

March 12, 2018

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, March 12, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Bob Martin  
Phillip McCraw  
Robbie McCraw  
Joe Webb  
Steve Truitt, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

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

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, 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, A5, A8).

Mr. Durbin explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

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.

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.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 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. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board came out of Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, 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. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

The invocation and pledge were led by the Boy Scouts who are here for their Citizenship Badge.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it is good to see everyone tonight. He told that it is good to have a crowd and we are in the middle of our budget session and that is probably why most of you are here.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Phillip McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the agenda

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 12, 2018, February 26, 2018 with the changes noted.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

**RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Right of Way Easement with the Town of Hillsville.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Right of Way Easement with the Town of Hillsville.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CLERK RECORD PRESERVATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for a grant received by the Clerk of Court in the amount of \$11,730.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CCFR**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer from Pipers Gap Reimbursement to CCFR EMS commissions.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer from maintenance to other contingency to cover the cost of advertising delinquencies.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**AMERICORP RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Americorp Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**MELISSA DEAL – FREE CLINIC**

Ms. Deal told that she has been the Executive Director since April 2017 and started out as an intern. She introduced her Board of Directors and told their current occupations. She told that Carroll County is unrepresented on the Board and she would like to rectify that. She told the clinic was founded in 1991 by Dr. Pryor and Dr. Wilson and they opened in August 1992 and since that time they have been in several different locations and they moved to the current location in 2010. She told that she distributed a packet to each of you. She reviewed the qualifications to be seen at the clinic and told they had a 2% growth from 2016 to 2017 which doesn't sound like a lot, but they are only open 3 days. She told they received a grant to help with their dental clinic and reviewed the number of patients have seen in the past year. Carroll County citizens make up 29% of the 483 patients. She reviewed the expenses which include payroll, rent, payroll taxes and various others including medical expenses. She told that they would like to hire a part time nurse practitioner and take some burden off of the hospital and to hire more nurses. She told they would also like to do in house labs, where now they have to send patients to the hospital to have labs.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what we need to do to get someone on the Board of Directors.

Ms. Deal responded to call her, and she will email an application and you just come to the next meeting and they will vote on getting you approved. She thanked the Board for their support and told she looks forward to working with them in the future.

Mr. Martin asked if they meet during the day.

Ms. Deal told that it is usually in the evening about 6 times a year.

Mr. Martin told that he is receptive to serving.

(Order)

**TWIN COUNTY UNITED WAY**

Ms. Holbrook with United Way told that she is here to ask you to renew your support and wants to give you an update of the organization. She told they are regional and they focus on health, education and financial stability. She told they do a cradle to career approach and she will be focusing on the middle school component which is called Ignite. She told they are working really hard to educate the students about the jobs that we have here in Southwest Virginia, so they can stay here. She told Ignite is a career awareness program and it is to bridge the gap between the student and the school and they use an app called Power school and the students are able to use it beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She told the Department of Education requires students to have a written plan in place and that is why they start so young. She told they do a hands-on experience for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and they had over 80 employers there who did a 5-minute hands on activity. She told that they also hear from employers about the need for soft skill training, so this focuses in on that with curriculum called Skills to pay the bills. She told they also work with the Extension Office to do the Reality Store where the students get a career and have to live within the means of what their paycheck is. She told they are serving 2042 students in Carroll right now. Ms. Holbrook played a video that shows the Career Expo. She told they still have the Backpacks Unite Program and that is in 34 school serving over 1100 students and they have it at Gladeville and Oakland. She told that last year you all invested \$5000 in the Financial Stability Center and they have fully launched that, and they are serving clients. She told that she is happy to answer questions.

Mr. Webb told that he drives a bus and was lucky enough to take a group of students to the Expo and it was awesome. He told the biggest complaint is there wasn't enough time and he wonders if the funds come in could you divide it up more so there is more time.

Ms. Holbrook told that was the number one comment that people wanted more time. She told they are pushing through over 4000 students in 2 days and they have tried to figure out how to make it longer, but the employers just can't do that, so they have repositioned the Expo and are making changes that will add extra time in several places. She told that they are also looking at extending it into the evening, so parents and others can come.

Mr. Webb told that it was very well done. He told that VA Produce was there.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if the backpack program is successful in Gladeville and Oakland.

Ms. Holbrook told that it is. She told that they work with Food City to leverage their investment. She told that they have local sponsors that help pay for the food and put it together. She told that it is sent out every Friday and they leave it up to the teachers to decide who need it.

Mr. Martin told that he retired from the School system and you would think there are no hungry kids, but they had children that they figured out they would get their food and immediately come back through the line and they were getting food to take home. He told they worked with churches and tried to do back packs to go home. He told there are a lot of situations where kids don't eat. He told that on a 2-hr. delay they would still serve breakfast because some of the kids ate at 5 and wouldn't have eaten in 16 hours. He told that another problem is everyone says industry and they dealt with several things tonight that would bring jobs into the County and that is all he can say but it is not only bringing in employers, but you have to have people to work and he applauds efforts for soft skills.

Dr. Littrell told that Oakland United Methodist Church partner with Oakland School on the backpacks and his wife is over that and has done it for about 5 years and she really appreciates your all's help.

(Order)

### **FEEDING AMERICA**

Ms. Jenny Doud told that she is here to thank you for your past support and to speak about our collaboration together and to request funding for the next fiscal year. She told that Feeding America is one of 200 food banks across the country and they are independently owned and serve 26 counties in Southwest Virginia. She told that people do the best that they can but there are 10% that they consider food insecure. She told that they are happy to be in this community in 3 different programs and the one she will speak most about tonight is the mobile food pantry which is direct distribution to people in need. She told that it began in 2012 and right now serves 9 distributions in Southwest Virginia and the one at St. Paul School is the one in Carroll County. She told they bring in a mobile truck with the food loaded and they distribute the food. She told there is a brochure in your packet and there are pictures of the people lined up. She told they use donated food primarily and they are trying to improve the type of food so that it is healthier. She told that your community also offers volunteers to help distribute the food and it averages over 400 individuals per month. She told they are asking for \$5000 which is about 15% of the cost and they distribute every month and if they miss because of snow they add additional food the next time they come. She told that 96% of donations go straight to the program. She told they have a large warehouse in Roanoke and they send trucks to the Abingdon site to be redistributed. She told that they will be distributing tomorrow if you would like to see the operation underway. She thanked you for your support.

Mr. Martin told that hungry children don't learn as well.

Ms. Doud told that is right and the back-pack program is very important, and they received a grant to do that in far Southwest Virginia. She told that they are all for shortening the line.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the qualifications are.

Ms. Doud told it depends on the site, if it is USDA you have to qualify through applications but on others if you come and you need food you will get it. She told on those they leave it up to the coordinator.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked who the contact is at St. Paul.

Ms. Doud told that it is Karen Rippey.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if it is always on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Doud told she thinks it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

(Order)

### **PUBLIC HEARING – CSA**

Mr. Robbie McCraw opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Ms. Teresa Isom told that she is here tonight to request a supplement for CSA due to the high number of children in foster care their budget of \$1.6 will be exceeded by \$1,154,304 with the local match being \$397,080.58. She told the packet has information about CSA which includes policies, referral form with a fake name, a summary of CSA and a service plan that everyone has to fill out. She told that these are cases where they need the help and it is mandated and we have to do it. She told a lot are children who have been removed from the phone. She told that she is the Director of Social Services, but she is here and only here because she is the Chairman and fiscal agent for CPMT, Social Services is not asking for any type of supplement it is the Children's Services Act. She told that members sit on this team and try to determine what services are needed. The two years she has been on the team they have worked hard to keep requests and mandates within the budget, but it is very hard to do. She told that they would like you to come sit in and listen to some of these cases and you will see why the funding is so high and why there is a need.

Mr. Martin told the \$1.1 million request, we pick up a % of that.

Ms. Isom told that it goes from 29% up higher so they averaged it out to 34% because less reimbursement being sent in.

Mr. Martin told that it is hard to project but if you see that it is running high could you get it to us as soon as possible.

