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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, May 10, 2010 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Wesley G. Hurst
Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
David V. Hutchins
W.S. "Sam" Dickson
Andrew S. Jackson
N. Manus McMillian
Gary Larowe, County Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, disposition of real estate, prospective business, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian, 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. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on April 12, April 15 and April 26, 2010 as previously distributed to the members of this Board.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for April 2010 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15th and 30th days of May 2010 of checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to purchase an electronic plate reader.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1064.70 received from recouped costs for various expenses.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mr. Littrell	Yes

Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

EMS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$26,875.45 from the Commonwealth of Virginia/Department of Health for training, equipment, and supplies in EMS.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
 Mr. Hurst Yes
 Mr. Hutchins Yes
 Mr. Dickson Yes
 Mr. Littrell Yes
 Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS/TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the additional allocations/transfers listed below.

18990-0067	Misc - CC Brochure	(13,435.00)	12050-9075	Tourism - Brochure	13,435.00	Recovered costs of ads for CC brochure
23070-0006	Shared Exp - TTF	(30,577.00)	21060-9009	Circ Clerk - TTF	30,577.00	Recognize reimbursement to Clerk for microfilming and indexing.
19020-0035	R/C EMS	(160,000.00)	32030-5680	Cana	28,000.00	Additional transport fees have been collected and are to be returned to the squads.
			32030-5682	Laurel Fork	32,000.00	
			32030-5683	Laurel	20,000.00	
			32030-5684	Piper's Gap	80,000.00	
24040-0015	Other Cat Aid - CSA	(200,000.00)	53020-6901	Pub Assist - CSA	200,000.00	Additional expenditures approved, revenue recognizes State share.
19020-0023	R/C IDA Expenses	(10,000.00)	81500-1001	Bus Dev - Salaries	10,000.00	Increased salary expenditures for IDA Director, reimbursed by IDA.
19020-1004	R/C SBDC	(12,000.00)	81550-1001	SBDC - Salaries	12,000.00	Salaries increase offset by additional funding SBDC.
Total Additional Allocations		(426,012.00)			426,012.00	

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
 Mr. Hurst Yes
 Mr. Hutchins Yes
 Mr. Dickson Yes
 Mr. Littrell Yes
 Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Ms. Brenda Collins told that she is a veteran teacher of 34 years and is also the President of the Carroll Education. She told that they are well aware of the unpopular decisions ahead and especially for the decision makers. She told that they have done an outstanding job this year and the task ahead will not be easy and told they knew they had to look at the least negative impact on the county. She told that postponing the construction will have an impact because it is allowing inadequate facilities and it shows that the vision we have is less. She told that we have always looked to the future. She told that it is the responsibility of the Public Schools to allow students to enter into the workforce. She told that the schools as they are do not allow teachers to have a safe and clean environment. She told that we have a crisis on our hands and she hasn't heard anyone say they can afford to have a child or to go into debt. She told that this would provide needed jobs for the community and that building solid infrastructure in the County will attract businesses.

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Mr. Mike Glodowski told that there is a new tire operation off Buck Road. He told that it has merits but DEQ did not do due diligence because there are small roads and bridges plus the noise factor. He told that he built a new home and has experienced loud noise. He told that he is surprised that they haven't heard anything before this. He told that DEQ sponsored this business but Carroll does not have an ordinance for noise. He asked that the Board take a look at this since he has already worked with DEQ and the County Administrator.

Mr. Larowe told that he has traded emails with Mr. Glodowski can since Carroll is not zoned it makes it difficult to impose a noise ordinance. He told that DEQ has been a partner so it makes a precarious situation.

Ms. Shelly Goad told that she is a teacher at Gladesboro and is here to speak on behalf of the High School, Intermediate and Woodlawn. She told that they truly appreciate the modern upgrades to the elementary schools. She told that when the 5th graders tour Woodlawn they are not excited because they do not have the same facility and equipment. She told that it is a shame and we don't want to squelch their enthusiasm. She told that the ventilation system is not good and the children stay sick. She told that now is a great time even though it is tough times right now because the construction loans are low right now so we should take advantage of it. She told that she attended the WCC graduation and one of the speakers told that entire audience that the high school is 40 years old. She told that it is old and outdated and the children deserve more.

Ms. Annetta Stanley told that she is a parent and the PTSO President. She told that she is a native of Carroll County and graduated from the high school. She told that she has also had 2 daughters to graduate and the school system is excellent. She told that she now has a son in 3rd grade and she has heard the parents from Woodlawn complain about the climate control. She told that she has seen pictures of the foundation cracks and knows that they are looked at every 6 months to make sure that the building is not about to fall down. She told that safety and wellbeing should be our #1 priority. She told that the intermediate is also in need of an update. She told that right now you can walk into the school without being noticed and it does not support technology. She told that she has heard from many that are upset that the school system funding remained level. She told that the schools are the future of the County.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Dr. Smith told that it is a pleasure to be here and told that he prayed last night for this to go better than the last one. He told that Phase I, II and III were approved in 1994 and sixteen years later we are still having the conversation. He told that he is excited to have worked hard to bring this project to an affordable level and to meet the needs. He told that in March 2008 they made a presentation and were told to plan. He told that the team that visited gave recommendations to consider. He told that they have aging facilities and they have concerns now and for the future. He told that they have found federal funds that are available in different forms and they were told recently that Carroll is the largest recipient in the State of Virginia. He told that this is a cost effective program while showing slides. He told that the funding deadlines for USDA and BABS is June 2010 with the funds being obligated by 9-30-2010 and the bids approved for closing on 12-31-2010. He asked if not now then when and told that this is a sorely needed project and it could save millions. He told that they are still seeing projects coming in low.

Mr. Jim Watson told that he started as a teacher, became a principal and then moved on to superintendent and is currently on faculty at UNC Charlotte. He told that he serves as a program consultant and has worked with Carroll for two years. He told that the reconstruction has several components. He told that they would change the entrance to the high school and all access points would be locked down except for the main entrance. He told that they would be moving the 9th grade to the high school campus which would be located in a separate wing away from the rest of the school and it would have its own principal. He told that there would be separate bussing and car traffic, they would expand the cafeteria area, add an auxiliary gym and expand the current field house and concession area. He told that the baseball field would also be relocated. He told that on

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the Intermediate School they would be changing the office area and the parking and also add a road all the way around the school. He told that they would expand the cafeteria and have some extra space for classroom and media area. He told that he would be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Frank Williams told that they did not know when construction would begin to rebound. He told that they have designed the structure the way they want it and then they will put it out to bid. He told that if it comes in low they will go back and add in alternates. He told that on the high school the main thrust is the 9th grade academy and the entrance lobby with the media center and the baseball complex because they will be taking the existing one with new construction. He told that the building is currently exactly as it was designed. He told that some of the alternates would be an elevator for the press box, some work to the field house, expansion of the cafeteria and others. He told that for the Intermediate School it is all needed. He told they will have to wait on the bids to come in and go from there.

Mr. Hurst told that there are two different slides of the high school and wanted to make sure which one it is.

Mr. Williams told that the new slide did not get here and time and showed which one is correct.

Mr. Dickson asked if the project comes in \$4 million less if that would take care of all the alternates.

Mr. Williams told that he is not sure if that would do it, but it would be close. He told that they feel like it will come in lower than that.

Mr. Dickson asked if they adding 1 or 2 gyms.

Mr. Williams told that it is just the one auxiliary gym with not as much seating. He told that it would have 6 goals with wrestling mats and a curtain divider in the middle.

Mr. Travis Jackson told that he is here to tell what may be available. He told that generally they have \$3 million in each project but they have access to the reinvestment loans right now. He told that there is a 4 1/8 % interest rate for 40 years. He told that it is a simple loan and you do not have to keep it for the entire 40 years with no penalties and there is no closing fee. He told that there are also BAB's that you can get for 10 years and they will pay up to 45% of the interest rate but they typical amount is 35%. He told that you can now get a federal loan and the BAB at the same time and that makes for a huge savings. He told that after September 30th the ability to help the County will be diminished. He told that this puts lots of pressure on communities. He told that he worked with the Board when they were trying to build this building and if they had waited until now it would have been three times as much. He told that he can offer the 4 1/8 interest rate as a revenue bond to the IDA. He told that this is on a first come first serve basis and he will need the application in hand by early June. He told the money is already allocated and it is going to be spent somewhere. He told that he feels comfortable that if the Board directs to move forward that they can get the money.

Dr. Smith told that the BAB's are separate and they also have a deadline of 12-31-2010. He stated that there is a bill to extend the program but there is no way to know if it will pass. He told that after obligations are made all paperwork has to be approved and ready for loan closing by December 31st. He told that this is really something to take advantage of and bond counsel is on board, but everything is time sensitive. He told that this is a hard decision but it has to be made sometime.

Mr. Dickson asked what the qualifications are for the BAB's to get the 35% off interest.

Mr. Jackson told that USDA would issue a revenue bond and it is up to bond counsel to make it a BAB and then the IDA has to send quarterly reports to get the money. He told that it is a one page federal form and if you fail to ask for it then you don't get it.

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Mr. Dickson told that it is not automatic.

Mr. Jackson asked the amount for the entire project.

Dr. Smith told that it is just shy of \$30 million.

Mr. Jackson asked about the refinancing.

Dr. Smith told that it is \$3.3 million and it has been calculated into the cost. He told that it is less than \$20 million for the job and then you add technical fees, etc. He told that the actual construction is \$19.9 million.

Mr. Travis Jackson told that all would qualify for BAB's except for the refinancing. He told that we can defer the principal for up to three years to help with the budget so you can have zero impact for that time.

Mr. McMillian asked about the interest.

Mr. Jackson told that it does increase the interest but it gives breathing room up front.

Mr. Dickson asked if there is a penalty for VBSA.

Dr. Smith told that they have not been informed as to what the penalty is yet.

Mr. Hurst asked if it is set up as simple interest.

Mr. Jackson told that the USDA funds are.

Mr. Larowe told that bond counsel could not find the language where it stops after 10 years.

Mr. Jackson told that it was based on his interpretation.

Mr. Larowe told that they have been working with bond counsel. He told that one of the issues is USDA hand holds us through the process and the BAB's come through the Treasury.

Mr. Hurst thanked everyone for coming and asked if anyone had other questions.

Dr. Smith told that they have an amortization schedule and they will get that to each Board member.

Mr. Dickson told that he was speaking for Mr. Hutchins and asked about the law that went into effect in April 2010 about the lead paint and wanted to know if that was calculated into the expenses.

Dr. Smith told that they had a conversation about that and they will have to do testing.

Mr. McMillian told that anything built prior to 1978 has the possibility of having it.

Mr. Dickson stated that if it is put in the bid then it should be covered.

Mr. Jackson told that if it is wrote appropriately then it would be covered.

Mr. Hurst told that this is only a presentation tonight and no action will be taken. He told that it is great to have a good turnout.

TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

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Mr. Turner told of the upcoming tourism related events and told that next week they will be at Lambsburg promoting the county. He told that there are more things going on that are not listed.

Mr. Hurst added that the Governor's Motorcycle Council will be at the Blue Ridge Music Center on June 11th.

Mr. Turner told that the strategic plan is a work in progress and has been worked on by Amanda Bourne, Don Foster, Willard Gayheart, Bobby Patterson, Hughes Burton and Richard Triplett. He told that they met 5 – 6 hours at a time for 9 months. Mr. Turner explained the mission and told that he would like to see Tourism infrastructure grow because it is a very important part of Economic Development. He told that as the Director he help businesses to bring more tourism to the area. He asked the group to look through the plan and asked if they had any questions.

Mr. Jackson asked what time the Crooked Road presentation would be at Kanawaha Valley.

Mr. Turner told that it would be just before 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Jackson asked if he knew the figure of how much tourism bring into the county.

Mr. Turner told that for each dollar spent we receive five back.

Mr. Jackson asked if that comes from sales and taxes.

Mr. Turner told that they use the numbers from meals and lodging tax.

Mr. Jackson asked if there is a way to determine if they are just passing through or if they are staying.

Mr. Turner told that New River Trail uses a count from the Parkway. He told that they need to work on more ways to keep people here longer. He told that if they have more infrastructures it would help. He told that last year we had the 2nd most visited park in the state.

Mr. Hurst told that they appreciate all the information.

Mr. McMillian asked if there are surveys to fill out in the motels.

Mr. Turner told that they have talked about it in the past, but the motels like to keep their numbers to themselves.

WCC APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to advertise for the WCC Appointment.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Newman told that our goal is to have a good usable plan and to get citizen participation. He told that several meetings have been held and they have had mapping

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exercises at the meetings. He told that they received 347 adult surveys and 136 youth surveys. He told that there were several topics that were brought to us and number 1 was job creation. He told that others include protection of agriculture land and natural assets, development for infrastructure and youth activities. He told that we are trying to keep the citizens updated through the newspaper and the website. Mr. Newman told that in June we should have the first draft for the citizens to review and then they will hold another series of public meetings and they plan to bring the final plan to the Board and the Planning Commission by December.

Dr. Littrell told that the Wired Road is within one mile of Oakland School and there are 3 providers in the neighborhood. He told that he has contacted them to see if there is a signal but it seems like there is not much interest in the community.

Mr. Newman told that he would speak to Debbie about it.

Dr. Littrell told that there are potential customers in the area.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Mr. Newman gave a hand out and discussed the proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes on June 14th at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ROAD ABANDONMENT

Mr. Newman told that the signs will go up tomorrow and he has spoke to the owner who resides in Texas and he is in favor of having the road abandoned.

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VOTES

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Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that we have a change in the Landfill Engineer. He told that there was a grand opening at Fancy Gap Pottery and also a ground breaking at the Airport. He told that there are a couple changes in the calendar and we need to add the 6 year road plan meeting and the Governor's Motorcycle Council meeting at Blue Ridge Music Center.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates everyone coming out and also for Dr. Smith for doing the presentation of Phase III. He also appreciates Mr. Turner coming. He told that there is internet service at Love's and asked if anyone knew who the provider is.

Mr. Larrowe told that he would assume it is by satellite.

Mr. Dickson told that Galax has a Farmers Market and asked if that is something that we can offer.

Mr. Hutchins told that it has been a great day.

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone and told that lots of progress has been made.

Dr. Littrell told that it has been a busy month. He told that he appreciates the support for the Airport groundbreaking and told that they also had a great showing at Fancy Gap Pottery. He told that they had the ribbon cutting at the Tire Shredder.

Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates all the folks who showed up and he appreciates Mr. Turner. He told that there are a lot of positive things happening. He told that he would like to invite the Board to the Blue Ridge Music Center on June 11th.

PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing on school construction on June 14th at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical.

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VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and passing, the Board recessed until May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

Chairman