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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, May 12, 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  
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, 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 as listed below. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

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.

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of

this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, 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	Not Present

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Mr. Dickson led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hutchins thanked everyone for being here this evening.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board added Supervisor's Time and Commission of the Revenue after the budget approval.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on April 14, 2014 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	Not Present

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for May 2014 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the June 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

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Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw 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	Not Present

(Order)

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an increase and additional allocation of Health Insurance for changes during open enrollment 2013 in the amount of \$39,095.18.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE – WOODLAWN SCHOOL**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing during the June meeting regarding the transfer of Woodlawn School to the Carroll County IDA. The Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical.

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VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$26,352.06 for the Phase III Construction and Renovation Project.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved combining the Carroll County Enterprise Zone into a Regional application including Carroll, Grayson and Galax.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**DAY REPORTING**

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Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$2,600 for the cost of the Day Reporting Program. Increased costs will be offset by savings from the New River Valley Regional Jail.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**JUVENILE DETENTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the increased utilization of juvenile detention. Expense was originally budgeted at \$65,000 for the entire year and we are currently running a monthly expense of \$35,000 and a minimum of \$120,000 to cover charges for this fiscal year.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**FIRE FUND**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$41,389.00 for the Fire Fund Program due to receiving a larger allocation than originally budgeted.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CSA**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$270,407 for expenses related to the Comprehensive Services Act. Normally there would be offsetting revenue, but due to the fact that the CSA revenue was over budgeted last year during the budget process, the offset will be beginning fund balance.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION – REPEAL OF COUNTY CODE**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Repeal of Article V of Chapter 221 of the Carroll County Code. The Public Hearing will be held during the June meeting and will begin at 5:30 p.m or as soon thereafter as practical.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION – ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Enterprise Zone during the June meeting and will begin at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
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Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**PHASE III/HVAC UPDATE – DENNIS COLE**

Mr. Dennis Cole told that the HVAC project is complete and that means they have turned the project over to maintenance. He told that the contractor is still under warranty. He told that they had a roof change order to replace three sections at the school. He told that it should be completed in the next two or three weeks. He told on the STEM Lab the new construction is just about complete and they are expecting cabinetry next week and should be completed by the first of June.

Mr. Hutchins told that he knows we have approved the payments but he saw several invoices for a maintenance building and it appears as if there are a couple new buildings going up and asked if they are funded out of QSCB or normal funding or did you have anything to do with those.

Mr. Cole told that he did not have anything to do with those. He told that he knows there is maintenance shed being put at the Intermediate School.

Mr. Dickson told that they are putting one up at the High School too.

Mr. Cole told that it cannot be out of the USDA funds because it is not part of the original scope of work. He told that he is not aware if they had other money left.

Mr. Hutchins told that it looks like we paid for block and brick and mortar and sand and some other things and he is curious to know and we were asked to approve it.

(Order)

**SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Mr. Hutchins told that there have been a couple of additions to the plan.

Dr. Littrell told that he received an email from Dan about the additions.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks everyone received an email. He told that some of them had been looked at before such as Dixon Road.

Mr. Hendrick told that we don't have to do anything with it now because we are only funding two roads this year but sometime before we do this next year he thinks it would

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pay off to look at how we are prioritizing them because some are through routes and some are dead ends and we may need to look at more than ADT.

Dr. Littrell asked about Silver Leaf.

Mr. Dickson told that it is not on there.

Dr. Littrell told that he guesses it came in to late for this year. He told that it was a question that came through the Supervisors Forum.

Mr. Hendrick told that he forwarded it to VDOT just to make sure that they looked at it when they were getting qualifying roads but he has not gotten a response yet. He told that it is not going to make a difference this year.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Six Year Road Plan.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**FY15 COUNTY BUDGET APPROVAL**

Mr. Hutchins asked if there have been changes since last meeting.

Ms. Cannon told that the budget that you have in front of you is the one that was originally advertised in the paper and there were no changes.

