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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, December 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
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Mr. Cornwell explained the purpose for entering Closed Session as listed below.

Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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. Hendrick, 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;

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

Mr. Hutchins lead in invocation and pledge.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Larrowe told that we have received a request from VDOT regarding a bridge close to Cliffview.

Mr. Dickson told that we can add that after committee appointments.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the addition to the agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes

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Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on November 15, 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 Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for December 2012 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of January 2013 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)

ANIMAL CONTROL TRANSFER

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to transfer \$1,368.27 to Animal Control from other contingency for the spay

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and neuter program from funds received from the Department of Motor Vehicles. These funds will be transferred to the Twin County Humane Society.

VOTES

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

(Order)

HVAC REPAIR TRANSFER

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to transfer \$48,482.80 from HVAC Repair Fund – LGIP and close the account. These funds will be used to convert from HVAC to natural gas at the County Complex.

VOTES

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

(Order)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2013

Mr. Hendrick asked if the Friday before Easter used to be included in the holiday schedule.

Mr. Larrowe told that it did used to be included and when we went through the reorganization of the calendar schedule, that was one of the dates that was dropped.

Mr. Hutchins asked if it is a State Holiday.

Mr. Larrowe told that he doesn't think that it is.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks that may have been why they dropped it.

Mr. Martin told that he would be in favor of giving that holiday and told that he just assumed that they had it.

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Mr. Dickson told that they don't have Monday on there either so it wouldn't be duplication.

Dr. Littrell told that there are 14 days that are holidays now and he doesn't know what the federal government does. He told that he is not opposed to giving holidays but each day is costing the County money.

Mr. Dickson asked if he is sure that it is 14 days. He told that he is open to either way.

Mr. Hendrick ask if there is any reason it was dropped before other than trying to align with the State days.

Mr. Hutchins told that they were trying to align up with that.

Dr. Littrell asked if we know how much these day's costs the County in salaries.

Mr. Larowe told that it has never been calculated because most of the employees are on salary so it is loss of production for the day and is not necessarily a financial burden because it is already there.

Dr. Littrell asked if this is not a paid holiday, it would be a day off.

Mr. Larowe told that it would be a paid holiday but since most of our staff is on salary it is not an additional cash outlay from the County.

Dr. Littrell replied that he sees what you are saying.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Larowe how many hours a week does he work.

Mr. Larowe told that it is in excess of 75 to 80.

Mr. Martin told that you can argue both ways and it means that they will get a break but they have to catch up the next day.

Mr. Dickson asked if the Constitutional Offices take the same days.

Mr. Larowe told that is up to the Constitutional Officer. He told that they normally do take the same days.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Holiday Schedule for 2013 below.

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New Year's	December 31st and January 1 st , 2013
Lee Jackson Day	January 18 th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 21 st
Presidents Day	February 18 th
Employee Appreciation	March 29th
Memorial Day	May 27 th
Independence Day	July 4 th
Labor Day	September 2 nd
Columbus Day	October 14 th
Veteran's Day	November 11 th
Thanksgiving	November 28 th and 29 th
Christmas	December 24 th and 25 th
New Year's	December 31 st and January 1 st , 2014

VOTES

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

(Order)

DECEMBER 26 HOLIDAY

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board ratified approval of granting all County Employees December 26, 2012 as an extended holiday.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes

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Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to allocate recovered cost from Social Services to pay VRS and VRS Insurance electronically.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to hold the Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE GRANT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to allocate funds in the amount of \$11,283.00 from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program to use for the Regional Jail.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes

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

(Order)

PHASE III ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$629,248.22 for Phase III Construction and Renovation.

VOTES

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

(Order)

RESOLUTION SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A NON-BINDING OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY OF CARROLL, VIRGINIA TO CONSIDER CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION, AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION TO THE VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Twin County Airport Commission (**the “Commission”**) has been duly created by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Chapter 379 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly of 1964, as amended and reenacted by Chapter 232 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to issue revenue bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$325,500 (**the “Airport Bonds”**), the proceeds of which, together with other available funds and grants, are expected to be sufficient to pay the costs of financing construction of a new terminal building at the Twin County Regional Airport, together with related expenses (**collectively, the “Project”**), all as more

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particularly described in Exhibit B to the Financing Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2012 (**the “Financing Agreement”**) between the Commission and the Virginia Resources Authority (**“VRA”**), as Administrator of the Virginia Airports Revolving Fund;

WHEREAS, the Commission has applied to VRA for the purchase of the Airport Bonds, and VRA has indicated that its agreement to purchase the Airport Bonds will be conditioned upon the County of Carroll, Virginia’s (**the “County”**) undertaking a non-binding obligation to appropriate from time to time moneys to the Commission in connection with payments due on the Airport Bonds;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County (**the “Board of Supervisors”**) desires to enter into a support agreement with the Commission setting forth the County’s agreement to undertake such a non-binding obligation (**the “Support Agreement”**) and consents to the issuance of the Airport Bonds and the Commission entering into the Financing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the Support Agreement has been presented to the Board of Supervisors at this meeting; and

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

1. It is determined to be in the best interests of the County and its citizens for the Board of Supervisors to enter into the Support Agreement and to consent to the issuance of the Airport Bonds and the Commission entering into the Financing Agreement.

2. In consideration of the Commission’s undertakings with respect to financing the Project, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, either of whom may act, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Support Agreement. The Support Agreement shall be in substantially the form presented to this meeting, which is hereby approved, with such completions, omissions, insertions or changes not inconsistent with this resolution as may be approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the execution thereof by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to constitute conclusive evidence of his or her approval of such completions, omissions, insertions or changes.

3. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the obligations imposed by the Support Agreement on the County Administrator.

4. As provided by the Support Agreement, the Board of Supervisors hereby undertakes a non-binding obligation to appropriate to the Commission such amounts as may be requested from time to time pursuant to the Support Agreement, to the fullest degree and in such manner as is consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board of Supervisors, while recognizing that it is not empowered to make any binding commitment to make such appropriations in future fiscal years, hereby states its intent to make such appropriations in future fiscal years, and

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hereby recommends that future Board of Supervisors do likewise during the term of the Support Agreement.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2012.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Support Agreement for the Twin County Airport Commission.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$19,850.00 from funds received from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for overtime, training and equipment effective October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

VOTES

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

(Order)

DENNIS COLE – PHASE III UPDATE

Mr. Cole told that at the High School most of the exterior work is complete and they are working on getting the floor down inside. They are expecting it to go down in the next week or so. He told that they are hoping to be out of there in the next 30-45 days and are hoping to have the CO when the students come back from Christmas break and right now they are 91.5% complete.

Mr. Martin asked if we are coming in at budget.

Mr. Cole replied yes and told that they have not exceeded any of the numbers. He told that on the Intermediate School if you haven't had a chance to go by and look at it you should. He told that the work on the outside is complete and it looks like a completely different building on the back side and they have had a lot of good compliments. He told that the Town inspector has come in and we are in the process of fixing some things he suggested and after that the ceiling tiles will be laid and that will just about finish up except for major cleaning. He told that they are expected on being through with the building by the end of the year and have the CO when the kids come back from break.

Mr. Martin asked if the building is completely air conditioned.

Mr. Cole told that the new part is completely conditioned and the heating system is tied into the existing building and will run off of the boiler system. He told that he mentioned last month that there are some issues with the split systems that they put into the classrooms and they are still working on a resolution with the contractor. He told that it is not so much the contractor but the way the design was set up. He told that they still have a retention pond that they are trying to build below the softball field and that is a requirement of the contract document. He told that it is moving a little slower than they anticipated because they ran into rock. He told that the pond will not affect the CO and they are 94% complete.

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Martin brought up about the HVAC and when they took the tour the cafeteria had the systems from the ceiling and ask if they have been used yet.

Mr. Cole told that they have been used extensively.

Mr. Dickson asked if they work good.

Mr. Cole told that the ones in the cafeteria and in the kitchen have been running full blast since we put them in and they haven't had any issues with them. He told that the staff has appreciated the conditioned air.

JUSTIN BARNARD – GIS UPDATE

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Barnard went to a seminar and they pulled up Carroll County's GIS to use as an example.

Mr. Barnard told that it was a pleasant surprise when you go to the state GIS conference and the person speaking used our site as the example for the presentation. He told that he was pleased and proud.

Mr. Dickson asked Mr. Hutchins what kind of GIS department did we have 4 years ago.

Mr. Hutchins replied zero.

Mr. Dickson told that it is an amazing attribute to the county and staff.

Mr. Barnard told that he would like to give a report on what they have been working on in the last year and the first is PSA. He told that it does take a considerable amount of time to keep it up to date and Stephanie spends almost all of her time doing that. He told that they have put together books that show fire hydrant inspections for the entire county. He told that they have developed some flushing maps for PSA, created project area maps, and helped out Hillsville by mapping their fire hydrants. He told that they were in need of some accurate mapping and it also helps our fire departments. He told that they launched a revamped website and he has only received 3 negative comments and he was able to reverse two of those after he showed them how it works. He told that the site gets anywhere from 500 to 14,000 hits a day. He told that they created a travel road map for the county. He told that several travelers came in and wanted something they could fold up for their car and there are some out there but they are covered up with ads. He told that this includes road names and even private roads. He told that they do a lot of parcel mapping. He told that hunters also want maps so they can see their boundaries. He told that they have created web maps and they are more geared towards specific things. He told that those are free and he can build them off of google maps. He told that they have done a lot of mapping for the Wired Road and the GIS is also responsible for taking care of the corn maze for the fair and he really enjoys it. He told that for the first he received a positive letter to the editor. He told that the office has helped out a Board Member with the George Carter Recreational Trail and it has helped with the grant to have an illustration.

Mr. Martin told that he had written a grant from \$97,000 with a \$20,000 match and they struck out the first year. He told that he worked with Justin to be able to see this stuff and he is confident that if it hadn't been for Justin it would be iffy.

Mr. Barnard told that he jogs on the Beaver Dam Trail often and he looks forward to jogging on the trail at Hillsville Elementary. He told that they also do a lot of support for the Administrator's Office and are always trying to compile something that you can graphically illustrate. He told that they have been involved in maps that support decision

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that the Board has to make such as the windmill ordinance and they have mapped out the gas line that is currently going in. He told that have done some conceptual drawings for things going on in the building and we help those that need help. He told that in the future there are some basic GIS concepts that they would like to do as well as expand out and help some of the other offices within the county. He told that they are hoping to team up with the Sheriff's Department to start mapping out some of the crimes and location of folks who have been incarcerated so that we can shift our resources to those places and doing the same thing with the Department of Social Services for at risk youth.

Mr. Hutchins told that he would like to echo where we were and where we are. He told that from where we were 5 years ago, we didn't have anything and now we have a system that is recognized. He told that he uses it and hopes that others do. He told that Justin does things in a professional manner.

Mr. Dickson told that there are training programs available for people so if you want to learn something you can.

DRAFT WINDMILL ORDINANCE

Mr. Cornwell told that the Board tasked him with drafting an ordinance regulating protected mountain ridgelines in the county and he has submitted that. He told that he simply took the statue and we can only do those things that the Commonwealth gives the authority to do. He told that he takes no credit or blame for the statue definitions that are in this ordinance. He told that he does see some issues and concerns and reads part of the ordinance and some of the definitions. He told that on the definition of a protected mountain ridge it means a ridge in the county as shown upon a protected mountain with an elevation of 2000 feet or more and an elevation of 500 feet or more above the elevation of an adjacent valley but it does not define what adjacent means. He told that he asked Justin to give us a map of a protected mountain ridge which shows parts of the county that have an elevation of 2000 feet or more and an elevation of 500 feet or more of an elevation of an adjacent valley regardless of where the adjacent valley might be. He told that the problem is that we have ridge lines that go up to 3000 feet and it comes down into an adjacent valley floor and the floor is more than 2000 feet and the question becomes what is the ridge line, is it just the tops or is it everything above 2000 feet. He shows a map that shows everything above 2000 feet and another one that shows it with the ridges as just the top. He told that some of the other definitions complicate it more such as ridgeline or ridge it says it is the elongated crest or series of crests at the apex or uppermost portion of intersection in between two opposite slopes or sides of mountains and includes all land within 100 feet measured horizontally below the elevation of any portion of such line or surface along the crest. He told that if a tall structure were to be built it is likely that other people will see it and it is a complicated factor with the topography of the county. He told that almost all, except when you get below the mountain is a protected mountain ridge under the broad definition that is in the code. He told that the definition of a tall building or structure is any building with a vertical height of 40 feet measured from the top of the natural finished grade of the crest or the natural finished grade of the side of the slope of a ridge to the uppermost part of the building or

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structure. He told that it is not per say a 40 foot high building and you don't start measuring the building until you get to the top of the crest. He told that this is going to have to be looked at as to how you want to determine how you are going to fit the ordinance into the topography because the map that you adopt becomes part of the ordinance. He told that tall buildings and structures do not include water, radio, telecommunications or television towers, or any equipment for the transmission of telephone or cable television, structures with relatively slender nature and minor vertical projections of a current building including but not limited to chimneys, flag poles, flues, steeples, antennas, poles, wires or windmills or any building or structure that is a historic landmark so basically the windmill that we all think about is not going to be covered by this ordinance. He told that it is his opinion that wind turbines will be covered because they are not of a slender nature. He told that he put the enforcement of this ordinance in the building inspector's office, primarily because he is the man that you go to for a building permit and included that his office will maintain the map and have it available for persons to review. He told that there are questions that the Board needs to ponder and it is hard using the definitions that are in the code to come up with a middle ground.

Mr. Hendrick told that assuming you went with option 2 map and an individual wanted to put a windmill up on their property that was 100 foot tall and it falls within one of the areas that would be protected, is there any means of doing a variance.

Mr. Cornwell replied, not under this ordinance. He told that if you will recall he asked if the Board wanted the ordinance to be prohibited or regulated and the answer that he got was prohibited.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there is anything in Virginia code that would not allow us to do variances and do more towards the regulatory side.

Mr. Cornwell told that he drafted both ordinances for Floyd and he thinks both of those were circulated to you. He told that the statue gives the authority to regulate. He told that in the Floyd ordinance it had set backs and other conditions. He told that it becomes more complicated.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the time that has been spent working on this and he is real concerned with what we have and there do not seem to be any clear answers and he is also afraid that some of these things we end up doing will have some unintentional consequences for future development. He told that we need to review this very carefully before we take any action. He told that what ever ordinance we end up passing should be clearly understood.

Mr. Cornwell told that he agrees and is very concerned. He told that he didn't write the statue and that is what we have to work with. He told that there are only two other counties that have ordinance and they have done different things with it.

Mr. Dickson told that we are still gathering information and passed out some that was given to them tonight.

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Mr. Hutchins told that Mr. Jennings also has some information that he can provide digitally.

Mr. Dickson told that we do appreciate all of the information we get to review and make the best decision for the county.

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Dickson told that this is for the Social Services board and we put out a request form to apply online and we did have three. He told that Mr. Martin brought in another person, Jenny Stone Gallimore and he told that we have asked Mr. Martin to have Ms. Gallimore go online and apply so we have it.

Mr. Martin told that is his fault.

Mr. Dickson told that it is no problem and if no one has objections we will delay this until we get a response.

Mr. Hutchins told that there is one that is due, Mt. Rogers Planning District. He told that Steve Winesett has served for a while and he has done an excellent job and nominated him for another four year term.

Mr. McCraw seconded the nomination.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick asked if we had approved an alternate to the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Larowe replied yes.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there has been any interest for Shelby Pucketts seat on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Larowe told that we have it on the agenda for January. He told that we have a member of the Planning Commission here and he is not sure if they have someone in mind.

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Mr. Hutchins asked if he wanted to open it up for people that are interested.

Mr. Hendrick asked if it could be done like the other ones.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes.

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VDOT BRIDGE

Mr. Larrowe told that he received from Dan Huff an email yesterday and he wanted to bring it to your attention. He told that there is a piece of property that was sold off of the Cliffside Mansion and the new owner has requested that the existing guardrail access be provided and there is a special guardrail that can be used to replace the existing guardrail and it is relatively expensive at around \$15,000. He told that this is on property that is adjacent to Galax and so the City would like to see the special guardrail used and thinks it is a good solution to address everyone's concerns. He told that it does not seem like this is a City issue but the City does not have the necessary funding to support the installation for the private access and they typically try not to pass the guardrail cost on to the citizens. He told that the email says that VDOT does have the sufficient funding in the Carroll County Countywide traffic services for the installation of the guardrail and they would like to have approval to use it.

Mr. Hendrick asked who are they wanting to pay for it.

Mr. Larrowe told that there is money in Carroll County's traffic services fund appropriated from the State.

Dr. Littrell asked what the money would be used for if it isn't used for this.

Mr. Larrowe told that it would be used for other maintenance type activities.

Mr. Hendrick told that you can do traffic improvements or small projects. He told that there is not a lot of money in it and now there is no money coming in to it. He told that money may have been there for ten years.

Mr. McCraw told that in the spirit of regionalism we should probably try to do this.

Mr. Hutchins told that he forwarded a copy of the email to CM Mitchell and he said that he was going to talk with Keith Barker about it. He told that it is in Sulphur Springs and is also in the City of Galax. He told that we might not have another use for this money and he thinks it would be wise to do this.

Mr. Hendrick asked why it was put there to begin with.

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Mr. Larrowe told that apparently there was an old bridge there that had not been taken out of service so they ended up putting up the guardrail to keep public off of that access.

Mr. Hutchins told that piece of land had not been used with the previous owner.

Mr. Larrowe told that it seems like the guardrail would be more of a gate than a true guardrail.

Mr. Dickson asked if this opens it up for something else that we will have to do.

Mr. Larrowe told that is not a question that he could answer.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is in the City.

Mr. Hendrick told that in his eyes it is a private access, the man just bought a mansion and 200 acres. He told that they will probably ask for an abandonment of it.

Mr. Hutchins told that they are asking us to use our funds.

Mr. Dickson told that if that happens we are basically giving the family \$15,000.

Mr. Larrowe told that as a potential resolution we could study this because we have not been out there to look at it, we could visit the property and ask Mr. Huff to come to the next meeting to explain more.

Mr. Hendrick told that when you speak with Mr. Huff find out why it was put up to begin with.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the issue was tabled until January.

VOTES

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

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CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Deanna Zimmerman told that she is from the Virginia Center for Wind Energy at James Madison University and they often work with counties and are currently working with Floyd County through the wind energy ordinance process. She told that she wants

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to reiterate the importance of gathering as much information as you can before a decision is made on the ordinance. She distributed some information and told that passing the ordinance is not a yes or no vote for wind energy but it helps you to have the option later if you want to allow wind development. She told that common concerns for things like this are health impacts, landscape preservation, sound and aesthetics and a lot of these things can be mitigated with proper sighting. She told that it is important to find accurate information for instance birds, the average turbine which is a 1.5 megawatt kills about 4 birds a year so your average domestic cat kills more. She told that there is technology to put things on the turbines to make sound and it will deter the bats to go around them. She told that for land use you can put provisions in the ordinance and for sound or what they look like on your ridge tops, she can't say how important it is to go out and see them. She told that they just did a tour with Floyd County and we can arrange that if you are interested. She told that the center is working with a lot of counties in Southwest Virginia so they will be planning a regional meeting if you are interested. She told that Roanoke has passed an ordinance on this and they can talk about what they encountered.

Mr. Martin asked for the organization to be involved are there any charges.

Ms. Zimmerman told that they are non-profit so all of their resources are free.

Mr. Dickson asked for her to keep us posted of the meetings.

Dr. Littrell asked if they are funded through James Madison.

Ms. Zimmerman told that they are a center at James Madison. She told that most of their funding comes from the federal government and the State energy office.

Dr. Littrell asked if there are non partial.

Ms. Zimmerman told that that is correct they are non bias, they just like to provide information.

Dr. Littrell told that he thinks the idea of a tour would be good to do.

Mr. Glen Sage told that he would like to speak about the ordinance on tall structures and when he read about it in the paper he was pretty concerned about it because from the wording it appeared that this ordinance would be in violation of both federal and state preemption. He told that he tried to find a copy of the ordinance and if he had of it would have laid aside all of his concerns because it looks like it has been addressed in the acceptations. He told that in the area of economic development, when you look at the topography and almost everything after you cross the mountain is above 2000 feet. He told that when you look at Wildwood, it is probably 2700 feet and what if you had a manufacture that needed a 60 foot silo to accommodate their efforts. He told that you need to weigh the good against some type of distraction. He told that you can notice eye sores that are not on the crest of mountains for example there are little market signs that pop up on the side of the road and it reminds him of living in West Virginia in the 1950's.

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He told that in the 1960's he worked for a company that employed 18,000 people and if this company was looking for a place to settle and they could not place a structure over 40 feet high, they would not give the county a second look. He told that the major issue is the wind turbines and rather than make it all inclusive for all structures, it would behoove the county to look at dealing with the specific issue at hand and that would not get in the way of economic development.

Mr. Dickson told that Mr. Sage brought up some items that they have already considered.

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Dr. Littrell told that he would like to touch on what he discussed last month about the film industry. He told that he received an email about what they would be looking for. He was told that they need pictures of interesting places within the County put on a disk and mailed to them and asked if we could get the Tourism Office to do that.

Mr. Larowe told that he has already spoken with the Tourism Office and they are in the process of doing that.

Dr. Littrell told that he is not for or against the Windmill Ordinance, but he does think that we need to gather more information. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and told that he appreciates the citizens coming out to express their opinions.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciated Mr. Hutchins prayer this morning asking for the troops to come home safe. He told that his sister passed away recently and his dad was drafted for WWII but he never spoke much about it. He told that they were talking about how many young men went off to battle wars and never come home. He told that if you go outside the building you can see a monument of those who served in Vietnam and even though the Board may disagree we don't have any issues compared to those men.

Mr. Hendrick asked the status of the feasibility study for the Recreation Department.

Mr. Larowe told that the RFP has been written and it is being reviewed.

Mr. McCraw thanked the School Board for leaving the 7th grade at St. Paul. He told that they are giving the people the option to come up here if they want and they will be doing some video teaching. He told that it is a great solution. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mr. Hutchins told that he has a first cousin who is on the list outside and when we think about those who have served we appreciate what they have done. He told that he appreciates the staff and hopes everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

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Mr. Dickson asked if we need to get a report on the reassessment or is it too early.

Mr. Larrowe told that we could schedule that in February after the appeals have been taken care of.

Mr. Dickson told that he received a Christmas card from Sands Anderson and they will be making a donation to the Red Cross in our name. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year. He told that he thinks we have everything in place to where 2013 will be a good year for Carroll County and for the citizens. He told that we do have the water agreement from Mt. Airy so people can build there since they have water. He told that we are working with Cana to get some infrastructure there because it is a good potential for growth. He told that we are looking forward to a great year and we value the citizens input.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board adjourned to the Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk