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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, August 11, 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 5:01p.m. and requested everyone to stand.

Mr. Hendricks led in invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Hutchins welcomed everyone especially Mr. Barry Hicks (not present). He commented that Mr. Hicks had large shoes to step into as the new Chairman of the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority. He will do well.

(Order)

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### 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. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on July 14, 2014.

#### VOTES

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

(Order)

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

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

(Order)

**STORMWATER TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Stormwater transfer to the state.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**HIGHWAY SAFETY TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Highway Safety transfer.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**FARMERS MARKET ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Farmers Market allocation of funds.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	Yes

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

(Order)

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**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Hutchins stated that all Board members participate on several other boards and that staff had requested updates on those board activities. He asked if Mr. Martin would like to begin.

Mr. Martin represents Carroll County on the RC&D (Resource, Conservation & Development) which is officially the New River Highlands Resource, Conservation & Development Council and has been participating for 8 or 10 years. He has served as a member, Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman and now Chairman of Executive Council. It was formed as a small part of the Department of Agriculture. The Council has taken to administering programs/funding due to governmental program cutbacks. It deals with water control and assists forestry division within the realm of fire prevention. It works with stream/bank stabilization and erosion prevention. He goes over there for no pay so he must believe in its good work. It does workshops on grant writing which he participated in about 4 years ago. He wrote a grant which was approved for \$98,000 to fund recreational trails. All but \$1,000 of those funds have been spent in Carroll County. Those funds have gone to help many in Carroll County. In some ways we can't compete with Northern Virginia on a lot of things, but we sure can compete in the tourism industry.

Mr. Hutchins told that Mr. Martin is also on the Mount Rogers Board, but they only meet once a year so he couldn't yet report on that one.

Dr. Littrell was next to report on E-911 and the Twin County Airport.

He began by passing out an E-911 an annual report for FY2014. We are in the midst of a radio-console upgrade which will certainly improve services offered. There was a slight under budget carryover to 2015. We answered 18,578 incoming 911 calls. There were 44,303 incidences. \$102,000 no-match grant received to do 6 call C-com and 6 map workstations. We were also awarded a \$30,000 20% match Rescue Squad grant for research toward Emergency Medical Dispatch. Dr. Edsall is working on a booklet to enhance/explain response. In 2014, C-com workers Don Jones, Tim Webb, and Elizabeth Whitaker named 2013 Team of the Year due to their work with the I-77 disaster. We are also working on a system for 911 text which is 911 for the next generation purpose being for example texting during a home invasion or non-verbal medical situation. Pleased with progress.

In the last two years, Twin County Airport built a commercial hanger of 8,300 sq. ft. and 6 new T-hangers. It has 1 enterprise and a \$1 million dollar terminal completed in

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the spring. We can certainly squeeze in a few more aircraft. After 9/11 as you know, security measures were heightened. We have completed 70% of the fencing project. We have noticed a large increase in traffic. Fuel sales \$5.20 per gallon are competitive for our region. Profit margin adequate but not gouging. We have 15 aircraft and 2 helicopters stationed at the airport, and just the other day had a Love's jet come in with 10 passengers. We are real pleased with airport progress. The next big capital improvement project will be for the runway extension to 5,000. A feasibility study needs to be completed and if passed by the FFA. Then we can proceed to obtain funding. That will be a major project worth several million dollars but necessary to accommodate the larger jets. Those are my reports. Thank you.

Mr. Dickson is a member of the (DTGC) District Three Governmental Cooperative chartered in 1975 under a section of the Code of Virginia. We join with Bland, Grayson, Smyth, Wythe, and Washington counties and the cities of Abingdon, Bristol, Galax, Marion and Wytheville. It is governed by a member of each locality. The area agency for the Aging for citizens over the age of 60 in Virginia's third planning district. It is also designated by VDOT as the rural public transit provider. We try to meet the critical needs of elderly, disabled, and transportation dependent residents of District Three. Transit offices are located in Abingdon, Bristol, Galax, Saltville, and Wytheville. Our nutrition site in Carroll is at the Carroll Senior Citizens building on Training Center Road. We do have some other sites at Laurel Fork, Cana, and Sylvatus; these three supply their own meals. The one at Woodlawn is supplied meals by District Three. Several programs are offered. One is Farmers Market for seniors. Sellers must grow the products like the Brady girls. Carroll is the largest receiver of vouchers for SFMNP. We deliver 160,150 meals per year. We do insurance counseling for about 2,600 people. We have 10,676 trips per year. We have respite services for 18 caregivers. The budget for this program is \$5,332,753. The grants for Aging gives 2.9 million and grants for Transportation are 1.5 million. Participant contributions are \$128,000 in local funds. Other monies come in from other groups as well. Also offers an elder abuse program and some cooling assistance. It is a wonderful program. They have a lot of buses due to the transportation services. As a matter of fact, two were purchased for the Recreation Department for \$4,000 each and one was sold for \$6,000.