Dr. Littrell told that it wasn't a very fun year but thanks to Nikki and staff we made it.

Mr. McCraw told that it was the tightest budget that he has worked on since being on the board and it has been a tough year. He told that we so desperately did not want to give our citizens a tax increase this year because we know that they are struggling. He told that we really needed to do one but have tried to make the adjustments that they felt necessary to keep from passing it along to the citizens. He told that it has been painful.

Mr. Hutchins told that for those who track it there is a significant number of counties in the Commonwealth this year that have had a tax increase and the truth of the matter is even though we are passing a budget today we don't know what the State is going to do

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with their portion of it. He told that we have formulated our budget on our very best guess based on history and other things.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2015 Carroll County General operating total expenditures of \$39,549,404 for the general fund, and \$15,000 for the Law Library fund and appropriate those amounts presented by department and to adopt the Calendar 2015 tax rates as advertised and heard at our public hearing on May 5<sup>th</sup>. These tax rates represent no increase from calendar year 2014. With the previously adopted school budget in the amount of \$40,871,311, the total FY 2015 County General Operating and Law Library fund Budgets are \$80,435,715.

Mr. Dickson told that this does include our part of the School budget which is a pretty substantial amount and he is a part time employee of the School system but it does not affect him more than anyone else and he can vote contentiously.

Mr. Hendrick told that his wife is still employed by Mt. Rogers but it does not affect him more than anyone else.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**GAS UTILITY BUDGET**

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2015 Carroll County Gas Utility Fund in the amount of \$398,915.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE – FRAN McPHERSON**

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Fran McPherson, Commissioner of the Revenue made the following comments;

In opening I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for allowing me to express my concerns here tonight. I am here tonight as the Commissioner of the Revenue for Carroll County representing the citizens who elected me to serve them. The Commissioner of the Revenue position is a Constitutional Office dictated by the Constitution of Virginia. The office operates according to the code of Virginia. I fully understand all the codes contained in the code of Virginia pertaining to the administrative duties of the Commissioner of the Revenue office and I have fulfilled all of my duties as Commissioner since I was elected by the citizens of Carroll County in 2012 and will continue to do so during my term in office. Prior to being elected as Commissioner, there were discussions on changing the working order of the County Assessor's office. In 1980, the Virginia Department of Taxation changed real estate assessments to 100% fair market value. The Assessor's office was established in 1982 by County Ordinance to effectively maintain the valuation of new construction and property splits between reassessments and to maintain the property identification maps. This change was initialized and requested by the Commissioner of the Revenue at the time due to the increase in workload and the skill set needed to accomplish fair and equitable assessments. The Assessor's office has functioned in this capacity for the past 32 years efficiently. The code of Virginia will not allow me as a Commissioner to fulfill all these duties. With the understanding that all board members wanted the offices merged, and this being a joint effort between the Board and myself, As the Commissioner, I worked to determine the best way to cooperate with this decision and make it financially beneficial to the citizens of Carroll County. The figures from my investigations regarding the merge of the Assessor's office with the Commissioner's office clearly show that the current staff will be assuming numerous duties. I have compiled several charts to show my findings. One of these charts shows that there is an actual savings even if the request for supplements for the employees could have been granted. These charts are based on actual figures that were submitted to the Compensation board for our annual state budget. I also would like to point out that the current staff of 3 well trained employees will only be replaced with 2 employees with only 1 of those employees being trained in the Real Estate department. I felt that the COR employees salaries should be adjusted accordingly to accommodate the new work load. Each employee will have a new job description and added duties to which I feel they should be supplemented since the additional job duties were not required of them at the time they were hired. There would be a huge disparity between their compensation based upon their individual skill sets required to perform their current responsibilities combined with additional duties and responsibilities from the merge of the two offices. When an employee's job description is changed and additional responsibilities are required, it is common for the employee's salary to be adjusted to reflect these new duties. This has been a practice with the Board of Supervisors in the past. Am I correct in assuming that supplemental wages are not given to anyone employed by Carroll County for additional duties or jobs being assigned to their workload when it is not a requirement of their current job duties in the positions they were so hired? It should be understood that all services provided by the Assessor's office are not required by the Code of Virginia to be provided by the Commissioner of

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the Revenue. Such services which the Commissioner of the Revenue has no obligation to fill have and would continue to benefit the general public and the citizens of this county. In addressing the email that I received from the assistant administrator last week, I have and will continue to work with you, on accomplishing what is best for the citizens of our county. I have always complied with state code and am fully aware of these codes for my office. I have cooperated with administration in working towards the betterment of our county. I have humbly served the citizens of Carroll County in my position as Commissioner of the Revenue and will continue to do so. I asked for a written agreement between the County and the Commissioner's office simply to clarify in writing the expectations of my office. Upon speaking with numerous Commissioners' across the state of Virginia, I was strongly advised that such an agreement is needed to protect all parties involved. In light of the statement made to me in an email, stating that in reality the Board can eliminate the County Appraiser position and let the duties fall to me, after the discussions of an appraiser being hired and compensated by the county and to which the compensation board will not fund, I tend to agree that such an agreement between the County and myself will be needed to proceed with the merge. In response to the statement of my staff absorbing the work load of ½ of a position, I have to disagree. With the retirement of the current assessor and the retirement of an efficient office assistant, I will be gaining only 1 person trained in all aspects of the real estate department. The appraiser, to which was agreed upon to hire, will need training on the daily operations of the Real Estate department. In essence, I will be gaining only one trained employee instead of the 3 that are currently in the real estate department. I agree that the workload is based on the Code of Virginia and the Compensation board does designate the number of people. But, per the Compensation Board, after reviewing my workload which is reported to the Compensation Board on a yearly basis, my office is currently understaffed by 4.59 people. I will not gain another full time Compensation Board approved position until funds become available. This is due to the state budget cuts enacted several years ago to which I had no control. In response to the chart of figures for contributions for the Commissioner of the Revenue from surrounding counties, I will also disagree. Counties cannot be compared in this manner. The salaries of employees are based on years of service and classification codes. One county may have employees that are newly hired or employees that have been employed for many years. The pay scales are different for each county dependent upon the class code each employee has achieved by the Compensation board. Also, some of the counties, which are listed on this sheet, have supplemental wages from their locality for performing the duties the Carroll County Assessor's office now perform and those employees are compensation board funded. It was stated to me in the email that due to my current opposition to the combination of the offices, to which I have not opposed, the funds would be removed and placed back into the Assessor's office budget. In defense of myself, I have not opposed the combination of the offices and she thinks Gary and Nikki can say that she has worked with them on doing this. I have been very disappointed that my staff will not be compensated for the additional workload and conveyed my disappointment to administration. I have never stated what would happen if I refuse to complete the Real Estate Assessment. I stated what would happen if I refused the Real Estate Assessor's office. I am disappointed that the County administration and I could not come to an amicable agreement in this matter, but I feel that my employees deserve

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what I have requested and I am certain that given the circumstances, the additional workload, the requirements and duties, you as leaders, would do the same for your employees.

In closing my statement tonight, I feel the citizens of Carroll County would be better served by continuing the operation of the Assessor's office under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. It is the mission of the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue:

- To provide assistance to the public in a friendly and competent manner.
- We are dedicated to excellence and maintaining the public trust.
- Taking into consideration the broad and complex nature of the duties of the office, our office takes our duties seriously and we are committed to serving the citizens of Carroll County to the best of our capabilities.
- We are most dedicated to work with the officials of Carroll County for the common good of our residents.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, or would like to view any of the documents I have researched and compiled, please feel free to contact me personally at my office. My door is always open. I also have a copy with me tonight for review.

Ms. McPherson told that she does know that the County ordinance will have to be amended or rescinded because those duties were taken away from the Commissioner of the Revenue in 1982. She told that it was the legalities of this merge that she was looking out for.

Mr. Hutchins asked if she said the Comp Board says you are short 4.5 people.

Ms. McPherson replied that is correct.

Mr. Hutchins told that you have three individuals.

Ms. McPherson told that she has four full time employees which is the same amount that they had in 1982.

Mr. Hutchins told that with the additional duties you would add two more people to those four making a total of 6.

Ms. McPherson told that if that is what happens, two people would be replacing three.

Mr. Dickson told that you said you were not opposed to this.

Ms. McPherson replied that is correct.

Mr. Dickson told that you would rather have the increase for what extra work they do, that is the opposition is that right.

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Ms. McPherson told that she is disappointed that it was not agreed with. She told that she has a hard working bunch of employees and they always accomplish what she asks them to do and with taking on new duties she thinks they should be recognized in some form. She told that they have not had to deal with the real estate department since they have been hired.

Mr. McCraw asked how much of an increase are you requesting.

Ms. McPherson told that she has a sheet if you would like to see those. She told that it is just to bring her employees in line with other positions in the county that will be in this department. She told that she also has from her work study to show the increase in the workload.

Mr. Dickson asked about the two that are coming into your office would they also get an increase or no since they will be doing the same work.

Ms. McPherson replied no and told that she did not give herself an increase.

Mr. McCraw told that with rough math in his head but the increase is about 12%.

Ms. McPherson replied yes.

Mr. Hutchins asked if there have been any increase other than what the county gives since you have become Commissioner.

Ms. McPherson told that she got an increase when she became Commissioner but it was Comp Board funded.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the Comp Board funds that each year.

Ms. McPherson told that is correct.

Mr. Hendrick asked if we have looked over the ordinance.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes and it was in Board Approval today and the public hearing would actually be held at the June meeting.

Mr. Dickson told that he is not on the budget committee but he took the liberty of looking up the salaries of your employees and he thinks you get a lot for what you pay. He told that it is a decent salary but not abundant.

Ms. McPherson told that the increase that she is asking for is only to bring them in line with other employees.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the salary is established by the Comp Board.

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Ms. McPherson replied yes.

Mr. Hutchins asked if it is different for each county.

Ms. McPherson replied, most likely because it is on a step of what they have achieved. She told that some counties have master deputies which she has two employees that are completing that training now and they are probably going to get an increase but it is because they have went through the training process.

Mr. Hutchins told that he looks around and sees two other Constitutional Officers and he would venture to say that they their employees should merit an increase also and most any manager would say that. He told that it is whatever the Board wishes. He told that he is not sure we can do anything without going back and letting the Budget committee look at everything and the budget we just passed didn't not include that. He told that if we changed that we would have to rework and maybe even readvertise to some degree.

Ms. McPherson told that she would like to say if the merge goes forward she will require a written agreement of what is expected of her office.

Mr. Hutchins told that he thinks that would make sense or an MOU of sorts. He told that is something he can't speak to it would have to come from legal.

Mr. Dickson asked if there is any amount that you can adjust after it has been passed.

Mr. Cornwell told that you can within 1%.

Mr. Dickson asked if we can table this request until we can look at it because it doesn't go into effect until July anyway and give us another month to look at it.

Mr. Cornwell told that the Public Hearing on the repeal is in June so it would be a good time to look at it.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board has taken the request of Ms. McPherson under advisement until June.

Mr. Dickson told that he wants to say to the budget committee that this is not anything against you guys, I know you worked hard.

#### VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

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Mr. Hutchins told the objective is to relook at it and see if there is an agreement that can be reached.

