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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, July 11, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Joshua A. Hendrick  
Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Robbie McCraw  
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill, 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, A7).

1. Discussion or 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.

7. 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. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, and passing, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

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**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. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge. He thanked everyone for coming out. He told that the agenda is light and the crowd is too. He told to keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers, there is a lot of bad instances that have happened in the last few weeks. He asked that we remember Phil, he is not feeling well.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on June 13 2016 and June 27, 2016.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**SHERIFF APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$40,055 with \$29,152 in DCJS grant funds and a local match of \$10,903.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the year end budget transfers as presented.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

**LISA HUGHES - HB2 ROAD PROJECTS**

Ms. Hughes told that she wanted to talk to you about the HB2 process which has been renamed Smart scale. She told that VDOT is getting ready to accept applications for the projects. She told that last year you submitted 2 and one of those scored high and is in the plan for 2021. She told that the Rt. 669 did not score well and she thinks it was due to the cost. She told the higher the cost the lower the score. She told that this year we are asking that you submit an application by August 15th just outlining what the project will be so they will have time to work on it. She told that the project criteria is it has to be on 58 or 77 in Carroll and there is a buffer area around there that is acceptable. She told that it can also be a safety project but has to be identified as one of the top 100 crash locations in the district, last year Farmers Market and Lamsburg were the only two identified. She told that if you have any questions or suggestions.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the scoring criteria is.

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Ms. Hughes told that the factors are safety, congestion mitigation, accessibility, environmental quality, economic development and land use. She told that if you can justify a project that meets those criteria and really tap economic development benefits from it then it will score high. She told that the sweet spot is around \$300,000.

Dr. Littrell asked if the 52 project was completed.

Ms. Hughes told that the funding will be there in the out years. She told that you can resubmit Rt. 669.

Dr. Littrell asked if she had any thoughts.

Ms. Hughes told that she has looked. She told that with the interchanges with 77 the turning lanes are not great and some we don't have any. She told that those projects do really well.

Mr. Hendrick told Exit 1 would probably be the worst, Southbound.

Ms. Hughes told that she looked at 620 and do some spot improvements and she thought about Flower Gap.

Mr. Hendrick told that they talked about truck climbing lanes but it was expensive.

Ms. Hughes told that the available funds will be less this time so she doesn't think the big projects will do well. She told that she was pleased with 52 and they have done some surveying already. She told that they need to know by August 15th if you want to submit anything and September 30th is the hard deadline.

Mr. Hendrick asked about Farmers Market and asked if it was just for safety.

Ms. Hughes told that she doesn't know what else you can do right there.

Dr. Littrell asked if bridges fit into this.

Ms. Hughes told that is another program.

Dr. Littrell told that the bridge on 58 at Fattis Hill is a problem.

Ms. Hughes told that it is scheduled to be replaced but it is a few years off.

Mr. Hendrick asked if it will be a bridge replacement or a box.

Ms. Hughes replied a bridge. She told to let her know what you want to do and we will work it out.

(Order)

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Hendrick told that we don't have names to fill in these vacancies.

Ms. Cannon told that she would be the applicant on the Wired Road and we are seeking out appointments on the Library.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to appoint Ms. Cannon to the Wired Road.

### **VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes

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Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes  
Dr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. Martin Not Present

Mr. Hill told that the Planning Commission appointed Margaret Leggett to the MRPDC.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Margaret Leggett to the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes  
Mr. Phil McCraw Not Present  
Mr. Hill Yes  
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes  
Dr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. Martin Not Present

(Order)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

Mr. Hendrick told that he doesn't have an update. He told that they are still working on it. He asked announcing a closed session meeting for hiring a candidate, is that strictly for interviews.

Mr. Durbin replied yes. He told that is there something else.

Mr. Hendrick told that if they wanted to have a closed session meeting on people we have already interviewed would that just be a special called meeting or would that qualify if I announce 15 days at an undisclosed place at an undisclosed time.

Mr. Durbin told that if he understands correctly it is for 2nd round interviews or further interviews.

Mr. Hendrick told that it would just be a meeting of the Board about candidates we have already interviewed.

Mr. Durbin told that it would just be a regular closed session.

Mr. Hendrick told that we don't have an announcement yet.

Mr. Hill told that we are getting closer.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is very time consuming but we are getting closer.

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Douglas Smith told that is his privilege to stand here and address this Board of Supervisors following in the footsteps of my mother, Sue; Bill Webb; June Mitchell; Carroll Clark; and past Board of Supervisors members; to bring an important opportunity to you. He continued with the following; Just as they brought the concept of competing with surrounding counties and towns for the Southwest Virginia Training Center, of which I was an employee for 35 years until retiring, places like which were approved by a bond Issue in a vote by the voters of the State of Virginia to be placed in regions to serve physically and intellectually disabled persons, I am here to place an urgent plea for action to acquire for Carroll County (for free, yes free if done correctly) a large area of land that was Carroll's (donated by Dr. Porter to give to the State of Virginia if Carroll was chosen as the site). They took cabbages, apples, and people (Board members and citizens) to Richmond numerous times to plea for the Center. Now that it is going fast

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and make no mistake, it is gone, regardless of the pleas of parents apparently, in January 2018. Carroll needs to make a request for a Bill to be passed, introduced by Delegate Carico, and backed by Israel O'Quinn and others in this area, that would return to the County the land surrounding Harrison Circle, the State road around the main buildings at the Center, and extending out from the creek running behind several cottages on the lower slope. As we are losing jobs, tax revenue from those employed and living here who may move, and business locally from client trips, parent visits, etc., I feel it is the least the State and our Representatives can do for us. There is an upgraded gym that is constantly used by groups (myself included) with Nautilus equipment, meeting facilities, several flat fields which are already used by Upward and others for sports events, woods with existing walking trail, and a large tract across from the Senior Citizen Center. I have talked with Tony Quesinberry of the Galax High cross-county team and Rec. Center about the meets that occur there each Fall which bring in lots of people to businesses in this area. I know of others who use parts of the areas I am talking about as well. I have been told by inside information that some monies in the SWVTC's hands might also be used before closure for a playground area. There is a wooded area near the main Center building, that once had playground equipment and picnic tables. I lived with this happening as I was finishing CCHS and while I was attending JMU. I saw Supervisors, my Mom, other citizens almost every week heading to Richmond. And now I say to you, act quickly and request our Representatives put together a bill returning the land to its original owners, the County of Carroll. If you have any questions, I would be glad to attempt to answer. Thank you for your time. Please act soon, as the land may be put on the market soon if it is not already.

Mr. Hendrick told that this had been a topic of conversation before.

Mr. Hill asked if we can ask Nikki to send a letter to legislators.

Mr. Hendrick told that we can also do a resolution.

Ms. Cannon told that she can work on a letter and do a resolution at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith told that the gentleman that he was talking to said that it was very urgent that we act.

Mr. Hill told that kids use the soccer field and play football over there.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates everyone coming and apologized for missing the last two meetings but it was something that was scheduled ahead of time. He told that they did have a good time on the Great Race where they drove to California and back.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for being here and he thanked Mr. Smith for bringing the information to them. He told that he has had some citizens call about getting some patching done to Max Lane, Rt. 608 and he will call Ms. Hughes about that.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for coming, especially Mr. Smith. He told that thoughts and prayers go out for everything going on in the country.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone coming. He told that we have talked about the Training Center and wondered about the possibility and it sounds like now is the time to act. He asked everyone to remember Phil and keep him in your prayers.

(Order)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Not Present

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk