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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, May 9, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

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

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:35 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. Robbie McCraw, 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, 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.

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	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill, 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	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Phil McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is good to have a good crowd out and they have mentioned several times that participation is good. He told that they are interested in hearing comments. He told that it looks like a shorter agenda but he believes it might turn lengthy.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hendrick told that we will remove Recreation Commission, move citizens time to the beginning, do the budget presentation after Friends of Hillsville and add a general discussion of personnel after the County Administrator position.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill 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	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 14, March 29 and April 11, 2016.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SEARCH AND RESCUE REQUEST

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Search and Rescue request to purchase a 1989 Ford F350 crash truck from Laurel Rescue Squad for \$7,500.

VOTES

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

(Order)

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the National County Government Month Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VRS RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the VRS Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

FIREWORKS AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Fireworks Agreement.

VOTES

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

(Order)

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Building Safety Month Proclamation.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SHERIFF APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$2,000 to the Sheriff's Office from a check received from Royce Publications.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SHERIFF APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$1,263 to the Sheriff's Office from DCJS Byrne Justice Block grant to purchase Lockout Tool Kits.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Lynn Spencer told that she would like to talk about high speed internet. She told that Carroll is considered to be a technological corridor, but Mitchell's Crossroads is not part of that. She told that she can see high speed from her home but she is not offered that. She told that she has satellite and that is not sufficient and she would like to see the Board help get high speed. She told that she called Century link when she moved back here and they told her 6 months but now they say maybe three years. She told that there is a switch that can be bought for \$13,000 that would give them high speed and she is hoping that the Board can look into it.

Mr. Martin told that he thought we had it countywide also.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is one of two topics that he receives comments on. He told that it is not just Mitchells Crossroads, it is multiple areas.

Ms. Spencer told that Comcast has given work order numbers but they do no good.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is something that the Board has entertained and has partnered with the Wired Road but there are still a lot of areas that still don't have internet.

Ms. Spencer told that Morgan Griffith is very interested in it because he has called me about it. She told that it is something that needs to come to Carroll.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if the Governor released some kind of funds for internet.

Ms. Cannon told that he did. She told that the Wired Road received funding and it is intended to connect the fiber gap from Crossroads to Hillsville.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that they are interested and they have made several trips to Richmond to ask about it and have been told a lot of different things and it has yet to happen. He told that he is not sure that staff can do anything since Congressman Griffith is already involved.

Ms. Spencer told that since Century Link says since all it costs is a \$13,000 switch is that not something that the Board can look into.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that they can check into it if it is actually true. He told that his concern with that is wonder how many other areas in Carroll need a switch. He told that if we could just spend \$13,000 and get internet for the whole county he would make a motion tonight but he is afraid it is much bigger than that. He told that he thinks everyone needs internet.

Ms. Spencer told that if we don't she thinks the Wired Road should come down and the Technology Corridor should come down because if we don't have high speed internet to everyone in the county then that is a hoax.

Mr. Martin asked if we could ask Nikki to connect with the Congressman's office.

Mr. Hendrick told that if we can hear from a company rep.

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Mr. Phil McCraw told that it would be good to hear from a company rep to see how many switches we would really need.

Ms. Cannon told that she used to live on Mitchell's Crossroads and had satellite internet so she understands the pains and lives in a different community now and has Comcast now but still can't have Century link. She told that if we did a poll of the county of who didn't have it there would be many.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it would be beneficial for Century Link to provide it, they would make money.

Mr. Hendrick told the only other provider is Citizens and they only come so far.

(Order)

FRIENDS OF HILLSVILLE - TOURISM DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Mr. Greg Crowder told that the Friends of Hillsville and the Town of Hillsville are interested in branding our community. He told that they hired the best guy to give some insight on what we can do.

Mr. Buzz Bizzell told that they design and develop way signage all over the United States and it is always amazing how someone can look at a sign and call and want to know where they got it. He told that it shows how powerful the signs are. He told that the main focus is to design signage. He presented a powerpoint with several other towns and communities that have examples of signage that they have designed.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the Friends of Hillsville looking at doing.

Mr. Crowder told that they are looking at Phase I which is the way finding signs.

Mr. Hendrick asked if a general concept been prepared for Hillsville.

Mr. Bizzell showed the general concept of the signs they have prepared. He told that it is based on VDOT approval but they produce all of the paperwork for that. He told that for Phase I there would be about 13 signs and they design to a budget.

Mr. Hendrick asked if a budget has been established.

Mr. Crowder told that we would have to get together and pick out signs if this is something that you are interested in. He told that they range from not very expensive to something that we would not even consider.

Mr. Martin told that something that you may consider is adding a bar code at the bottom of the sign that you can access with your phone.

Mr. Bizzell told that they do that on the parking signs.

Mr. Hendrick asked the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to take a look at it but he is not sure we have the funds to do it.

Mr. Hendrick told that he can appoint a committee to look and report back to the Board.

Ms. Cannon told that she would like to incorporate Tourism to make sure that we are not working against a brand and maybe Maintenance.

Mr. Hendrick asked if Mr. Hill would be willing.

Mr. Hill told that he would.

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Mr. Hendrick told that if he could work with Amanda, Ricky and the Friends of Hillsville.

Mr. Bissell told that there is a lot of cars everywhere here and he would be surprised.

Mr. Hendrick told that we appreciate you coming.

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COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Cannon told that she is pleased to present the proposed budget. She told that the county faced several budget challenges this year, including a \$1.25 million payment for the Phase III renovations, increased costs in personnel mainly dealing with health insurance and the final \$220,000 payment for the 2017 reassessment. She told that one of the biggest challenges is we don't have the reserves to bridge the gap in the budget any longer. She told that it has always been a budget philosophy that we don't use fund balance to budget but we have consistently done that over the past three years and those reserves are no longer there. She told that leaves the county with three options to balance the budget, to increase taxes or fees, reduce services provided or redistribute resources. She told that the redistribute resources option was exhausted at the end of 2016 as the county cut expenditures in every area it could. She told that going into this she thinks we all knew that there might be a slight tax increase this year. She reviewed each of the slides and told that some of the differences are an increase in delinquent tax collections, less budgeted in miscellaneous revenue and that is where your fund balance is. She told that there is a slight decrease in recovered costs and a large percentage of that is PSA, revenue from the state is down and that is due to grants being completed. She told we did a regional comparison on the tax rates to see where we are and reviewed those and told that right now we are 3rd highest on real estate and 3rd lowest on personal property. She told that as you are looking at the tax rates there is a big difference in real estate and personal, on real estate one cent is worth \$215,000 and one cent on personal property is \$18,000. She told that brings her to the recommendation on personal property tax, the budget committee spent some time and compared and we started off with an astronomical shortfall. She told that we got to the point where we thought there wasn't any more to be had. She told that the recommendation is to raise the personal property tax rate from \$1.95 to \$2.10 and that is still going to leave us with the 3rd lowest in the region. She told that on real estate the recommendation is to increase from \$0.66 to \$0.67. She told that on expenditures it includes \$350,000 for a new phone system and \$220,000 for the reassessment and there was only a \$239,000 increase meaning that there were a lot of cuts in a lot of departments. She told that in public safety is down \$283,000 and there is a fire truck in there. She told that in education there is a \$765,000 decrease and it is not all CCPS but that number was very hard to get to and was very helpful to the County. She told that it does not mean that it is different from your overall budget.

Mr. Martin told that when you do dollar to dollar comparisons it is not quite that simple like Wythe has Pepsi and Gatorade. He told that some counties they haven't done one thing to school construction and sometimes when you do nothing you have nothing to show for it.

Ms. Cannon told that the health insurance rate went up again this year and they dropped the key advantage expanded and added a lower priced option. She told that this is the last year of the VRS contribution. She told that there is a state approved cost of living for constitutionals in December with an adjustment for compression in the Sheriff's Department. She told that there is \$350,000 for the phone system and \$220,000 for the reassessment and a \$200,000 economic development incentive. She told the PSA went down a little bit for debt service and the Social Services allocation went down significantly. She told that after readjusting our figures it left us with around a \$400,000 shortfall so you have a recommendation in front of you on the tax rate. She told that the things that were not funded in the budget were 5 school buses, which we would all like to see happen, the A&E on the attached gym and the 2nd year of fire equipment and

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apparatus. She told that what was not funded is about \$1.1 million. She told that any changes will have to be made through an additional increase.

Mr. Martin told that he knows everyone sweated blood and he greatly admires and respects all but it is a bitter sauerkraut that our school buses are so old. He told that the high school gym is now 50 years old and he doesn't know any that go that far and as long as its not his house that is not on fire he can live with the fire truck.

Ms. Cannon told that during a meeting with the school they discussed this as well and she is not giving up. She told that we have financed buses outside of the budget process in the past so she hasn't given up hope on these projects. She told that we can't meet our own CIP. She told that capital is the first thing to go.

Mr. Martin told that the good thing is interest free money but then you got to pay it back.

Mr. Hendrick told that the goal was to get to zero deficit with no tax increase and then if we didn't have the three items the committee was prepared to ask for a tax increase for those items. He told that he was going to ask for a finance option on buses and fire truck. He told that it was a priority.

Ms. Cannon told that she looked at different options, for the school buses it would be around \$52,000 annual payment and for the pumper it would be about \$64,000 taking total needs down to \$251,566.

Dr. Littrell asked if that is interest and principal.

Ms. Cannon told that is total cost.

Mr. Hendrick told that it would be about \$250,000 additional.

Mr. Martin told that he would challenge anyone to tell him it is safe for the kids to walk down the sidewalk to the building and it gnaws at him. He told that he has two great nieces for the next 4 or 5 years and it bothers him that they are safer in an elementary school and it just isn't right.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that personally he would rather see a larger increase in personal property. He told that if you do that you are taxing everyone not just real estate owners. He told that we are really low in comparison to other counties.

Ms. Cannon told that if you want to eliminate the one cent you are looking at 12 more cents on personal property. She told that the collection rate on personal property is lower than it is on real estate so you will have to bump it up a little.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he understands that and maybe we need to be a little more aggressive. He told that he sees it as being a little more fair across the board. He told that when you look at the surrounding areas like Bland they are at \$2.29 and they are much smaller than use. He told that it is a better way to collect than real estate.

Dr. Littrell told that he voted for it last year but wasn't for it to reduce the real estate by 2 cents. He told that getting back to where we were may be a good idea.

Mr. Hill told that Wythe County has lower property tax and that may be why they have businesses and we don't.

Mr. Martin told that from firsthand knowledge the windmills are in a different stage now and are meeting with folks and have expanded the area. He told that they are making offers to land owners for long term leases. He asked how we can tax those.

Mr. Durbin told that he would have to look at that and let you know.

Ms. Cannon told that we will have the Commissioner of Revenue to look into it.

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Mr. Hendrick told the last time we looked he thinks it was Machinery & Tools.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if the number we had for delinquent tax collection is just a percentage of what is actually delinquent.

Ms. Cannon told that is correct.

Dr. Littrell told that Mr. Martins idea on the windmills are good and it might fall under machinery & tools and the General Assembly has been trying to remove. He told that on the revenue page there is a reduction on use of property.

Ms. Cannon told that it is general county interest.

Dr. Littrell asked if we can increase it.

Ms. Cannon told that it is a better reflection of what we have been collecting. She told that there is some talk about trying to increase that number.

Mr. Hendrick told that last 2 budget cycles we have aimed for the \$200,000.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you all have done a heck of a job putting this together.

Ms. Cannon told that it has not been easy.

Mr. Martin asked if there are any counties that have gone to twice a year collection.

Ms. Cannon told that there are jurisdictions that have it. She told that it is not usually a trend you see happening.

Mr. Hendrick told that they discussed it and due to lack of time there are items they didn't cover and this is one of them. He told that Bonita is gathering some preliminary information on that topic.

Ms. Cannon told that she would like to thank Rex and Josh for their work and heavy lifting. She told that it was a difficult process and they have been right there with her. She told that she will need authorization to advertise and for the tax rates.

Dr. Littrell told that it is his understanding that you can go below the advertised rate but you can not go above.

Ms. Cannon told that is correct.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to hear from someone from the School about these cuts.

(Order)

SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Hendrick told that you have heard the recommendations. He told that they all have been back and forth with school administration. He told that they offer no changes to their presentation in the total amounts.

Mr. Martin told that he requests that someone from the School to speak.

Dr. Blankenship told that it has been a tough year and to tell you the kind of cuts you are talking about are not going to hurt, he can't tell you that but they are going to be good members of the community. He told that it is something they have all agreed on and they will live with it.