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### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Bowman told that he wasn't able to be here at the last meeting and he lives on Harmony Bottom Road and he has been coming to these meetings since back in the 80s and he don't know how many times his road has been put on the six year plan and took off and it is in worse shape now. He told that it is 4/10 of a mile from Kinser Road to Rt. 818. He told that Lisa Hughes has looked at the road and said it was a good candidate and he would like to see it done in his lifetime.

Mr. Hendrick told that it was added as #28 and that was part of his comments in shuffling the order.

Mr. Bowman told that he would like for it to be number 1.

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### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone's work on the budget and he knows we are not completely done yet. He told that this is the first time on the committee and this budget is interesting and there are some lofty goals in this budget that will require cooperation from everyone in the county and that doesn't mean just administration, it means all of our constitutionals. He told that he really hope that we can get that done and he urges everyone to have a common goal to make the budget work.

Mr. McCraw told that he echo's what Josh says and it has been a challenge this year. He told that this is the toughest one they have had and they had to make some painful decisions and he knows it hasn't made everyone happy and he is sorry that they couldn't. He told that he appreciates everyone being here tonight and it is always good to see people come out.

Dr. Littrell told that we all have budget on our minds and all of the pennies that go out are going to be a little flatter in the middle where we have squeezed them a little tighter and he was looking at one of the approval items that we had and at best the budget is kind of a guesstimate of what the annual expenses will be and one he is referring to is the juvenile detention and it was budgeted at \$65,000 annually and we have had to increase it and the currently monthly expense is \$35,000. He told that sometimes we get surprises that we can't do anything about. He told that he appreciates everyone who worked on the budget so hard and as it was mentioned we probably disappointed some but atleast we didn't raise the taxes and that is the plus side of it.

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Mr. Dickson told that he is pleased we have a six year road plan where we will actually get two or three roads surfaced. He told that it has been a few years since we have had any money at all and the gentleman that spoke he knows his concern because he has had roads on there that would go away and they would start again. He told that if we have any new roads lets add those to the bottom. He told that he is always happy when the budget is without a tax increase and we haven't had one since 2009 and that is doing very good showing good financial responsibility. He told that he also has a plan where we can add a little to our general budget account and it is not going to affect anyone very much at all and it is our Highway Safety Funds which is money collected from radar on I77 and we have estimated about \$898,000 so we are looking to collect \$1.2 million this year. He told that most counties take a percentage and he is going to ask that this be put on next month's agenda and ask for you guys to look at the numbers to see. He told that he is going to bring a lot of information back to convince you that we can do it without affecting anybodies salaries or anybodies overtime pay and probably won't affect anything that is bought by Sheriff's Office because most of the big ticket items have already been bought. He told that he will bring all of the information for that and you do your own research too and talk to some of the deputies and the Sheriff and see what they think about it. He thanked everyone that worked on the budget and told that he thinks we have a good workable budget with realistic numbers. He told that Virginia will probably have a budget out by the end of the month is what they have heard.

Mr. Hutchins told that he is not sure what is happening in Richmond but the last he heard he is not sure the House and the Senate is going to agree. He thanked everyone and told that each year gets worse and as revenue diminishes the cost of operations have not and he would like to commend the budget committee.

Mr. Hendrick told that Bob asked him to bring up about a bridge dedication on Rt. 58.

Mr. Larrowe told that when you have a dedication it is for a single bridge and what happened was the Edwards family had asked for the dedication and at the time we asked which bridge and it was the one coming into town and the day of the bridge dedication they wanted it on two bridges and in reality there would have to be another request made and we indicated to the family that if they did want that done they would have to pay for the second bridge and they said they were going to come up with the funds and we haven't heard from them since.

Mr. Hendrick told that we may be there. He told that if they pay for the plaque all we have to do is.

Mr. Larrowe told that we go through VDOT and go through the process and that is what we had discussed with them.

Mr. Hendrick told that it doesn't happen overnight.

Mr. Larrowe told that if that is what the family is interested in we will need to find out the cost associated and have the authorization from the Board.

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(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion b 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	Not Present

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk