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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, August 10, 2015 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mr. McCraw called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1, A3, A5).

Mr. Durbin explained the purpose for entering Closed Session as listed below.

1. 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.
3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
5. 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.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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;

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**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

Mr. McCraw lead in invocation and pledge. He told that it is good to see everyone her tonight and he appreciates everyone coming out.

Dr. Littrell told that they are concerned about the possible closing of the Training Center in 2018. He told that they are partnering with a parent group known as PACC and they have started a rally to keep it open. He distributed a flyer about an upcoming event that will help the public better understand and they are hoping for a big crowd. He gave some statistics on the Training Center and the number of residents and employees. He told that since 2005 they have made several renovations and that seems strange if they are planning to close in a few years. He told that a lot of people don't understand the Olmstead Act but it was a 1999 Supreme Court decision. He told that it says individuals be in an integrated setting to meet needs consistent with choice. He told that they had a meeting with the parents and a lot of their choices are to be residents at the Training Center. He told that he hopes everyone will support the group and please work with us to get the word out.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on July 13, 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 August 2015 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the September 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**

Mr. Martin asked that we take the Bridge Dedication under advisement until he gets more details.

Mr. McCraw told that we would add HB2 Transportation Funding that VDOT has come up with.

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)

**ROLLOVER**

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

**DR. SPRINKLE - WCC INTRODUCTION**

Mr. McCraw introduced Dr. Sprinkle as well as Dick Dalton and Oliver McBride who are Carroll's appointees to WCC.

Dr. Sprinkle thanked him for the warm welcome. He told that he has had a welcoming experience in the community and he appreciates the support that they receive. He told that he and his wife are delighted to be here.

(Order)

**KEVIN SEMONES - COUNTY FAIR AND FARMERS MARKET UPDATE**

Mr. Semones told that it is almost fair time. He told that we started rebuilding up the fair about 10 years ago and they focus on education about ag. He told that it has come a long way in 10 years. He told that 2nd and 3rd graders come during the day to participate in Ag Day and on Friday, 5th graders come for a program that the Farm Bureau sponsors. He went over all of the activities that they will have at the fair including the exhibits and demonstrations. He told that the County owns the Farmers Market now so if they get to a point where they need to build something they no longer have to wait and ask permission.

Mr. Martin asked if they are about to outgrow the site.

Mr. Semones told that they are to that point already. He told that it keeps growing every year and a lot of the equipment and labor are donated. He told that there is quiet a bit of land across the road but he is not sure of your plans for it. He told that it is a good problem to have and he is glad that it is a challenge. He told that they appreciate the VFW for letting them have it the first couple of years.

Dr. Littrell asked about the photo entries.

Mr. Semones told that they will be taking those on Monday.

Mr. McCraw told that he is on the Farmers Market Board and it is a pleasure to work with Kevin.

Mr. Martin told that it has good visibility.

(Order)

**ROGER ROOP**

Mr. McCraw told that Mr. Roop isn't present but he wanted to read the plaque that will be presented to him. He told that they want to recognize Roger Roop who retired on July 1st from the Maintenance Department after 18 years of dedicated service. In addition to maintaining County property, Roger also served as a backup for Terry Woods in Animal Control along with assisting in various projects throughout the County and its department. Roger was one of a kind and he will be missed. Mr. McCraw told that we wish him and his family well in retirement.

(Order)

**ASHLEY LIGHT - EXTENSION INTERN**

Ms. Ashley Light told that she was the summer intern with Virginia Cooperative Extension Carroll County Office. She told that she was born in Carroll and her dad is James Light and they produce vegetables and also cattle farm. She told that she graduated from Carroll County High School in 2012 and went to Va. Tech and will graduate this Spring. She told that she was privileged to get to intern where she is from. She told that growing up on a farm she had some knowledge but she did not realize how diverse it is here. She went over a list of things she was able to participate in this summer and gave detail about each of them. She told that one of her favorite things was attending

the conferencing and the amount of education. She told that her absolute favorite was her kids camp. She told that she was required to do her own program. She had 10 participants and they did several hands on projects. She told that she would like to thank Va. Tech, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Carroll County Extension Office and the Board of Supervisors for giving her this opportunity. She told that it is amazing to see how important agriculture is. She told that this has been the best of her educational experience so far.

Mr. McCraw thanked her and told her it was a very impressive presentation. He asked which orchards in Cana she went to.

Ms. Light told that she went to Berriers, Leonard's and Hills.

(Order)

## **HB2 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Mr. Hendrick told that HB2 is how the state is looking at construction projects going forward. He told that we will have to compete with others in the state and his biggest concern is localities east of here have staff for transportation that can apply for projects and we do not. He told that this is for secondary roads except unpaved roads. He told that if we want any allocations we have to go through this process. He told that applications started in August and they are accepted through the end of September. He told that he spoke with Lisa at VDOT and she will help develop some scopes and get documentation but we will be up against places like Fairfax. He told that he thinks we need to put in for something and he knows it is short notice because they are due at the end of September but his suggestion would be to make a selection and do it. He told that it puts us at a disadvantage because there is no staff in place for that. He asked how many projects were on the Mt. Rogers Plan.

Mr. Larrowe told that he really doesn't know. He told that he has seen the list but there has been some changes. He told that it is interesting in the Salem District because they are also in the Mt. Rogers District.

Mr. Hendrick told that we would have to get approval from Mt. Rogers prior to doing it. He told that we are in the dead zone and the odds are against us but he thinks we need to do it.

Mr. Larrowe asked if there are any suggestions on projects.

Mr. Hendrick told that Rt. 669 from 58 to 100 and Rt. 638 has safety issues. He told that also a truck lane on 77.

Mr. Larrowe told that he knows no other section in Virginia that has a grade and no truck lane.

Mr. Martin told that 52 N to the Wythe County line needs attention because when 77 is congested everyone goes on 52. He told that they have to replace guardrails all the time because trucks can't make the turn.

Mr. Hendrick told that we can lean on Lisa and Dan and the Farmers Market Road is an access nightmare. He told that he encourages everyone to check out the website.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved to apply for the HB2 funding based upon the recommendation and suggestion of the VDOT Administrator and to allow staff to apply and move forward.

### VOTES

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

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Dr. Littrell            Yes  
Mr. Martin            Yes

Mr. Dickson told that some of us are going to be going to the Summit in Richmond and basically they make recommendations to them and we get outnumbered pretty quick. He told that they were able to keep the Rural Rustic going and that means a lot to us. He told that is about all the money that comes through. He told that if you have any suggestions let him know. He told that they are just putting it through to VACo which Mr. Hutchins is Vice President this year.

Mr. Hendrick told that his fear is we are against the odds and if we fall silent we are done.

Mr. Hutchins told that one thing you might think about is Rural Caucus has had a lot of impact on trying to assist the rural counties of Virginia. He told that a lot of the transportation bill was passed to alleviate the congestion in Northern Virginia and it is bad but if the rural counties don't stick together and maybe we can lobby with some of the other counties.

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Steve Gregson told that if there is any opportunity for road improvement its out in Fancy Gap where Appalachian Trail goes across 77 and turns into a dirt road. He told that it is a treacherous area and when the parkway is closed it is the only alternative. He told that he tried to look at the board minutes and he thinks there is link not working and he talked to the Chairman about this earlier. He told that recently there was a letter sent to several selected property owners in the Fancy Gap area about the County' s involvement with regards to working with a commercial developer in Fancy Gap. He told that he has spoken with several Board of Supervisor members about who authorized this endeavor and he has not found an answer yet. He told that he has looked at the Planning Commission minutes and talked to their boards and they don't know of anything either and it doesn't appear that we had anything in Closed Session that would protect that so there are several questions that have rose out of this letter and the main thing is why there is no record of any type of announcement with regards to this and where was the authorization for a county employee to write the letter to these residents on this issue. He told that it is confusing and the letter states that the property owners and an integral part to the process when \$350,000 was taken from one of our projects in Fancy Gap there was no disclosure to the Commonwealth on that issue. He told that the thing that concerns a lot of people out there the most is the use of the name and it was capitalized in the letter as a commercial developer so it has many people alarmed about is it going to be a form of zoning for a specific area because many will remember the last meeting that we had at Fancy Gap Elementary, the Sheriff's deputies were called into that meeting because people using the zoning word and if anybody was at that meeting it was pretty hectic and people showed their displeasure. He told that they would like if all possible to get some answers on that and if there is a plan that goes along with that talks about how and why Fancy Gap area is only involved in this plan or is it going to affect other areas. He told that there are several other questions but he thinks the big thing is why there wasn't any transparency on this issue and ask the Board to discuss this and give Fancy Gap some direction on how this going to be handled. He told that he asks for clarification and who gave authorization for this.

Mr. McCraw told that they will take that under advisement.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the letter was for.

Mr. Larowe told that basically what had been requested by some of the landowners at Fancy Gap was some assistance with the development at Fancy Gap. He told that there has been a tremendous amount of money that has been spent in infrastructure improvements out there with water and wastewater and many of those individuals would like to be able to advance that with development. He told that after meeting with Gina

Isom who is one of the individuals interested and pushing for this and I know that she has spoken to several of you about possibilities at Fancy Gap what we ended up doing is coming up with a plan to identify the properties out there around the interchange and down 52 arbitrarily just so they could have something to work off of with properties that fronted onto 148 or 52 that would be in the service area of water and wastewater or properties that had potential for development because where their proximity was or removing some properties because of topography or rock out, wetlands and things like that to get started on the process of identifying properties that could potentially be available for development and as a group end up shopping that around to potential developers. He told that we would in no way be a broker or agent for anything except a connective tissue between those that want to develop the property and those that actually have the property. He told that they would not have anything to do with the pricing of the property or anything than getting to potential buyer and property owner together. He told that in no way was it done in a non-transparent way because if it had been they wouldn't have sent it out publically on to the individuals who are land owners. He told that it was done, they identified the parcels that were around there, they used GIS and Justin Barnard has been helping with that process and then they were going to build a database and share that with potential developers and try to increase the development at Fancy Gap. He told that maybe there are individuals that don't want Fancy Gap developed, he doesn't know if that is the case or not and if it is certainly we would not want to be in the middle of that.

Mr. Gregson told that he appreciates that because that is the first time that they have heard this information and the concern that they have for the last Fancy Gap meeting is that there are people out there that are non-developers. He told that he is concerned about those who did not receive letters that are now talking about in Fancy Gap, it is unbelievable. He told that there is concern from the non people who want no development what so ever to railroad this thing and that is what possibly happened at the Fancy Gap meeting that they had before. He told that as for transparency, he is shocked that the Board members that he spoke to knew nothing about it what so ever and he feels that communication of this magnitude needs to come from the Board and he thinks everyone from the property owners is great but getting a select few doesn't make a whole lot of sense when you are trying to look at things for other parts of the county at the same time that they might benefit.

Mr. McCraw told that the meeting you are speaking about in Fancy Gap where zoning was such a hot topic, that was before he was on the Board, he ran against the gentleman that was on Board at that time. He told that he has never supported zoning, he never will support it, he doesn't care about being hung not only ethically but someone slipping up on him in the middle of the night and hanging him. He told that he knows the people in his district don't like zoning and he has not been approached by anyone in his district with the concerns that you were talking about and he is in a public place.

Mr. Hendrick told that he just has general questions. He told that Steve called him this evening and asked him if he knew of it and he said no and by all means if you have questions come on out. He told that his initial question is going to be is about the parcels selected were called prime so to speak for development around some of the systems that have just been installed and he knows what the goal is and the County is not being a broker.

Mr. Larowe told that basically we are an aggregator because basically what happened is we have gotten positive responses from many of the land owners that have called in and said this is a great idea and they are interested. He told that Tammy Hall in our office has been fielding those calls and they have actually had very positive responses and as in anything there are some people that are killing the goose that laid the golden egg so you never know exactly which direction to go but they were trying to go into a direction of positive development and that is where we are at this point.

Mr. Hendrick asked if it was potential for other areas and it doesn't matter if it is other areas at Exit 8 or 14 or 19, for other areas of the County to say if the County is going to help promote what are they going to do for my area.

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Mr. Larrowe told that is a good question. He told that this is not the first time that we have done this, we actually did this along US 58 after the water and sewer system was developed in the Woodlawn area and tried to get some people to buy into that. He told that it was not a fruitful proposition, there may have been some discussions where things happened but it was not instantly developed. He told that the same thing has been mentioned to him as well as many Board members about Exit 19 and that was the primary, that there was not enough development taking place at 8 or 1 and right now we have water at Exit 1 that we can do the same thing with it.

Mr. Hendrick told that even if you know the land owner doesn't want to participate, we should still send a letter in that area.

Mr. Larrowe told that is what we have done. He told that if they are off the road they did not send a letter or if they did not have access at all we didn't.

Mr. Hendrick told that if you can do the same thing at Exit 1 or around the water project and as long as we are doing the same thing for everyone else, he doesn't want anyone singled out.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Martin told that he has been in a lot of localities that have a channel reserved for the community and have School Board and Board of Supervisors things on there. He told that it would be another way of communicating. He told that it can be contentious when a new Board comes in and they pick a Chairman and Vice Chairman and he would like to throw out a suggestion, we have six Board Members and they serve four years and if you went with 8 month terms of service as Chairman and Vice Chair everyone on the Board could serve as a Chairman or Vice Chairman. He told that it appears that younger folks are coming in and it would be a good experience for those people. He told that on September 30th he will meet with folks from Richmond and the Recreational Trail will be completed at that time. He told that he can take you on a tour. He told that there are a few more things that have to be done but they ended up with over a 3 mile trail and within that 3 miles you can do 10 or 15 other options. He told that it was done with \$120,000 and he was told that it is \$200,000 to do a mile trail. He told that the majority of that money was spent with Carroll County merchants and Carroll County people. He told that Lord forbid he should talk about zoning but it was mentioned on one of the other Boards he was on and it is political suicide. He told that we have spent a lot of time talking about agriculture today and the big thing that was suggested in zoning is we could do a very simple agricultural zoning and it would give added protection to farmers. He told that he is not a fan of zoning but keep your guns loaded and your powder dry because it may become advantageous one day. He told that he doesn't think he wants to go door to door selling zoning any time soon.

Dr. Littrell told that someone asked him about a trail at Recreation and there are plans to put three trails there and he thinks it will be a great thing. He told that she is working towards completing the easy trail first and then work towards the others later. He told that Ashely Barteo who works with United Way contacted him about a new program that they are trying this year. He told that he and his wife are concerned about children that are hungry. He told that for several years they have had the back pack buddies and Faye has been working with Oakland to send food home so the children will have it for the weekend. He told that United Way is working on back pack unite and they will provide grants to be programs in the county to provide food for the children and that is a good reason to back the United Way.

Mr. Dickson told that he doesn't have a dog in the fight for the Chairman thing but that might work. He told that he does have a dog in the fight where there is a place on Glendale Road that seems to keep growing and he doesn't see how they are not breaking some kind of law. He told that they are parked right on the road, there is firewood, buses, campers, livestock and he knows Ronald and Jim have looked at it and asked if there is not anything the County or the State can do.

Mr. Larrowe told that he has been over there also and it is one of those situations that is difficult unless it becomes a nuisance by the courts.

Mr. Dickson told that if anyone comes up with an idea they would like to do something.

Mr. Hendrick told that if they are parked on the right of way that is enforceable. He told that he has had cars towed off the right of way. He told that when he was talking about yard sales two years ago they were parking on the right of way.

Mr. Hutchins told that he has drove by there and thought the same thing. He told that he and Ronald have talked about it, it is kind of like out situation in Hilltown. He told that Virginia didn't enforce some of those pieces. He told that there will be a Summit in Richmond where there will be more than two attending.

Mr. Hendrick told that he has a request for next month or sometime during the next couple months. He told that this Spring we removed ourselves from Dixie and he still gets comments and questions from coaches and parents. He told that he would like to know if it is a good thing or a bad thing and there are still questions about reasoning. He told that he would like to hear from Libby and he would invite the public and anyone who is involved in Recreation to attend because he wants to know what you think. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. McCraw told that he thanks everyone for coming out. He told that he really enjoyed Ashley's presentation.

Mr. Martin told that Dr. Littrell got him to thinking, he told that one of the schools in West Virginia qualified for 100% free meals because the school qualified.

Mr. Larrowe told that he does not know but we can find out.

(Order)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk

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