Mr. Brian Spencer told that not having wireless does impede on our teaching and does keep us from doing some programs that we would like to do. He told that he would encourage you to help with that. He told that if we were funding less to New River maybe we could fund more into other programs. He told that every year we look at the reality of a cut instead of an investment.

Dr. Blankenship told that the schools have internet, he is talking about when the kids go home.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2017 Carroll County Public School operating budget in the amount of \$42,536,998.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2017 School Debt Service budget in the amount of \$4,815,172.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2017 Food Services budget in the amount of \$2,924,598.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved and appropriated the Fiscal Year 2017 School Textbook fund in the amount of \$200,500.

VOTES

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

(Order)

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BUDGET/TAX RATES

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Mr. Hendrick told that his recommendation is to advertise the rate higher than what you think it is going to be. He told that with doing that you will solicit more comments.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked what the budget committee thinks those numbers should be.

Ms. Cannon told her recommendation is \$2.30 on personal property and \$0.02 on real estate.

Mr. Hendrick told that allows to go either option and gives us room to entertain ideas.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to advertise for a public hearing on June 13, 2016 and to advertise proposed budget and tax rates.

Mr. Hendrick told that the only changes would be personal property from \$1.95 to \$2.30 and real estate from \$0.66 to \$0.68 and the other rates unchanged.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Mr. Hendrick told that you have a paper copy of the proposed changes. He told that these are prioritized by ADT. He told that there are also three additions that would qualify that stemmed from the Public Hearing.

Mr. Martin told that some are in bold print.

Mr. Hendrick told that those are the new ones that were discussed during the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hill asked if that number is to the right.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is under AADT.

Mr. Hill told that they are not in numerical number here.

Mr. Hendrick told that anything that has already received monies are the first 10 priorities and they were unchanged. He told that starting with number 11 it should be by traffic count.

Mr. Martin told that there are many roads in Laurel Fork and Pine Creek that may not have a large traffic count because they are more rural but they are paying \$1 million to PSA for water projects and a lot of those people will never see water. He told that going strictly by road count may not be kosher in a lot of ways.

Mr. Hendrick told that we can do them first if you want to. He told that his personal opinion is anything outside of facts is politics. He told if you want to build a road program with politics then that is the Boards pleasure. He told that if Ms. Hughes came and said she has statistics based off of crash data, great but with politics there are roads all through the county that people will want fixed and it is who you are friends with. He told that is an option but not one that he recommends.

Mr. Martin told that he agrees 100%.

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Mr. Hendrick told that if the Board said they wanted to do so many per district or revolving. He told he just through this out there because he is a numbers person.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that we all want them in our districts but it gets into the political aspect.

Mr. Hendrick told that we used to do a 6 year outlook. He told that he doesn't know where we are at on that from VDOT. He told that we have 30 routes on here and they may be funded or apply for funding within those 6 years. He told that one caution is if we add these three routes before the next cycle we need to look at the funding window and see if we can apply funds.

Mr. Martin told that there have been times when even the 6 year road plan was a 12 year plan.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that 2 years ago VDOT was told there was going to be more money and that all changed.

Mr. Hendrick told that we need to adopt something tonight for VDOT.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that the 3 roads that are highlighted were recently added.

Mr. Hendrick told that is correct.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he thinks we should take those out and stick with what we had.

Mr. Hendrick told that the priorities changed with the traffic count.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to leave the three roads in there.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked about leaving them in there but moving them back on the list and not putting them in front of the ones that have been on here.

Mr. Hendrick told that it does raise a good question. He told that not a lot of planning thought has been put into these routes because of funding.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he is looking at one that has been moved down considerably. He told that the people are not here tonight but they were coming religiously.

Mr. Hendrick told that he just put an option out there. He told that this is the first constructive conversation we have had about this since he has been on the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Six Year Road Plan as presented tonight including the recommendations of the addition of the three roads and put in order by ADT.

Mr. Hendrick told that this changes all of the priorities and he wants to make sure you are aware of that.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that as a former VDOT Engineer what do you think is best.

Mr. Hendrick told that he has already said his thought that you look at statistics and traffic counts because that is the largest impact to the community.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that next year we really need to put some thought into this beforehand.

Mr. Hendrick told that was what he hoped to do this time. He told you are looking at supplying funds to 3 projects this year.

VOTES

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

(Order)

BOARD GOALS

Dr. Littrell told that he has a few that he has questions about, some are prerty general but in 1C, require training for all members. He told that Board members are elected and he doesn't think that we can force them to be trained although it would be preferable.

Mr. Hendrick told that these are only suggestions that Mr. Hill made.

Mr. Martin asked what if you change from require to recommend.

Dr. Littrell told that 4A and B how are we going to survey the residents and how much that is going to cost because we are short on money and 6C reduce dependence on paid EMS, that is a great goal but every locality in the Commonwealth is having a hard time getting volunteers.

Mr. Hendrick told that he thinks number 1 of Rex's should be a priority all by itself and do away with a,b and c. He told that this has been a theme that a lot of new folks have talked about. He told that number 2 is mentioned in the current one. He told that one change he would make on the current is where it says with an emphasis on delinquent tax collection, he would remove that because that is not the only thing we are doing. He told that number 3 on the suggested is in 1D and our most recent Economic Development announcements has not had anything to do with BRCEDA. He told that you can add a new one to retain businesses and expand. He told that number 4 on the suggested falls under the current one. He told that number 5 is like attracting new business but you could spell out agriculture, but we have other potentials as well. He asked how detailed you want these to be. He told that nobody has wanted to talk about them so either we talk about them or we put them off till June.

Mr. Hill told that he likes the suggestions.

Mr. Martin told that he has always liked to keep it simple.

Mr. Hendrick asked if they want him to put these two together and give you something to vote on. He told that we will vote on it next time.

(Order)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mr. Hendrick told that they are still conducting interviews. He told that after that they will start round two.

Mr. Martin asked if round two would be to select out of a group.

Mr. Hendrick told that it would be smaller than the first time. He told that it has been a little hectic getting them scheduled.

Ms. Cannon asked if round two would be within the next 15 days.

Mr. Hendrick told that yes, two or more members would be meeting within the next 15 days for closed session at an undisclosed location, at an undisclosed time for the purpose of conducting interviews for the County Administrator position.

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Junior Vass told that this has been the longest drawn out meeting that he has been to in years. He told that the Friends of Hillsville signs as far as he is concerned the County don't need to be involved in it, there is not a restaurant or motel in the County and they don't need to be spending money on it. He told on the School Budget and the County budget he thinks he can find \$1 million out of \$42 million and the County coming up short \$400,000 he can't see why the money can't be found. He told that he knows it can be found, he knows how it is done and he thinks you need to adjust all that it should have been done by now. He told that he is going to have to adjust his budget on a \$1300 Social Security check. He told that on the 6 year Road Plan you kicked that all around and nothing is going to happen, they can't even fill the pot holes. He told that he would like to see the taxes stay the same or reduced. He told the County Administrator position you have a lady over here that is doing the position and he thinks you should consider her. He told that we need a County Administrator but you don't need all the assistants. He told that you hired a person to be the Engineer and she is good but when he went to get some information he talked to her assistant. He told that you have more people than you need.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Martin told that he is glad everyone is here. He told that he appreciates Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Hill's work on the budget.

Dr. Littrell told that it has been a good meeting with some good comments. He told that he will not be here for the June meeting, but he will be thinking about everyone.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that echos what Bob said about the work on the budget. He told that it is a thankless job. He thanked everyone for being here tonight.

Mr. Hill told that Nikki done an excellent job putting the numbers together and he appreciates the work.

Mr. Phil McCraw he appreciates all the work on the budget and he thanks everyone for coming out.

Mr. Hendrick told that Rex and Nikki did a lot more work than he did. He told that thanks go out to all departments on the work. He told that he is pretty informal and a lot of folks don't know how to take him. He told that he has asked for help and that is the theme for everyone to work together. He told that he has heard open government everywhere. He told that a 3 hour meeting is open government. He told that we either have open government with a 3 hour meeting or he can cover it all before we get here and we can be out in 15 minutes.

Mr. Martin told that open government is best.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he totally agrees.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates.

Ms. Cannon told that you all are invited to the Pipers Gap Open House and she can send an email reminder.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

May 9, 2016

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk