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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, February 9, 2015 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mr. McCraw called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, 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 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	Yes

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, 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	Yes

Jeff Pickett with the Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. McCraw told that he was glad to see everyone and it was good to see a crowd. He told that he would like to touch on the terrible events that happened last week. He told that Trenton and Amanda Delp lost three children to a fire, Dominic, Ryleigh and Randy with one surviving son, Gabriel. He thanked all of those who responded including Carroll Fire & Rescue, Galax Fire Department, Fries Fire Department, Hillsville Fire Department, Galax-Grayson EMS, Pipers Gap Rescue, Galax Police, Carroll Sheriff Department, Va. State Police, Twin Co. 911, Twin Co. Regional Hospital and Brenners Children Hospital. He told that Fire Chief David Hankley suffered with smoke inhalation as well as Terry Woods and Trevor Jefferson. He told that it is truly a tragic event and asked everyone to lift the family up in their prayers. A moment of silence was held.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 9, 2015.

**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. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for March 2015 and did authorize the Chairman and

Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the April 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)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins 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)

**FARMERS MARKET**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to allocate the remaining Tobacco Commission grant funds for the Farmers Market in the amount of \$63,141.49 and transfer to BRCEDA.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to transfer vacancy savings in the amount of \$9,787.44 from Sheriff's Department salaries to Courtroom Security salaries.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved a transfer and budget allocation for the Assistance of Firefighters grant for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Protective Fire Gear in the amount of \$556,000.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved a transfer telecommunications expense from the IT Department to the allocated expense for the FY.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**CROOKED CREEK TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved a transfer in the amount of \$2,767.38 from Tourism to Recreation due to ordering of supplies and staff availability, Crooked Creek will be managed by Recreation opposed to Tourism.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin                      Yes

(Order)

**REGINA DALTON - MS MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Ms. Regina Dalton told that she is representing Twin County MS Support Group and she introduced the people that she brought with her. She told that MS is an autoimmune disease that effects the brain, eyes and the central nervous system. She told that there are over 50 people in Carroll County that have MS and people are diagnosed every hour of every day. She told that there are twice as many women as there are men and most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. She told that the Chairman is one of us.

Mr. McCraw told that he was diagnosed at the age of 57.

Ms. Dalton told that they have found that men that have it, it is worse. She told that the symptoms are treatable but there is no known cure. They presented each Board Member an orange ribbon. She told that some of the medicine to treat is very expensive and some of them cost around \$5000 per month and even if you have insurance you still have to pay out of pocket. She told that assistive devices may be necessary. She told that March is MS Awareness Month and they are here to ask the Board to pass the proclamation.

Mr. McCraw told that one of the things that has affected him is his ability to speak clearly. He told that he has put it all in the hands of the good Lord and compared to the way he was when he was diagnosed, he is much better. He read the Proclamation.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board shows their full support and adopted the MS Month Proclamation above.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**CCHS SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

Mr. McCraw told that the supervisors offer congratulations to the inductees that were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Carroll County High School.

Mr. McCraw told that this is an achievement and it shows what kind of sports program that we have at Carroll County High School.

Mr. Martin told that we have Mr. Joe Shumate here.

Mr. Shumate told that he appreciates the recognition.

(Order)

**911 COMMISSION UPDATE**

Ms. Jolena Young introduced Sheila Phillips who is our Emergency Management Dispatch Trainer. She told that she is going to give you an overview of some of the projects that they have accomplished in the last few years. She told that over the last three years they have been working to update the daily use equipment and they have done in mainly through VITA grants. She told that they were awarded a grant for 2016 to

refresh the logger recorder. She told they were also awarded a grant for the computer aided software but it is contingent upon the Police Department receiving a grant as well and told that the importance is they are asking that they provide more mobile capability such as the ability to see their computer on the phone or other devices. She told that in 2017 they will focus on refreshing the call processing equipment and this will enable some of the next generation capabilities. She told that they were also awarded a grant for this year of \$20,000 to validate their maps and as part of that they are developing an ongoing validation process so it is maintained. She told that the percentages are anywhere from 95 to 98% and they were awarded a regional grant for \$339,000 to build a regional view and they will get updated information on regional offices and when you do mutual aid that is critical. She told that they have implemented Emergency Medical Dispatch with a grant that was awarded and with that they purchased protocol from the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials and the program does meet national standards for Emergency Medical Dispatch. She told that Sheila has done a very good job with the program and they have certified 12 officers in EMD and 4 from Carroll. She told that they did purchase software to help with that.

Ms. Sheila Phillips told that she has been a Paramedic for 7 years and have been involved in dispatch for about 20 years and because of that they asked her to be the trainer for the program. She told that she is here to tell you what EMD is. She told that it stands for Emergency Medical Dispatch and it trains dispatchers with some basic medical knowledge. She told that they are not training them to be doctors, just giving them basic information through scripted cards and software to determine an appropriate response. She told that one of the papers you have been given show an actual card and they are the first link to the callers who need medical attention. She told that it gives a better quality of service to the community and they can assign necessary resources and use them more efficiently. She told that all of the Galax dispatchers have completed the training and they have CCSD who have almost completed it. She told that one of their biggest obstacles right now is getting public awareness. She told that they have talked to several nursing homes and some senior groups as well as some of the local squads and they look forward to more public announcements.

Mr. Hutchins told that this would be easier if you knew why they are asking these questions and he would say over time it would be good to share with groups as education material.

Ms. Young told that they have shared with some groups and are in the process of scheduling more and this will be on going so she will get with Mr. Hutchins.

(Order)

### **RESCUE SQUAD DISCUSSION**

Mr. McCraw told that he knows everyone has before you a sheet with potential solutions. He told that he and Mr. Larowe have met with the Captain's on two different occasions and this paper is some of the things that have been put out for discussion for some of the problems. He told that we have a great group of volunteers but they are having trouble getting volunteers and the restrictions are becoming much more stringent. He told that it has really changed and he's not saying it is a bad idea but there are several class hours involved in getting the basic things done. He read the potential solutions.

Mr. Hutchins told that if it is agreeable with the Board he would like to ask Mr. Tolbert other than whats here that he would like to share or Mike either one.

Mr. Mack Tolbert told that everything they have talked about is on that list and he thinks the County has done a great job prioritizing what needs to be done. He told that 20 years everyone worked local and now people are working 24 hour shifts, out of town and sometimes more than one job just to provide so the volunteers are just not there plus the amount of time it takes to become an EMT. He told that you have to pay a couple hundred dollars out of your pocket to volunteer and people don't have that. He told that on the insurance the amount of the deductible went up so if you have a \$9000 deductible and you haven't met it they don't get anything so they have to find way to recoup money.

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He told that it takes about \$115,000 just to keep the doors open last year. He told the biggest key is better use of our resources and folks. He told that the volume of calls has almost tripled.

Mr. Mock told that some areas of the county don't have people who are trained. He told that alot of the things they are talking about are going to help and it will take some of the pressure off of Carroll Fire and Rescue. He told that he commends the Board for taking the time to look at this and the County Administrator for pushing this and making sure they have the things that they need to do the things they need to do to provide better care. He told that he thinks we are headed in a better direction with some of the things on this list.

Mr. Hutchins asked if they were to find a way for the cost to get started or an incentive program that said when you complete whatever x is there would be a refund or way to offset the cost, would that help make an incentive for the volunteers.

Mr. Tolbert told that they advertise an EMT class every year but he thinks the community just doesn't really know, they assume someone is going to be there within a couple minutes. He told that some areas just don't have anyone. He told that on the Galax side for him he has plenty but when you get to the Elkhorn side he hardly has any that come out. He told that he thinks the County should implement some type of education to the public about what each squads needs and ask for help. He told that he has heard stories of other counties and they are thankful for your support. He told that the County pays their liability insurance and if you are a Carroll resident you get one free decal a year but in theory they have a bunch of people who live in the city who don't get anything other than what the squad gives them.

Mr. Hutchins told that we have a responsibility to provide for the safety and wellbeing of all the citizens and we choose to live in a rural area, if you wish to live in an urban area you would probably have someone there in three to five minutes. He told that it takes that long sometimes for someone to get to the station. He told that we have talked about this for several years and somehow we have to find a way to position people in the areas that need it.

Mr. Tolbert told that they are so busy and used to you would run one call and that would be it but there are some days that they will start out at 9 and will get off the truck at 5 and after that they are tired.

Mr. McCraw asked Mr. Tolbert to tell what he does in his regular paying job.

Mr. Tolbert told that he has been in the Rescue Squad since he was a jr member at 12 years old, got his EMT at 16 and his first ALS at about 18. He told that he went to college for RN and worked in the ER for about 7 years and went back and got his paramedic and he is also a flight nurse for Baptist Hospital for 7 years. He told that he followed his father and has been Captain for 7 years. HE told that he spends about 15-20 hours per week on the volunteer side.

Mr. McCraw told that without mentioning any names they talked about the other day and he doesn't want to mention the location or the locality about another Board that couldn't understand why their constituents were upset about a 42 minute response time, which we all thought was totally unacceptable. He told that he thinks we are all here on the same page and we are going to have to work towards a goal. He told that 30 minutes isn't acceptable and in certain situations minutes mean everything and seconds mean that much more. He told that it is a difficult job and one he doesn't want to do and his hat is off to him.

Mr. Tolbert told that it is more and more every year and you have to run it just like a paid service.

Mr. Dickson asked how many hours does it take for EMT.

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Mr. Tolbert told that it is about 100 to 110 hours for the classroom part then you have some clinicals. He told that is the basic level to become a volunteer in Carroll County.

Mr. Dickson told that he asked several years ago for the School System to start a program to train people in school and they didn't have enough enrollment. He asked if we should try that again.

Mr. Tolbert told that he thinks we should and educate the students about what it is about.

Mr. Dickson told that is his thought. He asked if most of the people that is hired as paid EMS people come out of volunteer.

Mr. Tolbert replied yes. He told that you can get your paramedic through Crossroads in Galax.

Mr. Dickson told that he encourages him to talk to his members and talk to Dr. Blankenship and see if he is willing to do it.

Mr. Tolbert told that when they have career day at the High School it would be a good idea to go.

Dr. Littrell told that he is on a committee and this is a problem statewide and ours is not unique. He told that he is pleased that the Board and the Captains are looking at the problems. He told that what we have is a good start and he appreciates the volunteers.

Mr. Hendrick asked about number 4 and asked if it would go to Mike on a routine basis.

Mr. Larowe told that they were talking about a web based program so we can see where the holes are and all Captains can see it. He told that it goes along with the mapping system.

Mr. Hendrick told that with the toning out would it be possible that 1000 needs to be 2000 before 6 months.

Mr. Larowe told that is possible and the terms that are on there long range are arbitrary so it is a moving target.

(Order)

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. McCraw opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. and told the purpose.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the DCR Resolution for the Recreation Department.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**JOSHUA HENDRICK - BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Hendrick told that they have had 2 or 3 meetings and 2 or 3 with the School Board and so far it is looking better than what they anticipated. He told that things are going well and he has a few highlights. He told that the health insurance increase was 6.7% and fully absorbed by the employees is roughly \$85,000, a big item is the reassessment and we are going to try to pay for it over 2 years. He told that some of the debt decreased and some increased. He told that the County Complex went down over \$400,000, School debt has increased because we have QSCB loans coming in and the HVAC project and those total about \$1.8 million. He told that the IDA has stepped up and is going to be covering Wildwood and another thing that we are working on is the Fire Truck CIP and this will be this year. He told that this year it is \$375,000 and that is the cheapest one on there. He told that we do have one ambulance for this year but we have a grant. He told that we are in better shape than he anticipated. Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates Gary and Nikki for the work they have done on it and the School Board will present their budget on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Martin told that at the last meeting he made a motion and the individual has withdrawn their request so he would like to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Hendrick told that he will withdraw his second.

