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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, March 12, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: David V. Hutchins
W.S. "Sam" Dickson
Dr. Tom Littrell
Joshua A. Hendrick
Phil D. McCraw
Ralph J. "Bob" Martin
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

Mr. Cornwell explained the purpose for entering Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin 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. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

The Board recessed at 4:10 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Ronald Newman led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Dickson told that they probably look a little unorganized and they have hand mics that they will be passing back and forth. He thanked those who did come out and thanked Mr. Newman for the prayer and told that we put our trust in the one that knows all. He told that we have a long agenda and have a Public Hearing on the proposed school budget which is scheduled to start at 6:00 and we cannot start it before then but it may be just a little after.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dickson told that he has some changes that he would like to make, after the Public Hearing move IDA up to follow, then citizens time, then QSCB and follow the agenda from there.

Mr. Hendrick told that he would like to remove the SWA Procurement and add the review of the Road Abandonment Policy and application.

Mr. Dickson told that we can add that after QSCB.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

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VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 13, 2012 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for March 2012 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of April 2012 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. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

RECREATION ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing unanimously, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$1192.40 from a donation received from St. Paul Cana Booster Club to purchase pitching mounts.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

ANIMAL CONTROL TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing unanimously, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$4500 from Business Development to cover fuel overages caused by continue high prices of gas.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Library Construction Contract.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

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LIBRARY ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$268,246.00 for the Library Improvement Project.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SOCIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Social Services Memorandum of Understanding.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SBDC ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$4300 from funds recovered for printing costs from clients. These funds will be used to restock office supplies.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

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CLERK'S OFFICE TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$960.00 to cover expenses not funded by the Supreme Court.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$399.00 from the Commonwealth Attorney's asset forfeiture fund for purchase of office equipment.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing on May 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical regarding the Comprehensive Plan Strategy Matrix modifications.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes

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Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

BUDGET CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Mr. Hutchins told that on April 30th he and at least one more member will be out of town and unable to attend that meeting. He ask if we could change that date.

Mr. Dickson ask if he just wanted to pull that date for now and not replace it yet.

Mr. Hutchins told that if we could just change the date from the 30th to maybe the following week on the 7th.

Mr. Dickson ask if there were any suggestions or thoughts. He ask when our meeting is in May.

Mr. Larrowe responded the 14th.

Mr. Dickson ask if we want to move it to the 14th and ask if that would work.

Ms. Shank told that she is understanding that the School Budget must be approved by the 1st.

Mr. Dickson ask if the State says you have to have it done by the 1st.

Mr. Larrowe ask if there is a date before the 30th that all are available.

Mr. Dickson ask if everyone is alright with the 23rd. He told that Mr. Hutchins would also like a copy of the statute that dictates those dates so we can have it.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved to change the date within the Budget Calendar amendment from April 30th to April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

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PHASE III CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$921,593.81 for Phase III Construction and Renovation to process payments as listed below.

Triad Builders	\$236,548.24
New Atlantic Contracting	\$422,457.40
Structural Steel of Carolina	\$136,078.00
ECS	\$3287.50
ECS	\$2489.00
Blue Ridge Concrete	\$7560.00
Blue Ridge Concrete	\$23,054.75
Blue Ridge Concrete	\$1560.00
New South Construction	\$17,404.80
Cork & Boardman	\$6345.00
Hughes	\$6489.14
Hydro International	\$31,500.00
Cemex	\$4336.68
Cemex	\$22,480.30

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

VDOT – SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Mr. Huff told that he is asking the Board to approve the Secondary Six Year Road Plan including the following projects; Route 620, Route 802 – Waterberry Road, Route 745 – Stone Ridge Road, Route 690 – Brushy Fork Road and Route 793 – Sherwood Road. He told on Stone Ridge Road they are proposing the first ½ mile to be upgraded. He told that it can be done through the Rural Rustic Program through a no plan approach but they will need to pass a resolution. He told that on Sherwood Road they wanted it to be moved to the top five as well because they can also use the no plan approach on it and Winding Ridge will require a plan. He told that assuming Route 793 is under Rural Rustic they can do engineering for Route 685 at the same time as they are doing the upgrades to Route 793. He told that they can also be getting the right of way easements and move it to the top five next year. He told that the resolution will need to be approved for Stone Ridge Road.

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RURAL RUSTIC RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Rural Rustic Resolution below.

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-70.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the improvement and hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a **Rural Rustic Road**; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than 1500 vpd; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Virginia (“Board”) requests that (*show State Route number and street name*) Route 745 (Stone Ridge Road). From: 0.10 Mile North Route 746 (Sunset Drive) To: 0.60 Mile North Route 746 (Sunset Drive) be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board’s six-year plan for improvements to the secondary system of state highways; and

WHEREAS, the general public and particularly those citizens who own land abutting this road have been made aware that this road may be paved with minimal improvements as is consistent with the development of a rural rustic road project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right of way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

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APPROVAL OF SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Six Year Road Plan as presented.

Dr. Littrell ask when they expected to start working on Waterberry Road.

Mr. Huff replied that it has a mid-summer add date and it is 60 days after advertised so it should be August or September.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PHASE III UPDATE

Mr. Dennis Cole told that at the Intermediate School the masonry is laying the walls to grade level and this will hold the brick that will be installed at grade and above. He told that the waterproofing contractor has continued to lay sheet membrane at all retaining walls and this is part of keeping the water from coming into the basement area. He told that the mason also continues to lay header block around the perimeter of the addition of classrooms that are on the back side of the wall and it is the last step of block laying prior to the slab. He told that the plumbing contractor continues to install below grade pvc and water lines for the toilets and the site contractor has started the installation of the concrete curb and gutter at the parking lot. He told they have also put in stone prior to paving and it will keep the site less muddy. He told that ECS is still on site to monitor the grout, mortar design and rebar placement and they have also recommended installation of gravel at the admin site. He told that the fill material is going in as we speak. He told that they are working on the connector road from the existing to the new parking lot and it will be a new road that will connect. He told that on the admin site the footers are complete. He told that insulated boards are being put up at the windows in anticipation of new walls and that will effectively close off the windows. He told that the building has been around for quite some time and they are trying to create a barrier between the existing and the new along with an airspace. He told that the electrical contractor is installing conduit so they are getting a head start on the inside of the building after 3:30 each day. He told that the new electrical transformer pad has been located and this is significant because it helps us in putting in the new power source. He told that the issues they are dealing with right now are, the contractor has submitted for credit for the speaker wiring that is not going to

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be used. Also they are moving the electrical panels to the interior. He told that next they will be pouring the slab for the admin building and the classroom building, steel will start to show up and the masonry will be complete other than the brick and it will start showing up within the next 30 days. He told that the payment applications have been submitted and approved and the contractor is 10% into the building. He told that puts us a little behind schedule but they think they can make the time up.

Mr. Cole told that at the High School the mason continues to lay block at the 2nd floor level. He told that the steel columns, decks and beams have been welded into place and the curved beams showed up today and they are already in place. He told that the electrical contractor is also working on the interior after 3:30 each day. He told that the plumber has removed the urinals and toilets which is part of a change order for alternate #3 which was to replace water lines and plumbing fixtures. He told that they are trying to determine what fixtures will work best for the replacements and told that they are trying to not tear down any walls. He told that the roof framing is almost complete and at the field house the mason has finished the exterior walls for both levels. He told that the partition walls have been installed in the bathrooms. He told that ECS is on site for the welding. He told that the payment applications have been submitted and approved and the general contractor is 23% complete.

WIND MILL DISCUSSION

Mr. Martin told that the main thing is he wanted to bring publicity to an organization from Texas is proposing windmills to be placed on Stoots Mountain. He told that it came up in Executive Session to start with and is in the public domain at this point. He told that the company has approached several individuals and they even held community meetings so he thinks it has went beyond executive session. He told that he just wonders since Carroll County does not have any kind of mountain top ordinance if it would be a lot easier to do something before rather than after the matter. He told that he wanted to make the matter public record.

Mr. Dickson told that as far as he is concerned that was a closed session issue so he will not be talking about it because he would be in conflict of our policy. He told that there are repercussions if you do go outside of our policy which all of us have signed. He told that he doesn't know about the others and ask if anyone wanted to talk about a specific company or specific location for windmills.

Mr. Martin told that frankly he did not want to get into this but the research that he has done he thinks we were in violation of executive session and if you can stretch it to where, and he addressed Mr. Cornwell and told that he thinks we got poor legal advice in that meeting and he was in there. He told that he doesn't think the statue was designed to cover something that really didn't pertain to the business of the county. He told that it was a company from Texas that was addressing private owners about buying windmill sites. He told that he does not think it was appropriate then and since then and if you can make that case then you can make the case that we can cover almost anything in executive session.

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Mr. Dickson told that everyone voted when we came out of Executive Session that it was closed meeting material and it was certified. He told that as far as he is concerned they could talk about wind energy in general but as far as being specific company or location he will not discuss it.

Mr. Hendrick told that he would like to discuss a policy or regulation.

Mr. Dickson ask if he wanted to talk about a specific company or location.

Mr. Hendrick told that he wants to talk about a policy in general. He told that Floyd County is working on a regulation ordinance and ask Mr. Cornwell what the status of that was.

Mr. Cornwell told that there is a statue 15.2-2295.1 of the Code of Virginia which allows a locality to regulate mountain ridge construction and to regulate the height of tall buildings or structures. He told that Floyd County had a draft ordinance and after their public hearing their Board of Supervisors decided that they needed more information so they appointed a committee of two members from each district and they are in the process of reviewing the information and will bring their recommendations back to the Board.

Mr. Hendrick told that he felt in Carroll that we are going to need something like that if somebody does try to come in we have nothing to regulate how the process proceeds forward. He told that if it is something like Floyd is doing or other localities that is what he would like to discuss as a County we need something to regulate how a project like that goes forward as far as environment impact studies, structure height and appearance and things of that nature because right now there is nothing to prevent a company from starting.

Mr. Dickson told that he agrees and ask if he would like to make a motion to get ordinances that other localities have that we could look at and make our own or do you want to start from scratch.

Mr. Hendrick ask if that is something that the Board would want to do or the Planning Commission could look into it or even a subcommittee.

Mr. Dickson told that he is open to any if he wants to make a suggestion.

Mr. Hutchins told that if Mr. Cornwell is already working on this we don't want to pay him twice so we can just get what he is working on for Floyd and look at what they have done. He told that if they are already doing the research we would save some time.

Mr. Cornwell told that he drafted two ordinances for Floyd and they are public record. He told that one was to regulate windmills and the other was to prohibit windmills. He told that he could send both for review.

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Mr. Hendrick told that would be a starting point just to see what is out there and what we need to do. He told that if we think it is something that needs to be transferred to the Planning Commission we could do that then.

Mr. Dickson told that it is something that we need to look at because there is some interest. He ask Mr. Cornwell to send the ordinances and ask Ms. Adams to put it on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Hendrick ask if there is anything in the State of Virginia that regulates how electricity produced, bought or how the methods are dealt with, is it kept in Virginia or can it go anywhere.

Mr. Cornwell told that his understanding is it is all inter productive so it can go anywhere. He told that he can also give us Patrick County and Tazewell County's because they have ordinances.

Mr. Martin told that he is concerned that if something is established in the County on a Mountain Ridge regardless of where it is at it will set precedence. He told that it could change the whole county and he agrees with this. He told that he wants the people to know what is coming.

Mr. Dickson told that he is hesitant to discuss a name or certain place. He told that we all know where Gatorade is now and they were supposed to be in North Carolina but the information was leaked and when Gatorade found out they ended up going to Wytheville instead. He told that we do not want to set precedence of things coming out of closed session and we might lose something. He told that this is something that we want to be cautious of.

Mr. Martin told that he agrees however he can remember the 150 jobs came out of Executive Session the week before the election so what is fair for the goose is fair for the gander. He told that the windmill situation ran on Channel 10 and was also in the Galax Gazette and the same company that had public hearings in Carroll County had already met with the land owners. He told that he is not sure it would hold legal muster if it comes to the Attorney General's ruling on the executive session item that was discussed. He told that he thinks it is a good idea.

Mr. Dickson told that he still says we need to keep the closed session tight and that is what he intends to do. He told that you can do what you want to do and I will do what I want to do.

Mr. Martin told that he is certainly glad that the Board has got religion on that because when you release information.

Mr. Dickson told that we will move on to the next item.

PSA CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Mr. Dickson told that this is an item that the Board would normally let PSA handle. He told that they do have a conflict of interest policy and ask Dr. Littrell, PSA Chairman to discuss.

Dr. Littrell told that the PSA had knowledge of a potential conflict of interest and they attempted to address that with a policy at the meeting last month. He told that he would like to give some background information about it and where it came from: Nehemiah Engineering won the Inspection Services bid from the Carroll County Public Services Authority (PSA) in August of 2009. The Inspection Services were rebid and awarded to Nehemiah Engineering on September 12, 2011. Nehemiah Engineering has worked from August 2009 to the present for the PSA to provide third party inspection services. In essence, Nehemiah Engineering is the eyes and ears of the PSA as associated with Contractors on building out water and sewer lines in Carroll County. Over this time period, the Carroll PSA has contracted for more than \$18,483,390 of projects that Nehemiah Engineering has been involved with. Those projects include:

Long Range Water

Honeycutt Dam Road Water

Exit 19 Sewer

Sylvatus Water

And now Fancy Gap Water and Sewer

After the Fancy Gap project started, Nehemiah Engineering asked for additional funds above what they had contracted to do the Inspection work. Representatives from Nehemiah Engineering attended the PSA meeting on January 9, 2012 and met with staff on January 20, 2012 to once again ask for additional funds for the Inspection services that Nehemiah Engineering had won contracts on. In both instances, the request from Nehemiah Engineering was rejected.

Once the Inspection services were bid, the price was set by Nehemiah Engineering then there could be no adjustment from the PSA unless the scope of the project changed by expanding the project. In reality, the project was reduced and therefore the pricing of Nehemiah Engineering could have been reduced as well.

At the pre-construction conference for the Fancy Gap project, there was a discussion between one of the Contractors and Nehemiah Engineering where the Contractor asked Nehemiah Engineering to prepare an Erosion and Sediment Plan for them for the Fancy Gap project. Nehemiah Engineering asked the County Engineer if this would be allowed and the before there was an answer, the Executive Director of the PSA said that the Inspection Service provider (Nehemiah Engineering) could not be working for Contractors on the same job. If this had been allowed, the PSA eyes and ears for the project would have been working for the Contractor they were inspecting and it would have presented a clear Conflict of Interest issue. Again on February 27th, 2012 Nehemiah Engineering asked the County Engineer to work for yet another Contractor of the Fancy Gap project to do a “blasting survey”. Again, this appears to be a Conflict of Interest in that Nehemiah Engineering is inspecting the work of this Contractor as well. The request was taken to the PSA and the PSA in turn approved and instituted a Policy on March 12th which stated:

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Carroll County Public Service Authority (PSA)

Policy

Contractors Providing Service to the PSA

Effective March 12, 2012

The Carroll County Public Service Authority (PSA) is dedicated to providing superior quality services and expects superior quality contract and Inspection Services. As a result, the PSA requires contract providers, including their subcontractors, under contract to the PSA and during the period of such contract with the PSA ("Contractor") to adhere to the guidelines as listed below (modified from the 2007 VDOT Road and Bridge Specifications, Section 105.04)

Gifts, gratuities, or favors shall not be given or offered by a Contractor to any other Contractor or personnel associated with any other Contractor. No Contractor shall employ any other Contractor or personnel of any Contractor for any services within Carroll County during the term of any contract with the PSA. Contracts for services outside of Carroll County between Contractors or their personnel during the term of the contract with the PSA shall require the written consent of the PSA.

If the PSA determines, after an investigation, that a Contractor or the Contractor's employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents of any person acting for those parties have violated this policy, the Contractor may, at the discretion of the PSA, be disqualified from bidding on future contracts with the PSA for a period of six months from the end of the current Contractor's contract and, in severe cases which the PSA determines has affected the contract or caused damage or injury to the PSA, the current contract may be voided. Any employees, agents, subcontractors or representatives of the Contractor who have violated this policy may also be prohibited from working on any contract awarded by the PSA.

The policy shall be distributed to every current Contractor and shall henceforth be made a part of every procurement issued by the PSA.

Dr. Littrell told that it turned out that it had some problems and it was too restrictive. He told that the policy was put on hold until they could address the issues. He told that the policy covered contractors and not just inspectors.

On March 16, 2012 it was brought to the attention of the PSA by Nehemiah Engineering that the adopted Policy was too broad and had the potential of "shutting down the Fancy Gap project". After consultation with the PSA Attorney and the PSA Membership, the Executive Director placed a "hold" on the Policy (on March 16) that had been adopted at the March 12, 2012 meeting until the April 9, 2012 PSA Meeting. The placing on hold by the Executive Director was clearly in his scope of duties since the policy could have been interpreted as too broad and unwanted consequences could have been had as a result. On March 17, 2012 Nehemiah Engineering started a protest of the

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Executive Director's discretionary decision to place the policy on "Hold", however Nehemiah Engineering had asked for the policy change. Again, Nehemiah Engineering was notified that with legal consultation and comments from the PSA members, the policy was placed on "hold" until the April 9th regular meeting of the PSA. To date, Nehemiah Engineering has been paid \$384,836.40 for Inspection Services from the PSA and additional \$162,419.00 is scheduled to be paid as part of the contract. By the end of this current contract, Nehemiah Engineering will be paid a total of \$547,255.40. Dr. Littrell told that early today the PSA visited the policy and came up with a new one, but it was tabled until next meeting so everyone has a chance to review.

Mr. Dickson told that the policy is not in effect and we are reviewing a new one.

Dr. Littrell told that the policy from March 12th has been rescinded and the new one has not been put into place. He told that they are using the original method of checking each request individually.

Mr. Hendrick told that he could not speak for or against but the State has a Conflict of Interest Code but the reason for requesting it on the agenda was more procedural. He told that the policy was motion made and approved then it was rescinded without a meeting or a vote from what he saw. He told that if you suspend the policy that is against the motion of the PSA and from what he saw was effective immediately. He ask how you can make a motion and enact a policy and suspend it without an open meeting and an open vote.

Mr. Dickson told that it was rescinded today but this probably needs to go back to the PSA because we can't dictate what they do.

Mr. Hendrick told that there are three members here that are on the PSA and by Roberts Rules when you suspended the policy you rescinded the motion or attempted to rescind it. He told that without an open meeting and a vote it cannot be done. He told that it has nothing to do with policy itself; it is just the procedural part. He told whether the authority was given to the Executive Director or not it superseded the motion before.

Mr. Dickson told that as far as he knew it was determined not to be a good policy. He told that the Executive Director had full consent to do that in his authority. He told that it will need to go back to the PSA because three members is not a majority.

Mr. Hendrick told that even with consent it is against Roberts Rules. He told that even with consent from the Board how do you stop Board action. He told that it doesn't matter if it is PSA or any Board and ask Mr. Cornwell if that is in Roberts Rules.

Mr. Cornwell told that the action of the Executive Director did not circumvent the policy. He told that what he determined to do at his discretion was not to enforce the policy until the PSA could review it. He told that the policy was effective until it was repealed today.

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ROAD ABANDONMENT POLICY

Mr. Newman told that a couple of years ago a policy was adopted concerning the procedures to go through for considering a road abandonment. He told that it included posting at the front door of the courthouse three days prior a term of circuit court and there are four terms throughout the year. He told that a road abandonment doesn't have anything to do with the goings on of the court system so what is being requested today is to take that part out of the policy and replace it with posting a notice on the bulletin board that is on the 2nd floor where the typical postings are made for the Board of Supervisors. He told that we would still leave in the notification of land owners, advertisement in the newspaper and posting at three locations along the proposed abandonment.

Mr. Dickson told that he can't exactly hear what you are saying and ask Mr. Newman to repeat.

Mr. Newman told that instead of posting it and tying the posting to three days prior to a term of circuit court we will still post the notice but it will be on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor of the Complex. He told that it takes it out of being tied to the term for court which has nothing to do with it and it allows you to consider it more quickly. He told that if we had to wait till a term of circuit court we would have to wait until June.

Mr. Dickson ask if that was the only change.

Mr. Newman told that it is the only proposed change to the policy.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is a good change and he wonders if the reason it is tied to the court is due to the number of people who might be coming out. He ask if we also need to put it at the front entrance as well as on the 2nd floor. He told that a lot of public notices are on the board outside or on the windows. He told that he thinks we should study this and allow it to be looked at and bring it back for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Hendrick told that the reason he had it brought up tonight since it was a simple change is because we have an application now and it would have to be put off until late summer. He told that it was emailed out Friday for a change tonight.

Mr. Dickson ask if we can add posting at the first floor.

Mr. Cornwell told that the statue requires posting at the front door of the courthouse.

Mr. Hendrick ask if we could just add to the policy to post on the front door of the courthouse for 30 days.

Mr. Martin ask if we would still post along the abandonment and contact the property owners.

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Mr. Dickson replied yes. He told that according to the policy we would contact everyone who borders the road.

Mr. Newman told that they would receive a notice through the mail, post on the roadway, notice on 2nd floor and notice at the front door of the courthouse.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw the proposed changes to the road abandonment policy.

POLICY REGARDING ABANDONMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS
WITHIN THE VIRGINIA SECONDARY HIGHWAY SYSTEM, AND ROADS NOT
MAINTAINED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Any owner of land which is adjacent to or has access from any public road within Carroll County which public road is within the secondary highway system, or which is not maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation or any person or entity, public or private, may file a written Petition to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), seeking the abandonment of such road or a portion thereof by complying with the following procedure:

- a. The Petition shall be in the form approved by the Board and shall include the name(s), current addresses and phone numbers of the petitioners, their interest in seeking abandonment of the road and the location of their property in relation to the road or portion of the road requested to be abandoned. The Petition, along with all supporting documentation, certifications, and application fees shall be submitted to the Carroll County Office of Land Use and Planning. No abandonment shall be considered by the Board of Supervisors unless 80% of the adjacent landowners and those utilizing the road or portion thereof for access from a state maintained road to their property joins in the Petition for abandonment. In addition the Petition shall include the following:
 - i. The names, current addresses and phone numbers of all persons or entities owning land adjacent to the roadway sought to be abandoned, or in the case of a request for abandonment of a portion of a roadway, those persons or entities owning land adjacent to the portion of such roadway for which abandonment is sought;
 - ii. The names, current addresses and phone numbers of all persons or entities currently utilizing the roadway in question for access to other public roads via rights of way, driveways, or other recorded or unrecorded easements;

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- iii. A copy of a recorded plat or other document(s) depicting and describing the road or portion thereof for which abandonment is sought;
 - iv. Photographs of the road or portion thereof for which abandonment is sought, depicting the current state of repair, use and environs;
 - v. The identity and location of any and all alternative routes for access to the properties currently served by the road or portion thereof for which abandonment is sought.
 - vi. The factual basis supporting the petitioner's request for abandonment. Specifically, the Petition must demonstrate that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the road or section thereof as a public road, and that the safety and welfare of the public would be served best by abandoning the road or section thereof.
 - vii. The Petition shall be verified by the petitioner under oath.
- b. Upon filing of a petition for abandonment with the County, the matter shall be reviewed by the County staff, and upon completion of such review, placed upon the agenda of a Board meeting for initial consideration by the Board with a staff recommendation. Upon initial consideration, the Board will determine whether to accept the Petition and proceed to public hearing or to reject the petition. Acceptance of the Petition at this stage does not constitute approval of abandonment of the public road or any portion thereof. Upon determination of the Board to accept the Petition and proceed to hearing the Board will set a date for public hearing on the Petition and the petitioner will be notified and shall then pay the application fee and comply with this policy and the applicable provisions of law to conduct the public hearing before the Board. No Petition not accepted by the Board shall be re-filed for a period of one (1) year after rejection.
- c. Application Fee: There is imposed upon a petitioner an application fee of \$100.00 to defray the County's administrative costs and fees incurred in reviewing and evaluating the Petition, which application fee is due and payable within ten (10) days from notification that the Board has accepted for hearing the Petition. Failure to pay such fee within such time will cause the County to cease further consideration of the Petition.
- d. Public Notice: Upon notification that the Petition has been accepted for public hearing petitioner shall give public notice of the Petition for abandonment and the public hearing before the Board in the following manner:
- i. By posting or causing to be posted a notice of such Petition and the date, time and place of the public hearing thereon for at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing on the bulletin board located on the second floor, Wing B, of the Carroll County

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- Governmental Center, where other such notices of Board of Supervisors meetings are posted and for 30 days prior to the public hearing at the front door of the Carroll County Courthouse; and
- ii. By posting notice of such Petition and the date, time and place of the public hearing thereon for at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing at least three places on and along the road or portion thereof sought to be abandoned; and
 - iii. By providing to the County the public notice required to be published of the date, time and place of the public hearing thereon in two or more issues of a newspaper having general circulation in Carroll County; and
 - iv. By mailing a notice of public hearing via certified United States Mail, return receipt requested, to all persons or entities owning land adjacent to the roadway or portion thereof sought to be abandoned, and to all persons or entities currently utilizing the roadway in question for access to other public roads via rights of way, driveways, or other recorded or unrecorded easements.
 - v. In the event that the road or portion of road to be abandoned is part of the state secondary system of highways, by giving written notice of the Petition and the date, time and place of the public hearing thereon to the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Commissioner thereof; and,
 - vi. By complying with any other applicable requirements imposed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia or ordinances of Carroll County concerning abandonment of public roads

All notices required hereunder shall be upon the form provided by the County and shall state that a petition has been filed with the Board of Supervisors to declare the road or section thereof abandoned altogether as a public road, and shall fully describe the road or portion thereof sought to be abandoned.

- e. Multiple Jurisdictions: In any case in which the road proposed to be abandoned lies partially within Carroll County and partially within another county, the Petitioner shall be required to make a petition to such other county for abandonment of the portion of road lying within such county, and any approval for abandonment given by the Board shall be expressly contingent upon the approval of the governing body of such other county.
- f. Publication: In addition to the Application fee, the petitioner shall be responsible for paying the County's costs incurred for publishing, in at least two issues of a newspaper having general circulation in the County, a notice of public hearing to consider the requested abandonment. The County Administrator or other agent of the county shall advise the Petitioner of the requisite costs, and upon payment by the Petitioner of such costs, shall request publication of the required notice.

- g. Certification and Affidavit: The petitioner shall, prior to any public hearing or vote on the requested abandonment, present to the Board of Supervisors an affidavit signed under oath, certifying that all steps required of the Petitioner under this policy have been complied with. The affidavit shall include as attachments photographs documenting the posting of the notices required under this policy.
- h. Incomplete Compliance or Documentation: Complete documentation and compliance with each and every requirement of this procedure shall be mandatory. In the event that the Petitioner has failed in a timely manner to provide the requisite documentation, fees or has failed to timely provide notice as required herein the Board may, in its discretion, reject the petition or postpone the public hearing and require the Petitioner to cure any deficiencies in documentation and notice. In the event of such postponement, the Petitioner may be required to pay additional fees to offset the County's additional costs in reviewing and verifying compliance with the requirements set forth herein and additional costs of advertising.
- i. Public Hearing: For accepted Petitions the Board will, after receipt the requisite fee(s) and documentation certifying compliance with all of the foregoing requirements, hold a public hearing to consider the requested abandonment. If, after the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of the secondary road as a public road, or that the safety and welfare of the public would be served best by abandoning the road, it shall enter, in compliance with Virginia Code § 33.1-151, an order on its minutes abandoning the road or section of road, and thereupon such road or section thereof shall cease to be a public road.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

ROAD ABANDONMENT

Mr. Newman distributed a plat that shows the proposed abandonment. He told that there are 3 landowners along this road and all three have sent letters of support for the abandonment. He told that some of issues that they are having are the usual trash, alcohol, drug and sex paraphernalia and some time back some squatters moved in on

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some neighboring property and they came onto another's property and swam, fished and used the horses. He told that the landowners would like the ability to be able to better control the road going into the property. He told that he did ask if anyone used the roadway and there has been a person who has ridden a horse through there and they are okay with that. He told that he has spoke with Mr. Huff from VDOT and he doesn't see any issues. He told that an abandonment takes away the public right of way but if someone has a deeded right of way to use something it will have no effect on it. He told that there is one small tract with no road frontage so there will be an easement to that tract of land and he has discussed that with the landowner and their attorney.

Mr. Dickson told that if we want to move forward with this we will need a motion for a Public Hearing. He told that this is in the Laurel Fork District and ask if Mr. Hendrick is familiar with this.

Mr. Hendrick told that he has met with the landowners last week and he was able to see some of the paraphernalia and got to hear more stories about stolen vehicles. He ask if we have a date in mind.

Mr. Newman told that the next meeting is May 14th and that would give us the 30 days to post.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board accepted the application for abandonment of a portion of Route 666.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. McCraw would be giving the Budget Committee Report and if you listen closely it might answer some of the questions that you have.

Mr. McCraw told the comments he is about to make, may take a few minutes, however he ask you to bear with him as he attempts to paint the full picture of the budget situation in Carroll County. He told that he will re-cap at the end of my comments just to reiterate the important points that I am sure you will be interested in hearing.

Good evening. My Name is Phil McCraw and I was appointed to the Carroll County Budget Committee along with Dr. Tom Littrell on February the 13th by the Board of

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Supervisors (BOS) to prepare the challenging 2013 budget of the County which includes the School system. We started this process immediately and have worked with staff to find solutions that will work for this community. The Budget Committee would like to start off this report by explaining to all citizens that the BOS supports education and fully realizes that a high quality education directly translates to the potential growth of our community through economic development and a higher wage for the future graduate. Carroll County ranks second only to Washington County for school funding in the Mount Rogers Planning District, which covers 7 Counties and 2 Cities. In addition, goal 3 c. of the BOS is to support Higher Education access in our community and as a result, the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) just recently supported the Higher Education Center at the Crossroads Institute so that citizens will have a place to obtain even Bachelor and Master degrees within our community. We (BOS) understand the importance of education. I suspect the majority of the people in this auditorium tonight have either attended Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS), have children that attend CCPS or have grandchildren in CCPS. Not to mention that 2 fellow BOS Board members sitting here with us are actually employed by CCPS. Historically, the BOS has funded additional projects to schools in excess of the local funding (transfer). As an example, in 2011 the BOS not only funded the Capital Improvement request of \$367,260 (in addition to the local transfer) the BOS also funded an additional project to replace the roof at Oakland Elementary for \$125,000 for a total of \$492,260 above the amount Carroll County funded for school operations. This is not being said only because of the turnout here tonight, but also because there is a history for supporting the educational system, and this audience needs to be aware that the BOS is pro education. Also, Phase III is underway due to the direct support of the BOS for an additional \$15 million. To date the total debt attributed to CCPS is \$44,575,771. This is being said in light of the recent suggestions that appear to question the support of the BOS. In addition, the budget committee was tasked with developing a balanced budget with *no tax rate increase*. The state of our current community, with unemployment accompanied by rising inflation, dictates that we have an obligation to support our citizens in this time of need. As you know, many Carroll County citizens are elderly who live on fixed incomes. We must consider all citizens of Carroll when making decisions that affect our community. We also understand that the County fund balance has been a major topic of discussion within the School System and community. It is important for the community to know, that we do have a fund balance and it is no secret. This information is always available on the county website. There is also a fund balance policy that was adopted on January 13, 2011, and revised on July 11, 2011. This policy was adopted because the BOS felt it was fiscally responsible to do so; however it was also adopted because local governments were required to adopt a fund balance policy by Governmental Accounting Standard (GASB 54). The adoption of the policy was NOT optional. Now, let's talk about the numbers in the fund balance since there seems to be some confusion. The audited fund balance figure is \$16.1 million, which is calculated on the modified accrual basis of accounting. This method of accounting recognizes revenue received 60 days after our close of year, and also recognizes expenses 60 days after our close of year. Therefore the audited fund balance actually shows revenues and expenses that have not occurred. With this in mind, the BOS adopted the more conservative fund balance policy that uses the cash basis of accrual method and uses the June 30 cash balance for the purposes of

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calculating fund balance. We use this method because you cannot pay bills if you do not actually have the money in the bank. So, if we look at the actual fund balance as of June 30, 2011 there was \$13.7 million. After applying the fund balance policy, our actual “unassigned” amount is \$4.3 million, of which \$1.5 million was designated for the first payment on Phase III renovations. This move was a fiscally responsible move made by the BOS to avoid a panic in the future of where that payment would come from. Of the remainder in the fund balance, \$250K was designated for IT improvements that are needed to upgrade our current technology infrastructure and that leaves Carroll County with a “real” unassigned amount of \$2.5 million. We do not believe it is fiscally responsible to use fund balance dollars to pay for recurring operational costs. This is the last priority of utilizing fund balance money. If you subsidize operational costs from the fund balance for one year, you could have those same or increased costs in future years. There may not be any money to fund them in the future. The Budget Committee has found a way to fund the majority of the School Board’s budget request that does NOT use fund balance for the extra dollars. As you know, the General Assembly has held back Local Governments and School Systems by failing to meet its obligation to pass a State budget in a timely manner. In reality, many school systems have waited to work on their final budget numbers until the state is closer to passing a budget and they know what the Commonwealth is going to provide. It has been stated that the schools are expecting to receive an additional \$300,000 for educational expenses. We are hopeful that we will receive positive news from the State by the end of April, however as you know, there are no guarantees until Richmond passes a budget. We all need to also understand, that despite the BOS requesting the previous School Board (SB) to include the HVAC system in the Phase III renovations, the SB opted for a new administrative wing at CCHS. Now, the current SB has requested an additional \$7.1 million in improvements to be made at CCHS and CCIS, in addition to the current renovations. The last request made by the SB to the BOS had listed the HVAC as the last priority to be funded. The school has requested the County to fund this \$4.3 million project in the County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request for 2014 as well. This project alone would cost \$1.7 million more than is in the entire unassigned Fund Balance. The budget committee understands that the HVAC is in critical need of repair, and as good stewards of public dollars we must take future known issues into consideration while budgeting. In the March 26th School Budget presentation to the BOS, the number requested was \$1,937,035 and even before our budget work is finished, it is the recommendation of the BOS budget committee this evening to pledge \$1.8 million in additional funding, for a total of \$10,826,863 in the local funds (transfer) to schools. The \$1.8 million recommended funding by the Budget Committee represents almost 93% of the requested funds. We believe this is a number that the SB can work with without the threat of closing a school, eliminating positions and programs. We feel as if this number is once again evidence of the BOS’s support for education. Some of you may be asking “how can you add additional money to the schools, not raise taxes and not use fund balance”? This can be done because Carroll County is, and has been one of the most fiscally responsible counties in the Commonwealth. Carroll County has been managed in a very professional manner. Carroll County is one of the only Counties to NOT raise taxes during the distressed times of the past few years and still has a fund balance to work with when “opportunity comes

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knocking”. Carroll County has controlled spending and has provided expanded services while operating with approximately 50% of the staff of other localities of the same size.

With all of this being said, we will need your assistance in actually getting the financial package put together and to support the schools at the \$1.8 million in additional funding. We will need you to support the BOS in spending money in the current budget for some of next year’s expenses. If we pay some expenses now, we will have room in the 2013 budget to provide the \$1.8 million in support. And to do this, we will need to hold a Public Hearing in May to make this transfer happen and we would need your support in this effort as a community to get everyone almost everything they have asked for.

Mr. McCraw recapped some of the highlights of his presentation. He told that this was going to happen tonight regardless of the turnout. He told that they have worked on this and had it ready. He told that they will need your assistance with support of the Public Hearing in May to prepay some expenses for next year. He told that he is very very sorry for the stress that some of you have gone through the last few weeks as he is sure other members on the Board are too. He told that it has been unfortunate and if everyone could have known what he and Dr. Littrell were working on you could have stayed home tonight and been with your family. He told that on behalf of the Budget Committee he sincerely apologizes.

Mr. Dickson thanked them for all the work and presentation.

Mr. McCraw moved that the Budget Committee Report be adopted and to incorporate the Budget Committee recommendations as outlined into the Carroll County Budget process.

Mr. Dickson told that he appreciates the work.

Mr. McCraw told that they have put in a lot of hours. He told that he had an article in the paper that upset a lot of people and he did not want to raise taxes he was just trying to get input on what people thought and it was what he expected. He told that he has seen Dr. Littrell more than he has seen his wife in the last couple of weeks and his wife is much better looking.

Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion with an amendment to include that the School Board would bring us back a revised budget by April 18th that reflects the \$10,826,863. He told that the motion is not approving the School Budget.

Mr. Hendrick ask for the modified motion to be restated.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the Budget Committee Report and to incorporate the Budget Committee recommendation as outlined into the budget process and to request that the School Board bring a revised budget by April 18th that would reflect the \$10,826,863.

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Mr. Hendrick ask what assets are we paying off early to get to this \$1.8 million and ask if they could get that explained now.

Mr. Dickson told that the Budget Committee will probably have to work on that and when we have our Budget Presentation they have identified some things they will show us.

Mr. McCraw told that he has a handful of things. He told that this is not going to be hard to do with public support. He told that they can find several areas that we can pay down and get the School budget going the way it needs to go with absolutely no school closings, no reduction in staff and most importantly no program cuts for the kids. He told that both of his children are products of Carroll County schools and just because his kids are out of school does not mean that he does not support education because he hopes to have some grandchildren someday and he wants them to have the best. He told that we all have to work together and we can do it. He told that we are very fortunate and the previous Board did a good job at managing money so he gives them credit along with the County Administrator and staff.

Dr. Littrell told that Mr. McCraw has about said everything but he would like to reiterate a couple of things. He told that he would like to express his appreciation for the crowd that is here and it shows that you are interested in our county government. He told that many have sent emails to him and he apologized for not being able to answer all of those and he was overwhelmed with the number that he received. He told that in his opinion they have just about given everything that we can give, no taxes.

Mr. Dickson told that was no tax increase.

Dr. Littrell told that he wants everyone to understand that even though they have tried to fund 93% of the school request, it is the School Board's responsibility to make a decision on the adjustments. He told that this Board can only provide money and it is the School Board that has to make those final decisions and he is sure they will do that wisely.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

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PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FY13

Mr. Dickson opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. He told that Mr. Spencer, School Board Chairman has ask if he can speak first and we will honor that request.

Mr. Spencer told that he is overwhelmed at the faculty, staff, and citizen appearance and told that he is humble enough to represent Pipers Gap District and it has been a joy the last few months. He told that in his guest editorial about two weeks ago in the paper he stated that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors have always been generous in their funding of the school system and it is overwhelming to see that again tonight. He told that these gentleman here are not the enemy of the educational system, it is what the State has done to VRS and to mandates. He told that we actually ask for a zero flat budget again this year and ask how many people can buy the same thing that they bought last year for the same dollar as last year, you can't. He told that their budget committee has worked hard to make a budget that only provided the mandates as increases and he is glad to see that you all have honored that. He told that with 93% funded he believes that additional cuts that their Board has been trying to find, he believes that we can fund without cutting any programs which is also their desire as the School Board so he thanks you for what you have offered tonight because he thinks we can make it work and he is very proud of that.

Mr. Dickson thanked Mr. Spencer. He told that we do take education seriously but we also take the operation of the county seriously and they have been able to balance it which will be pleasing to most. He told that some will disagree with it, they always do and as Jesus Christ said you always have the naysayers.

Mr. James Roarke told that a couple of months ago he read in the newspapers about the renovations and realized that the mechanical systems were not included. He told that concerned him and he emphasized how important it is not to have aesthetics like you have out front now. He told that is not taking care of the heart of your system. He told that you have to have heat, air conditioning, water and utilities. He told that what he is telling is for the School Board also and you have a capital outlay. He told that equipment usually lasts 30 years and the school is 40 years old so you are behind the ball already. He told that to look at the aesthetics and not include the mechanics is not fair and you need to look at all of it. He told that he knows you don't have a car that is nice on the outside but the motor is no good in it. He told that it is the same way with the facility, you have to maintain them and it has to be part of the budget, capital outlay or operating costs. He told that in his opinion you don't go back and ask the Board for extra money to do these extra things when they break down. He told that it needs to be part of the budget and you would put it into your house budget if there was something that you need to have. He told that the entrance is going to be beautiful but that is not going to take care of the mechanical issues that you have. He told that we should spend the money on the gut and the education of your children and worry about the aesthetics last.

Ms. Annetta Stanley told that remarks that she prepared ahead of time are mute with the wonderful news from the budget committee. She told that she thinks everyone here

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welcomes that news and thinks that every citizen here thanks you for your hard work. She told that someone should point out that we are not in a fight here because everyone is on the same page. She told that she does not understand all of the details of the General Assembly has cut the funding for the school, but she does understand that they borrowed several years ago from the retirement fund of all educators and now they are requiring that money be made back up by us. She told that everyone in here has an opportunity to contact your State representative and the Governor and talk to them about the fairness of the things they are doing. She told that this is not right for us to have to go through just because they want to run a campaign on no new taxes when they are taking money away from our teachers and children.

Mr. Gabriel Johnson told that he is in the 5th grade at Gladesboro and closing Gladesboro would be a big mistake. He told that moving kids to another school will make it hard from them to get good test scores. He told that the bus ride will be longer and you will have to go even farther away to go to school. He told that you will not only be hurting the students, you will also be hurting the community. He told that you need to think about the education that you will be hurting and education is about more than the money.

Ms. Sydney Randall told that she was coming as an advocate for the visual arts program and thank goodness it is not going to be cut. She told that it is joyous news and she is delighted to hear it. She told that she will be graduating next year with her undergraduate degree in art education and is looking forward to trying to work in a county as wonderful as our or possibly even this one. She told that visual and performing arts are very important as well as all of the extracurricular programs that are offered and they are crucial to the students. She thanked the Board for finding a way to continue that funding.

Mr. Stephen Randall told that it is very humbling to think about the decisions that you have to make to keep a business like this running. He told that he came from a private school and didn't have the opportunity that a lot of children in this county have had thanks to you. He told that he wants to encourage you to keep up the good work.

Ms. Joyce Blevins told that she is a bus driver and is the elected spokesperson for the numerous concerned drivers. She told that she would like to ask the drivers for the county to stand and be recognized. She told that she is here to ask for funding for quality education and the assurance that bus drivers will get to keep their current benefits. She told that nine years ago they worked diligently to become equal with most of the other localities. She told that numerous changes in their job description over the past year such as being on call due to weather or unforeseen circumstances have made their duties time consuming. She told that if the changes in their medical insurance are made the quality of their families will greatly be affected and some such as herself have health issues that will prevent them from looking and obtaining affordable health care elsewhere. She said that some will say we can cut back and not harm the level of instruction that the students receive. She told that as drivers they disagree because they start and finish the students day and they are representatives of Carroll County Schools and they teach responsibility,

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discipline and respect. She told that they provide and protect their safety and if a bus malfunctions they work as a team to get each student home and try to make their bus ride the best they can receive daily. She told that they are asking to fund the necessary money to keep quality transportation and education. She told that they are proud of their school system and take pride in their jobs. She told that if cuts are necessary, distribute them in all areas so that one group does not receive all the pain.

Ms. Becky Krejci thanked the Board for their hard work.

Mr. Sandy Hendrick told that his questions have been answered.

Ms. Angela Dixon told that she is the mother of a child who attends Gladeville and she has spoken at Board meetings in the past and has always been welcomed and received positive comments. She told that she realizes more and more the value of education and Webster's dictionary defines the word educate as to bring up, train mentally and morally. She told that our children need taught to learn the core principles of education. She told that in this high tech world instead of trying to figure out the solution to a problem, we can use some form of technology to figure it out for us or we can simply google it. She told that instead of writing on paper we text on phones. She told that her son Ty is a special needs student and in 2008 he was diagnosed with a condition called Fragile X and is delayed in his learning skills. She told that she sees the results of a good quality education and when he reads or tells her what 5 plus 2 equals she is reminded just how much education means. She told that education should be a continual life long process and our children deserve to learn. She told that you begin learning as a child and hopefully that process never stops and if you have an attitude of learning throughout your life you are curious and want to learn more. She told that education includes what you can learn from people, places and circumstances as well as the classroom and our children need to experience new things and have no limit put on their goals. She told that we trust doctors to perform procedures and put our lives in their hands, it is the same with teachers as we take our children each day for 7 to 8 hours. She told that from learning to read, write and mathmatics the lessons strengthen as our children grow. She told that personally as her son needs extra help she values teachers and teachers aides and appreciates those who have helped. She told that she hopes the goals for all of our children is to be independent and successful while showing kindness and respect. She told that teachers should be one of the highest paid professionals in our country and as a parent the county schools take care of her child and teach him the lessons and values he needs. She told that the Bible says to train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he won't depart from it and that relates to our children's education as well. If you give them the proper training now and they will reap the benefits from it as they grow older. She told that she wanted to say thank you to all of the schools and staff. She told that she is proud of Carroll County and she thanks all of the Board members for what they have done and what you are going to do to ensure the best for our children. She told that we can make our schools the best they can be and as Dr. Seuss said "Oh the places you will go".

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Ms. Stacy Grimes told the she is a parent and a teacher and is here to speak on behalf of education and wants to say thank you for your support. She told that her presentation may be directed more at the School Board now but she would like to reiterate that small class sizes make a difference. She told that her children have been blessed to be in a small school and have small class sizes where they can get optimal development. She told that she has had classes that small and had students who came from large classes and it does make a difference. She told that right now she has her first large group of 24 and it is almost impossible to meet every need. She told that they don't have the support that they need to have that many so we need to have small classes. She told that on behalf of teachers she wants to thank the Board for their support and hopes that in the upcoming years they not cut teachers and furlough days will no longer be considered because they put in many hours and use a lot of their own stuff.

Mr. Ricky Wilson told that he is in the 9th grade at the Intermediate School and is also in the JROTC. He told that his dad told him you can be anything you want to be if you set your mind to it and his was set on being a Marine Officer. He told that the only way he can get into the Naval Academy is to work hard. He told that JROTC helps support our veterans, the people who fought and the people who have died for our country. He told that they support them in parades and other events and wants to say thanks because it means a lot to him and to the community. He told that we can dictate our own future and he hopes it is a bright one.

Ms. Michelle Alley that she came with concerns of closing Gladesboro and is very happy with the announcement of not cutting any teachers or closing a school. She told that the community will stand together if needed in the future. She told that she is content with the decision.

Ms. Hancock told that her concerns have been resolved.

Ms. Cindy Webb told that her concerns have been resolved.

Mr. Franklin Jett thanked the Board for their decision. He told that after spending 12 years on the School Board he understands the difficult position that you find yourself in with the budget. He told that they are there tonight because of a huge failure of the State and how they fund education. He told that some people had questions about funding at the State level and told that they fund based on a composite index and currently it is around 30 which means for every 30% that we put in we get 70% back. He told that they can say they are not going to raise taxes in Richmond so it falls on the locality. He told that we pay 100% at the local level so they passed the buck. He told that unfortunately for us we get a larger portion than others. He told that the Board of Supervisors nor the School Board can be blamed for the cuts over the past four years and told that he feels like the Supervisors have made investments for the county's infrastructure that will pay great dividends in the future especially with water and sewer at the Interstate exits. He told that he would like to point out that even though water and sewer are vital components of infrastructure, the most important infrastructure we have is our public schools and the children that walk through the doors each day. He told that Carroll

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County has funded the school system above and beyond State requirements for many years and our school system is better than average. He told that with exception of the county's 2004/2005 budget when the Board of Supervisors cut school funding by nearly \$1 million, the county has always funded public schools above the minimum. He told that the same Board of Supervisors voted to bring in Amerlink that has cost the taxpayers over \$2 million and the jobs were never produced. He told that our community can finally put an end to the bleeding that Amerlink caused and now that is over he asks that the Board invest in the largest and most vital employee which is Carroll County Public Schools. He told that you have taken the right step in doing that tonight. He told that it is great to see the turnout and this decision. He told that may God bless you during this very difficult decision making process.

Mr. Mark Nottingham told that he is satisfied.

Ms. Kelly Worrell told that she has two students that would like to present a poster to you that they did in her math class. Sydney Hawks told that she goes to St. Paul School and is in the 7th grade. She told that as you can see there have been many increases in many different areas. She told that it is only 2% more than it was in 2004.

Ms. Maddie Semones and Kimber Robinson told that both of their moms are teachers and they want to tell what a teachers life is really about. Teachers, who are they exactly, to many people think that they leave at 3:30 leaving all their worries from that day behind but is this true. She told that they constantly worry about how their students will do on SOL tests and who passes and fails. She told that they are the ones who contact parents after schools about misbehavior or to make sure they arrived safely. She told that they stay at school until 7:00 working in their classrooms and grading papers. She told that they stay up until 1:00 in the morning grading more papers. She told that some people think that teachers don't care as much about students and some may say that all they care about is summer breaks when they get a whole two months off which is incorrect. She told that their moms attend workshops all summer long. She told that isn't at all the way it works and from their personal experience. She told that she remembers being on vacation at Myrtle Beach a few years ago and her family had finally made time to go on vacation. She told that it was the first day and they were on their way to do some leisurely shopping and when they got out of the car her mom looked to the right and screamed, Oh my gosh I am in heaven. She told that it was a teacher supply store and she stayed in there for at least three hours shop for the next school year. She told that on a mother daughter shopping trip to Hanes Mall they end up at the teacher supply store or Barnes and Noble. She told that teachers are always teachers looking for the material to use in the classroom. She told that when they go to Wal-Mart to shop for groceries they come out with stuff for the classroom. She told that her mom tutors three days a week and after that she makes lesson plan and straightens the classroom. She told that sometimes she spends more time with her mom at school than she does at home. She told that she considers it her second home and the people who work there are her second family. She told that teaching isn't just an 8 to 3 job, it is a way of life. She told that they don't just have one child at home; her mom brings home 70 children. She told that the students are always in the back of their minds and they buy them clothes. She told

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that her older brother was diagnosed with ADHD and her mother reaches out to students who have been diagnosed. She told that every year her mother receives a letter or two thanking her for her support and understanding. She told that their moms teach and they are proud of the things they do. She told that we need to remember all the jobs teachers have and take into consideration what a teacher really is.

Ms. Nicole Stewart told that she is a special education teacher at Gladeville, the PTO President and most importantly a proud parent. She told that she moved here Los Angeles eight years ago when she was pregnant with her first child. She told that she quickly realized that Carroll County is an amazing place. She told that the people are friendly, people wave, strangers talk to you, kids can be kids and they are the center of the community. She told that Carroll County defines the word community. She told that there are bingo's for the sick, fundraisers, people travel for hours to watch their kids play sports and teachers put in long hours. She told that these are just some of the reasons that Carroll County is the best kept secret in Southwest Virginia and when her friends back home ask if she will ever move back to California she tells them no. She told that there is no other place she would rather raise her kids. She told that she is happy to hear from you guys tonight that the schools will not have to make the cuts they were thinking about, but if they had to make these cuts it would destroy the best kept secret. She told that larger class sizes would make it harder for teachers to build personal relationships and these have become more important during the tough economic times. She told that cutting the fine arts programs would take away some students and making cuts would cause a ripple effect. She told that her daughter Mia is in first grade and she loves her friends and teachers. She thanked the Board for their continued support in doing what is best for the community.

Ms. Anita Semones told that she has been a teacher for 25 years and she has experienced many changes since her first year. She told that she is here to speak about teachers, she told that they are teachers but so much more. She told that they are motivators, coaches and cheerleaders letting students know they can dream big, they are counselors and they are sometimes the only ones that children will tell about their home situations. She told that students come to them for help about abuse and violence much too often. She told that teachers are nurses and sometimes janitors and they are often armed with first aid kits. She told that they work hard to keep their classrooms organized and they are secretaries and treasurers, they complete reports on student progress, write notes home to encourage parent communication and sometimes teachers consider themselves second parents. She told that they are the ones that make sure students have food at home, warm coats in the winter and they are often the disciplinarian and crisis control. She told that sometimes a small class of elementary children feel like an army. She told that she has spent a lot of time with her students working on problems with bullying. She told that they are role models, data analysts and some are night owls. She told that many complete hours of work each night and work on lesson plans to best teach the SOL's. She told that teachers don't just teach from 8:30 to 3, some open at 7:30 and many take classes in the evenings and make phone calls regarding the students. She told that they spend shopping days searching for the right materials to decorate their classrooms or for materials for the classroom. She told that they take classes and attend

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conferences in the summer to work on new techniques or strategies, so teaching isn't easy. She told that one of the goals of this board as well as the school board is to effectively plan for the future and the classrooms are the future. She told that together they must make choices that will help them succeed and prepare them for what lies ahead.

Ms. Kathryn Spencer told that she goes to the Intermediate School and she loves arts. She told that scientists have done research that shows that art improves creativity and stimulates imagination. She told that art stimulates a different type of thinking that cannot be found in other classes. She told that most children who take art classes will not go on to become professional artists. She told that students who receive art education develop critical thinking skills and persistence. She told that teachers report that students are excited to take art and she thanked the Board for supporting the schools.

Mr. Morgan Kaine thanked the Board for all they do for the schools.

Mr. Jerry Ferqueron thanked the Board for not raising his taxes and that is the primary reason he is here. He thanked the citizens for showing up to express their concerns and he thinks a great number of them are here because of taxes. He told that you dodged the bullet this year but it is going to come back next year and the next year like a tsunami and you have to start right now to get ready. He told that if you look across the nation most particularly the states of Indiana and Wisconsin there is upheaval over public service workers and it is coming to Virginia. He told that he did research on the internet and found that he doesn't think the problem with the education system is the amount of money that we spend. He told that he has the upmost reverence for school teachers and they are responsible for the future of this nation. He told that he has members of his family that are part of the academic community and numerous times they have told him they took money out of their own pocket to provide supplies for the school system and that is ridiculous. He told that his research revealed that the United States is third in the world for the money that we spend on our students, but how are we performing. He told that we rank 16th in reading, 26th in math and 16th in science. He told that we are spending the money and not getting results. He told that he went to the Department of Education and it shows every state and how much they spend per student and the one he looked at was for 2009 and he is sure Carroll County is not synonymous with the entire state but Virginia ranks 16th for the amount of money we spend. He told that we are above the national average and we spend on average \$10,000 per student but \$6000 of that went to the educators and 40 % went somewhere else and he would suggest this is where you start looking for money and not from educators. He told that there is too much fat and you are going to have to find it. He told that people cannot stand any more burdened. He told that he is retired and he can't raise his income 20% to offset all the increases that he is faced with. He told that you have to find a way to do more with less.

Mr. Craig Higgins thanked the Board and Mr. McCraw for answering his questions. He told that he appreciates you funding our schools and doing the best you can. He told that he appreciates you not raising our tax that is very important. He told that he does have a question and would like to understand it better. He told that there has been a lot of

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controversy about buying the old KDH building and if he understands it correctly we are spending \$1.6 million to buy the building. He told that as tough as times are is there a reason to purchase, do we have hopes of putting someone in there.

Mr. Dickson told that if could stay awhile after the Public Hearing there will be a complete report on the Gildan buildings.

Mr. Brandon Alley told that he is in JROTC and first of all he would like to thank you and the school board for everything that has been done to show support of Carroll County Public Schools and its programs. He told that JROTC is important to him because in the past four years it has taught him respect, responsibility and how to be a better student. He told that the program has taught him that a lot of the opportunities that we have today, first we are citizens and after high school the opportunities of going to college or entering the workforce. He told that the programs are important because it teaches us about different opportunities. He thanked the Board for their support and is sure whatever decision is made will be the right one to benefit students.

Mr. Mark Carper thanked the Board for the opportunity and for the wonderful example of how government should works and told that it is a great civics lesson. He told that one of the things the students learn in the program is how to be a good citizen and this is the perfect real life example of how to do that. He told that JROTC is a unique program and they tell the kids when they walk in the door that they are part of a team. He told that JROTC is different than any other class and if any of the cadets have problems with homework or behavior the other teachers don't contact the math or history department, they contact him. He told that they are a little like the football coach in those respects where they have an ongoing relationship where they can sit down and talk to them. He told that they teach a lot of real life lessons. He told that the program is lead by two retired military and have over 45 combined years of service. He program has the use of over \$145,000 worth of equipment which is provided by Cadet Command and each year they spend over \$10,000 replacing uniforms and equipment. He told that their curriculum is also provided by Cadet Command and his undergraduate is in education so he has understanding of lesson plans. He told that the Army provides them with a tremendous amount of support. He told that they kind of have two bosses because they work for Cadet Command and also for the School System. He told that they have promotions in the program and as they demonstrate their leadership abilities they can promote them and they actually run the class and get to step up and be in charge. He told that these are real life lessons that can be applied. He told that they have annual visits and inspect them every three years. He told that anyone is welcome to come by and see the class. He told that this program is the envy of our neighbors and in the last six years he has talked with Administrators from Floyd, Galax, Grayson, Pulaski, Radford and Montgomery about how to get a program. He told that the bad news from them is you have to go on a waiting list to get the program and the preference for a new program is in the North and West. He thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Leggett told that they are there on behalf of the Career and Technical Program. He told that Carroll County has set marks for excellent programs recognized by the State

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of Virginia. He told that they have exceeded State and Federal benchmarks in all programs. He told that they offer vocational education to a wide range of students because they are on one central campus. He told that the programs utilize SOL correlations to emphasize the importance of traditional application of English, Math, Science and History. He told that college bound students make up a large portion of the enrollment mainly because this is a convenience of a high quality program. He told that they have seen students successfully complete the program and go on to own their own business. He told that these young people become a part of the community while working, raising their families and giving back to the local government in Carroll County. He told that he has two examples with him tonight.

Ms. Sarah Sasser told that Carroll County has always been known for their career and technical programs. She told that while other schools offer these programs, Carroll goes above and beyond making these classes available in the same halls as the other classes. She told that many students take advantage of these courses and use them to do something greater with their lives. She told that it could be childcare, agriculture, nursing, building trades, automotives or technology the students such as herself are not only enriching their lives but are also reaching out to the community. She told childcare volunteers to help at the local daycares, agriculture farms a strip of land beside the elementary school. She told that building trades showed us that even though society thinks we are weaker because of our age, we can still rise up and singlehandedly build the Fuller house by hand. She told that nursing goes to Trinity Missions nursing home and feeds, makes beds and cares for the elderly. She told that cosmetology fixes hair and does nail care for men and women in our community. She told that if you have a problem with your computer the electronic department will put all they have into fixing it and none of the students get paid for what they do, it is out of the goodness of their hearts. She told that is what high school is all about, not only giving them knowledge but to help build character that they will need to be in society and be the best contributor that they can. She told that the program represents Carroll County well with their groups, health occupations, skills usa, future business leaders of America and career and community leaders of America. She told that Skills USA will be taking 20 students to State and HOSA took 22 students to State and will also be going to nationals in June. She told that not only do students compete for trophies outside of school but they also receive valuable certification such as certifications for Microsoft, certified nurse aide and cosmetology's opportunity to pass the boards as a hairdresser. She told that they hope continued funding will be available for their school to offer these programs.

Ms. Debbie Goad told that she is a business owner in the county and is probably going to be one of the minority here tonight. She told that in the last couple of weeks she has had a few recent graduates to come through the office and she has an opportunity to see a lot of young people at the restaurants. She told that Carroll County is a great place to live and she is very proud of her county. She told that she really hates to see when young people come through her office and she tells them to sign their tax return and they print their name like they don't even know what their signature is. She told that if you tell them to put a return address on it and they look at you like you fell off a turnip truck and you have to say you put it in the upper corner. She told that it doesn't look like the

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education that we received in Carroll County forty years ago. She told that if you get on facebook or twitter and look at the spelling and maybe that is the way that young people do it but is that what we want. She said that you are seeing all the time where employers are looking for your facebook login. She told that she would much rather see these young people pronounce correctly and write complete sentences. She told that she has heard a lot of young people speak tonight and they actually are impressive and if we have one student that comes out of our education system that does not reflect his very best then education has failed all of us.

Mr. Jr. Vass told that he has been following what is in the paper for the last few weeks and he would like to congratulate Mr. McCraw and Dr. Littrell for the work that they have done and told that it was a good presentation. He told that it left him wondering about some things. He told that the best way to get a Public Hearing where there is no public hearing is to quit and say we are going to give you what you want. He told that you were giving the \$1.8 million but you didn't say where you were going to get it. He told that he thinks we are kicking the can down the road because next year we are going to have to match this. He told that we are short this year because they kicked it down the road last year. He told that a million of it is due to the stimulus money ending and everybody should have realized that it was going to end and the supervisors are being asked to continue funding the stimulus money. He told that he is at a loss as to where this \$1.8 million is coming from. He told that he knows the teachers and education is valuable, he told that he guesses he didn't get one and you can probably tell it by the way he talks. He told that he went to a one room school with 30 children and one teacher had seven grades. He told that from what he has heard tonight that would not be possible now. He told that he is glad we can fund it he is just concerned where the money is coming from and where it will come from the next year.

Ms. Nancy Wilmouth told that she is principal at St. Paul School and she is proud to be a Carroll County educator and part of this system. She told that she has been a part of a couple other systems in North Carolina and none compare. She told that she takes great pride in the students that they turn out and the whole county of teachers has one goal which is to help each child. She told that sometimes that means help them with shoes or food on the weekends and she thinks every school has the backpacks for the weekend where we load them up with food. She told that they give them clothing, help with getting them to the doctor and they have even helped to pay for a funeral. She told that they care and it reflects in all the things they do for the children. She told that one thing about the world and education is they teach every child and don't select who they want to teach. She told that the child with Fragile X would not be in any school but they are in Carroll County. She told that they have nurses in the school and have health services for those who need it. She told that children in China who are born and are not healthy and need to be on life support for more than two days are pulled off and we don't do that in America. She told that we work with them and we don't mind because we love our children and we will continue to do that whether we have large sizes or small sizes.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she is from Laurel Fork and was a long time volunteer in the school. She told that she believes in public education and at the last election she started

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collecting information. She told that she did not vote for the people who didn't talk about education. She told that it is an important investment and as a tax payer of a free country that doesn't mean everything is free. She told that she came from a home with an alcoholic parent and changed schools nine times in twelve years and that is not normal. She told that back then you didn't talk about it and she talks about them now because she knows what it is like to be that kid and how much that teacher means. She told that since 2009 Virginia has cut Carroll's funding from \$15 million to \$11 million and the cuts put a burden on us. She told that she did not see her State taxes decrease and it came out of general fund and they raided education to balance their budget. She told that kids and education is important and we need to have an investment in them. She told that the teachers are wonderful and we should support them in every way.

Ms. Stephanie Bowman thanked the Board for their diligence and hard work and obviously there was a lot of behind the scenes going on that you could not discuss. She told that being in management herself she understands that. She thanked them for the decision and knows it was a hard one to make. She thanked all who work in the school system and told that she comes from a family of teachers and her grandmother started out teaching in a one room school. She told that Mr. Dickson drives a school bus and gets a small taste of what the teachers have every day. She told that we need to come together and support the School Board and the Board of Supervisors because they are doing their part and it is not all up to them.

Mr. Joey Haynes thanked the Board for their hard work and he know that it was a challenge. He told that in listening to the comments he hopes that people realize that when these dollars get invested into the programs how much money it ends up saving the county on other issues. He told he applauds you on the budget and we have come a long way from one room schools. He told that the behavior of the students that they are turning out saves the county money and instead of throwing tax money at a wall it will be putting it towards a future investment. He thanked the Board for working with them to make this happen.

Mr. Dickson closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

GILDAN BUILDING DISCUSSION

Mr. Dickson told that it has been stated by a Member of the BOS that the purchase of the Gildan property was brought to the BOS and within 30 minutes the decision was made to go forth with an offer. Mr. Dickson made the following statement: I wish to clear the air associated with the offer and what has actually happened. Part of the responsibility of a BOS member is to make sure that we advance the cause of creating jobs in our community. And we have had more than one company approach us with opportunities that we could not move forward with because we did not have control of the Gildan property. At the same time, Gildan would NOT provide Carroll County with a Lease rate and therefore ONLY out of necessity has the Carroll County IDA even contemplated the purchase of the buildings. This process started in December Of 2010 and have had ongoing negotiations since. So, this was NOT a 30 minute decision!

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The first IDA offer was well below the last offer; however during the time of negotiations, the School System called directly to Gildan three times (because they were looking to possibly purchase the buildings) and ran the price up on the IDA by \$200,000. This was done because Gildan thought the School System had their own funding source as School Systems do in many places across the county. The price prior to the School System calls had been \$1.4 million. After losing yet another opportunity for 150 jobs in the fall of 2011 because Gildan did not respond in a timely manner, the IDA did make an offer for the two buildings and I must say that during this process, there were no descending comments until after the offer of \$1.6 million was made. On February 28th, is when questioning of the purchase started by one of the BOS members. The Offer to purchase was made on February 15. So, it took 13 days for the BOS member to change his mind. Anyway, as I have said, Carroll County or the IDA have never wanted to be in the real-estate business anyway! It was ONLY out of necessity because Gildan would NOT provide a lease price for the facilities. The Gildan counter was very high, however they did provide a Lease rate for the first time. This will allow the IDA and Carroll to work with potential prospects without purchasing the property at this time. I also wish to clear the air associated with another “shell building within 1,500 feet of the Gildan property”. From the information provided, it would appear that Carroll County owns a “shell” building. This is completely false! Carroll County sold the referred to “shell building” more than a decade ago and does NOT own any industrial buildings. The building that was referred to is currently leased by the NC owner.

As a recap of the information:

- Carroll County never wished to purchase Industrial Buildings except out of the necessity to bring jobs to Carroll County
- The process for making an offer has been going on since December 2010
- The School System inquired about the purchase of the buildings and drove the price up by \$200,000
- Carroll County lost 150 jobs because we did not have any control of the buildings
- IDA made an offer for the buildings on Feb. 15 (with the BOS support)
- February 28th, BOS member questions offer for the buildings to grow jobs
- Gildan counter offers with a high number and provides a Lease number
- No purchase of the Gildan buildings will take place at this time
- Carroll County or the IDA do NOT own a “shell building”

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CITIZENS TIME

No one signed up to speak.

OSCB REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Mr. Martin told that on the \$15 million that is owed, the first payment of \$1.5 million will be due in four years.

Mr. Dickson told that it is either 2014 or 2015 and we have the schedule.

Mr. Martin told that he did receive the schedule and it answered his questions.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Hendrick told that he is glad to see everyone here tonight and it would be great to have more people at every meeting.

Mr. McCraw told that he is also glad to see the turnout. He told that he is glad everything worked out the way it did and he knows we have a lot more ahead of us. He told that there is another year coming up and there is no time like the present to start thinking about it and working toward the future. He told that he has enjoyed tonight.

Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. McCraw and Dr. Littrell for their work and dedication as well as the staff. He told that they have done a great job and have a good attitude. He told that he would also like to thank our friends from the Sheriff's Department for what they do for us.

Dr. Littrell told that he had a big speech for a big room prepared but there is no one left. He told that five years ago the last thing that he thought he would be doing is being an elected official. He told that since going to conferences there is one common thread and one of the hardest things is local government because we are where the rubber meets the road. He told that if you go to the grocery store,

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. McCraw and Dr. Littrell. He told that he has sweated blood and was afraid that they were dragging the process out. He told that he owes both of them an apology. He told that this is a serious problem and he was afraid they were at Myrtle Beach sleeping.

Mr. McCraw told that they took it serious. He told that it was serious enough that they kept it to themselves.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciates it. He told that he respects everyone on the Board and that he doesn't always agree, but he doesn't agree with himself most of the time. He

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told that he will go home and analyze everything so if he fusses at or with you it doesn't mean that he doesn't like or respect you.

Mr. Dickson told that we all have different opinions and he doesn't expect everyone to agree all the time. He told that he appreciates all the work of the budget committee and told that school is only part of it. He told that they need input and when each of you decided to run for supervisor you had thoughts. He told that hopefully we can include those and work on it. He told everyone to get involved. He told that we need to be thinking about where we can save and if we work together we will get through this. He told that everything will get better.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board recessed until April 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Crossroads in Galax for a Combined Meeting.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk

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