

June 23, 2020

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on June 23, 2020 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Phillip McCraw  
Robbie McCraw  
Tracy Moore  
Joe Webb

Staff Present:      Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
                             Crystal Adams

## **CALL OUT OF RECESS**

Dr. Littrell called the meeting out of recess.

## **AGENDA**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to add hiring a full time County Administrator.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:            None

## **PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION**

Dr. Littrell stated that we had a good meeting. We had budgeted \$65,000 for the Fair that has been cancelled and there is a possibility of a small event. That leaves us with about \$40,000 that was originally in the budget. Some of the things that I have had concern about is the \$5500 for Twin County Chamber of Commerce. We do benefit from this and I think it is important to keep the partnership. Also, some community centers were defunded, and I know Lambsburg is very active. I have not been able to see if we have increased the funding for the insurance for our employees. In the past we have contributed to Rooftop. I have also had comments about Day Reporting.

Gerald Goad apologized for not being able to attend the meeting in person on the budget. Thank you for your diligent service during these trying times. I am speaking regarding the part time position that is proposed to be cut. I ask that you reconsider this cut as well as all other proposed cuts based on the massive workloads each office has in order to efficiently serve our citizens. During my first year in office I made a decision to change land record vendors which save \$35,000 of my budget per year. The part time position was created in 2018 as I took money from the compensation board and made necessary salary adjustments for my deputy clerks. In order not to lose the part time position I cut all other line items within my budget. I kept the position and cut within my budget to not cost the county any extra. The bottom total on my budget over the years is for fringe benefits. I understand the decisions you are having to made, I ask that your reconsider the proposed cut. Thank you for your service.

Mr. Webb asked about the Day Reporting. I talked to the Circuit Court Judge and he has 30 people in Day Reporting and if we do away with it he has to send them back to jail and that is about \$30 per day for each person.

Dr. Littrell replied that it seems to be a win win situation.

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Mr. Hill responded that it is not fair to the people are in the program. We need to make sure that they get through the program. If we keep adding things back in that will be another tax increase. The money has to come from somewhere. With the Senior Citizens groups, I recommend we have a grant program and they show us where their expenses are.

Mr. Moore stated after hearing Justin and seeing what all the GIS does I think we should consider that. Also, I spoke with Ms. Zimmerman and there is a position in her budget that is going, and she is concerned.

Mr. Webb told looking at the paperwork, at the end of May we had revenue of \$41.6 and we had expenditures of \$36.37, which is an overage of \$5.2 million. If we collected \$5.2 million in excess revenue where is it. That is what the reports show. We are raising taxes and cutting but according to the paperwork we have \$5.2 million in reserve.

Mr. Hill told last year our budget was \$43 million so we are \$2 million short.

Mr. Dalton responded that you still have 3 months of summer salaries for schools.

Mr. Hill replied there is still \$1 million that needs to be transferred to the schools plus whatever expenditures come out this month.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told we need to be proactive because we don't know what will happen with the state.

Mr. Hill stated that he doesn't mind doing a contingency and if the money comes in we cover some of these things.

Mr. Moore told one of his biggest concerns is how many jobs does this budget eliminate?

Mr. Hill responded some positions are covered by the Comp Board and the extra positions are covered by the County.

Mr. Phillip McCraw stated that on twice per year tax collection, the bill you got is for Real Estate and the one you get in December will be higher because it will include Personal Property.

Mr. Webb asked about 15010-0004 and what do we have in savings that would collect that amount of interest.

Mr. Dalton responded all of your bank accounts earn interest on a monthly basis.

Mr. Webb stated that looking at the financial record from the Treasurer as of May 31, 2020, last fiscal year we had \$9 million total assets. This year we have \$11 million, why are we raising taxes.

Mr. Hill replied we held back on bills last year and I'm not sure if the \$11 million still covers what goes to the school. I am not sure what other expenditures are outstanding for June. Last year we had \$100,000 in October and we have had to borrow money the last 3 years. That is the purpose of having a fund balance. There was some savings from part time people laid off and closing of facilities.

Mr. Dalton responded; I can tell you exactly why you have \$11 million this year instead of \$9 last year. Last year in July you have a \$3 million debt service payment. We went through and held payments. We did a concentrated effort this year and did \$2 million of mid year budget cuts and that directly reflects into why you have \$2 million extra in the bank. We went to mid-year tax collection is because of those July, August and September payments. Last year the school and the county withheld payments or we would have gone to the bank to borrow money. I would look in the audience and tell the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads thank you for not spending that money. If we spent \$2 million less than what was appropriated, you should be thankful, not

critical. It is a positive sign they are showing leadership and understand the county's financial problems. There were overestimated revenues last year. People are doing a good job of saving the county money, we should be thankful. I am thankful we have \$11 million in the bank instead of \$9 million. We started the process last August to build up the fund balance to have surplus that you can apply towards future budgets, that is what planning is about. A balanced budget is required. For those who have been in government, look at history when the State needs revenue they will cut the Constitutional offices. The school contracts have a furlough clause in it this year for the first time ever. They understand the problems, I hope we do.

Mr. Hill asked if the COVID money is in the bank?

Mr. Dalton replied it was deposited in May.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if that is part of what is showing.

Mr. Dalton replied he did not know.

Mr. Robbie McCraw stated that last year July, August and September really hurt us.

Mr. Hill told if the \$2.5 million is in the bank then we are \$500,000 short from last year.

Dr. Littrell asked if the Day Reporting is not funded, does it immediately stop on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Donnie Spangler replied yes.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711**

Supervisor Rex Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A1, A7

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.

A (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. 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.

Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:       None

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hill made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hill made a motion to certify Closed Session with 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.

Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

### **PROPOSED FY21 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Phillip McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to open the Cana Convenience Center for bag only at \$4.00 per bag, Monday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday 8-4. This is for quarterly appropriation of \$20,000 to be reviewed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

Mr. Phillip McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to open a grant opportunity in the amount of \$25,000 for the non-profit organizations within the County through an application process.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:           None

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to appropriate ¼ of the Day Reporting Program with the Sheriffs Office and Commonwealth Attorney meet with the Board and provide a more detailed plan on community service to be provide with input from the Board of Supervisors.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:           None

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to reallocate \$5500 from within the Tourism budget for the Twin County Chamber of Commerce.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:           None

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb that any positions that are being defunded, those employees be the first choice in being reassigned with opportunities to other departments.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:           None

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to request staff to move the recommended amounts to the approved column for consideration on the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:           None

**ADVERTISE FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to advertise hiring of a full time County Administrator for 30 days to the websites of VACo, NACo, county website

and the unemployment commission and have a succession plan for the transition of moving forward with the advertisement beginning July 1, 2020.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:       None

RECESS

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to recess until June 29, 2020.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:       None

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Chairman