Mr. McCraw told that they have two extensive lists for the Planning Commission and the IDA. He told that he feels like with what took place recently and the way the situation was handled and since they have so many applicants that it would be his suggestion that we take our time in doing this before we place anyone on either.

Mr. Hendrick asked how many sits on Planning Commission.

Mr. Hutchins replied 8.

Mr. McCraw asked about the IDA.

Mr. Larowe told that they have one missing from IDA.

Mr. Hutchins told that we have talked about maybe reducing the numbers down on the Planning Commission and he thinks in December we have 5 additional appointments we need to make. He told that they have tried to have some education and training and they have paid for members to attend a class and he wonders if we would be better served if we look at the numbers and work with staff to reduce those numbers and the training is important and plan that those that are important to donate the time to take the class and it be paid for by the County. He told that they are not that busy so maybe if we wait and see.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved to not fill the open positions until the end of the year at which time they will have 5 additional appointments and to look at training as part of being on that committee.

Mr. McCraw asked if he was talking about the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hutchins replied yes.

Mr. Cornwell told that if you are thinking of reorganizing the Planning Commission the time to do it is when the terms are up. He told that there are some statutes and some general attorney opinions, if the positions are vacant it would be a lot easier to reorganize.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick asked if we needed to go ahead and schedule to have the discussion. He told that if we wait till November that won't work.

Mr. McCraw told that he would like to delegate Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Dickson to work on getting some suggestions together and present to us at our September meeting. He asked about the IDA.

Mr. Hendrick asked how many are on there.

Mr. Larowe replied, 7 and one is missing.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved to not fill the open position for IDA until the end of the year.

**VOTES**

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

Mr. McCraw told that we will not accept any more candidates.

(Order)

**CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Ray Thompson told that he lives at the foot of the mountain and he has a problem with dogs. He told that he has lived there for seven years and his property is constantly being destroyed by dogs being allowed to run free. He told that all of his Christmas ornaments and anything that he puts out in the yard is ruined. He told that most mornings he is greeted with a big pile of mess. He told that he has put up a chain link fence to keep the dogs off a deck that he built because they were using it for a bathroom. He told that he has called Animal Control, Sheriff's Department and Lawyers and was told that he would have to put a fence up. He told that most of the dogs don't have tags and he doesn't know if you know about chrome wheels and urine but acid in the urine will destroy a rim. He told that Mr. Woods had helped him on an issue before and now there is another one. He told that his neighbors have chickens and the dogs could open the chain link fence and go in and kill the chickens so they have no more chickens. He told that it is a nuisance and they are allowed to run free and he is allowed to do nothing.

Mr. McCraw asked if Mr. Woods had been able to help him before.

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

Mr. McCraw asked if he had contacted him about this situation.

Mr. Thompson replied yes he called him first thing this morning. He told that its not just this group of dogs.

Mr. Larowe asked the address.

Mr. Thompson replied 77 Kimberly Lane.

Dr. Littrell asked if the dogs have owners.

Mr. Thompson replied that they do have owners and the group that he has a problem with now, he used to talk to the husband but they have split up and he will not go over there because.

Mr. Hendrick told that let Terry work on it.

Mr. Thompson told that if this were a human they would get charged with damage to personal property.

Mr. McCraw asked that before he leaves today, to give the names of the people give them to Mr. Larowe.

Mr. Thompson told that he had two dogs of his own and he put the fence up to keep the dogs away from his dogs. He told that he has a blind dog so it has to go out the front but he is with it. He told that he respects his neighbors and asks for a little respect.

Mr. Doug Goad told that he wanted to come to speak on behalf of his children. He told that they ran into an unfortunate situation, they went to sign the kids up for spring sports and found out they were a day late. He told that it is kind of hard to swallow he was thinking the may could still get in on a day late or late fee and when the door shut it shut. He told that he has contacted all of the Supervisors with the exception of Dr. Littrell and he is not here tonight to insult the integrity of anybody because everybody he talked to was professional and courteous. He told that he appreciates everyone treating him in the way they have even though he was frustrated. He told that he thinks he conducted himself in a fair manner. He told that his children want to play ball and it has been said that you can't hold it against the child what the parent does and that is the circumstance here. He told that they would have walked to do it but they were counting on him and he messed up and takes full responsibility. He told that he started checking out every avenue that he could and the deadline was March 1st which was on a Sunday and that would make it difficult to make the deadline. He told that he wanted to see how other Rec Departments handled the same situation and found that Grayson County has a cutoff date of the 13th and they accept a late fee for \$5.00 and they offered to let the girls come up there to play and that was thoughtful but it is a long way for him to drive and they would be on a different team. He told that Floyd County cutoff was the middle of February but they take until teams are assembled they have \$10.00 late fee and they also told him they could come there to play. He told that it is very emotional for them to think their classmates are playing and they can't. He told that it would be like having the Chairman sit out in the hall during a meeting. He told that he begs not to make his kids suffer for his mistake. He told that Galax has a cutoff on the 13th and Dublin is April 5th and what he would beg is to consider a late fee and he understands if the season had started but they were a day late. He told that last year practice didn't start till late April. He asked that you look at it through the eyes of two kids. He told that he asked his children to express what it means to them. The daughter told that ball means a whole lot to her and she has been playing for a long time and if she was on a different team if would be hard to make the practices and making new friends would be hard to.

Mr. Martin asked what grade she was in.

The daughter replied 4th.

The older daughter told that she wanted to play ball to and she didn't want to be left behind from all of her friends and she really wanted to play. She told that it would be hard to make new friends in a different county.

Mr. Martin asked what grade she was in.

The daughter replied 6th.

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Mr. Goad asked that they consider this and they are welcome to look at the papers that they printed off. He told that it is sad that another county would reach out to these kids so they can play ball.

Mr. McCraw told that they have talked on the phone and he told him that he was looking into it because he didn't know alot about Recreation. He told that when he called him back he told him that he hates it and he hates it for the children because he knows how hard it is to be a parent but it has just been 4 weeks ago tonight that we gave our Recreation Department Director our full support in doing what she wanted to try to do. He told that maybe its right and maybe its wrong but he gave her his support and his word that he would support her and he is a man of his word and he has to back her.

Mr. Hutchins asked when the registration opened.

Mr. Larrowe told that we are actually on a year round sign up and you can sign up on the website and that works for all of the sports. He told that there is a cutoff so they can develop a roster. He told that there were some banners and he thinks Mr. Goad was aware of that.

Mr. Goad told that he did see the banner at Burger King but he did not pay attention to the date. He told that he never ran into this before and he is not placing blame on anyone but himself.

Mr. Larrowe told that you had mentioned that you signed up late for soccer as well.

Mr. Goad told that he did sign up late for soccer and he is not trying to open another can of worms but he actually signed up late last year for the fall basketball which it was under other management then but it was one of those deals where you pay \$10 late fee and after he talked to you he found out that was not a rule.

Mr. Larrowe told that they have never had a late fee in Carroll. He told that the Soccer Association has but that may be in transition back to the County as well.

Mr. Goad's wife asked how long the sign up has been on line.

Mr. Larrowe told that it has been about 5 months.

Mr. Martin told that this is a lawyers dream because whatever option you choose somebody can argue the other side of it. He told Mr. Goad that he has put them between a rock and a hard place because like 495 kids did get signed up. He told that you have already fussed at yourself so he is not going to fuss at you. He told that if he wanted to fuss at the School System he would say that regardless how many times they publish and post things it probably is not enough. He told that they have the ability to send stuff out to everyone and post them through the building but in the last 20 school days they have been out 10 to 15 days so you or sort of at fault. He told that he had 20 some years experience dealing with parents and part of the time they are at fault. He told that these are thing he dealt with, a kid comes in with a sole off his shoe and he could have taken the approach that the parents have that responsibility and taped it but he knew that they couldn't or wouldn't buy so the school paid for that kid some new shoes. He told that he had kids where the cafeteria manager said this kid owes \$25 and if he doesn't pay and you nixed that because you always feed kids. He told that he had kids that came in and their feet stunk worse than the Board of Supervisors feet and he had no socks on and after contact with the parents he decided to start washing the kids feet and furnished socks and got him new shoes. He told that they did it with dirty clothes and field trips because he didn't want to blame the kids for things that the parents do. He told that there were times when they had programs and he had to go pick up the kids because the parents didn't have a car and all of those pertain to the standpoint that it is your fault, it is the schools fault somewhat, he doesn't care if they sent out 20 notices. He told that he is familiar with the school you are at and when he was there he had 6 teams out of Gladesboro School and every day he went into the class to make sure they knew about it. He told that he knows we make rules and we stand by the things but if somebody in the County thinks they haven't been treated right then we become the Board of Appeals. He told that he thinks

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he has supported Libby and he has been concerned about things that have gone on in years past and they have tried to make improvements but he doesn't think it is right that we hold these two elementary kids because they just know that they don't get to play and he doesn't think it is right. He told that he can see football parents showing up because they were 30 minutes late but he doesn't see punishing two kids and he would like to know what the Board thinks. He told that they can show support for Recreation, they sure put a lot of money into it and he doesn't think it would be the end of time if we put these two kids in it and it is certainly better than some kids after a fire over in Gladeville and he prayed about that. He told that he is asking the Board not to decide right or wrong but what is best for the kids. He told that we need to look at this thing and see if we need a late fee for the future. He told that he would like to see a late fee paid for these two kids at \$10 each and he has a man that will pay for the fee and he would ask for consideration of that and he would make a motion that the \$10 fee be applied for each of them and let them play. He told that he never punish kids for what is somebody else's fault.

Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion because he wants it to go to discussion.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the drop dead date is. He told that he has talked to a lot of people about it and at what point are you going to say it's too late. He told that it needs to be determined. He told that he wished Libby was here but she is unavailable. He told there are a lot of questions and he doesn't think it can be answered in one night. He told that he has been working on it a week and he is no closer to an answer now than he was then. He told that he is no expert at Rec, he played when he grew up but that was the extent. He asked when is the drop dead date and he has talked to parents that missed for fall ball and they were not allowed to sign up so they got the same response. He told that he has also been told that some got in because of one person and that person is no longer here. He told that he would have been upset with Libby or any Director if they would have said you are two days late but we will let you in because rules are rules. He told that he understands because coaches haven't gotten their teams yet but at what point is enough enough as far as the deadlines. He told that if you make it March 15th somebody is going to miss it and if you add a two week late period, somebody will miss that too. He told that he is not sure there is a right answer.

Mr. McCraw told that he agrees with what he is saying and he is making an excellent point. He told that if you have a drop dead date, somebody will be missing it. He told that last fall the basketball, they were not allowed to.

Mr. Hendrick told that he would love to see the girls play softball but as a Board trying to make decisions like that, what do you do. He told that there isn't a right answer.

Mr. McCraw told that there isn't a right answer. He told that maybe in the future we can look at putting certain policies into place but the policy we have in place now states what has happened. He told that he told Mr. Goad, he hates it for him and really hates it for the children but it's just been 4 weeks since they gave Libby their support. He told that he always tries to be a man of his word and sometimes it is tough and it puts you in a position that you don't like to be in. He told that he gave her his word that that is where his word is going to have to stay.

Mr. Hutchins told that there was a series of events that he doesn't think Mr. Goad said. He asked if he knew all along when the sign up period was.

Mr. Goad told that he knew there was a deadline but an exact date was just negligence.

Mr. Hutchins told that from what he understands the school actually sent out a message and we used Nixle.

Mr. Goad told that he is not signed up for that.

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Mr. Hutchins told that we sat here as a whole Board and said we would support her. He told that he has been told that some were allowed to sign up for a fee and that raises another question as to where that fee went but there was a large number that followed the rule and if we make many exceptions we aren't being fair to them. He told that in the past the Recreation Department wasn't what it should have been but we are trying to make it better. He told that maybe in the future we look at something so everybody knows going in. He told that someone had a late fee of \$150 and then you went on the bottom of the roster and you were not guaranteed to be on the same team. He told that in the future we need to look at it but he told her he would support her.

Mr. McCraw told that kids think their daddy is like superman but sadly enough his son found out he wasn't superman.

Mr. Dickson told that Recreation does have a new leader and is going through some change and one of the changes was pulling out of Dixie baseball and he can guarantee later in the season we will hear about that because most all parents have an all star ball player. He told that she made that decision so the average player would get to play more games per year. He told that this probably should have been taken to the Rec Commission.

Mr. Larowe told that it is a Rec Commission ruling for no late fees.

Mr. Dickson told that it should be taken to them to reverse it. He told that he knows the family and he wants to support the kids playing ball but he doesn't want to go against Libby so if there is any way to support him he will.

Dr. Littrell apologized to Mr. Goad and told that he was out of town. He told that his comments are going to be arguing against himself. He told that he can understand his situation because he is the worst procrastinator and he has had to beg against missed deadlines in the past. He told that it seems to him that we have an argument between principal and compassion. He told that his thought is they have made a ruling without considering the ramifications since most counties have a mechanism for a late fee. He told that he supports Libby whole heartedly but he is personally leaning towards finding an exception and revisiting the policy that would eliminate these problems. He told that he knows that deadlines are set for a reason but it seems like we are a little tight where other counties are more flexible. He told that he has argued with himself and he feels for the children and for the Board having to make a decision. He told that sometimes you open the door and get a flood but they can always say no in the future.

Mr. Hutchins told that if we do extend the deadline we are setting a precedence but do we just cut it off with that one or if there are other children that are in the same situation. He asked when do we cut it off.

Dr. Littrell told that it sounds like other counties have a soft deadline and a hard deadline with penalty and as long as that doesn't affect the program.

Mr. Goad told that Floyd or Grayson had a deadline and another 10 days with a late fee and when the practices started it would be too late. He told that he begs because there is still a month before practices start because his cousin coaches the team and they haven't been given a roster yet.

Mr. Dickson asked if we can have a clarification of the motion.

Mr. Martin told that his motion is to let the two girls play with a \$10 late registration fee.

Mr. Larowe asked if this would be available to others who have missed the deadline and would this be retroactive back to a certain point because he knows we had others that were late.

Mr. McCraw told that he thinks we are opening up a can of worms.

Mr. Dickson asked if we can put a day limit on it.

Mr. Larrowe told that just for clarity, someone was willing to pay for these would they be willing to pay for others.

Mr. Martin told that he would have to talk to his dear friend. He told that this particular person over the last many years, \$20 is nothing compared to what they have paid out. He told that if he talked to him he could probably help some other kids. He asked Mr. Goad when they would start practicing.

Mr. Goad told that last year it was roughly the end of April.

Mr. Hutchins told that there are 478 sign ups, how long do you think it will take to establish rosters, coaches and go through all the paperwork. He told that anything you do there is a certain amount of prep time. He told that it isn't the day they take the field, it's when staff starts putting together the roster.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Goad if they pretty much sign up as a team and they are on the same team each year.

Mr. Goad told that his girls played on the same team but where his girls played for Aaron, they request that they play for him again. He told that he is not aware how the mix goes.

Mr. McCraw asked staff because they know more about the rules better than himself or anyone in the audience.

Ms. Cannon told that she thinks if the Board wants to change the registration and implementation it needs to be countywide so there needs to be some communication so something needs to go out saying the Board has extended the deadline with a late fee. She told that they still have to have time to get everything ready. She told that it is not idol time and there is alot of activity that goes on. She told that the extention period needs to be atleast 2 weeks.

Mr. Martin asked if we did it until April 1st would that work.

Ms. Cannon told that it would delay the season.

Mr. McCraw told that his opinion is that if we are going to try to do something like this we should do it through the Rec Department. He told that there are 478 kids signed up so there has to be prep time.

Mr. Hendrick asked for the motion to be restated.

Mr. Martin told that he moved that these two young ladies be allowed to sign up for softball with a \$10 late fee for each girl.

#### VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	No
Mr. McCraw	No
Mr. Hutchins	No
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hutchins told that he can not vote yes for just these two. He told that if we are going to extend it, it has to be across the county. He told that it is unfair to others to just do these two.

Mr. McCraw told that he has already told his position and he really hates it for the girls.

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Mr. Hendrick told that he is going to throw it out there, that is why he wanted a restatement of the motion is because it is not fair.

Mr. Martin told that the reason he made that one is because he didn't want to drag along and these two girls get caught.

Mr. Hendrick told that whatever happens is going to happen tonight and as a Board do we want to entertain tonight a late period.

Mr. McCraw told that he feels like it is a question for the Rec Commission and the Rec Director. He told that we don't need to be getting into that and if we are going to try to run the Rec Department we might as well fire the Director and try to do it ourselves and he has a feeling it would be chaos.

Dr. Littrell asked who staff was talking about extending it to.

Ms. Cannon told that if she could go back and do it for basketball she would be we would need to do it going forward because we would need to set a tone.

Dr. Littrell made a motion to have a soft deadline and 15 days later have a hard deadline with a penalty of \$10 and after that there will be no other registration to begin with the current season.

Mr. Hendrick asked if March 15th would be the drop dead cutoff by the motion.

Dr. Littrell replied yes.

Mr. Larrowe told that the 15th is on a Sunday.

Dr. Littrell told let's make it the 16th.

Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

Mr. Cornwell told that the motion states that there will be a 15 day late period with a \$10 late fee and after the 15 days no one is allowed to sign up.

Ms. Cannon asked who we direct people to on March 17th. She told that we will probably have people miss this deadline.

Mr. Hendrick told that he guarantees they are going to.

Dr. Littrell told that it seems they are aligning themselves with other counties.

Mr. McCraw told that we may be aligning but he thinks that is the Rec Commissions call not his. He told that we are just opening up a can of worms to be approached all year with problems like this.

Mr. Hendrick asked if Dr. Littrell would be willing to amend the motion to change the late fee. He told that there has to be some incentive for showing up on time.

Mr. McCraw asked how much it is to sign up.

Ms. Cannon replied \$25.

Mr. McCraw told that it should be \$50. He told that when he talked to Mr. Goad on the phone he said he would be willing to pay double or triple.

Mr. Goad told that it is his fault and he is willing to pay whatever the price is.

Mr. Hendrick withdrew his second.

Dr. Littrell amended his motion to double the registration, so the late fee will be \$25.

Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. McCraw	No
Mr. Hutchins	No
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hutchins told that he still doesn't think it is fair to the 478 that signed up and it sends a bad example and it says that if you are late it is okay. He told that he has to support staff.

Mr. McCraw told that he gave her his word that he would support her.

(Order)

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told that he wants to apologize to the Rec Department for increasing their work load cause this is going to make a headache for them. He told that he has talked to Libby and it is nothing against her. He wants her to know that he supports her and she enforced the rules they had and he applauds her for that. He told that we do have a Rec Commission but she didn't have any problem bypassing them to get out of Dixie. He told that all roads end her so to speak and he appreciates everyone that is here. He told that it is a tough situation and he won't entertain it again and the only reason he did it this time is because Grayson and Floyd is doing it but enough is enough.

Dr. Littrell told that he feels like he might be in the same shoes and moving forward ask the Rec Department to look at it and he thinks she has done a great job so far.

Mr. Dickson told that he is in total agreement with Libby and he suffered very hard and talked to alot of people and didn't know what he was going to do. He told that anytime you are talking about children it is not wasted. He told that he feels like it was productive and there are some flaws but atleast those two little girls are going to be playing ball.

Mr. Hutchins told that it is the first lively debate they have had in a while and it is healthy. He told that he realizes there are alot of different ways to look at it and his heart went out to the girls but he gave his support. He told that we need to look at how we will handle late fees in the future.

Mr. McCraw told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that it was good to have a friendly debate.

(Order)

**RECESS**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board recessed until March 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

VOTES

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

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Chairman

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Clerk