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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on, January 23, 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

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Hutchins lead in invocation and pledge. He thanked everyone for coming out. He told that he would like to set the stage of why we are here and the goals we have. He told that this is informational only, it is not a public hearing and we will not be making a decision tonight. He told that there will be no motions made and told that we are here to listen and share thoughts so if you came with a motion in hand hold it over and we will make that at another meeting. He told that there will be at some point in time if there is any decisions made with the property, there will be a public hearing at that time. He told that today is an opportunity to share thoughts and that is what we are here for. He asked if any Board Member has anything they would like to say different or thoughts. He asked Mr. Dickson who has been on the committee that was appointed in November to review and look at different things to share what they have found.

Mr. Dickson told that basically the reason we are here where we are, the school building belonged to the school system while they are using them and when they are through with them it has to revert back to the Board of Supervisors and between them and the IDA will decide what has to happen with the building. He told that the old Hillsville Elementary School was kept after it was closed and more classes were started in that. He told that we really didn't want that to happen to this building because we didn't feel like the taxpayers could afford to keep another building in the school system budget unless you were having classes there so it was reverted back to us. He told the deal at first, they were going to borrow \$25 million and they were going to build a new building out on the baseball field at the High School and a lot of other things were going to change and it was a pretty good plan but Rural Development at that time the money was pulled away so all that changed. He told that the School Board at that time did not want to wait until it came back. He told that it did come back about a year later but they wanted to go on with another source of money which was \$15 million and the good thing was they didn't have to pay any interest on it but \$15 million would hardly do what was needed but they said it was going to work. Mr. Dickson told that the deal behind Woodlawn closing and the School Board getting the \$15 million was a federal agreement to close the school with no reversal could take place because the bonds were sold to investors by the Department of Treasury. He told that if you were told by someone that the School Board was going to keep it open, that was wrong the agreement was already made and they couldn't go back and reverse it. He told when they loaned the money that was part of it that it would close.

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He told that the Board questioned the use of the funds and process, however, the School Board had to have the project and move forward. He told that there is a historical aspect since it was the first place in the United States where Agriculture Education was taught and that is one reason we need to consider carefully what we do. He told that the Board of Supervisors realize and understand that there is a huge demand for the use of the gym and fields and he has a list of the requests and Mr. McClendon from Recreation is handling those. He told that there is a high cost of operation of the closed facility and in order to keep the building open the electric is running us about \$7000 per month or \$84,000 per year. He told that they have been working to fix it to where they can only heat the gym and the lobby, there was an old boiler over there that worked and our men have got it to where they can do that but they are still going to have problems until they can get everything drained out with the pipes freezing in the other part of the school. He told that the water bill is about \$158 per month, insurance is about \$5600 per year, contractual services are \$1000, boiler maintenance is \$14,318 plus the custodian all together is about \$175,000. He told that they found out that the boiler is in terrible shape so they are looking at about \$30,000 on that and there is an underground fuel tank that has to be removed and it is estimated at \$10,000 and it could be a lot more than that. He told that the gym floor has to be done every two years and that is \$1500 and changing the locks was \$2000, HVAC modifications are around \$20,000, roof leaks is about \$10,000 so there is about \$60,000 worth of capital costs that need to be done on the building right now. He told that there are some structural concerns with one wall of the facility that the school system was having checked four times a year and we need to monitor that. He told that they have told us when we turn the heat off it is going to build up a lot of mold and even during the summer it did build up mold so we will watch that. He told that we did find out that there is a gym heating system that had been routed away from the boiler. He told that the gym can be the voting precinct instead of the cafeteria so that is some of the concerns and information that he thought you need to know before we start talking. He told that Dr. Littrell and he have met two or three times to get this information and its going to be what it is. He told that he has talked to some people that had different ideas on what they would like to see it used for. He told that he has a good friend, Bobby Patterson to call and he couldn't be here because of sickness but he is doing better and he belongs to a lot of charitable organizations that are non profit and they need a meeting place and hopefully somewhere in the school they could have a meeting room. He told that once they got the school building the School Board was gracious enough to give us about 30 tons of coal. He told that the School Board was not sure at first if they would dispose of it or not and they split vote on whether to turn it back to the county, he guesses they forgot about their agreement with the borrowing of the money. He told that some voted against it but enough voted to do it. He told that the School Board did have an auction and we took the liberty and pulled a lot of the expensive kitchen stuff out. He told that the election was held at Woodlawn in November and the School Board did transfer the school to the county and we have transferred the insurance. He reviewed some events that have taken place of the last couple months. He told that a lot of people didn't want to school to close at all and he doesn't know if the School Board held a meeting like this one or not but it would have been a good idea. He told that we are not going to please everybody but hopefully most people will be pleased with what the old school is being used for.

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Mr. Matthew Tompkins told that he is here for his father, Joe Tompkins who is the head baseball coach at the high school and his daughter is being inducted into the National Honor Society tonight so he could not be here. He told that in the last 20 years Carroll County has made it into the regional tournament all but two seasons, winning the district in 1994 and again in 2004 and winning the region in 1994. He told that without the use of Woodlawn he does not believe that Carroll County would be as successful as they have been. He told that in the off season such as right now they have done throwing and hitting stations and conditioning from 7 to 7:45 a.m. and after school they use the gym and by doing this the players are in much better shape when the season does start and they are able to hit the ground running. He told that during the season varsity and jr. varsity have been able to practice in the gym when the weather has prevented them from being outside. He told that last year when it rained every single day it seemed like; the gym was an absolute necessity. He told that when the weather permits jr. varsity practices on the field and has their games there. He told that they have been able to keep practices and get everything done in time for the activity bus. He told that he has coached at schools where both teams do practice on the same field and they have not been able to do it productively because there are too many bodies and its hard to be productive and safe with 40 people on the field. He told that he wanted to express the importance of Woodlawn to the Cavalier Baseball team. He told that if Woodlawn is taken away the ball will roll downhill so to speak. He told that he knows that is not what the intention is but he wanted to express their concern. He told thus far they have been able to be at Woodlawn when the weather is bad and doing that they open up the other schools so they don't have to share and if you take Woodlawn away that puts more than one team on a field at the same time. He told that he feels that taking Woodlawn away could be crippling to Carroll County and the students athletes would not be able to have practice because there would not be anywhere for them to go. He told that he hopes you see that the baseball team at Carroll County really needs this facility to keep from hurting Carroll County across the board in spring sports on a competitive level. He asked to please let them continue to use the school.

Mr. Dickson asked about the ball field at Hillsville Elementary, is it a good size field.

Mr. Thompkins told that the softball team uses the field at the new Hillsville and it is good for them but not for baseball.

Mr. Martin told that it is a good field for girls.

Mr. Thompkins replied exactly, but baseball couldn't do it. He told that it is a 30 foot difference in bases and the difference in the mound is twice as much and the fences need to be 100 feet at a minimum.

Ms. Brenda Quesenberry thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She told that several years ago she and her husband, G.L. went to a meeting a Woodlawn High School and the School Superintendent and one of the supervisors were also at the meeting. She told that purpose of the meeting at Woodlawn High was to show Carroll County residents

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the poor condition of the school. He told that they saw how the outside of Woodlawn High was bowing and they showed them how the floors in the restrooms of the gym were sinking, making them unusable. She told that they also saw how the floors in the old part of the school were wood and had been cleaned with oil and the windows being bricked shut made the complete building a fire hazard in itself. She told that they were told how they needed to get the children and staff out of the school before something happened and someone was injured or perhaps killed. She told that in short the building needed major repairs or to be torn down before someone was hurt and now we are being told that students and others are still using the building. She told in closing, that she and her husband would like to know why the Carroll County Supervisors need to continue spending money on this building.

Ms. Jeanne Richie told that she plays basketball for Special Olympics on Sundays at Woodlawn gym and they love basketball and they love Woodlawn gym. She told that they have played there a long time. She told please let us keep playing basketball every Sunday at Woodlawn gym.