Ms. Isom told that is the million-dollar question.

Mr. Martin told that it is hard to argue not taking care of children.

Ms. Isom that just about every year each team is asking for supplements around this area. She told that in foster care we get some in and we get some out, but it is always hard to tell. She told she can come earlier. She told that Jackie is a wizard.

Mr. Martin asked if the foster children from this area going out.

Ms. Isom told that we have 13 in locally approved foster homes. She told we have 9 to 10 in Richmond and beyond.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the biggest factor for foster care is.

Ms. Isom replied drugs. She told that on foster care they have diverted 126 children out of foster care by placing with family.

Ms. Cannon told that she would like to do introductions from the FAPT Team.

Mr. Andrew Petty told that he works with Mt. Rogers and wanted to speak about CSA and bring mention to the community-based services that they provide. He told there are multiple agencies in the area that provide community-based services and the county match for that is actually 14.55%. He told they try to intervene before it gets to outside placement. He told that ICC saves a lot of money and they can get kids home quicker and more effectively. He told that we have been seeing more kids in foster care recently because of some of the drug factors.

Ms. Becky Radcliff told that she is the Services Supervisor at DSS.

Mr. Doug Garvey told that he is with Court Services and they have invested a lot of resources from closing Detention Centers recently that have saved CSA a lot of money. He told they have spent over \$100,000 on it. He told that he would like to commend Ms. Isom and Ms. Radcliff for their hard work for keeping kids out of foster care.

Mr. Martin asked on the Correctional Centers, he has a son in law enforcement and has had the pleasure of riding with him to take children to the far reaches, where do children go to detention centers.

Mr. Garvey told that we still have one in Richmond and we have converted some detention homes and community placement so kids are moved out of the old prisons into community placement and the state has allowed us to reinvest those funds and we are able to use on kids locally that are working with the court and they don't have to go through CSA and it saves the county money also. He told that it is a quicker response, so the kids get the services more quickly.

Ms. Beth Roper told that she is with Family Preservation and they provide services similar to Mt. Rogers and they try to meet the needs. She told that one of the dilemmas they face is the mandated funds take up so much of the budget that there is very little for preventative and if we could find a way to flip that everyone would benefit. She told that they also offer Virtual Residential Program that is very intensive, and you take a residential setting and bring it to the home, so you set the requirement and kind of take over the home. She told you set what the child can do, who they can be around, what they can watch, and you train the parents to do the same and it is much less expensive than a residential setting. She told there is a team that goes into the home anywhere from 4-6 staff members, so you have a combination of services.

Ms. Angela Shupe told she works with Mt. Rogers and she serves on CPMT. She told those are difficult days and they are required to participate but they care to participate. She told that they get there early and stay late and talk about needs that are important and then they talk about what they can afford. She told that a lot of work goes into this money. She told there is a lot of no's and a lot of family's that leave with needs unmet.

Mr. Garvey told that he has been on this team since 1993 and the need has increased with the rise of the drug situation. He told that you need to carve out time to come listen to the problems. He told that we do the best we can and are very responsible with the money.

Ms. Radcliff told that she has only been here a year, but they have started a prevention program at DSS and we can take referrals from the court to help prevent some of these cases, but they work really hard to get that running and they work hard with Court Services. She told they are getting 4 to 5 referrals a month so that keeps them away from CSA.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is on the Social Services Board and it is an eye-opening experience and he has attended CPMT and FAPT and he encourages everyone to go sit it. He told they are in a hard situation because we don't have people who are willing to do Foster Care anymore. He told he doesn't want anyone to think we are trying to bear down but it is so hard when these unexpected expenses come up. He told that Jackie does do a good job at unencumbering expenses.

Dr. Littrell told that the home-based counseling is listed as \$60 per hour, is that private counseling or is it provided through Social Services.

Ms. Isom told that is through Mt. Rogers or Family Preservation, they don't get an additional \$60 per hour. She told this is in addition to what Social Services does.

Dr. Littrell asked what that number is roughly for the year.

Ms. Cannon told for Home Based Counseling it was \$4770.

Mr. Hill told if you can get Jackie to send those expenditures monthly that is very helpful.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that she has been sending them to him.

Ms. Isom told that it is also in the CPMT packet year to date.

Mr. Robbie McCraw closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell the Board approved the Budget Amendment for CSA.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**ROOFTOP OF VIRGINIA**

Ms. Chris Thompson told she is the Director and they work with low income families on several different services. She told that they report to an 18 members board and they have 29 staff in Carroll County with a total of 91 employees. She told that before the regular office hours begin the Headstart program opens at 6:00 a.m. and the children are 6 weeks to 3 years old and also have 3-5-year olds. She told they work with families and the children and they have a headstart program in Cana and one in Hillsville. She told about 50% of the total headstart program is in Carroll County. She told that the doors open at 8 and they work with all different types of people on several issues. She told they require budget classes. She went over several of the different programs they offer and how each of them work. She told they use local funding to supplement funds obtained by grants. She told that one of their clients agreed to come and they did the loan repackaging.

Ms. Angel told that she has two kids both who are in Headstart and Rooftop is helping them get a loan to get them a new home with the room that they need, and she wouldn't trade it for the world.

Mr. Martin told that children come into school without Headstart are at a tremendous disadvantage. He told Rooftop does a lot of services for infants and they work close with the School. He told one time they had a program in the summer where they would employ kids in the school.

Ms. Thompson told that it is now done by People Inc.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciates the job that you do.

Mr. Hill asked if they work with Social Services on the toy drive.

Ms. Thompson told that they do.

(Order)

### **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

Ms. Leigh Ogle told that the Resource Center has been around since 1983 providing services to families who have experienced domestic violence, sexual violence or child abuse and neglect. She told there is no fee for the services and what they request from you to help match the grants and they are asking you for .004%. She told that Carroll receives approximately 20% of the services they provide. She told that most of their work is invisible to the community, but they have good relationships with referral services. She told they don't look for income requirements, if you need services you get them. She told that in the last 3 years they had the license clinical therapist receive her trauma stress treatment certification and there are less than 10 of those in the state and it is a major thing for folks in our area. She told they also have 4 advocates who have trauma certification. Ms. Ogle shared a story of a family who came about 4 years ago fleeing domestic violence with four children. She told that the violence escalated, and the son began to step between the parents, so something had to change, and they went into individual shelter. They got protective orders and got counseling services and they eventually got housing on their own. On her way here, she checked on the family to see how they were doing and the son is working full time and going to college and the family is thriving. She told they appreciate how you all have supported them.

Mr. Martin told they dealt with situation after situation in school that was pitiful. He asked how much Carroll gave last year.

Ms. Ogle told she thinks it was around \$3800.

Ms. Cannon told it was \$3898 and the request this year is \$5000.

(Order)

### **ARTS AND CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Ms. Romanowski told that she will try to be entertaining being the Arts and Cultural Council. She told that she has been with them since 2010. She told that the Arts Council tries to present a balanced slate within Galax, Carroll and Grayson. She named all of the Board members and told that in Carroll County they have Empty Bowls each year where students make bowls and they serve soup, bread and dessert and you receive one of those bowls. She told this is their way of giving back and all of what they receive goes to the Ministerial Association Food Pantry. In the past 7 years they have returned over \$12,000 to Carroll County. She invited everyone to come to First United Methodist Church and attend the event. She told you also have arts in the school where, arts alive where artisans demonstrate their craft to the students. She told there is the Carmichael Scholarship awarded to a Carroll County student each year and they are doing after school arts programs. She told that there is a Carroll County student in Shrek right now and he wants to do a theatre for young actors, ages 15 – 30 so that there is another opportunity outside of the school. She told she could go on, but she doesn't want to take up more time. She told that you have supported us with a match to a grant and it is important to them. She told that she hopes you will continue to support our efforts.

Mr. Martin told that there were times when he coordinated events.

Ms. Romanowski told that the Barter players loved coming.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciates what they do.

(Order)

### **BRAIN INJURY SERVICES**

Ms. Pam Hall told she is the Case Manager and they have been in existence since 2000. She told that how it came about is Mr. & Mrs. Rooker had a son and he was out playing in the backyard and he had a rope and he accidentally hung himself and acquired a brain injury from that. She told when they went to get help they ended up driving to Roanoke and even to Richmond, so she went before the General Assembly and made it her goal to bring services to Southwest Virginia. She told that she works with brain injury clients, a lot are from vehicle accidents, shaken baby syndrome, strokes and other things. She told that she goes to them to see them in their environment. Ms. Hall told that they appreciated the funding that you are giving us, there are 9 people that she serves in Carroll County. She told that she brought Patricia Nester with her and her son has a brain injury.

Ms. Nester told that 3 ½ years ago her son suffered a massive heart attack and her whole life just stopped. She told that he couldn't walk and couldn't communicate, and Ms. Hall has got her in contact with other resources. She told that he would not have come as far as he has without her. She told that she hopes you will help them out. She told they have also started caregivers click where she can get online and talk to others in the same situation.

(Order)

### **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

Ms. Diana Blackburn told that she is with Round the Mountain and their funding request comes to you through the Friends of Southwest Virginia which is part of the Cultural Heritage Foundation. She told that the requesting funds are split between 3 organizations, 35% go to Round the Mountain. 35% to the Crooked Road and 30% go to Friends of Southwest Virginia. She told that Amanda Parris is a Board member and they really appreciate the time that she gives us. She told that she is going to talk about Round the Mountain and they work to support the artisans through marketing, education and entrepreneurial opportunities. She told their membership is around 320 and she wanted to share a story about an artisan who was chosen as a featured artisan at Primeland. She told that she got to tell her story and make tumblers for all the participants. She told that there is an artisan community to make a living. She told that the Hands-On handout it tells about the economic impact and she reviewed the other things in the packet.

Mr. Jack Henslewood told he is the Director of the Crooked Road and this is a labor of love for him. He told that Carroll County has one of the richest musical heritage stories that you can find, and they try to spread the word around the world. He told that they distributed the new welcome guide that is out in many places. He told there is also a copy of the media coverage that the Crooked Road brings, and this is from the Washington Post. He told one of the major venues is the Blue Ridge Music Center and they work to promote that. He told of some upcoming events and programs. He also told there is a sheet in your packet that tells about the economic impact. He told there are 2 cds and they pick the best music from the concerts from the Homecoming in June and they have both been nominated for the Independent Music Awards in New York. He told you have three people from Carroll on one recording and seven on the other. He told he appreciates being here tonight.

Ms. Emily Mayo is with Friends of Southwest Virginia. She told that they serve 19 counties and they are partners with the Crooked Road and Round the Mountain. She told that they help promote. She told they seek our regional opportunities and how they work with each county will look different. She told they have launched a beer trail and they are going to be launching a wine trail. She told they will be holding some programs within the communities. She told that she has been working with a Blue Ridge Plateau group to identify where the gaps are and getting people off the parkway into the communities. She asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for coming and told that it has been very informative.

Dr. Littrell asked if some of our artisans have products at the Farmers Market.

Ms. Blackburn told that a number of them do.

(Order)

### **FRIES RECREATION**

Mr. Denny Brooms told that he is very proud of the Community Center and they are part of the Crooked Road and they have jams on Thursdays and a super jam in June. He told that after years of partnership with Carroll County the Fries Recreation Center found itself being questioned about finances and procedures, they were not always open to questions and like all of us they did not appreciate critiques. He told that they disbanded at the request of Mayor Richard Farmer in December 2014. He told that equipment was sold, and employees were abolished and all accounts that they had were closed. He told that in January 2015 they took over as a Board of volunteers. He told his Treasurer is a retired nurse and she does a great job, but they came in because the system was failing. He told when they came in they had no financial records and there were bills coming in and they had no way to pay them. He told they opened a bank account and changed the name of the 501C 3 and anyone in the Town is welcome. He told that they use QuickBooks, and anyone can see those. He told that they were told Carroll had \$5000 that was for the old Board and they received that.

Mr. Martin told the problem was they needed financial information. He told in the past we have required audits and that sort of thing.

Mr. Brooms told the audit was in response for the old group. He told they had \$4000 in the bank and we were told by a CPA that an audit would cost \$4000 so he wouldn't release that in hopes that we would get some somewhere else. He told they are working with Jane Patton and she is willing to do whatever we need. He told that if she does an audit we can no longer use her to scan our books, so we would rather not have her do an audit.

Ms. Cannon told that the agreed upon procedures that we spoke about back in 2014 or so were a bank reconciliation and a listing of expenditures that would be something that that would satisfy the Board.

Mr. Brooms told that they didn't start working with her until 2017.

Ms. Cannon told if you talk to her, I don't want to speak for the Board, but a review is pretty high level.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he doesn't feel like a complete review is what we need just a bank reconciliation.

Ms. Cannon told that similar to a 990 which is what the Boards original request was.

Mr. Brooms told here is what the problem, he is not the Treasurer, so a lot is Greek to him.

Ms. Cannon told that Jane will know what agreed upon procedures are.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we can call here and make it as easy as possible on you.

Ms. Cannon told that she will give her a call after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Martin asked if the pool is open.

Mr. Brooms told the pool is open. He told that they changed everything they did, he told they probably average 30-60 kids a day. He told Saturdays are sad, kids have things to do. He told they have hosted children and adults for programs and one of the things they do is never turn down a child for anything. He told if they need something to eat they can get that for them if they don't have money. He told if they want to play a sport they let them. He told they started with no money, no records and no idea how they would get any and they did the best they could. He told they have put in central air and a new roof. He told they have a new projector and a 13-foot screen and they bought a sound board. He told they have all kids of sports and they put in an \$8000 scoreboard. He told they work with the Seniors from District III and they feed them. He told they are renovating the library and putting in new LED lighting and they are repairing their weight room. He told they had their first carnival last year and have updated the flooring.

Mr. Martin told there are Carroll folks that have access to it.

Mr. Brooms told if you have never been in the building he knows you would be impressed, they have a bowling alley, a dining room, a theatre, lobby with games, locker rooms, Town Hall offices and if you have the Community Center there are only 4 ways out and Carroll is just a short walk away. He told that the jams alone bring in people from all over. He told that personally he thinks they are doing the right things.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it looks really good.

Mr. Brooms told that it has changed so much.

Mr. Hill asked how far a kid from Ivanhoe would have to go if it wasn't for Fries.

Mr. Broom told a long way, Wythe or Galax.

Mr. Martin told he thinks the Board really wants to work with you.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that this has been a long meeting, but it has been very informative. He told we have a lot of outside agencies, but he had no idea what they did.

(Order)

**DMV STOP FEE**

Mr. Robbie McCraw told this is for the Treasurer's Office to start doing DMV Stops and he thinks we need to set up a public hearing to do that.

(Order)

**PSA PROPERTY**

Dr. Littrell told that PSA had 18 acres at the bottom of Faddis Hill and it was originally purchased with the thought of putting a Treatment Plant there, but they are sending the sewer to Galax. He told the intent was to give the Board the property in lieu of money. He told that it is assessed at \$54,000 and is not on the tax rolls. He told part is a hill and about 9 acres is flat and fronts on the creek and the PSA voted to give to the Board to do what they want and if you sell any proceeds would go towards the budget.

Mr. Martin told he was on the Board when that was purchased, and he agrees with everything you have said.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved to accept the property from the PSA upon their recommendation.

**VOTES**

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CODE OF ETHICS**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved adopting the Code of Ethics with the only change being that it was added to letterhead.

Dr. Littrell told that he made a motion last time and it was tabled to continue with the original and he really didn't see the benefit of the new one.

**VOTES**

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

No one was signed up to speak.

(Order)

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Webb told that the terrible wind storm we had, and we had so many citizens out of power, he started getting calls at home. He told people were very understanding but he thinks we need to contact AEP, the thing that people were more upset about the restore time that never happened, and they would call back and it still didn't happen. He told people want the truth, but the company was telling them it would be on by a certain time and it didn't happen. He asked if we could let those feelings be known and for them to tell the people the truth. He told that he got several calls to see if he had any pull and he actually called the power company and they told him the same thing.

Mr. Durbin told that we can send those concerns to corporate office and from time to time AEP will apply to the State Corporation Commission for renewal and you will have an opportunity to raise those concerns then, but the Board could go ahead and send a letter.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it goes to a West Virginia call center and it gets frustrating. He told that if we could send a letter and he would also like to see one go to the local office to Kenneth Belton, he is a lifelong resident and he would understand.

Mr. Webb told that he knows we can't control mother nature but everybody he talked to was upset that they were being told one thing and something else happen.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he knows they work hard to get the most popular on faster. He told that these guys work hard at what they do, and they have a very dangerous job and it is thankless. He told they need to be more honest about restore time.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told that they lost a period of time where they couldn't go up in the bucket truck because of the wind and they couldn't really judge how long that would last. He told that it is a difficult task, but it is hard to do without power.

Mr. Hill told he appreciates the opportunity to hear from all these folks and it made sense what they are doing, he told he was really interested in what they were doing for the local folks in Carroll. He told he appreciates staff getting those folks in here.

Dr. Littrell told that it was good to having everyone here and he appreciates everyone hanging in, it was one of the longest meetings we have had in a long time. He told everyone to enjoy Spring tomorrow.

Mr. Martin told the Republican Mass Meeting will be here tomorrow at 6:00 with a bunch of topics that are important like do they go with the State Republican Election or do we do our own primary. He told he made an error last meeting and it was in some of the terminology and he made a motion to hire Sands Anderson to collect unpaid taxes and he wants to move that we replace it.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved to modify the past motion at the last meeting to not hire Sands Anderson but to refer delinquent real estate tax matters to Sands Anderson.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Martin told the Board working on the collection of unpaid taxes was time consuming and was a major undertaking and he was very impressed with the entire Board, we came together and worked to improve the situation. He told he thinks this Board has the potential to be very strong open and speak their minds.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone that is still here and that has come tonight. He told that he is thankful to be to get the information. He told the collection process is coming right along and we are getting money in and he is getting to talk to a lot of people. He told that we need to be as open and transparent as possible. He told we need to talk about budget meetings.

Ms. Cannon told she has three versions of the budget calendar for your consideration, one is the original schedule with the school presenting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, the other version is with no meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> and having an additional meeting in April and the last after some consideration from the Board it includes the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with Constitutionals presenting and an additional meeting in April for the school.

Mr. Martin asked what day it would be in April.

Ms. Cannon told the budget meeting is on the April 23 and it is the public hearing. The presentation is on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the regular meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved the updated Budget Calendar with a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> for Constitutionals and a meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the School.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Martin told that we as a Board need to be vocal and give these folks direction of what we are thinking on the school budget because it is the elephant in the room that we haven't addressed.

Mr. Hill asked the Sherriff if he had cut his budget and asked if he minded us using that to point out to everyone else.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told using it as a bargaining tool.

Mr. Hill told that the County is cutting theirs, you are cutting yours and several others that are making cuts. He told he doesn't see anything more than we had last year.

Mr. Martin told he brings that up because he feels like we need to give some direction.

Mr. Hill told we are not going to know until session is in what they will get but it will be anywhere from \$500,000 to a million more than last year.

Mr. Martin told he is uncomfortable because we have sweated blood over the budget and in the middle of June we find out that the school picked up ¾ million.

Mr. Hill told that we will have to consider the buses and the roof in the CIP but that should be in the total package.

Mr. Truitt told that if it is level and they are including the CIP he calls that a win. He told the whole thing has to be done well before then.

Mr. Martin told that three of us has sort of spoken and three of us haven't.

Mr. Hill told don't forget the training.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that there is training scheduled for Thursday for the computer. He asked if Joe and Phillip are available.

Mr. Webb told that he should be able to.

Mr. Durbin told that it should be 2 and 2 as long as no business is discussed.

Mr. Truitt asked what he training on.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he thinks he would feel more comfortable walking through some of the stuff with people.

(Order)

**RECESS**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board recessed.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

March 12, 2018

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