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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, June 13, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Joshua A. Hendrick
Rex L. Hill
Bob Martin
Phil McCraw
Robbie McCraw
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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, A7).

Mr. Cornwell 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.

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, 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;

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

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hendrick welcomed everyone. He told that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone involved in the Orlando tragedy. He told that Dr. Littrell is not here, he is traveling across country and our prayers are with him.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hendrick told that he would like to add HB2 VDOT Projects below County Administrator Position.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the revised agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on May 2016.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of B2, which will be pulled out and discussed individually.

VOTES

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

(Order)

POWER LIFT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for an additional grant obtained from the Va Office of EMS. The State passed legislation requiring Power Lift stretchers to be installed in ambulances obtained in FY16 and forward. The Va Office of EMS awarded additional grant revenue to help cover the cost.

VOTES

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

(Order)

FOIA POLICY

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the FOIA Policy. Starting July 1, 2016, HB 818 requires local public bodies with a population greater than 250 to post a FOIA rights and responsibilities document on their public government website. The bill also requires all local public bodies that are subject to FOIA to designate and identify contact information for the person serving as point of contact.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved authorization to hold a Public Hearing during the July meeting for a budget adjustment if needed.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CARE OF PRISONERS ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved an increase in the care of prisoners allocation due to increased utilization. This will be a transfer in the budget for the Fire Truck because it is budgeted in FY17.

VOTES

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

(Order)

RECREATION ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved an increase in the Recreation allocation for Senior Trips. The revenue was collected to offset the cost of Senior Trips and both the revenue and expenses will be adjusted.

VOTES

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

(Order)

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved an increase in the allocation for Part Time salaries in the Commission of Revenue Office. The Compensation Board reimburses 50% of the part time wages and the County's responsibility is \$811.00

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes

Dr. Littrell Not Present
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

INTRODUCTION - EVERETT LINEBERRY

Ms. Cannon told that it is with great pleasure that she introduces Everett Lineberry, our new Fire and Rescue Operations Manager. She told that today was his first day of full time employment, he has been working part time for about 3 weeks. She told that he is not new to the arena, he has been with Pipers Gap for several years.

Mr. Lineberry told that he has been a lifelong resident of Carroll County and has been a volunteer for 25 years with the rescue squad in the County. He told that he counts it as an honor and privilege to be able to serve the County in this role. He told that he has some goals that he would like to see and one of those is to be a voice to help the volunteers and try to get back to the ability they once were.

Mr. Hendrick told that they appreciate it.

(Order)

INTRODUCTION - TERESA HODGES

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he would like to introduce Teresa Hodges, our new Social Services Director. He told she started in May and he is impressed with her abilities and look forward to what she is going to do.

Ms. Hodges told that she is not from Carroll County but she loves this place and is ready to move here. She told that her daughter is a senior in high school so she has at least one more year to be there. She told that this is the best experience of her life and she has been with Social Services for over 10 years. She told that she couldn't be happier with the group of people that she has and has been working on improving relationships between the workers and the community. She told that she has an open door policy.

(Order)

BOARD GOALS

Mr. Hendrick told that he took some of the goals they discussed and incorporated them into our current goals.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Board Goals as presented.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PERSONNEL

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he had initially wanted to make a motion about changing a policy that was put in place in September 2007 and he has been back and forth about it and Jim has looked at it. He told that he may have went about it the wrong way but what he is thinking is the Board needs to have more of a grasp on raises to

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personnel as they come. He told that maybe we need to develop a new merit raise system and he would like to have a better grip and more control on that.

Mr. Hendrick told that it has never been a direct vote by the Board since he has been serving but it is handled at budget committee level. He told that it states if your annual evaluation score is such and such you are allowed a 2 step merit raise plus a cost of living if there is one. He told that the next grade down which is a 2% increase and it has typically been handled at the budget committee level based on the budget to his knowledge.

Ms. Cannon told that it was adopted in 2011.

Mr. Hendrick told that since then merit raises have been allowed as dictated in the HR Policy.

Ms. Cannon told that there are instances where no step is given based on how the performance rates.