Ms. LaRae Hall told that she is with Carroll County Special Olympics and as her teammate Jeanne told you we practice every Sunday at Woodlawn School. She told that she is here to ask you to please allow our team to continue the practices at Woodlawn. She told that it is not only a place to play but it's a place for them to be with their friends and celebrate their skills.

Mr. Keith Meredith told that those are hard acts to follow. He told that he is here with a couple different hats. He told that you touched on voting and he is a member of the Electoral Board. He told that they asked and received permission to use Woodlawn School in the past and moving forward they have asked for clarification on that as a polling place and so far that has worked out. He told that laws are in place and if they do relocate that polling place they have to give notification and send out new voting cards and it is a fairly lengthy process so as you weigh your decisions they would like consideration. He told that you mentioned the gym and one thing they had to do is visit each site for handicap accessibility and unfortunately the gym does not meet accessibility at this point and that is not to say that it couldn't be fixed. He told that as Mr. Dickson ran through the numbers there is cost associated with anything we do. He told that as John Q. Citizen he has been involved with sports in Carroll County for a long time. He told that he played sports, has three children and has coached teams and if you read the paper you will see where Mr. Martin talks about gym space at the High School. He told that there is a need and he would like to see the county maintain and retain the Woodlawn property. He told that he would like to see the School Board and the Supervisors come to some kind of agreement if possible and he knows Mr. Thompkins has asked on behalf of the Baseball Team. He told that he thinks it would be a wise idea to talk with the folks with the school system to have a little skin in the game also because he feels like they are going to be sharing with the facility if there are some costs that might be shared there as well.

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Mr. Dickson asked when do we need to tell you for sure if it can be used or not as a polling place.

Mr. Meredith replied about 60 days, obviously the more the better because they would have to have time to find a new location and send out the cards.

Mr. Martin told that he is not for sure but would be willing to bet that there is asbestos in the old part of the building and it is not as easy as bringing in a backhoe and tearing out the old part. He asked if there is asbestos are they required to get rid of it in certain ways.

Mr. Meredith told that he cannot answer what is in the building but the school did do abatement at one time and it is not cheap. He told that you would have to abate the asbestos before demolition and disposal. He told that he is quite sure that those studies would have to be done and there is cost associated with them.

Mr. Martin told that it is his understanding that, and Willis Rotenizer is the only one in the audience that can remember back but the 1919 part of the building had wood floors and since then they have tiled over it and he can absolutely tell you that in old country buildings in one room school they came in with buckets of kerosene or diesel fuel in the summer and a new broom and it was poured on the floors and they swept it. He told that he imagines there are wooden floors over there and you have tiles over top of that and it is a danger of fire in that building. He told that he wondered about the old part of the building verses maybe keeping the new part.

Mr. Meredith told that those are certainly questions that you folks are going to have to answer and that part of the building may be demolished in the scenario and maintain the newer part of the school and perhaps at some point there was discussion where the School Board did have reservations about relinquishing the property because the census data might show that a school may perhaps need to be constructed back in that vicinity. He told that those are tough questions that the supervisors are going to be faced with and unfortunately in the short term.

Mr. David McPherson told that he is from Pipers Gap District and he comes with a couple hats too. He told that he is a father of a Special Olympic athlete and it has been extremely meaningful for a lot of our special kids in this county and they have been meeting there for close to 13 years. He told that it has been a fabulous facility for them and the court is in great shape and it is the best gym around for them to use. He told that when they had a tournament and had to use every possible gym in the area they were shifted over to Joy Ranch and they were gracious enough to have us there but the facilities at Woodlawn are better, have more seating and it is more appropriate. He told that his daughter has graduated from high school and it really this is one of her major social events of the week and it means a tremendous amount to her. He told that he even has the privilege of playing on the team but he is not as good as some of them that play. He told that as a family physician in the area for 34 years he is constantly encouraging his patients to be more active and in these winter months they all tell him it is too cold out so

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having an indoor alternative for activities does all a lot to the community. He told that one of his thoughts was having it available and expanding it, it makes it more attractive for businesses to come here if we have facilities for people to activities.

Mr. Dickson told that you mentioned heat and this building is now on natural gas and that is a tremendous savings and we are enjoying it very much. He told that the Wellness Center and the High School are also on Natural Gas. He told that he will say on Special Olympics, they were called very quickly and asked about continuing to use it and they have been using it just like they were before and while we are in the intermediate stage they will still be allowed to.

Mr. McPherson told that they really appreciate it. He told that there are folks who drive hundreds of miles to pick up kids and bring them here. He told that it is a central location and a good facility.

Mr. Martin told that the Woodlawn gym is full size and some of the other gyms are smaller with limited seating. He told that the Woodlawn gym will seat probably 600 plus people and it has hardwood floors verses tile.

Mr. McPherson told that he appreciates that and they appreciate Joy Ranch but they have tile floors and every time he has been there it has been cold.

Mr. Willis Rotenizer told that if the tile is over 30 years old it is asbestos. He told that he is here with the Woodlawn Ruritan Club and his mom attended and graduated from Woodlawn and he, his wife and his daughter taught there. He told that his other daughter and his grandchildren went to school there but he is not here for sentimental, he could care less. He told that he is here for the people and that is our asset in the community is the people and the school building is the other asset. He told that their Ruritan Club is not as fortunate as Dr. Littrell's, they get to meet at Oakland School. He told that they were denied use of the building by a former principal so they are at the mercy now of Woodlawn United Methodist Church to meet in their basement if they are not having meetings or Shirley Steele let us go to their house. He told that they are asking for a place that they can go meet along with all the other organizations because the Woodlawn area is a great place. He told that he is not being ugly to Ms. Quesenberry but he thinks that everyone that has spoke knows why we need this building and if you have to tear part of it down we don't care. He told that a big concern is whose idea was it to tear all of the equipment out of the kitchen, was that the School Board. He told that there is no use to beat around the bush, tell the truth.

Mr. Dickson replied tearing it all out what do you mean.

Mr. Rotenizer told taking all of the equipment out.

Mr. Dickson told that we saved it.

Mr. Rotenizer told that he knows you saved it but who took it out.

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Mr. Martin told that decision is made at school level by individuals.

Mr. Rotenizer asked what the cost is going to be to try to put it back.

Mr. Dickson told that it could have been a lot worse. He told that they saved it from going to sale and they took a few hard shots at that.

Mr. Rotenizer told that he is glad you saved it. He told that their fundraising for the Ruritan they have to rent the VFW now for \$300 and they share with Search and Rescue with bingo and a pinto bean and they are getting ready to have one. He told that Mt. Olivet Church is letting them use their facility for a fundraiser. He told that they would appreciate this building staying open and it is needed by the community.

Mr. Martin told that he will say that none of the school people in that building had any input into what was staying or what was going. He told that decision was made somewhere besides the staff at Woodlawn School last year.

Mr. Rotenizer told that he looks back and some of you were involved when Hillsville Elementary closed and all they heard was it was going to fall down. He told that within 30 days they were back using it and they are still using it. He told that if any of you would like to go see an old school building ride out to Dugspur and look at the condition of it. He told that it is a disgrace and we don't want Woodlawn to do that.

Ms. Toni Hall told that she is the assistant coach of the Special Olympics. She told that as you have heard from their athletes and Dr. McPherson they do use that facility every weekend. She told that there is a lot of tough questions with the building and a lot of concerns that the community has. She told that the gym is regulation size, seats a large capacity and it is wonderful. She told that it is not only being used by them but by the school system and the Recreation Department. She told that they have held fundraisers in the school. She told that on the personal side of this, her daughter LaRae has been with Special Olympics for 11 years and during that time every Sunday they go to practice and it has become a second home for them. She told that this is where they celebrate their birthdays and every month they have a party in the lobby and when her daughter's grandparents passed away she could go on Sunday afternoon to be with her supporters and her extended family. She told that this has become a second home for these kids and they have a meal for them in the lobby and for some of the kids it may be the only hot meal that they get. She told that without Woodlawn gym they don't know where they are going to go and they don't know if they will be able to use a lobby to provide a hot meal and a birthday celebration so they are asking the Board to take these things into consideration. She told that the kids deserve it and six years ago they were doing skills and now they are playing full court basketball and they are envied by teams all over the State of Virginia. She told that for the community as a whole it is very difficult around here to find meeting places and the school would be perfect for that. She told that as a representative of Special Olympic and as a parent of a special needs child she is here to ask that you keep it open.

Ms. Sarah Jo Jones told that she has two hats tonight as she is the 4-H agent but she is also a Carroll native. She told that she is not that old and there were not many things for kids to do 10 years ago and there is even less now. She told that the proposal that she handed out might take care of the needs that you have heard tonight and more. She told that she wants to turn it into the Cavalier Center which would be a community center, a youth center and it would have a lot of things that they could put together. She told that Carroll County youth need a central location where services are offered that cater to their creativity, education, social needs and a place to have fun in a safe and controlled environment. She told that this proposal outlines the idea of a youth center, here-in referred to as the Cavalier Center.

Proposed Location:

The Woodlawn School property would be an ideal location because of the size, school layout, and physical location. Other vacant properties would have to be evaluated for potential and feasibility.

Partnerships:

There are many advantages to having all county sponsored youth services in one location. The Woodlawn School property lends itself to being a great location for the County Recreation Department. Programming and services offered by The Cavalier Center would complement the Rec. Department greatly. There are classrooms on the wing of the school where the Gym is located. These could be used as office space for the Rec. Department. The ball field and soccer field currently in use at the property would remain and be used by The Cavalier Center and Rec. Department.

Additionally, a partnership with Carroll County Public Schools would hopefully provide bus transportation to and from The Cavalier Center, internship opportunities for high school students, and space to hold conferences and workshops for students. There might also be in-service training possibilities for teachers and administrators.

Services:

Water Park: Seeing that the county has conducted a feasibility study regarding a water park and the Woodlawn property was a proposed location, it seems fitting that a water park would be a great fit with The Cavalier Center. This would be a monetary contributor to help operate the Cavalier Center. More research would need to be conducted to see what the cost of operating such a park would be to be able to give an accurate service price.

Day Care: There are multiple classrooms on the top and bottom floor of the Woodlawn School property. Ideally space would be leased out to a private individual or group to operate a day care facility. This would give more options to families in the area seeing as how there are only two “commercial” day care facilities currently. *Café:* A coffee shop with free wifi would be a great workforce development opportunity as well as an attractive feature for high school aged youth. High school aged youth could work at the café. Coffee and baked goods would be sold to help fund the youth center as well. Using the small cafeteria side would be a great location for the café. This would leave the kitchen and larger cafeteria available to be leased to a caterer.

Movie Theatre: The former library lends itself to the possibility of a small theatre. This would be a great option for families that cannot afford the new releases at the Galax or

Mt. Airy theatres. The movies shown would be “free” so not to infringe upon copyright, but concessions would be sold to make money. It is also possible that there could be themed movie marathons, special showings of kid and family movies, or even college aged showings.

Game Room: A game room with arcade games, projectors for console games, pool tables, ping pong tables, etc. would be a great place for youth to hang out after school or on weekends. It would also be a great money making opportunity to host gaming tournaments and card tournaments. The “multipurpose” room or other large classroom would be an ideal location.

After School Enrichment: Using the “No SOLs Allowed!” marketing approach, these activities would allow youth to use creativity and innovation. Such classes that could be offered are sewing, food preservation, baking, art, cooking, experimental science, etc.). All offerings would be experiential in nature meaning youth would get hands-on experiences. Teenagers, volunteers, and possibly teachers would lead these activities. There would be a small charge to be able to purchase materials and make money for the center.

Tutoring: Youth could sign up for SOL tutoring if they so desired. These tutoring sessions could be self-led using computers and the “Kahn Academy”, a free online curriculum. High school students could also serve as tutors. This service would be offered at a low cost.

College and Career Prep: Youth would receive help with college applications, writing resumes and cover letters, and applying for jobs. It might also be a possibility to offer vocational certifications such as computer repair, Microsoft Office, plumbing, electricity, etc. These courses would be taught at night with a charge for each course. Teachers would be contracted through local community colleges or other sources. There are also certifications that can be achieved online. *Outdoor Adventure:* This service would be offered seasonally. Youth could sign up for hiking trips, canoeing, geo-caching, camping, biking or caving. These trips would take place off-site, but the Outdoor Adventure office would be housed in the Cavalier Center. This could be a part of the Recreation Department or space leased out to an outside individual. Radford University has an Outdoor Recreation Major. Students in this major are required to conduct an internship before graduating. Students in this program would be ideal to run such a service.

Equipment could be rented from the Outdoor Adventure office in addition to paying for guided experiences. Eventually a high ropes course, zip line, and low ropes course could be built. These facilities could be rented for team building trainings to local groups.

Food Court/Catering: The cafeteria could be leased to an outside entity to operate a catering service. Squealers at the Crossroads Institute, is one of the few catering services in this area and their offerings are very specific. A catering service would be useful for events that would be held at the Cavalier Center.

Mentoring: This program would provide youth with a positive adult influence. This program would screen applicants and conduct a background check. Then adults would be paired with youth to develop a meaningful adult/youth relationship. Youth that would be a part of this program are most likely receiving services from Mount Rogers or Family Preservation Services. This would be a free service.

Events:

Social: There is virtually nothing for kids to do in Carroll County. There is great potential for social activities that would take place in a safe and controlled environment. These activities would have little to no overhead cost and would make great profit for the center. Such events could include, but are not limited to:

- Dances
- Gaming tournaments
- Concerts
- Holiday parties
- Day camps
- Seasonal activities (pumpkin carving, egg hunts, visit Santa, fireworks for the 4th of July, sledding)
- Talent Shows
- Overnight camping
- Food Challenge (similar to the Food Network show, but for kids)

Conferences: Leadership conferences could be held at the Cavalier Center. These could be targeted to middle and high school students. There could also be programs for financial literacy, alcohol awareness, drug awareness, planned parenthood, and social media. These conferences would be little to no overhead to conduct and by charging a registration fee there is potential to make money.

Membership Fees:

If parents wanted to enroll their children in an afterschool enrichment program or allow them to be a part of services and events offered they could opt to become a member of The Cavalier Center. This membership price would include daily after-school enrichment and grant access to specific services each month. There could also be a modified membership fee for the waterpark or a combined membership for the Cavalier Center and the Waterpark. Director of Youth Education: the Director would be responsible for planning programs and events. They would oversee the day to day operations of the center and seek funding opportunities to provide further services.

Assistant Director of Youth Education: this person would specifically work with volunteers, interns, and part-time employees regarding scheduling and program development. They would also be responsible for career services and college prep.

Office Administrator: this person would oversee scheduling, communications, financial records, and assist the Director and Assistant Director.

Youth Administrative Assistants: Youth in this role would help with filing, data entry, classroom prep and cleaning, and supervision. They would be paid minimum wage and be supervised by the Office Administrator.

Advisory Board: This would be a group of seven to ten community members with youth representation. The advisory board would provide input about services and events to be offered. They would meet monthly/bi-monthly with the Director and Assistant Director.

Part-time Employees: There would be a need for a number of part-time employees to work with at the Café, the Movie Theatre, and to provide some of the services. Funding for these positions would have to be provided through the fees paid for services.

Volunteers and Interns: There would be a number of unpaid possibilities for youth and community members that are willing to give of their time. These volunteers and interns would be managed by the Assistant Director.

