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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on, March 27, 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

Mr. Robbie McCraw called the meeting out of recess at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Webb led in invocation and pledge.

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Gerald Goad thanked each of you again, he spoke a couple months ago and gave a yearly update. He told in terms of his local budget it is very simple, one thing he wants to talk about is since he has been Clerk they have not requested an increase on the local side and he wanted to propose to you that seems a little different but there is no budget increase and that is to move his part time salary out of the state temporary funds to the local side so he can use the temporary to do salary adjustments for his staff. He told that since they don't have supplements he is lucky to have the staff that he has and that is basically that is the only thing he proposes. He told that it is no increase from last year. He explained each line item, and told they have one county computer that they use to make cover sheets, they have a coffee machine maintenance, on the auditing he decided to do a yearly audit. He told on the document imaging they pay out of technology trust funds and they do use a lot of postage mailing out orders. He told that in miscellaneous that can be a variety of things, on mileage they go to trainings and the court pays for a lot of the reimbursements. He told that on furniture and equipment they had 3 broken chairs that they replaced recently. He told he has reduced all of those down to do the new line item with no local increase.

Mr. Hill asked if that would be moved over to the other sheet.

Mr. Goad told that basically what he is requesting is to put in \$20,000 and doing cuts on the rest of it. He told the Comp Board hasn't approved any sort of salary increases since he has been in office and if this upcoming request doesn't get funded he can do some appropriate salary adjustments. He told that he has some workers making less than \$25,000 and he is lucky to have what he has. He told this will not be a salary adjustment for him, just his staff.

Mr. Hill told that other constitutionals, their salary is set by the state but your is separate, correct.

Mr. Goad told that it is set by the state but you can use to do reclassifications because there are pay bands that the Comp Board sets and this would provide an opportunity based on their evaluations to reclassify.

Mr. Hill asked if the Supreme Court determines their salary.

Mr. Goad told that it is the Comp Board, the Supreme Court has nothing to do with salary adjustments. He told you can use the temp funds to reclassify your positions. He told that it is certified for reimbursement, it just depends on how you look for it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it looks like you are requesting less.

Mr. Goad told that if you add the part time it is exactly the same and he did that in respect to you. He told that he cut out other things.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates that.

(Order)

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Ms. Zimmerman told she appreciates you asking us to be here, she thinks this is a first for them to be included. She told she is not quite sure why we are here at this point, she thought the budget process was farther along that it was but she appreciates the opportunity to be here. She told that she has some handouts of things she has requested from the state. She told that she has requested two new employees, \$10,000 for office expenses and some office equipment from the state to help aide the County. She told that the state seems to cut their budget quite a bit too. She also has documentation on our office duties. She told they eliminated lots of things in their office to help the county's funding, they no longer outsource the real estate and personal property book which is a savings of \$3000. She told that the reassessment came in more than budgeted and she was able to absorb that within her budget. She told they negotiated with Thompson Roters and they got a reduction on maintenance fee for 2 years and they eliminated fees for Marshall Swift tables at a savings of \$3000. She told they also took over position of County Assessor so that was a savings of \$35,000. She told they made the disk for the data they supply to the Town and they are making the property cards for GIS. She told they printed a business listing saving funds so they do everything they can to save money. She told she reduced a couple more things this week like the travel and fuel. She told these are things they have to have to operate.

Mr. Hill asked if we have a mechanism for charging the Town for their portion of the reassessment.

Ms. Zimmerman told that she has never done that, she doesn't know. She told she doesn't bill.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we can do that by State Code.

Ms. Zimmerman told that she talked with Pulaski County and they have never charged but she does charge a fee for producing their books.

Mr. Hill asked what we would be looking at.

Ms. Zimmerman told that she charges Dublin \$250 and Pulaski \$350.

Mr. Martin asked what the biggest need is.

Ms. Zimmerman replied staff. She told the work load is tremendous.

Mr. Hill told the Comp Board gives you positions, just not money to fund them.

Ms. Zimmerman told that right now they are 4.75 employees down.

Mr. Hill asked if any of the other counties requests getting filled.

Ms. Zimmerman replied no, not yet. She told she also has 4 employees who are Master Deputies now.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates it.

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COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY

Mr. Nathan Lyons thanked the Board for having him. He told that his budget is almost identical to last year. He told you will notice there is about a \$2000 increase and there are three areas that they had to make adjustments for. He told the first is travel mileage and the training has moved further away in Richmond or Tidewater so it will take longer to get there. He told they are not paying for the training, just the mileage. He told the other increase is dues and memberships, that is in line with the increases they have seen over the last 2 years. He told the last one is computer equipment, over the past three budget years they have come in under and they have tried not to replace the equipment, but they are going to have to replace about 6 computers. He told that they are budgeting some asset forfeiture money and he anticipates coming in around \$2500 which is less than what he has budgeted. He told he has no way to know how much is coming in from asset forfeiture. He told those are the big changes and everything else is the same.

Mr. Martin told him to keep up the good work.

Mr. Lyons told he could use a ton more staff and they could use some more room although that is not related to the budget. He told he is happy to answer questions and told that he is sure one of your biggest questions is the jail bill. He told they try to look at it every month and make sure we are not billed for somebody in Wythe County or Grayson. He told the numbers are climbing and we have passed Pulaski and that is not a statistic that they enjoy.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that you have shared about checking the list before and those numbers are astronomical.

Mr. Lyons told that he won't put a number on Public Safety. He told the only thing we can do is make sure we are billed correctly. He told they have talked to the jail numerous times to make sure that state responsible inmates go on. He told we do see people on there every month that have lengthy bills but the state leaves them to save money.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked when they become state responsible.

Mr. Lyons replied, one year.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates it.

(Order)

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gardner told he appreciates you inviting us tonight, this is a first for us. He told you asked if we could search our budget and see what we could cut and with Nikki's help we were able to cut about \$200,000. He told that a large part of their funding comes back from the comp board and from Highway Safety funds. He told they are only requesting \$550,000 locally and that leaves us at bear bones. He told there are many things that can offset a budget like gas and certifications. He told one of the biggest unknowns is overtime and transportation for state mandated custody orders and temporary detention orders and they are killing us with those things. He told that once they pick up somebody we go to the hospital and wait till they are cleared and then do placement and we are making a lot of trips to Petersburg and Williamsburg. He told that Twin County has opened back up their 4th floor and they are taking some placements. He told they have always been able to absorb that in their budget but this budget doesn't give us any wiggle room.

Mr. Robbie McCraw who determines where the person goes and the state won't listen.

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Sheriff Gardner told the state. In one instance a day called 22 places before they were ever allowed to call Marion. He told there is no thinking and they are not helping us on this end of the state. He told there is no answer to it, the only answer he sees is he has one gentleman going to the State Police for \$10,000 more a year and he doesn't have to do transports. He told they are losing a lot from turnover.

Mr. Martin told you are like a training facility.

Sheriff Gardner told that is what they are doing. He told that he had 3 to take the test for State Police.

Dr. Littrell asked where transports are listed.

Sheriff Gardner told that it is under mileage. He told they are trying to lease cars this year to try to save money. He told you can't send someone far away in the middle of the night without a good car.

Dr. Littrell asked when you say they who are you talking about.

Sheriff Garner told that we are not getting anything out of our legislatures.

Mr. Martin told there is a rumor going around that you are retiring.

Sheriff Gardner told that heh is contemplating it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told a lot of people take for granted what you do for the county.

Sheriff Gardner told you will probably be hearing from people wanting SRO's in the schools. He told he would love to have them but doesn't know where it would come from.

Mr. Webb told that Wythe County says no more SRO's.

Sheriff Gardner told that there comes a point that you can't afford it. He told it is a place where you build relationships with the kids.

Mr. Webb told you don't foresee Carroll pulling out.

Sheriff Gardner told not as long as he can handle it they are not. He told that's where his heart was at, he did that for a lot of years.

Mr. Webb told that is good news.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told the interaction with the students is important.

Sheriff Gardner told that is how you get them to tell you if someone has a gun.

Mr. Martin told he salutes you for equipping your officers safe.

Sheriff Gardner told that whatever it takes for keeping them in good stuff they are going to do.

(Order)

TREASURER

Ms. Williams thanked the Board for including us in this process this year. She told they have been very frugal in the past and always has money left. She told that she did do an amended budget and you may not have that yet. She told that she has asked under data processing that \$15,000 be added in order to send out more notices by outsourcing. She told that she has also asked for an increase in postage of \$8000. She told the tax tickets have been about the same and she has been pulling the additional cost from other

places and that is the only changes she has. She told that she still has some vacancy savings and she wanted to up the new hire to \$23,000 if possible for the next year.

Mr. Hill asked how that effects the other employees.

Ms. Williams told not at all and it appears there will still be some left over.

Mr. Martin thanked her for working with the Board.

Ms. Williams told she is glad to. She told that in this year's budget where she over collected, Nikki has had to do appropriations there so it throws off the collection percentages so they are going to try to work that into next month's report.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked on data processing you initially asked for \$5000 and now you want \$15,000.

Ms. Williams told that is correct, she got a quote and that is where she got that number.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told those three items are needed to help with the collection process.

Mr. Webb told he saw in the hotline someone said we should have took the money we took for publishing, do you know how much that was.

Ms. Williams told that it was \$18,850 for Carroll and the Gazette.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it is a drop in the bucket to what we are trying to collect.

Ms. Williams told that it is a and the cost is added back on the delinquent accounts.

Mr. Hill told that it is mandated.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates you working with us on it. He told that he appreciates everyone coming tonight and it answers some questions.

Mr. Hill told that he appreciates everything the constitutionals do for the County. He told that we have better law enforcement here than Pulaski that's why we have more people in jail.

Mr. Martin told they don't get the credit they deserve.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

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

(Order)

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Chairman

Clerk