Mr. Cornwell told that we can certainly look at the entire scale and determine if it is in balance.

Mr. McCraw told that maybe that would be more fitting for what he is after.

Mr. Hendrick told that the scale is based on a consultants production. He told that they came in and ranked the positions based on where we were regionally. He told that each position is graded and then there are 25 steps and that basically creates your pay scale. He told that once you reach step 25 you no longer get a merit raise. He told that the scale moves based on COLA.

Mr. Cornwell told that he is dealing with another locality and they did this where they looked at the whole scale and they were not in step with other localities and they raised it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that Rex has put alot of time into looking at other localities.

Mr. Hill told that he has spent alot of time looking at the salaries and they didn't even include Wytheville. He told that he sent a FOIA to all Southwest Virginia counties and no one across the board has added COLA except Carroll County. He told that there are a few places that had them and that really concerns him. He told that on the salary study there were several options and going back to the minutes none of those options were selected and asked if it automatically fall to the County Administrator to make those decisions.

Mr. Hendrick asked what options he is talking about.

Mr. Hill told there were 2% COLA or how it would start out. He told that there were 5 or 6 options and we really need to go back and look at it.

Mr. Cornwell told that you can have a committee of the Board review the salary scale and then bring it back.

Mr. Hendrick told that this was discussed in the budget committee and they came to the conclusion that this was something that would take more time than they had then but they have looked at it.

Mr. Hill told that the Board should be the determining factor on the cost of living increases, it shouldn't be up to the County Administrator.

Ms. Cannon told that it is part of the budget.

Mr. Hill replied that he knows but it doesn't leave a good outcome in front of folks.

Ms. Cannon told that the budget committee is well aware of what the COLA is.

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Mr. Hendrick asked where the COLA comes from.

Ms. Cannon replied Consumer Index and that is why there was not one recommended this year.

Mr. Hill told that there was none this year but what he is saying is most counties don't do that, we are one of the few and the Board should be responsible if there is a cost of living each year. He told that it should be voted on prior to.

Mr. Martin told that he made the original motion and it wasn't made any easier then with the debate going on and the recommendation was to turn it over to the County Administrator's Office. He told that anything will work if you want it to and nothing will work if you don't want it to. He told that he has looked at the salaries and he found a couple things that are out of kilter. He told that Fran's office is one of the few where salaries don't get extra pay or subsidy from the County. He told that it could work both ways.

Ms. McPherson told that they do not get a supplement but the County does supply three employees. She told that the deputies learned last week that our 2% raise is in jeopardy.

Mr. Martin told that he has been looking at it and some are out of kilter and he thinks the motion is in line.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we need to be more efficient. He told that that he is not sure how to explain it and not be politically incorrect but he feels like looking at some of the information that Rex has compiled there have been some very liberal raises given over the last several years and we need to have more control over it.

Mr. Phil McCraw made a motion that since we have gotten through the budget process that the Budget Committee looks into this and get it together and bring back to the Board then we can discuss. He told that he personally don't think we need to talk about individual salaries out here, there are a lot of people who don't want other people to know what they make even though you can figure out what everyone's is.

Mr. Robbie McCraw seconded the motion.

Mr. Hendrick told that the budget committee is to entertain our current HR Policies dealing with merit raises.

Mr. Martin told that all he has ever wanted and he gives Nikki credit, since she has taken over she has been honest and kept us informed. He told that he doesn't have time to go back and get a degree in accounting so he depends on the County Administrator to hit the high and low spots on everything. He told that at times it is a nother day and time and maybe he didn't get all the information he needed to make a decision.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that in classes he took he met alot of other supervisors across the state and in his discussions with them he quickly found out that Carroll County has staff that is top notch, second to none and he has talked to several people who knows what our staff does and they would say, we would love to trade staff with you. He told that we have a very competent staff.

Mr. Hendrick told that having worked for myself and a state agency managing over 100 people, when you are involved with an organization that deliberately tries to reward performers on a regular basis, it is better for the employees. He told that he is not saying that we can't improve what we have. He told that it is nice to see an organization continually rewarding its employees.

Mr. Hill asked if these salaries are just county general, not constitutionals.

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Ms. Cannon told that during implementation one of the things we did is give the constitutionals a 3% bonus because we realize that they provide services for the same group of citizens as we are.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PPTRA - FRAN McPHERSON

Ms. McPherson thanked the Board for letting her speak, she told that she did put something in the Board packet about the PPTRA. She told that we have just found out that Senate Bill 375 is going to be placed into effect July 1st. She told that at this point she does not know if it is going to affect this years taxes or next years because our tax day is January 1st. She told that they may have to go back and add the pickups over 7500 pounds which is going to drop the PPTRA percentage that the tax payer receives on their tax bill. She made some charts to show you the changes that will take place and this is if the tax levy is set at \$0.35. She explained the chart and what a person would owe based on different levys. She told that they will have to go through each individual vehicle manually. She told that she wanted you to have this information before you made a decision on the levy.

Mr. Martin asked if we forward the money to the state.

Ms. McPherson told that we get an allotment from the State so this is money that will be coming out of taxpayers pocket.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that we are not sure at this time what the PPTRA is going to be.

Ms. McPherson told that is correct. She told that last year when the levy was raised it dropped 9%.

Mr. Hendrick told that the potential could be someone who owns a truck that paid \$187 last year could pay almost another 50%.

Ms. McPherson replied yes. She told that if you use it in a business or do a schedule c you don't qualify and also if you claim mileage. She went over another chart with a basic car and it will be about a \$50 increase.

Mr. Hendrick told that people are looking at an increase whether we increase the levy or not. He asked if there is an estimate on when we will know.

Ms. McPherson replied no. She told that we are looking at 2500 to 3000 vehicles to go through manually.

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING - COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hendrick told that the County Budget was advertised with real estate at \$0.68 and personal property at \$2.30.

Mr. Hendrick opened the Public Hearing for the County Budget at 6:42 p.m.

Ms. McPherson told that from what she has heard people do not want to go up \$0.35 on personal property.

Mr. Hendrick told that was a conditional scenario.

Ms. Cannon told that the recommendation was \$0.15.

Mr. Hendrick told that the reason they were advertised higher is because there were items that they did not have money for and if the Board chooses they can use that money to do so.

Mr. Hendrick closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. He asked if anyone had any questions on the budget. He told that at the next meeting we will vote.

Mr. Martin told that at times our cash flow has been very low to the extent that we had to borrow money and asked if you see that happening again.

Ms. Cannon told that was before she started. She told this past year we were facing that decision in order to make it through tax collections. She told that she is hopeful that we won't be in that situation again. She told that a lot of things come in to play and there is some money to offset but if it is enough she can't say either way. She told that she is hopeful but cannot guarantee it.

(Order)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mr. Hendrick told that he has no update to provide other than they are actively interviewing candidates. He told that it does not appear that they will be announcing in July which was the original goal.

Mr. Martin asked if we might have someone hired by July.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is possible but to get someone sitting in the chair is another story.

(Order)

HB2

Mr. Hendrick told this is the second year as a new way of doing transportation funding. He told that you must submit projects and then they are ranked on a couple different items and the top score wins. He told that one pool you compete with the district and the other pool you compete statewide. He told last year we chose 2 projects and one of those scored very well and we are on the funding list. He told that we did hard scuffle and that project did not score well. He told that he has discussed with Ms. Hughes and the deadline this year is September 30th so we need to be brainstorming. He told that he has requested Ms. Hughes be here at the next meeting to discuss. He told that it makes it difficult that we don't have engineering department that specializing in transportation like other localities do.

Mr. Martin told that we should invite the Governor to travel north on 77 where it is back up to Fancy Gap from Ft. Chiswell and they might take a different look.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that Anne B. Crockett worked on that but she didn't run anymore so he hasn't heard anything about it.

Mr. Hendrick told that he will obtain an update from MRPDC.

(Order)

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Hendrick told that this is an appropriation to the School for \$575,502 and this stems from mainly basic aide funds as an increased ADM from what was budgeted.

Mr. Martin asked if they estimated their ADM for next year.

