

June 14, 2021

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on June 14, 2021 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

Rex L. Hill
Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw
Tracy Moore

Others: Michael Watson
Crystal Adams
Justin Martin
Steve Durbin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711

Supervisor Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A1, A5, A8.

Roll call vote was as follows:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Phillip McCraw seconded the motion.

A (1) Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

A (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.

A (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.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Moore certified 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.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

CITIZENS TIME

Ms. Sherry Martin spoke on Duncan Mill Road. She asked the Board to do what they can for getting the road fixed.

Ms. Linda told that she is against the Life Center moving across from her. It will cause people to go home and be afraid. I would appreciate if you would take that into consideration. We need senior citizens apartments or something like that.

Sally Marshall told she lives in front of the Training Center and has been there for 32 years. I won't feel safe if the Life Center moves in. I have heard how they get out and I am by myself. I won't be able to sell my house to get away from it.

Teresa Cornette told she grew up in Carroll County. I remember all the problems we had with the Training Center. I have two grandchildren and my husband works nights every other month. I would like to feel safe in my home without having to go to bed with a loaded gun beside me. There is a gun business across the street. What is going to stop the Life Center people from stealing guns and shooting up the entire neighborhood. We know we need jobs, I just don't want it in my back door.

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John Nobli told the neighbors come together and we protect each other. I see people here tonight from all over and we are all here for a common cause, to hear our voice heard. It appears that Acadia Healthcare is going to be our new neighbor and there are a lot of questions and how it can change the community. Questions like will they build a fence or provide security and these questions lead to fear. We are here tonight asking for answers and asking you to stand up for us. We believe fences make good neighbors. Acadia is a \$6 billion a year business and we ask you to draft an ordinance to fence the property and provide proper security. We appreciate your time and urge you to listen to our request.

Travis Branch told he is a citizen of the community as well and also as law enforcement. You have some paperwork that was faxed to you as far as numbers. We realize that this facility is coming and there is nothing this Board can do to keep them from coming. From January to May they had 98 calls and we are talking about a 16th of members in that facility currently that will be in the facility on Training Center Road. Can we say that those calls for service will double or triple? I live here and have small children. If there was a fence it would keep some of the things from happening that are happening in Galax. In Galax, at Old Town Market they had signs on the door that said anyone from the Life Center could not come in because they were robbing them. Also, we need to look into the security.

Bill Bowers told he was here last month. We know it is going in and there is nothing we can do to stop it. I agree with what John and Travis said. We are all worried and in fear. What will stop an individual to be able to access the neighborhood. We need fencing around the entire property with an entrance and exit at one point. Everyone needs help and I am not against them, but the community needs to know that we can go to bed and not wake up dead. I am a victim of violence from my own step father. It was on my property, and will this happen again? I just want to reiterate what John and Travis said.

Judy Debolt told she lives on Crystal Lane and we are afraid for our safety and value of our property. This is being put in a residential area and we know you can't stop it. Will you please try to protect us.

Elizabeth Surratt stated that she didn't plan to talk. I live on Oakland Heights Circle and if they come across the little fence they will be in my back yard. I am 90 years old and there are 5 ladies that live alone in our circle. This is very dangerous for us. Please pass the ordinance that will keep us safe from what is coming in there. We have lived there 52 years with no problems. Please help us.

Sue Edwards told what everyone has said is very important. I live on Airport Road and I don't want to move, but I want to be safe. We have let a lot of opportunities pass on this property. You all can help us and we are looking for you to do that.

Tim Branscome told that he agrees with what everyone has said except for the guards, 2 for 220 people is too low. If you could make the company do guards to what DOC does. We defiantly need to fence. I have been in corrections for 15 years. These are not good people, they just take this to get a lighter sentence. If they were to come out an riot that would be bad odds for a community.

Susan Archer told that she is a new resident in the area. My concern is my safety because I live alone. If we create a prison like environment in the neighborhood, property values go down. I would feel safe with a fence but I would also feel like I was in prison if it goes up like talked about. A fence farther back from the road so it doesn't make it look like all those acres are a prison. Those units need to be locked. If we treat them like criminals, they will act like criminals. I am concerned about the total neighborhood.

Jack told that several good points have been made. At what point do we sacrifice our community. The county has to bond together, that is what we have you for to help with issues. We need help to address this because there will be issues with this location. It will affect the lives and health of the folks that live around there. We need the ordinance to help address these issues.

Brad Bond told when the Training Center was there people would come through but they never caused trouble. I work for a trucking company and go into the rehab center in Galax and it is not a place to be. I have never had trouble, but you can see what goes on. These people need security.

David Cornette told that he wants to emphasize what everyone else has said, especially John. I work night shift sometimes and my wife doesn't want to go to bed with a gun under her pillow. We just want security. We have grandkids and we are looking to you to help us out.

Danny Martin told that he wants to speak with a little experience. I used to work in Galax about 16 years ago and came out one day and my car was gone, convertible black GT mustang. A lady broke out of the Life Center and they caught her the other side of Blacksburg headed up 81. At the time she pawned off some stuff I had in there and bought her some beer. She pried open the gas cap with a screwdriver and my insurance had to cover the loss. We need to make good choices on making sure we are taken care of. The Life Center is definitely necessary, and they need to be held accountable for what they do. I have a son and daughter in law who are on meth right now. They went to the Life Center last year and they told them they didn't need to be there that they didn't have a problem. I have four grandchildren with me that belong to these two. Drugs is a problem, and the safety is going to be a problem.

Carolyn Honeycutt told that she lives next door to Elizabeth Surratt and everything she said is right. We know each other and it is a nice peaceful neighborhood. We need some protection I know that the Code Book has lots of codes in it and it is within your power to require Acadia to put an appropriate fence around that property. You can protect us and it is your responsibility. It is also your responsibility to provide security. We need your help, please help us. It was dropped in our back doors without our knowledge. Please remember all of those factors.

David Boatman told he is back again and has gotten the neighborhood involved. We are not against drug rehabilitation, but we want to feel safe in our homes. We would love to have jobs that is an asset and not something that brings additional crime and a tax burden to the entire county. You have the full authority to protect its citizens by passing immediately an ordinance. You can call it tonight, make a motion and pass it if you believe in protecting your citizens. Any facility like this coming into Carroll County should be required to have a minimum of an eight foot attractive fence. This is a billion dollar company, they have the funds. A minimum of two full time security guards per 100 patients. No suboxone or methadone within 500 feet of a neighborhood, school or church or before this thing closes you can pass an ordinance that says Carroll County will have no drug rehabilitation treatment facility within 1000 feet of a residential neighborhood, school or church. The state can still sell it to whoever they want, and you will have control over what comes in by passing ordinance. We want to know that we are safe in our homes. This company is not Betty Crocker. This company under my understanding they received a \$7 million fine for Medicaid fraud in West Virginia in 2019-2020. They are trying to keep 911 calls down at that facility, instructing their staff to only call when absolutely necessary, they still hit 98 calls that quick. It is my understanding the County found several million dollars, buy it and put in something good. We can buy it and make money on it. It can be reverted back to the county, like the original supervisor that purchased that land and gave it to the state intended for it to be once that facility left. Look into that avenue.

Mr. Boatman asked to read letters that he has received from the community as follows:

Joe Stevens - I am writing this letter with great concern. My concern is for the wellbeing of our community and the safety of our citizens. My wife and I live at 212 Robinson Drive in Woodlawn. It is just across from Training Center Road. We as citizens have the right to express our concerns and as fellow Americans our suggestions. If the Life Center moves here, we need certain safety criteria to be met. It will change our community for the worse. Before they are allowed to open, a fence should be in place, also a proven and active security force should be on site. We should not allow the facility to open without these basics in place. Also, there needs to be a traffic light installed at the intersection of Highway 58 and Training Center Road. Life Center should have to have their own ambulance service, so it will not tie up the EMS from being able to serve our fellow citizens. I am a minister, and I also serve as a chaplain for Twin County Hospital During my time with Twin County, I have watched and seen the damages caused by the lack of security at the current Life Center in Galax. I have heard what the Life Center has promised Galax, but safely nothing but trouble has been brought. We need to understand by looking at the example in Galax. These security measures need to be in place and proven to the people before they open. As for the Sheriff's Department they will need our prayers and support as never before. The streets and side roads of Hillsboro and Woodlawn will be crawling with dealers and pushers to sell drugs to the patients that are let free to roam. I am asking to please consider the cost of these decisions. Let us be sure these security measures are met and authenticated before they open. If they are not, we will be just like Galax, and we all know that Life Center goes in with empty promises. I have experienced it firsthand.

A neighbor – I work at a mental health facility and have for close to two decades. I will be the first to express the importance of drug and mental health rehabilitation. I am not against having these types of services in our area, I understand the allure of purchasing an already large facility that would provide the type of environment needed. However, I strongly feel some security measures need to be considered especially due to this facility being in a neighborhood full of families. I agree with the proposal to have security guards 24/7 with security footage that can be played back to attempt to keep our community safe.

A neighbor – I live within a mile of the Training Center, and I agree with the proposal that David Boatman has made to have security measure implemented to not only keep the community safe, but to keep video proof of any illegal activity that may happen.

Alicia Stevens – It has come to my attention as a citizen of Woodlawn that Acadia Health plans to put a Drug Rehab facility in the previous Training Center. This would be a nightmare that we as citizens would never wake from. The barrage of calls to our 911 system for help with clients that are out of control, drug dealers cruising the area to pick people up who have left to seek drugs. Things will be stolen in surrounding areas to be pawned. I live in Galax and heard the calls on the scanner dispatched to the police, and personally know about the problems encountered there. We bought our home in Woodlawn for a sanctuary. Let me ask you, would you want it in your back yard? Do some research about Acadia. This company hasn't kept its word or obligations to the City of Galax. What makes anyone think it will to the citizens of Carroll County. Since we have no control over the state, you as County Supervisors have a responsibility to us as the citizens of this neighborhood to ensure a reasonable portion of safety ordinances; 1. A minimum 8 foot security fence surrounding the entire grounds with a booth at both entrances and exits. 2. A minimum of 2 full time security guards for every 100 people at the facility. 3. There be no methadone treatment facility within one thousand feet of any residential neighborhood, school or church. 4. There will be no drug rehabilitation facility located within 1000 feet of any residential neighborhood, school or church. 5.

Furnish their own ambulance service with transport personnel. 6. Provide a signal light at the Training Center Road intersection.

A neighbor – Few times in my life have I ever felt defeated before I even started a battle for justice. However, with God's strength I will plow through and simply say that one of the reasons I left a big city in another state was for the peace and safety, if you will "Andy Griffith" lifestyle. I find myself thrown into an environment of corruption being planted in my backyard basically. Yes, all humans deserve another chance, however, they are still prices to pay and other to think about that are innocent. You don't cater to the perpetrator and punish the victim. Why place a situation like this in a neighborhood full of innocents? Provide them with second chances but not at the cost of innocent families. Create a 2nd chance away from neighborhoods and place housing in a secluded area not in a neighborhood.

Warren & Libby Manning – I am writing in regard to the Galax Life Center Drug Rehab center moving to the Southwestern Va Training Center location. To those who live outside of the Woodlawn neighborhood this plan may seem ideal. The Woodlawn Community is composed of hard-working people who purchased our homes security the foundation of a safe ideal place to live and raise our families. Many are longtime residents who now live on a fixed income or retired Others are families with young children who have purchased their first home. We care about the individuals needing treatment, but we also care about the safety of our families. When I was Sheriff of Carroll County my department experienced numerous break ins from individuals coming to the Galax Life Center. This facility will also affect other communities in Carroll County due to traveling Interstate 77, Highways 58 and 52 from different areas. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office will experience a very high call volume without the proper security I highly recommend the Carroll County Board of Supervisors pass an ordinance to include the following: a minimum of an attractive eight foot fence surrounding the entire property with a security booth at the entrance/exit. A minimum of 2 full time security guards on site 24/7 for every 100 individuals housed at the facility. There be no suboxone or methadone administered within 1000 feet of any residential neighborhood, school, or church. No drug rehabilitation treatment facility located in Carroll County within 1000 feet.

Neighbor – I live at 670 Carrollwood Drive in Woodlawn and am very concerned about the Galax Drug Rehab Center moving into Carroll County. I would not feel safe unless specific ordinances were met to protect the citizens who live nearby. I feel that this center would put an excessive demand on the EMS and Police in Carroll County. I want to feel safe in my residence and I don't want a drug rehabilitation facility within 1000 feet of any residential neighborhood, school or church.

AMEND AGENDA

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to amend the agenda to include adding the MOU for Fire Apparatus and to add the corrected budget amendment in the Consent Agenda for \$41.500.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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PAYMENT OF INVOICES

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Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the payment of invoices.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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MINUTES

Mr. Hill made a motion, second by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the minutes for May 10, 2021, and May 17, 2021.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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NEW BUSINESS

ROBINSON, FARMER, COX

Mr. Gordon Jones told that you have a copy of the presentation. Before I get into that I would like to talk about the reports that we issue as part of your financial statements. The first is the Independent Auditors Report and it is a clean unmodified report. In 2020 there were no new announcements, mostly because of Covid. The second report is on internal control, and we had one finding that had to do with adjustments to the financial statements. The last report is the single audit report and is required by the Federal government if you receive more than \$750,000 in federal funds. It is a clean unmodified report as well. All of those reports are part of your financial statements. The county's books are kept on 2 different kinds of accounting. At the top of page 2 you will find 5 years of data on a full accrual basis. It's a long-term perspective and includes all of your fixed assets and all of your long-term debt. The point I would like to emphasize has to do with net position, looking at the 2020 column. For 2019 your unrestricted net position was about \$7.5 million and for 2020 it is about \$16.7 million. That number more than doubled, largely because of the change in collection of property taxes to twice per year. On the bottom you have the modified accrual, more of a short-term perspective and it doesn't include fixed assets or long-term debt. There we talk about fund balance and equity. The total fund balance for the governmental fund is about \$18.1 million. Unassigned fund balance is about \$17.3. In 2019 you had about \$8.9 so that number almost doubled as well, mostly because of going to twice a year collection. Net governmental expenditures for the county including the School Board is about \$77.6 so your fund balance as a percentage that is about 23% and your unassigned is about 22%, both very safe numbers. We usually recommend between 15 and 20%. The county changed that mostly by going to twice per year collection. I wouldn't say entirely but it certainly had a huge impact on it. On page 3 you have 5 years of data for the general fund. This is the income statement on the modified accrual basis. Total revenues for 2020 was about \$50.7 million and that is up about \$7 million. Expenditures are below that at about \$42.3 million. That is basically flat over that 5-year period. The one category that has increased is health and welfare at about 10.4%. A lot of that is

due to CSA. The change in fund balance was about \$8.4. You might ask why the fund balance is so much higher than the cash balance and that is because on the modified accrual we go out 60 days and pull revenues back into the current fiscal year. On page 4 there are graphs with information coming from the previous page comparing 2016 to 2020 and you can see the impact that twice per year collections had on property taxes. The next page shows revenues for the five fiscal years. There is also the same information for expenditures on page 7, showing that education is the main priority of the county followed by public safety and health and welfare. On page 8 you can see total revenues compared to total expenditures. On page 9 there is a summary of the county's debt and long-term obligations. The literary loans, that is a little over one million and will be paid off in 2 years. The VPSA obligations are \$3.5 million and will be paid off in 2023. The total debt is about 10% of the budget and we typically recommend about 5%. On page 13 is the adjustments that caused the findings on the internal control report. These adjustments are just accrual adjustments and I think what caused that more than anything was not having a Finance Director on staff. You had a consultant prepare some of this information and it is hard for someone who doesn't work for the county to pick up all the adjustments. Luckily you have a really good person on staff now and I suspect this won't be a problem. On page 17 there are a few management comments, there were three and my favorite has to do with conflict of interest. One EDA member and two PSA members didn't file a report. I'll stop there and if you have any questions, I can answer those.

Mr. Hill asked because of the twice a year tax collection, our fund balance is way high, will it drop back next year.

Mr. Jones responded, not unless you spend it. The one-time hit is a bump of \$7 or \$8 million and that helped with a low fund balance and cash balance. Unless you spend that you will stay at that level. Next year your revenues will be back down to a level similar to 2019. It is a one-time benefit.

STEVE POTTORFF – VA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mr. Pottorff and Ashley Edwards presented that the county experienced a frost back in and are requesting the Board to declare a local natural disaster. That is the first step in hopefully obtaining help for some of the farmers who lost the majority of their crops. Basically, we need a letter that would be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture. This process is really important for getting loans that are low interest. We have 95 to 100% loss of fruit crops.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to direct staff to prepare a letter declaring a natural disaster to be approved at the next meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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REDISTRICTING WAIVER

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve requesting a waiver for the curing of split precincts in Carroll County as follows, Hillsville B, Hillsville C, Woodlawn D, Woodlawn E.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
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Robbie McCraw

Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell

Joe Webb

CSA REQUEST

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the CSA request for appropriation in the amount of \$466,593.82 with the local match amount being \$160,508.27.

Mr. Hill told I do not think we have a choice.

Mr. Watson replied you are probably going to have a similar request next year. We had it in the budget, and it was pulled out. I would rather have the request.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, with the corrected budget appropriation for department budget overages.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

1st QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the 1st Quarter Appropriations.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

FIRE TRUCK ALLOTMENT

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the fire truck allotment in the amount of \$300,000 with \$30,000 being deducted from annual ATL funds for a 10-year period beginning in fiscal year 2022 for Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department.

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Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Robbie McCraw Joe Webb	Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore
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NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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PSA SUPPORT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Watson told this a agreement is for refinancing for PSA.

Mr. Robbie McCraw replied this has helped reduce the debt of the PSA.

Mr. Watson told that it was by about \$30,000 a year and it did not extend the term of any loan.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the PSA Support Agreement Resolution.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Robbie McCraw	Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore
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NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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TREASURER REQUEST

Mr. Watson explained that we received a request from the Treasurer. For some time the Treasurer has issued DMV Stops and what that allows is an avenue to collect personal property taxes. They report delinquent personal property to the DMV and they stop the issue of tags. In that process, the DMV charges a fee of \$25 per vehicle and also the person is charged a \$30 administrative fee. The request is asking to use those additional funds from collection to go toward their department to help offset cost and help with salaries and additional workload.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Treasurers Request to use funds collected for the Administrative Fee for DMV Stops for their department.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Robbie McCraw	Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore
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NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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FIRE APPARATUS MOU

Mr. Watson told with the recent purchase of the Fire Truck for Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department; we have started requiring organizations that receive funding from the county to have memorandums of understanding. A lot of times when you have a vehicle that is disposed of you end up having to track down how it was purchased, and this is a way to clean it up so that there is an understanding. I recommend that we do this and I will have the Chief of Hillsville to sign.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the MOU for the Hillsville Fire truck.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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OLD BUSINESS

SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the Six Year Road Plan as presented by VDOT.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Phillip McCraw
	Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	None
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ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Phillip McCraw told last meeting we had a question asked, what do we need money for. Tonight, we paid invoices and you look at the debt the county has and we have a payment coming up on them and I guess I was shocked that the question was asked. The bills have to be paid, they are never smaller than what we expect, they are always bigger. We do need money and we look for ways to try to pay the bills and sometimes it is hard to find. Thanks to the staff, Mr. Watson and all the crew. We have come up with ways to pay it, sometimes it is not popular. We have some in the county who send out notes encouraging them to come in and give us a hard time. They actually put their number on it instead of the supervisors. I asked one today that that sent out this card how much is the county debt, and they didn't know. We all need to work together. We have things that are not popular to do but we have obligations. In January my term will be ending, but please work with these other guys and don't give them a hard time. I do not want to take money off of anybody that is not necessary. This is not an easy job, there are three seats going to be vacant and I don't see many coming forward.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for coming tonight. I think we need to try to come to some kind of agreement with the Training Center agreement but there are a lot of things that have to be addressed before we can come to that. It is not a simple process and hopefully at our next meeting Mr. Durbin can enlighten us on the process.

Mr. Hill asked that staff to develop a policy for the debt service as a percentage of our operating and debt service expenditures. Maybe get something back to us by October.

Mr. Watson told that we can develop a policy and lean on our budget committee to help make a strong plan. The auditor said this is a onetime opportunity. Going to twice per year tax collections allowed us to increase cash flow. One of the issues you saw in the past is when it come later times in the year you didn't

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have the cash flow in order to pay the bills. It was a really great decision to move forward with that. I think that we need to determine what that number is so that we never get to the issue of having to wait to mail checks.

Mr. Hill told we are still facing all this from years ago, but I think we finally crossed over and are heading in the right direction.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to direct the Planning Commission to address a zoning ordinance to cover facility and safety issues for facilities like the one planned at the Training Center and any other facilities within the I77/58 corridor, northwest area within 100 days.

Roll call vote was as follows:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

Mr. Hill told this may give us an opportunity to do something. We can't dictate who goes in there, but it may give us some options that we don't have right now. We also need a motion on the memorandum with the school buses.

Mr. Watson told we do need to make a motion to appropriate the \$520,000 for the buses.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to appropriate \$520,000 for school buses and to work on a memorandum to cover that and recoup those funds over a designated time.

Mr. Watson said that he would bring that back to you.

Roll call vote was as follows:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tom Littrell Joe Webb

Mr. Hill told that he wish something could have happened earlier with the Training Center. The code allowed us to have a couple years to try to find stuff to go there and that never came to fruition. We cannot dictate what the state does, it is their property they can sell it to who they want to. The Board of Supervisors paid for that land, I think \$197,000 and gave it to the state for the Training Center. We asked for that to be returned but it never was. Usually, properties like that stay on the market for 10 or 12 years. There probably will be a meeting with them over at the Senior Citizens building where the citizens can come ask questions.

Mr. Moore dittoed what everyone has said. Thank all office staff and employees and everyone that came out to speak tonight. I do want to recognize the dixie softball and baseball and t-ball and coach pitch that started back up. There has been a lot of great businesses that have helped get the program up and going. The County office staff, board members and others have worked. I think it has been very successful. On June 26th there will be 4 teams that will be voted on that will be all-stars to go on to state tournament and hopefully represent Carroll County with pride. I want to recognize all the people that donated and sponsored the season for the kids; Mohawk, Country Formals, Hills Mowing, Southern States, Payne Construction, Contenders, Inter Module Logistics, Salon 222.

McDonalds, A-1 Paving, Virginia 500, Mason Jar, Mays Electric, Justin Stamper Plumbing, C. W. Grading, Omega, Burris Lawn Care, Going to the Dogs, Brothers in Arms, Empire Design, Red Hill, Farm Bureau, Lester's Towing, Blue Ridge Paving, Empire Vacuums, Cana Booster Club. Half of the games have been played down in Cana and they are there to help with concessions and they should be commended. With COVID, it is a blessing to see all these people step up and help.

Mr. Hill told the Recreation Board is out there every day dragging the field, marking it and doing different things. To look at the kids and see the smiles is so good.

Mr. Moore told he was able to be there a couple weeks ago for opening day and there were a lot of kids and parents that were really happy to be back at the ball field.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told these are local businesses, we need to support them as much as they have supported our community.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Watson told in the next month or two they will be scheduling a regional workshop for 911. It will be to discuss some of the issues with the overall communication in the area. We will look at the long-term needs of communication in. There is one other item that Mr. Durbin will address.

Mr., Durbin stated at the last meeting there were a number of speakers who addressed the board about the Virginia Department of Education's recently adopted transgender policies with regard to the schools. Recognizing that the Board of Supervisors does not dictate school policy and that this is a statue and policy promulgated from Richmond. The Board would nonetheless like to express its views on the matter and give the legislators and administration in Richmond the sense of the community's stance on those policies and the process in which the transgender policies were adopted. I think the perception is that it was a bit of a hurried process. I have prepared a resolution that takes into account some of the arguments that we have heard in other parts of the Commonwealth, issues that have been raised here in Carroll County and the pending litigation that has been filed against the Department of Education concerning the implementation and adoption of those policies. I will recite the terms of the resolution and then let you decide whether to make a motion to adopt. This is a proposed resolution.

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is aware of the recently-adopted Virginia Code Section 22.1-23.3, which requires the Virginia Department of Education ("VDOE") to develop certain model school board policies concerning the treatment of transgender students in public elementary and secondary schools, including access to school facilities and participation in school activities by transgender students (the "Model Policies"); and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid statute requires local school boards, including the Carroll County School Board, to adopt local policies that are consistent with the Model Policies developed by VDOE; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the VDOE Model Policies, and is concerned with both the substance of the policies and the process used in developing such policies; and,

WHEREAS, it is well-established that the United States Constitution protects a parent's rights to make decisions concerning the care, custody and control of their children, including the rights to make decisions concerning the upbringing, **education** and care of the child, and such rights have been recognized as fundamental rights protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, the VDOE Model Policies do not appear to adequately protect the fundamental constitutional rights of parents concerning the education of children in that the policies appear to provide for withholding certain information concerning a students' transgender status from the students' parents or custodians; and,

WHEREAS, the VDOE Model Policies do not adequately protect school students or staff who have religious reservations concerning the implementation of the policies; and,

WHEREAS, the VDOE Model Policies appear to have been adopted in a hurried manner that did not adequately account for public input and concerns raised from the public regarding the implementation of the VDOE Model Policies; and,

WHEREAS, the VDOE Model Policies are particularly problematic with regard to the use of certain school facilities, including school restrooms, school locker rooms and showering facilities for the following reasons:

- 1) The Model Policies do not appear to adequately protect the privacy rights of non-transgender students who may be uncomfortable in using these facilities in the presence of students of differing biological sex;
- 2) The Model Policies fail to adequately respect the First Amendment rights of non-transgender students under the Free Exercise Clause, for whom changing clothes or using the bathroom in the presence of students of differing biological sex would violate the tenets of their religions—a group which is likely to include, among others, many Jewish, Muslim and Christian students adhering to teachings of their respective religions;
- 3) The Model Policies, by prohibiting even the most basic inquiry into a student's gender identity before using a restroom, could prevent a school from punishing acts of misconduct in a restroom and do not adequately consider legitimate safety concerns for students;
- 4) To the extent that the Model Policies would permit or require the availability to students of alternative restroom or changing facilities, no funding has been identified by the VDOE or other state entity which would be available to the County to modify current school facilities and instead constitutes an unfunded mandate which will burden the taxpayers of Carroll County; and,

WHEREAS, the Model Policies do not appear to provide adequate protection for the First Amendment rights of students and school staff, because they compel that students be addressed by their preferred gender pronouns, when such compelled speech may violate the religious beliefs of the students or staff members; and,

WHEREAS, the Model Policies are internally inconsistent in that they provide that gender identity is a matter of subjective self-identification, which school staff have no way of knowing unless the individual communicates their gender identity to school staff, but the policies also appear to prohibit school staff from questioning a student as to their gender identity, and at the same time prohibit school staff from communicating a student's gender identity to others. Thus, the policies appear to create a "Catch-22" situation where the very questions that would enable compliance with the policy are questions that school staff are forbidden to ask; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that the Model Policies concerning dress codes were not adequately considered and could have unintended consequences, especially in the context of physical education classes; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is aware of current litigation filed against VDOE, and is of the opinion that the Model Policies should be suspended pending the outcome of the litigation; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board is committed to the safety and well-being of all students and strongly opposes bullying, harassment or mistreatment of any student, but observes that such conduct is already prohibited by existing law and policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its support for the First Amendment rights of all students and school staff, and further to express its opposition to the VDOE policies as currently formulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to the VDOE Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools as currently formulated for the reasons stated herein.

2. That the Board of Supervisors hereby encourages the VDOE and the Virginia General Assembly to suspend the implementation of VDOE's model policy pending the outcome of current litigation filed with regard thereto.

3. That the Board of Supervisors hereby encourages the VDOE and the Virginia General Assembly to reconsider the VDOE policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students and suspend their application pending such reconsideration.

4. That the Board of Supervisors expresses its support for the First Amendment rights of its citizens, including the right to free exercise of religion and the rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children;

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to adopt the resolution as presented and forward to our state legislatures.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Robbie McCraw	Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore
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NAYS: None

ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Robbie McCraw	Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore
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NAYS: None

ABSENT:	Tom Littrell	Joe Webb
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Chairman

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