from grant funds received from the Virginia Commission of the Arts.

VOTES

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

(Order)

YEAR END ALLOCATIONS

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Year End Allocations as presented.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ROLLOVER

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Rollover as presented.

VOTES

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

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ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

Mr. Terry Woods told that we have had 8 positive cases of rabies in the County so far this year. He told that there have been 5 grey foxes, 2 raccoons and 1 skunk. He told that there have been several others that were not sent off for testing because there was no exposure. He told that USDA is testing things that we don't want to test but the only problem is getting them to them. He told that they have a freezer at the Wytheville office and the freezer that we have here is very small. He told that we have sent some to them but we have not got the results back yet. He told that last year USDA did the aerial drops of the bates and they are trying to determine if the drops need to be moved inland so hopefully we will get in that corridor this time. He told that they drop rabies vaccine and hopefully something will get a hold of it. He told that we have one of the highest case rates in the surrounding counties. He told that Bland and Grayson have had 1 case and Wythe County has had 2 cases. He told that Floyd has had 5 cases and Patrick has had 2 cases.

Dr. Littrell ask how the numbers compare with years past.

Mr. Woods told that we don't usually have such a high number this early. He told that we usually have 8 to 10 cases per year. He told that there is a lot more out there that we are not getting.

Mr. McMillian ask if it has anything to do with where we have had so much rain.

Mr. Woods told that it is a virus and it is spread through saliva. He thought the we thought we were going to hit our peak and the last couple of years I thought we were at our peak but it keeps rising. He told that it has to end itself at some time.

Mr. McMillian ask if there is need for alarm.

Mr. Woods told that there is no need for major concern. He told that in Northern Virginia they have had 15 to 26 cases.

Mr. McMillian ask if it is more urban.

Mr. Woods told that they test everything including road kill even if there has been no exposure.

Mr. Dickson told that he would like to thank Mr. Woods. He told that he had an incident as his house with a raccoon. He told that he called Mr. Woods and he told him what to look for then the Health Department came out. He told that it is a thankless position and we appreciate it.

Mr. Woods told that a lot of people don't realize that we are putting ourselves to exposure when getting the animal ready to send off. He told that the most important thing is to make sure that your pets are vaccinated.

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Dr. Littrell thanked Mr. Woods and told him that we appreciate the job that he is doing for the County.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Brenda Quesenberry told that she is from the Sulphur Springs District and at the last meeting her husband was out of town and wasn't able to attend. She told that there are some things that are bothering them. She told that she understands that Mr. Hurst is the only person who voted against Route 620 widening and they would like to commend him for that. She told that they live on Oak Grove Road but she is relatively certain that Mr. Hutchins and Dr. Littrell read the Gazette and should have known that we don't want the 620 widened. She ask what makes the Board think that it will thrive when they can not fill the empty buildings now. She told that even though Rt. 620 was already approve our supervisors could have listened to the people and reevaluated the decision. She told that the last Board would not listen to the citizens either. She told that citizens attempted to stop Amerlink but look what we got. She ask if we were headed for another Amerlink on Route 620 since it is being handled the same was as Amerlink, behind closed doors. She ask if the residents have no right to know what is going on in their community, especially when the taxpayers have been indebted for over \$5 million. She ask how much taxpayer money did the County get with Amerlink and where is it. She told that our Supervisors need to take a good look at this and ask if they want to be remembered for another Amerlink deal. She told that it is her understanding that the Board has ruled that citizens have three minutes to speak in a 3 or 6 month period and if this is true there is no freedom of speech. She ask if there is any Board member or County Attorney that might agree that this rule discriminates against the citizens and desperately needs amending. She told that it has become apparent that attempting to voice an opinion is neither wanted nor heard by the government. She told that when this Board was elected she thought the people of this county had a future and it seems I thought wrong.

Mr. Jim Williams told that he is with Smart Beginnings and they are 1 out of 28 programs in Virginia. He told that there focus is on children from 0 to 5 years old. He told that they are funded through the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and they had some organization issues. He told that he came on board in late June and he is looking to know what is needed in the area. He told that they were given a planning grant for this year. He told that major development takes places from 0 – 5 years and they are going through the database to see if there are problems that they can identify. He told that they cover Carroll, Grayson and the City of Galax and they feel like they can have a major impact on the funds that the County has to spend. He told that if one child has to repeat a grade it costs \$8000 and if there are 100 students it would cost \$800,000 and those funds can be used other places. He told that he appreciates the Boards interest and partnering with you.

PHASE III

Mr. Hutchins told that there has been a lot of discussion on the school funding about different means of funds or if there were additional funds. He told that when we first

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went down the QSAB road I think Dr. Smith would agree, we knew there would be a \$15 million cap and that is pretty much what our motion was.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing the Board approved to request the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) to immediately withdraw any and all funding or loan requests or applications' for construction, renovation, or other such projects relating to the Carroll County School System Phase III project and that such notification be provided to all affected government and/or private lending organizations' most expeditiously and to request the Carroll County School Board to direct the removal of any and all direct or indirect references relating to USDA Rural Development requirements in the Phase III school renovation construction documents so as to reduce the burden on potential bidders of the project that may negatively impact the bid prices since the Phase III was funded through QSCB at \$15 million.

Mr. Hutchins told that he believes when they were here the A&E firm indicated that had escalated the prices significant or otherwise and he has called a couple of other firms and they confirmed that the Rural Development regulations will significantly increase the cost of the bid.

Dr. Littrell told that he hopes this will reduce the cost of the bidding cycle.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PHASE III UPDATE

Dr. Smith told that it is always a pleasure to present to the Board. He told that on June 28th they rejected all of the bids that were received per advice of legal counsel. He told that he was directed by the School Board to explore every alternative to correlate this project with the funding expectations. He told that the focus since then has been the elimination of the 9th grade wing, keeping the baseball fields intact, maximizing square footage and working the HVAC into a workable solution. He told that after spending generous time measuring it appears that they can transition the 300 students into the high school without the new 9th grade wing. He told that this will require a partial redesign of the project and a diverse group of thoughts and it will be a difficult time and the square footage will be critical. He told that the likely impact factors will be larger classroom sizes, reduced flexibility of the scheduling, limited student access to the courses and

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programs, floating teachers and courses, limited program growth and expansion and increased student travel to the on campus and off campus facilities.

Dr. Smith told that he would be sharing his thoughts tomorrow to the School Board and will incorporate their changes at the Joint Meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. He told that it has been a journey for the last few weeks and they were surprised at the bids and Pinnacle was surprised as well. He told that in North Carolina and locally they have been bids that have come in less. He told that the culprit for the most part has been the HVAC and the mechanical work and it seems to be the game breaker right now and it is \$3.5 million and it is stopping up all of our works right now.

Mr. Hutchins told that there has been some talk of a Clerk of the Works and ask his thoughts on that.

Dr. Smith told that it is something that the School Board considered and they would welcome that level of assistance and knowledge base that would come with a person with those skill sets. He told that he and Mr. Larowe spoke about it last week and he presented several different resumes to get a look at what the person would do and what the cost may be and they were looking at a limited schedule because of the cost factors and there a great many people out there with those skill sets.

Mr. Hutchins told that there is a potential for saving money for the tax payers and it would also give a different set of eyes and ears. He told that we know we are paying the A&E firm to do that but this gives us an independent assessment.

Dr. Smith told that the skill sets are very specialized. He told that the benefit to this project would outweigh salary costs.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved to advertise immediately for the Clerk of Works position and to hire as soon as possible based on qualifications and experience.

VOTES

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

Dr. Smith told that they have a duties and responsibilities document and it is a good document.

Mr. Cornwell told that the position will need to be in the contract so the contractors will know that this person will be signing off and also to show their role.

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Dr. Smith told that if there is language that Mr. Cornwell would like to add just let him know.

Mr. McMillian told that this would give them an extra set of eyes and that could be very important. He told that this will assist the School Board, the Board of Supervisors and the taxpayers.

Mr. Dickson told that Montgomery County is looking at doing the same thing.

Dr. Smith told that their project was in a different stratosphere due to the amount they are spending.

Mr. Dickson told that they had the luxury of hiring Branch and Associates.

Mr. Hutchins told that he was told that they entered into a contract with Branch and Associates under a PPE.

Dr. Smith told that it is a Public Private Partnership. He told that it is a predesign.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is pretty lucrative.

Dr. Smith told that he has heard of those going south.

Mr. Dickson told that our scope is probably too small to do that.

Dr. Smith told that we probably could have went that route. He told that he just didn't feel like it fit and didn't take the time to pursue it strongly. He told that he did listen to some presentations on it.

Dr. Smith told that he will present to this Board after he presents to the School Board tomorrow night. He told that he thinks and hopes that everyone will be pleased with the product even though it is not the one that we wanted. He told that it is the one that we are going to have to get to.

Mr. Hutchins told that the school has a grant request into Rural Development but it is a pure grant and should not be included in the motion.

Dr. Smith told that they do have a request in for the cafeteria and it would not be associated with the motion that was made.

Dr. Littrell told that we have learned the meaning of flexibility.

Dr. Smith told that they have to ride the wave regardless of what comes their way. He told that they have to make the best of it and it will limit what they are able to do. He told that you have to do what is best for the kids. He told that he thinks they have a flexible plan and he is anxious to present it to the Board.

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(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX RELIEF

Dr. Littrell opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 and told that purpose for the hearing.

Mr. Cornwell told that the Commissioner of Revenue could not be here tonight. He told that basically the general assembly gives exemption to veterans and we are required to do it but we are limited in what we can do. He read the changes in the exemptions. He told that the Commissioner also suggested additional tax relief for the elderly and disabled. He told that they are proposing the income limit be raised from \$23,000 to \$26,000 and the maximum relief be raised from \$150 to \$250. He told that this would help those people get more. He told that before we had exempted 50% of the value and that has changed to 100%. He told that it was changed so it would be more in line with the veteran's exemption and also because a lot of people do not get the maximum exemption and it will help them to be able to get more. He told that the Commissioner has estimated this to be around \$7000.

Dr. Littrell ask if by definition if elderly is 65 or over and disabled has no age limit.

Mr. Cornwell told that is correct.

Mr. Gleeon Quesenberry told that he is all for the exemption and ask if widows of 100% disabled veterans eligible for relief.

Mr. Cornwell told that it does include widows of a veteran.

Mr. Quesenberry told that his father is deceased and he is wondering if his mother qualifies.

Mr. Jackson told that he believes they are if the death occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

Mr. Cornwell told that is correct.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:08 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the tax relief ordinance below.

VOTES

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

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

(Order)

§ 116-27. - Generally.

The commissioner of revenue shall, upon application made, within the limits as hereinafter provided and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, order exemption of tax on real property owned by and occupied as the sole dwelling house of i) a person or persons not less than sixty-five (65) years of age, (elderly exemption) or ii) a person or persons less than sixty-five (65) years of age determined to be permanently and totally disabled as defined in this division,(disabled exemption) or, iii) certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses (disabled veteran exemption). The commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, as deemed necessary for the effective administration of this article. The commissioner shall make such inquiries of persons seeking an exemption under this article as may be reasonably necessary in determining the qualifications therefore. Such inquiries shall be answered under oath. The commissioner may also require the production of certified tax returns to establish the income or financial worth of an applicant for tax relief under this article. The commissioner shall indicate in the land books of the county the amount of tax exempted pursuant to the provisions of this article.

§ 116-28. - Financial eligibility- Elderly or Disabled

To be eligible for the elderly or disabled exemption as provided for in this division, the total combined income, during the immediately preceding calendar year, from all sources, of the owner and relatives of the owner living in the dwelling house on such property shall not exceed twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000.00); provided that, the first six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) of income of each relative, other than the spouse of the owner, who is living in the dwelling shall not be included in such total, and provided further the net combined financial worth of such persons, including equitable interests, as of the thirty-first day of December of the immediately preceding calendar year, excluding the value of the dwelling house and the land, not exceeding one (1) acre, upon which it is situated, shall not exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00). A dwelling jointly held by a husband and wife may qualify for elderly or disabled exemption if either spouse is over sixty-five (65) years of age or is disabled.

§ 116-29. - Disability Eligibility.

- 1) For the purposes of determining eligibility under this article for the disabled exemption, a person shall be determined to be permanently and totally disabled, if he has a certificate from the social security administration, or if such person is not eligible for social security, a sworn affidavit from two (2) medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the state, to the effect that such person is permanently and totally disabled, and if he is found by the commissioner to be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity, which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of such person's life. The commissioner shall make such inquiries of an applicant for exemption under this section as may be reasonably necessary to determine an applicant's eligibility for the exemption, and such inquiries shall be answered under oath.

§ 116-30. - Disabled Veteran Exemption

- 2) Pursuant to § 58.1- 3219.5 the County hereby exempts from taxation the dwelling and up to one acre of land upon which the dwelling is situated, including the joint real property of husband and wife of any veteran who has been rated by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a 100 percent service- connected, permanent, and total disability, and who occupies the real property as his principal place of residence.

§ 116-31 - Applicant's affidavit.

- 1) The owner claiming an elderly or disabled exemption shall file with the commissioner, an affidavit setting forth an identification of the taxable real estate, the names of the persons occupying such real estate, that the total combined income of the owners and relatives living in the dwelling on such property for the preceding calendar year did not exceed the maximum total combined income permitted by this Code, provided that the first six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) of income of each relative, other than the spouse of the owner, who is living in the dwelling shall not be included in such total, and that the total combined net worth of such owner and relatives, as of the thirty-first day of December of the immediately preceding calendar year, excluding the value of the dwelling house and the land, not exceeding one (1) acre upon which it is situated, did not exceed the total combined net worth permitted by this Code. Such affidavit shall be filed annually or, in lieu thereof, such affidavit may be filed on a three-year cycle with an annual certification by the taxpayer that no facts stated on the last preceding affidavit filed have changed to such extent as to exceed or otherwise violate the limitations and conditions provided herein. Persons claiming an exemption as of December thirty-first of any year shall file the affidavit or certificate by the first day of May next following and any exemption granted shall apply to the fiscal tax collection year, beginning the next following July first. The commissioner may permit the late filing of the affidavit required by this section

for first-time applicants and may permit late filing of such affidavit or certificate for other than first-time applicants in hardship cases.

2) The veteran or surviving spouse claiming the disabled veteran exemption under this article shall file with the commissioner of the revenue, on forms to be supplied by the county, an affidavit or written statement (i) setting forth the name of the disabled veteran and the name of the spouse, if any, also occupying the real property, (ii) indicating whether the real property is jointly owned by a husband and wife, and (iii) certifying that the real property is occupied as the veteran's principal place of residence. The veteran shall also provide documentation from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency indicating that the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran shall be required to refile the information required by this section only if the veteran's principal place of residence changes. In the event of a surviving spouse of a veteran claiming the exemption, the surviving spouse shall also provide documentation that the veteran's death occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

§ 116-32. - Amount of exemption

With respect to the elderly or disabled exemptions, the dwelling and up to one acre of land upon which the dwelling is situated, including the joint real property of husband and wife shall be exempt from taxation, provided the amount of this exemption shall not exceed a reduction in taxation of such property in excess of \$250.00. Failure to pay the difference between the exemption and the full amount of taxes levied on the property for which the exemption is issued by December 5 of the year for which such exemption is issued shall constitute a forfeiture of the exemption. With respect to disabled veterans, the dwelling and up to one acre of land upon which the dwelling is situate shall be exempt without limitation.

§ 116-33. Claim procedure.

- or
exemption
- A. Annually, and not later than May 1 of the taxable year, the person or persons claiming an exemption must file a real estate tax affidavit with the Commissioner of the Revenue.
 - B. The affidavit shall set forth the facts supporting the claimed exemption in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of the Revenue and shall contain the information required by this article.
 - C. If, after audit and investigation, the Commissioner of the Revenue determines that the person or persons are qualified for exemption, the Commissioner shall issue to the person a certificate which shall show the amount of the exemption from the claimant's real estate liability.

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- D. Changes in respect to income, financial worth, ownership of property or other factors occurring during the taxable year for which the affidavit is filed and having the effect of exceeding or violating the limitations and conditions provided herein, or by any ordinance adopted hereafter, shall nullify any exemption for the then-current and the taxable year immediately following.

§ 116-34. False claims of exemption.

Any person who shall falsely claim the exemption provided for in this Article shall pay to the Treasurer one hundred ten percent (110%) of such exemption. Falsely claiming any exemption authorized in this Article shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) or confinement in jail not exceeding thirty (30) days, either or both.

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that it is a pleasure to be here and we are running at break neck speed. He told that we received a grant for an ambulance in the amount of \$116,678.40. He told that this is through USDA and it is an 80/20 grant. He told that our ambulance calls have gone up so we are always having to replace. He told that we have been focusing on Tourism and have moved the office to the Market Village and we are getting more attendance over there than what we have had in the past. He told that the signage box should be coming this week and we have replaced the road signs going in and added signs to the Farmers Market. He told that we are gathering data of the visitors who are coming in and collecting their zip codes and we will be compiling that information to use in target marketing through Social Media. He told that we have been working for the past 2 months doing some training on Social Media. He told that a group came regarding the absence of a 4-H agent and the position has been filled and we are excited about that. He told that he attended the Soil and Water Conservation meeting recently and toured their canola plantings at Matthews Farm. He told that it is exciting to see some of the things that they are pushing. He told that the School Farm that is located at Hillsville Elementary School is really being pushed hard. He told that there are some beef cattle there as well as green houses and there are a lot of opportunities for the children to learn.

Mr. Larrowe told that he participated in a meeting of Workforce Development and we have pushed that in a good direction. He told that he met with People Incorporated and we may use some of the services that they offer. He told that they are working hard to support Carroll County and we are working hard to support them. He told that it would not be to long until their workforce investment program will be at Crossroads. He told that we have had a resignation from Mr. Bernie Deck and he will be relocating to another State and it will leave an opening. He told that he proposes that we transfer that position to the Director of IT since it has been open for over a year. He told that this is utilization of a current position. He told that we could do something in the future but this would be the best use at this time. He told that SBDC is funding a position for Grayson County at

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30 hours a week and there may be an opportunity of that sort for Carroll County. He told that we are not taking emphasis off of Small Business by any means and we will be adding focus to that with some of the activities that we are doing in IT. He told that he appreciates the approval of the Clerk of the Works position and that one will end up paying for itself and will save dollars for Carroll County. He told that it is not every day that we spend \$15 million and it is paramount that we end up watching everything that takes place and this will give us that 3rd set of eyes.

Dr. Littrell ask under the Social Service report it looks like they ended up with a balance for the year of about \$131,000. He told that it looked like there was a surplus but in the local CSA there was more spent and was wondering if one would offset the other.

Mr. Larowe told that they are an offset and what ends up taking place is the number of CSA has gone up significantly. He told that he has asked the Director for a meeting to determine where the increases have been and where we can reduce. He told that we also have a member of CPMT and we will be addressing it from that direction as well.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Jackson told that he is glad to see that there is added relief for the elderly and disabled veterans. He told unfortunately the widows cannot receive benefits unless the death occurs on or after January 1, 2011 and he has had 2 in his district that he has had to check on. He thanked everyone for coming out today and told that it is great to still have an audience. He thanked the Chairman and the staff.

Mr. McMillian thanked everyone for coming and thanked Mr. Easter for the invocation. He told that there is a lot going on in the county right now and it is hard to know where to place the emphasis. He congratulated the recreation teams and told that several have went on to State Tournaments and have represented the County well. He told that it is something to be proud of. He ask everyone to keep Mr. Jackson's daughter in our prayers and thanked the Board members for their support.

Mr. Hutchins thanked the Board and staff. He asked who wrote the grant for the ambulance.

Mr. Larowe told that it went through Mike Mock and he is sure Ms. Surratt helped with it.

Mr. Hutchins told that he has heard a lot of great things about the new Tourism location and he has stopped by a couple of times. He told that this was a very positive move. He told that the School improvements are going to be a challenge. He told that with the IT person we will have the same number of employees and nothing additional. He told that the time is coming where we have to go with real networks and have a real server.

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Mr. Hurst told that it is good to see people here until the end of the meeting. He told that if you look at the whole picture you will see positive growth and he is excited about moving forward with the school and getting the Clerk of the Works. He told that it will give us more accessibility and we will get a better return for the money that is invested. He told that he would like to emphasize to citizens the importance of getting animals their rabies shots. It told that it does help control because nothing is worse than seeing someone go through the treatment.

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Easter said something about the ball teams, they didn't win but they didn't quit. He told that just because we don't have businesses coming in it is not the time to quit. He told that we need to keep moving forward and good things will happen. He told that if we are not ready for it then nothing will happen.

Dr. Littrell told that it felt strange not being here last month. He filled everyone in on the great race and told that when he was interviewed by Channel 7 that he had his Carroll County hat on. He told to finish a race with an antique car is winning and they came in 29th in the overall race and 9th place in their division. He told that they met people everywhere they stopped. He told that the County is moving forward quickly and we always have people who disagree. He told that it is great to hear citizen input and it is good to see people here. He told that we will be having a joint meeting with the School Board this Wednesday, July 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Mr. McMillian told everyone they should go by the Farmers Market and they are doing a great job over there. He told there was 400 acres of corn last year in the county and there has been over 700 acres so far this year.

ADJOURMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board recessed until July 13, 2011 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)

Chairman

Clerk

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