Financial Plan:

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Funding for the Cavalier Center would initially come from grants. Then by charging for services and events the Cavalier Center would become self-sustainable with the possible exception of salary and benefits for the Director, Assistant Director and Office Administrator. These funds may have to come from the County Budget until the Center proved profitable or other funding sources were available. More research needs to be done before a more specific plan can be drafted.

Ms. Jones asked if the Board had any questions.

Mr. Dickson told that she pretty well covered it but you left out scouting.

Ms. Jones told that Boy Scouts of American can have a place there to.

Mr. Dickson told that he sees that she has put some good time in this and have some good thoughts.

Ms. Jones told that with the work she does she sees on a regular basis that these kids need something to do. She told that studies have shown that the more options kids have the less trouble they are going to get into. She told that when she was in Middle School they had the skating rink and we don't even have Carrollwood anymore and she really feels like there needs to be something for the youth to do that is productive and beneficial for them. She told that she knows parents have to work and she would love to know that as he gets older he has a safe warm environment to go to that she doesn't have to worry about what he is getting into and she thinks that a lot of other people will feel the same way.

Mr. Dickson thanked her for her comments and all of her work.

Ms. Vickie Richie told that she is with Carroll County Special Olympics. She told that it is really important to them and she has been coaching for 14 years and when she started there were 8 kids who went over to Radford University once a year for track and field. She told that about 11 years ago they got into basketball and it was sort of a hard proposition because in school they are in with the regular classes for basketball and they do a great job but so far as playing as a team that was a whole different thing. She told that she went to the rec. league, aau and to the schools and asked if they could have one gym one time a month then they could go to these tournaments and they agreed to let them use Woodlawn gym and if you know how hard it is to get three people to agree on something, that was amazing. She told that it has been going on for almost 11 years now and next Sunday they have three practices in there. She told that about 300 to 400 come to see them play each year at the Middle School. She told that when she worked at the post office it came to her attention that most people thought they played at that school year round but Woodlawn is their home court and the gym is in good shape. She told that right now the floor could use some work but it is still in good shape. She told that the custodians did a wonderful job of keeping it in good shape and they have always been proud to be at Woodlawn School. She told that when she worked at the post office she found that everyone has an opinion of Woodlawn School and they are all different and

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it's a good thing all of them didn't show up tonight or you would be here till 1 a.m. She told that she heard all kinds of proposals about things you could do. She told that it astonished her when she went looking for a facility that the elementary schools in Carroll are totally not suitable for anybody. She told that the sides of the court are such that if you are running and had to come to a stop you would collide with the wall. She told that they are not made for regulation basketball and there are only 5 gyms that would work and Woodlawn is the most central. She told that for the hot food in the lobby they use crock pots. She told that the school will deteriorate if we don't use it like some of the other schools that are falling down. She told that they really appreciate everything that everyone has done to let them use Woodlawn.

Mr. Jeremy Hendrick told that he appreciates the opportunity and just like many of the people that spoke already, he does not live in the Woodlawn area but he grew up playing ball there. He told that he comes tonight on a different note and the fact that he is pastor of Camo Church and they have recently within the last year bought the property that used to be Friendship Baptist Church which is behind Woodlawn School. He told that he has been pastor of the church for going on nine years and one thing he has figured out is Woodlawn is a good community and there is a lot of special there. He told that they understand that there are challenges financially. He told that their goal as a church is revolving around community; they want to minister to their community and do things that are a benefit to this area. He told that they have found was the potential of using some of the surrounding area for their needs. He told that it seems that there are three areas that people need to use, the gym, the regular ball field and the cafeteria and that is none of the facilities that they have an interest in. He told that there is another ball field that is at the back of the property that is a small field and they began doing some research and what they have been looking at a way to bring an entrance in other than coming out Raiders Road and coming to the dangerous intersection on Route 58 at Hawks Carpet, it is not a real good place to pull out. He told that they found the ball field is actually a flag lot and it has a strip of land that comes all the way down and joins the highway past the white house that is being used for Adult Ed. He told that he talked to Gary to see if the County would be interested in either selling or a long term lease on that parcel and also at the very back where there is an old basketball court and it is evident that it has not been used for some time. He told that they would love to be able to get that facility and be able to fix it up and not just make it a place for us but for the community to use and he doesn't really think that conflicts with what everybody else is wanting to do with the facility. He told that he knows you have seen the information they submitted and their goal in the whole process is to be able to reach our community.

Mr. Hutchins told that he would like to say thank you for the work you did putting this together and Mr. Martin had some things that went back to the 1800's and they appreciate that, he is our Board historian.

Mr. Martin told that the site has water and sewer and it also has parking for several hundred vehicles and that is something that nobody else has. He told that you tend to think of the football field and if you map it out on across there you could double or triple ball field space easily. He told that if Branch can grade up 58 mountain someone ought

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to be able to do it. He told that it is dangerous coming out at Hawks Carpet. He told that there is a tremendous amount of potential there if they can figure out how to put it together.

Mr. Hutchins thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone coming out.

Mr. McCraw told that like Mr. Hendrick he appreciates everyone coming out, it is good to see people come to a meeting and share their ideas. He told that he has only been on the Board a couple years and looking back it makes him wonder from what he has heard tonight why the previous School Board decided to do what they did but that is neither here nor there. He told that something he has been thinking about and he thinks everyone's ideas are great, but food for thought he has read things in newspapers and articles that show companies that buy old school properties and they remodel them and turn them into housing, assisted living and things like that and it may be something we can consider doing with part of the facility. He told that hopefully we could keep the gym and ball fields and he is not recommending it it's just something that he has read about.

Mr. Martin told that he treads where most sane people wouldn't go but he met with several school people unnamed and his food for thought was that the old Hillsville Elementary building should have been closed and everything transfer to Woodlawn but the powers to be unnamed people thought that was a bad idea so now you have Hillsville on the side of a hill with no parking, no gym and maybe Woodlawn has got problems however that Hillsville Elementary building has already been identified as a problem. He told that didn't make sense so it didn't fly but enough said.

Dr. Littrell told that he apologized for being late; he was at another county meeting. He told that it is good to hear everyone's opinion for this facility; it is very important for us to listen and try to come to a consensus on what is the best use for this facility. He told that they will take everything into account of what they have heard tonight and also in future conversations and try to come up with the best decision they can.

Mr. Dickson told that Ms. Jones talked about Woodlawn as a water park and we do have a feasibility study that will be here on February 25th if you would like to come back and look at that. He told that it will not be a time that you can talk but the engineer will be here to go over that and he has seen some of it. He told that Woodlawn was one site and Mr. McClendon was on the committee that helped pick out the engineers and he has a vast knowledge of pools so he will be able to put some insight into it too.

Mr. Hutchins told that hindsight is better than foresight and it is difficult to second guess someone's decisions. He told that the bottom line is we can ask who made those decisions, we can say they are foolish, we can say what we want to but whether the School Board before us made good decisions, that is not something that we can change. He told that as part of the QSAB's they had no choice once they signed the agreement to

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accept those funds, they were accepting bonds that had been sold at a Treasury auction and guess what, there is no backing up and when the new School Board came in they may have said that they would do this or that but they had no option but to follow what had happened. He told that as we look at the cost of it he is not sure how you can portion that out and make it to where volunteer organizations can cover it. He told that he is not saying one way or another but he equates most things to what the tax levy is to pay for that and it is about ½ cent maybe approaching ¾ cent on the tax levy to pay for that, it has been unbudgeted situation. He told that at some point in time we are going to have to look at opportunities and what we can do to make it the best for the community, best for the county and best for the taxpayer and those may turn out to be the mutually exclusive, he doesn't know. He told that emotions you want to do but sometimes you can't afford to do. He told that he doesn't want to leave it on a sour note he just wants to say that he thinks it is going to be really difficult and probably emotional decision for everyone particularly those that have ties to the community. He told that he appreciates each one being here and at some point in time we will have to make a decision.

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RECESS

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board recessed until February 10, 2014.

VOTES

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

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Chairman

Clerk