The other board Mr. Dickson serves is Social Services. Contrary to popular image of public welfare, Virginia has wrestled with this for centuries. In 1661, poor houses were established. The government had to step in to do the work the churches couldn't do. Significant departmental changes from 1908-1922, 1960, 1982 and 1996. The biggest change was the reference to the "poor house" versus the Department of Welfare. When federal and state monies are coming together in public work, audits have to be done for accountability. Carroll has had several audits. Some were good; some not so good. The Department of Social Services spends approximately \$51,358,000 in Carroll County. That is a lot of money going out into the local economy. The federal contribution to that is 29.5 million, the state's is 20.7 million and Carroll County is 1.2 million. Social Services serves 30,000 citizens. Staggering amounts of persons for each group are under the poverty line. The department employs 38 people and has an overhead of 4 percent. Programs available are SNAP (Food Stamps), CSA, TANIF (Temporary Assistance), Medicaid/FAMIS (medical), and Shelter/Transit Assistance when funds are available. We love working with this department. They are doing good things. I have learned a lot since being there. Social Services is operated by a board as their administering agent.

Mr. Hendrick's is on the Mount Rogers Transportation Board is rural technical committee for the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission which is another voice for meeting larger transportation needs. One of the more interesting things we are involved in is passenger rail.

Mr. Hendrick's is also on the Solid Waste Authority for Carroll-Grayson-Galax. Sam and I both are on this board. The SWA is very efficient and Allen Lawson is an excellent manager. The SWA is under budget. We are participating in a tire recycle program to use tire chips which has brought in \$160,000 in funding from state grants.

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Mr. McCraw is an alternate on the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority and newly appointed to the Crossroads Institute which is a rural entrepreneurial and education initiative covering the Crossroads Center, BRCEDA, SREC, SBDC, The Wired Road, and the Results companies. I am looking forward to participating because the Crossroads Institute is really something wonderful for our area.

Mr. Hutchins reported on BRCEDA is developing Wildwood. The entrance road is closed to being finished. Water and sewer is on site. The park has been looked at by several site selectors and it has all been positive. We are on recommendation lists.

DHCD has an indoor plumbing renovation program. The administration of the program has changed and Mount Rogers is administering for our area. We had a slow start. The program builds new facilities for those without indoor plumbing or running water. We had done around 4 houses per year; we are up to ten at this time. The program is good and puts about \$700,000 to \$1 million into that.

The Workforce Investment Board is oversight between New River and Mount Rogers Planning Districts over 13 jurisdictions. We completed a Skills Gap Analysis which has been recognized by several observers. Virginia Tech provided assistance with the research and others are wanting the data now. It's a living database and is very interesting. Getting industry was our biggest priority.

Rooftop has just gone through an audit on its Early Head Start and Head Start programs. It was extremely tedious. Rooftop had not one finding and only one recommendation was made.

(Order)

### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Hutchins asked if Ronald Newman could give a report for the 5th county fair at the Farmers Market.

Ronald Newman stated he would have a hard time not talking about the county fair and how much he appreciated the support of all of the Board of Supervisor's members in regards to the fair. It is a wonderful event. The carnival company is an outstanding group. They are always willing to help and it's amazing to work with such a group. We have lots of crop and other exhibits, the livestock shows, all the good food you can eat, Cruise-In. The weather has affected the corn maze so it is a disappointment to not have that. We have the lawnmower race on Friday night, Horse Pull on Saturday night, the Beauty Pageant on Thursday night. There's a lot of money spent in the county for that event. The Horse Show on Sunday and lots of good music. It is something I have a passion about and it's good family entertainment.

Mr. Hutchins is pleased that it is continuing to grow each year.

Ms. Cannon asked if Wrestling is continuing as well? Mr. Newman said it would take place on Sunday.

Mr. Larowe commented on how the parking lot was expanded last week which everyone acknowledged.

Mr. Dickson asked if the entry price would stay the same, one price for all? Mr. Newman responded that it was one price per age group for all-inclusive admission. It is a huge bargain.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Hendrick's commented on some of the stuff about PSA winning their appeal on Fancy Gap. There were some things that happened that he didn't agree with. He said it

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was great that PSA got \$267,000 back, but that he didn't agree with some of the statements from the press release. I don't believe anybody should walk through that door and feel uneasy about talking to the board. For folks who don't agree with the board, I don't believe they should be commented on treated some of the ways that they have. Some of the comments which were made may be against our Code of Ethics as far as attacking character. We should be held to a higher standard. I just wanted to tell that I think we pushed the line on our code.

Mr. McCraw wanted to thank everyone for coming out and stated that he knew we needed the rain but was ready to see the sunshine. One of the shortest meetings we ever had.

Mr. Martin wanted to thank Gary and the staff and appreciates all the work done behind the scenes because companies don't their business discussed in public. He also said he had a citizen to call him concerning dogs on a person's property. He gave several examples.

Mr. Hutchins recommended that the citizen was to "fence him out". Mr. Cornwell, also, commented that we are a "fence out" locality due to no nuisance ordinance or leash law.

Dr. Littrell and Mr. Dickson commented on enjoying the information from the Board members' reports.

Mr. Dickson responded to Mr. Hendrick by saying that the items put out were factual. They were answering concerns brought up before. We waited too long to file a grievance. We had a plan. We paid the money back. We had a plan to get the money back and one of the ways we were going to get it back was to appeal and go through it. At the time, we didn't think it was necessary to tell the people what our plan was because that is what they elected us for. The result often inherits the efforts so I am pleased with the results. As far as the professional manner, I can show you some of the comments made to this board to see if he thinks they are professional. We just do the best we can.

Mr. Hutchins thanked everyone for being there. If you have not been to the county fair, please go. He would love to see it grow across the road. I have heard several comments asking if we are having the fair because folks can afford to go.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Chairman

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Clerk