Mr. Hendrick told that it was from this year, this is based off of March ADM. He told that the funds increased from budget to actual.

Mr. Martin asked if they are asking for additional money.

Mr. Hendrick told that they are not asking for additional money, this money has come in due to an increase of funds from the State.

Mr. Martin asked if they know these numbers way before today.

Mr. Hendrick told that they probably had a pretty accurate number in September of last year but their final budget is based upon March 31 ADM.

Mr. Hill asked if this increases the total budget. He told that if we had these numbers when we were working on the budget we may have had some savings to the County. He told that during our discussions we found that they were underestimating. He told that regardless of what we do they will get the money. He asked what happens if we do not appropriate this money.

Ms. Cannon told that if you do not appropriate the additional money they will not be able to spend it, but they will still receive it.

Mr. Hill told that it is all based on composite index and we are 107 out of 134 and we are only required to spend \$6 million and we are spending about \$12 million. He told that we are in the top 75% and that is a concern to me especially when their numbers are not accurate. He told that during the budget part it was being under budgeting and that concerns him.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told to simplify it a little they are getting \$575,000 more than what they had already got.

Mr. Hill told that we could have saved the County \$575,000 if it had worked out in the budget process.

Ms. Cannon told that it is not unusual to have an adjustment, you are never going to have your ADM right on the money.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if there is usually that big a spread.

Ms. Cannon told that year before last they overestimated ADM and had a shortfall.

Mr. Hendrick told that this is about the size of the shortfall before and it was caught at the September reporting and they were able to gain throughout the year.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it is possible that they State will take the money back if it is not appropriated.

Mr. Cornwell told that he doesn't think they will let the County keep it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we could direct where the money could go.

Mr. Cornwell replied no.

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Mr. Phil McCraw told that even if we said we would like for them to spend it on something doesn't mean they have to.

Ms. Cannon told that the budget last year was based on 3620 and the actual was 3751 and the prior was 3820 and the actual was 3715.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if we get the numbers from the school system.

Mr. Hendrick replied yes.

Mr. Hill told that you can go to a website and they will give you all of the state funding.

Ms. Cannon told that the State comes up with their own estimate for the ADM and they are always off.

Mr. Martin told that what bothers him is he knew it was going to be a tight budget year and suddenly it wasn't as tight as it appears. He told that he knows without mentioning any names we had some folks on the Board that thought it was do or die and sweated blood to make the budget work out and it kind of puts a sour grapes taste in your mouth. He told that a \$500,000 mistake on our part is a whole lot of money.

Ms. Cannon told that she doesn't think it is a mistake.

Mr. Martin told that if you come in and say I found \$500,000 that would be a serious mistake and if the School Board comes and says we found a golden goose laying and have a nest of golden eggs that we didn't know about it makes you scratch your head. He asked what will it be next year.

Ms. Cannon told that we budgeted next year is 3720.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that this money has to be approved by us to be appropriated for them to have and if we don't do that the money is not coming to Carroll County, is that correct.

Ms. Cannon told that she can't answer that.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is a pretty good assumption.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked when we need to make this decision by.

Ms. Cannon told that she imagines they would like it done by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if that is why they waited until now.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that we have already approved the school budget, we appropriate this money it goes to the School Board to spend however they wish. He told that maybe we need to have a caviat that although we can't tell you how to spend it, next year when it comes budget time we will remember that you were appropriated the \$500,000 and we will take that into consideration. He told that he is not trying to control school money. He told that we had a public hearing tonight and he was shocked that no one spoke with a potential tax increase. He told the bottom line is QSCB caused our budget to be completely out of kilter which was put into place a few years ago. He told that now we all have to come up with ideas and solutions to get past this. He told that we don't need to turn our nose up to the money, we need to take it but make it public that next year's budget cycle we know the money went there. He told that we are talking about raising taxes and nobody likes it. He told that we have alot of citizens that are having a hard time right now and it will kill them. He told the money shows up at the last minute and it would be nice if we hadn't already passed the school budget and if the budget committee had know the whole process would have been different.

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Mr. Robbie McCraw told that his question would be if we had took \$575,000 off the school budget what would we be looking at in tax increases.

Mr. Hendrick replied zero.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is sorry, it makes him mad and gripes his butt to be honest with you. He told that he thinks they have done it and were deceitful about it.

Mr. Hill made a motion that we hold this until next month and have the School Board come discuss this.

Mr. Hendrick asked next month or next meeting.

Mr. Hill replied next meeting.

Mr. Phil McCraw seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill told that this is not unique to our county. He told that it seems like each county has issues with the School Board.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin told that his vote is with reservations and he expects somebody to be down here from the School Board office owning up to why the mistake was overlooked.

Mr. Hendrick told that he doesn't think it was a mistake. He told that it was brought up during the budget process and it was know that an ADM adjustment was going to happen, an amount was not known, an impact was not know and whether the money had already been spent was not known.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that our budget committee did an excellent job with what they had to work with. He told that sometimes you don't have all the information.

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Markel Cochran told that over a year ago he took some interest in the IDA and some of the projects they were funding and at that time he focused on Classic Creations which he thought was an incredible sweetheart deal. He told that in October of last year the four current members got a letter from him and the two new ones got it in November and he asked two questions in it, a \$5000 legal bill which he didn't understand and he also asked if this deal happens for anyone in the county or just when the County Administrator sits down with the Mayor of Hillsville. He told that he went to the IDA meeting Tuesday night and after 8 months he got an answer. He told that he pointed out that between Classic Creations, Andrews Farming, ANDCO and Va. Produce that at one time we had committed to \$3.5 million. He told that this was Tobacco Commission loans, some grants, loans that we made and loans that we backed. He told that he asked about the vetting process and the Chairman said Gary handled it all, there was no oversight. He told that Andrews had a grand opening October 2014 and by December 2014 they were not paying farmers and vendors and this continued through June 2015. He told that somehow in the middle of that in January 2015 one of the Tobacco Commission goals was capital investment. He told that they met that in January even though vendors were not being paid. He told that 14 months later they went bankrupt with no assets. He told that he thinks there is a problem with the Tobacco Commission and it was indicated to him that the capital had been met and we was off the hook on that.

He told that if this stuff existed in January what happened to it where no assets were listed or did it even exist. He told that he asked Fran how she determined it and she said it was information that was provided to her. He told that he thinks this needs to be looked into. He told that some of the assets, the limbs that we go out on, Andrews got a \$225,000 Tobacco Commission and part of the collateral was land that Carroll County owned and gave to ANDCO and the rest of it is vehicles which doesn't impress him. He told that he wonders if some of this stuff has wheels on it. He told that there has been an incredible lack of oversight and it has to be corrected. He told that it would be the right thing for Carroll to do is go back and see if we owe the Tobacco Commission. He told that according to the newspaper report, their liabilities are \$2.8 million and none of this would have ever happened if we hadn't put them in business, there is no way they could do this on their own. He told there needs to be some shaking up done because when one person for years had complete control. He told that personally he thinks Gary Larrowe run this county as if it were his own kingdom. He told that Nikki said she came on board and didn't have any idea what had went on in the past and the members didn't. He told that he has been angry about this for a long time and this is business as usual in Carroll County has got to stop. He told that there is \$2.8 million gone and we helped it leave.

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SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Martin told that he doesn't have anything to say.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates Mr. Cochran for bringing that to our attention. He told that he really appreciates what staff is doing to help us work through these things. He told that all of the Board is trying to make Carroll a better place but he has no tolerance for deceitfulness.

Mr. Hill told that he appreciates what Nikki has done especially with IDA. He told that she is on a learning curve to. He told that he has been going to the meetings and the first board goal we are working on and he thinks that is what you are talking about.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that it is good to see Fran and it is good to meet Everett.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates Mr. Cochran speaking and told that he can assure you that these are items that we have reviewed and the IDA is reviewing. He told that last 6 months has contained as many or more questions than answers as to why. He told that we appreciate concern. He told that he has preached involvement and we appreciate it.

(Order)

RECESS

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board recessed until June 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

VOTES

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

(Order)

June 13, 2016

Chairman

Clerk