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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, January 13, 2014 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
Bob Martin
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins lead in invocation and pledge. He thanked everyone for being out today and told that he appreciates them. He told that the staff has asked us to look at goals and we need to look at them and provide input.

(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 Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on December 9, 2013 and January 6, 2014 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

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

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Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for January 2014 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the February 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 Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell 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)

BOARD GOALS

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Board Goals below.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes

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

(Order)

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$5,856.80 to personnel contingency to annual bonus.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Spay and Neuter Program below.

If you are a citizen of Carroll County and have your pet spayed or neutered, you are eligible for 100% reimbursement for the cost of the sterilization procedure on the animal you are adopting or own. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met:

- Your pet must be sterilized (spayed or neutered by a Carroll/Galax area Veterinarian).
- You must provide proof of the procedure and an invoice. These will be turned in to the Carroll County Finance Office in Office B232.
- You must provide proof of purchase of current year animal license for each dog.
- You must provide proof of a rabies vaccination for each dog or cat.
- Provide proof of all Real Estate and Personal Property taxes have been paid.
- No more than 2 dogs or cats per household per year. (Example: 2 dogs or 2 cats or 1 dog and 1 cat.)

All information, bill and tax information must be provided to the Finance Office (room B232) Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Once these items have been verified, the Carroll County Finance Office will issue a reimbursement check to you in approximately 30 days. The reimbursement fee is only eligible to resident households of Carroll County

and limited to two (2) pets in a calendar year. The sterilization reimbursement program covers only the costs associated with the sterilization itself. You are responsible for the remaining costs of any other associated costs incurred with the veterinarian. The program is funded for a specific amount in a budget year and is limited to a first come first serve basis until the funding is exhausted.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PHASE III APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$15,098.58 for the 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)

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$42.12 for the Commonwealth's Attorney from asset forfeiture money.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SCHOOL CIP

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing the Board approved the School CIP.

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. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing the Board approved an allocation in the amount of \$118.75 for the Commonwealth Attorney from asset forfeiture.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PHASE III UPDATE – DENNIS COLE

Mr. Dennis Cole told that from the report, he will start with the first floor and they have had overhead inspections done by the mechanical contractor, engineer and our county inspector was here today giving us the final okay to start putting ceiling tiles in downstairs and that is one of the last things that they will do. He told that they are very pleased and are moving forward. He told that upstairs they are still putting in some duct work, tying in some of the fan coil units. He told that there is not a lot going on, a few miscellaneous things here and there. He told that they are hoping to have all of the work completed by the end of the month and they will look at the first two weeks of February with doing the punch out and taking care of all the controls issues. He told that they are moving along and have not had any issues to date and the contractor is working well with us.

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Mr. Martin asked if he saw an ending date.

Mr. Cole told at the end of the month they should be finished with construction and the first two weeks in February they should be finalizing all of the controls. He told that it should be mid February before they are completely done. He told that the STEM Lab, the contractor has done all of the demolition that he can afford to do right now. He told that Clark Brothers hasn't had a lot of other work to do so they have spent a lot of time here. He told that one of the things they are realizing is that it doesn't seem to be level or plum. He told that the contractor is intent on putting in a level floor and they are trying to convince him that it would be the only one in the building. He told that they are waiting on the new steel to show up hopefully on Friday. He told that they are right on schedule if not a little ahead.

Mr. Martin asked if it is a good time to bid projects right now.

Mr. Cole told that most that is being bid right now is stuff that will start in the spring and most contractors will want to have things to do in April and May. He told that the STEM Lab was good for us because it was interior work in the winter. He told that he thinks we are right on the button if we are planning to do any future work now is the time to start prepping for it.

Mr. Martin told that we had a lot of local contractors involved in doing the internal stuff.

Mr. Cole told that Clark Brothers are out of Stuart Virginia and E&L Diamond is in Galax.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks we have reappointments more than anything. He told that Dr. Littrell and Mr. Dickson were working on Woodlawn School so if they would continue to work on that committee that would be good. He told that Mr. Dickson and Mr. Hendrick were looking at the water park thing so that would be good and we have a meeting on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m., a public meeting, not a public hearing to get input on Woodlawn School and he asked if Sam and Tom would lead the meeting. He told that we may have another appointment next week.

Dr. Littrell told that he hasn't had a chance to make contact. He told that he would try to take care of it between now and next meeting.

Mr. Martin asked where the Woodlawn meeting is.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is here. He told that they had discussed having it there and it seemed like the logistics of it were somewhat expensive so we are having it here. He told that we have the budget committee and it is Phil, Tom and Josh.

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Mr. Dickson told that they are trying to get a water park meeting sometime in February.

Mr. Larrowe told that they are working on it for potentially February 25th.

Mr. Hendrick told that was his only question is if they had ever pinned down a date.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Steve Gregson told that we are happy to have a ACC National Champion this year.

(Order)

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. Martin told that he is behind in asking but one of the items that was given to us was from Tammy Quesenberry about approving \$15,098,000 and that was for Carroll County High School and the Middle School. He asked if it is just a formality, he doesn't understand why we are approving it.

Mr. Larrowe told that the actual appropriation was just the remainder of that. He told that it is part of the QSCAB. He told that if you look at the approval summary it was \$15,098.50. He told that the other part of that is the background that supports that.

Mr. Cornwell told you work for the School Board and numerous times you have made the disclosure that this does not affect you and Mr. Dickson more than anyone else.

Mr. Martin told that we need to make the disclosure.

Mr. Cornwell told that we just did that.

Mr. Martin told that for next meeting he would like to request that Dr. Blankenship and members of the School Board be here and us have a formal discussion about the auxiliary gym and he calls it complex, the correct name was in our thing this time.

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Mr. Hendrick replied, attached gym walkway connection for classroom.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to get them present and us just take a look at that project and go over it. He told that he has heard lots about it but he has never even seen anything on it. He told that he would like for them to be here and talk to us about what they are suggesting and he would like to know the funding feasibility on it.

Mr. Hutchins told that you are asking that we have a time slot for Dr. Blankenship on the next meeting for him to present.

Mr. Martin told for him to go over this and talk about the funding feasibility of whatever amount is involved.

Mr. Hutchins told that he would say that they would provide the need and we would after the need, first off unless you have some engineering estimates and drawings, they may have them but you really don't know what kind of dollars you are talking about. He told that it is hard to look at funding and as part of the process we would look at that. He told that he thinks it is also on the CIP but we can ask Dr. Blankenship to attend our next meeting.

Mr. Martin told that he keeps hearing things but he is not sure that the guys down at Russell's Garage know as much as he hopes they do. He told that he would like a more formal presentation and would like to know about the cost of it and how we could finance it and those kinds of things.

Dr. Littrell told that he wanted to bring everyone up to date on the Twin County Airport Terminal and unless there is some major disaster that we don't know about the substantial completion should be toward the end of January. He told that there are a couple things that need to be done outside, the removal of the original terminal building and the trailer that they have used in the mean time for the manager's office, and hopefully that will be done in the same time or slightly after that. He told that the furniture has been ordered but they have not gotten a delivery date. He told that if everything goes on schedule they hope to have a dedication and open house for the new terminal the latter part of February in which they will certainly invite all the Board and all those folks at the County to come and be a part of it since they have been so supportive of the project. He told that he will keep everyone notified as to the upcoming events there.

Mr. Dickson asked if it was alright if he asked Mr. Cornwell two questions.

Mr. Hutchins replied sure.

Mr. Dickson asked if he has a list of delinquent taxes that you can start collecting.

Mr. Cornwell told that the last list of taxes given to him by the Treasurer was March 12, 2012.

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Mr. Dickson asked if he is ready to collect taxes if he had a list.

Mr. Cornwell replied yes sir. He told that right now they have Cascade property and Dogwood Property that is ready to be sold and the values range from \$7000 down to as little as \$500 and they have one property valued at \$23,500, another valued at \$31,100 however they are pretty sure that it does not exist, one property valued at \$17,000 and they offered it for sale at the last sale and there were no bidders on it and another property for \$10,000 that there were no bidders on. He told that another piece of property for \$1000 that they sold and the buyer failed to close and there is another piece worth \$45,000 which they believe does not exist. He told that they have 20 properties most of which don't have enough value to bring the cost of sale because they might bring half of the assessed value and sometimes no one bids.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there is a reserve on it.

Mr. Cornwell told that there are no reserves. He told that they have these that are ready to be sold right now but unless we get some good properties mixed in with them they are not going to get anybody to come out. He told that they are Cascade lots and Dogwood Lots and they are not even adjacent lots where you buy two or three and do something with them. He told that if you want him to he will go forward with these.

Mr. Dickson replied no. He asked if he makes a request for a list or do we need to do that.

Mr. Cornwell told that the Treasurer sends him a list when she wants him to do the sale.

Mr. Dickson told that he wonders if we are anywhere near ready. He asked in other localities is this the way they work.

Mr. Cornwell told that different localities do it different ways. He told that the City of Petersburg sent him 750 properties in one swoop.

Mr. Dickson told that they had a list they advertised and some of them were paid.

Mr. Cornwell told that other jurisdictions like Halifax sends him 100 twice a year and others send him swaps of 50 a couple times a year.

Mr. Martin asked why somebody that owns a lot next to one that's going to be sold bid on it.

Mr. Cornwell told that they might but he can't make them. He told that they advertise it twice and he auctions it off to try to save money and on a \$1000 piece of property if you get half of what it is worth that is not even going to pay the advertising and lawsuit. He told that we are down to properties now that they have reason to believe that they may

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not exist. He told that it doesn't stop him, in the past he has sold property that doesn't exist but people don't usually like that.

Mr. Dickson asked him to keep us informed if he gets a list.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is good.

Mr. McCraw told that this is the first meeting of the year and with his time on the board this has been by far the shortest and something tells him we won't have many that will be this short. He told that it is a pleasure to be here and he appreciates those who came out.

Mr. Hutchins told that he wanted to notice the press that Legislative Day is February 6th and there is a good probability that more than two board members will be present. He told that Rural Caucus is on the 5th and there are some other things going on so it will be from February 5th through the 7th in Richmond and business may be discussed. He thanked the board members and told that he looks forward to this year and he hopes that it is smooth sailing.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk