

November 17, 2014

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, November 17, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: David V. Hutchins  
Phil McCraw  
W.S. "Sam" Dickson  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Joshua A. Hendrick  
Bob Martin  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Colors were presented by Carroll County ROTC.

Mr. Hutchins led in invocation. He thanked everyone for being here. He told that they attended VACO last week and it was very informational.

Mr. Dickson told that he loves politics or he wouldn't be sitting here and he loves watching the results come in. He told that if you are a republican, you had a wonderful day on Election Day and if you are a democrat you said most of the states were red states anyway but when the later ones started coming in the blue states had several losses. He told that this means is it is anybody's guess and the best thing we can do is pray that they will all work together to get things done and it doesn't matter if you are red or blue, if you are US you are okay. He told that it was interesting to the guy that did their presentation and he was a political expert. He told that the guy said he was there two years ago and if he would have told them then that in the next two years that Governor McDonnell would be facing sentencing charges for criminal acts and Mark Warner would barely be hanging on by his fingernails they would have probably ran him out. He told that is the way that politics work, it doesn't always work the way you think it is going to work. He told that the most important thing to us was the Warner race and everybody thought he was going to walk away with Gillespie and the polls showed that. He told that the gentleman talked several minutes about why the polls were so wrong. He told that one question that was asked was how many have a landline. He told that a lot of people don't have them and most of the people that do have them are 65 years old or older and most everyone else has cell phones and they don't bother with land phones and we also have caller id and nobody answers an 800 number so the polls really don't show what is happening. He told that the people that win are the ones that get their voters out to the poll. He told that there was 1.7 million less votes in the state of Virginia this year than the year Obama ran so that is a big difference. He told that when you look at what the libertarians believe, they believe in more of the same sex marriage but they also had a lot of Republican views. He told that the races can come awful close so make sure you vote so we can get the right person in. He told that he also talked about bond referendums and there was three on the ballot and they all passed. He told the people always want to know why we don't put things on a referendum but it does show that they pass. He told that there was meal taxes on a couple ballots and both of them got defeated. He told when you summarize all of that you have politics.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

**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 Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on October 13, 2014.

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 November 2014 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the December 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)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**REVISED BUDGET CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Revised Budget Calendar.

VOTES

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

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

(Order)

**APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an appropriation request for dual credit reimbursement from WCC, Family Preservation Summer Transportation and School Security Equipment Grant in the amount of \$355,754.00.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**VICTIM WITNESS ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved an allocation for the Victim Witness Grant in the amount of \$2,669.00.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**FARM FAMILY – TRAVIS AND TONYA MARSHALL**

Mr. Hutchins recognized the Marshall family and told that Tonya and the family was featured in a magazine recently. He read the article that was in the magazine. He presented the family with a small token of appreciation from Carroll County or Farm Family of 2014.

Mr. Travis Marshall told that he is thankful for his family and one of their biggest assets is the Farmers Market. He told that ¾ of their income throughout the year is farming and the majority comes through the farmers market and there is a great staff there. He told that he has been there early in the morning and late at night but he has never beat Kevin up and he is always there late at night. He told that it cuts out the middle man and they move a lot of product through there and he can't say enough about it. He told that it is their greatest asset and it has been a blessing to them. He thanked the Board for the role they have played in the Farmers Market.

(Order)

**FARMERS MARKET MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT**

Ms. Cannon told that the moral obligation is basically an agreement with Virginia Community Capital for a line of credit to BRCEDA who is now managing the Farmers Market. She told that it will allow them to access capital through the line of credit and pay it back once the sales from the produce come in.

Mr. Hutchins told that from the BRCEDA standpoint, there needs to be some capital to move things along. He told that it isn't our debt, we are just standing behind it.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the Moral Obligation Agreement for the Farmers Market.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**TOURISM UPDATE – AMANDA PARRIS**

Ms. Amanda Parris told that the Marshall family have been an large part of providing the pumpkins for the pumpkin festival that the children carve and decorate and we greatly appreciate them. She told that she provided a packet of information as and you can see they doubled in size in just a year. She told that they counted over 2200 this year and there were several that they didn't get to count and that is a tremendous success. She told that 4-H has been involved both years and they were able to collect monies for their organization. She told that there are some challenges that they have for the future, they have about outgrown the area. She commended the Sheriff's Department and especially JB, he was the traffic control for that day. She told that they would like to see the schools get involved and they would like to expand it. She told that it takes a lot of people to make things flow and they had great staff and volunteers working and they appreciate that. She told that there is a pushpin map included in the packet that shows where the visitors came from as they came through the main entrance. She told that the Brady's co-sponsored the bands for that day and they shared their sales for the day which was over \$5000.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is growing each year and he agrees that it is getting close to where we can't put everyone in that space and it is not going unnoticed.

Ms. Parris told that she included some pictures of the candy apples that we do each year for the safe Halloween. She reviewed the upcoming parade and tree lighting and told that it will be a community event. She told that it will be a night time event this year and the tree lighting will be before the parade so people can enjoy it. She told that the business owners have been asked to stay open and stuff the children's stockings. She told that they will have fire pits and roast smores and they are working on where to place those for safety and they will actually be making the smores on a table with a sterno burner. She told that there will be some give aways.

Mr. Martin asked if the bands will be in it.

Ms. Parris told that chorus would be performing as well as the Pentecostal Holiness Church and we encourage you all to come. She told that the Carter Home is so excited about this and she just got word that they would like to invite the Board for heavy refreshments at 4:30. She told that the Tourism Ambassador program is part of a grant that they received and it will be starting soon.

(Order)

**NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Fran McPherson told that she started the application process in August for a new County Appraiser, received 9 applications and interviewed 7 and her choice was Tim James who comes from Florida and he has relocated here. She told that in the two months he has worked she knows she made the right choice.

Mr. James introduced himself to the Board. He explained how we ended up here in Carroll County from Florida. He told that the family toured Carroll County and they found out quickly this is where they wanted to be. He told that they have bought a farmhouse and are going to work on fixing it up. He told that they have a business in Florida and they are wrapping that up. He told that he is looking forward to being in Carroll County and doing whatever they can to make this a better place.

Ms. Cannon introduced the new Finance Generalist, Nick Rife. She told that he has 13 years experience.

Mr. Rife told that he is originally from Grundy and has spent the last 13 years out of the area and most of it was in the DC suburbs. He told that he married a girl from Hillsville and she wanted to be closer to family. He told that he is glad to be back and his son is in school here. He told that it is great to get the opportunity.

(Order)

### **CHRIS BROWN – UNITED WAY**

Mr. Brown told that last time he was here he only had three minutes to tell you about the United Way. He told that since then they have grown and are now called United Way of Southwest Virginia. He passed out packets of information to the Board and told that they are in the last two months of their campaign and they are at about 53% of \$100,000. He told that they are hoping to have an impact on over 7000 people in the Twin Counties. He told that there is a list of who receives funding and what they do with the funds. He told that they are a large organization and they cover all of the counties in Southwest Virginia except Wythe County and a small portion of Lee County. He told that 100% of everything raised stays here and their administrative costs are around 15% and that is really good. He told that they have just finished the campaign with the County employees and they raised a little over \$1600 which is a huge increase from last year. He told that he comes here also to challenge the Board of Supervisors to match what the employees have done and he would also like to see a total of \$5000 from the Supervisors. He told that he has also included individual pledge forms if you would like to make a pledge.

Mr. Hutchins told that he is on the Board of Directors for Rooftop and they really appreciate what United Way has done to help Rooftop. He thanked him for that.

Mr. Brown told that last year they raised \$67,000 and the goal this year is \$100,000.

Mr. Hutchins asked the budget committee to look at it and see what we can do.

(Order)

### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Ms. Jamie Rowlett thanked the Board for allowing her to be here tonight and speak. She told that she is here to discuss an issue that she has concerning what she feels to be discrimination towards her child in the athletic program in Carroll County. She told that her child has a 504 plan due to his ADHD. She told that the 504 plan states; a school district must provide students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in existing extracurricular activities and this means they must not exclude students based on stereotypes or assumptions. She told that it also means that the school district must make individualized inquiries to determine if reasonable modifications are necessary to allow a student to participate in the activity. She told that an example of this would be using a light along with a starter pistol so that a deaf person may be able to compete. She told that her child only needs redirection. She told that her child was cut from a team for the inability to focus per Coach Hawks. She told that she has taken all necessary steps to try to get this resolved, from the coaches, the principal, the athletic director and the School Board. She told that she is here requesting your help. She reviewed each incident that

has taken place and who she talked with each time. She asked that you help her with this and she is not only fighting for her son but for others with disability.

Mr. Martin asked if she has the right of appeal directly to the School Board. He told that it sounds like you have been talking to staff and it is his understanding that you can appeal to the School Board.

Ms. Rowlett told that she has spoken with Mr. Burnette about this and he told her there was nothing he could do.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks what Bob is saying is the names that you called were all staff but they were not the elected officials. He told that the name of the Chairman of the School Board is Brian Spencer and either he or Dr. Blankenship is who you need to talk to. He told that when you say School Board he thinks you are talking about staff in the School Board Office. He told that there is little that this Board can do in regards to what the School Board does and our only real relationship is to provide the funding source for schools. He told that anything dealing with what the school does rests with the School Board. He asked what district she lives in.

Ms. Rowlett told that she lives at Sunny Side.

Mr. Martin told that she does have a right of appeal if you go through the procedures and he would suggest to put in writing to be placed on the docket and there are state and federal offices that oversee funding and so forth of 504 plans and if you feel that after you meet with the School Board and it is still not satisfactory you contact the state and go up the chain from there.

Mr. Hutchins told her to look up Brian Spencers home number.

Mr. Hendrick asked Ms. Cannon if she could get his contact information.

Mr. McCraw told that he understands her concerns and they are valid concerns. He told that this is a school board issue and who you have talked to is not the School Board, it's actually staff. He told that he would suggest you go to a meeting and call and get placed on the agenda before the meeting.

Mr. Dickson asked if her child has an iep.

Ms. Rowlett told that he has a standard 504 plan.

Mr. Dickson asked if he has a special teacher that works with him.

Ms. Rowlett told that he does and its not that she sits in the classroom with him but he is at the point where he can have an option if he needs her he can leave the classroom.

Mr. Dickson told that he or she could be a liaison.

Mr. Martin told that three eighth grade girls played JV last year. He told that they can't play on varsity.

Dr. Littrell told that he thinks she is in the Fancy Gap District and if she waits till the School Board meeting he will miss part of the season so she might want to go ahead and call your representative as well as the Chairman.

Mr. Hendrick told that it would be Laurel Fork and he gave her the number to call.

Mr. Hutchins told that we do empathize but unfortunately there is nothing we can do but he thinks these gentleman have given you some good starting points.

Mr. Martin told that he is not picking on the School Board but he believes if you talk to county employees and you don't think you have been treated fairly you have the right to come to the Board of Supervisors.

(Order)

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told that he is good and he appreciates everyone coming out.

Mr. McCraw thanked everyone for coming out and it is nice to meet our new employees. He congratulated the Marshall family and told that they make Carroll County proud.

Mr. Dickson welcomed the new members and told that he thinks Fran made the right choice. He thanked Amanda and congratulated Kevin. He also congratulated the Marshall family.

Dr. Littrell told that we had a good meeting tonight and got to hear some good stories. He told that he missed the pumpkin festival but it looks like we are headed in the right direction. He thanked everyone for the chance to go the VACO last weekend where he was able to attend several of the sessions, one of which was put on by our own Gary Larrowe and Jonathan Sweet. He told that they talked about regional cooperation and it was an excellent presentation and very well received. He told that he is also a member of the Health and Human Resource Committee and he was somewhat encouraged that there has been a slight change regarding the Training Center. He told that they are talking about the possibility of reversing some of the previous decisions.

Mr. Martin told that the he is extremely proud tonight. He told that he worked with the guys that presented the colors last year and they are quality kids. He told that he feels like he is part of the Marshall family. He told that they brought the three little girls to Hillsville Elementary and told that there have not been any better children than those three. He told that he is tickled to have been associated with the family and he is very proud of the daughters.

Mr. Hutchins told that there have been come changes in our Economic Interest Forms and our County Attorney has information and he is going to share that with us on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads. He told that everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Martin asked when they are due.

Mr. Hutchins told that they are also due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He told that they heard at VACO that they could be challenging. He told that we have taken some that needed to happen and taken it to an extreme to make it complicated.

Dr. Littrell told that VACO is a group of almost every county in the State and David Hutchins was voted President Elect of that this year and that is a great accomplishment.

Mr. Hutchins told that VACO is where we have our insurance and a lot of things through them and it has saved the county over time.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board adjourned.

**VOTES**

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

November 17, 2014

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk