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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on October 13, 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

Others:

R. Cellell Dalton
Crystal Adams
Steve Durbin

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Littrell called the meeting to out of recess at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Hill 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

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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
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robbie McCraw 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. Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

CITIZENS TIME

No one was signed up for citizens' time.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

Dr. Littrell stated that we started the County Administrator search back in June to relieve Mr. Dalton of his temporary duties. He thought he would be here a few months and it has been over a year. We have reached the conclusion of that search.

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Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the employment contract with Mr. Mike Watson and authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to execute the contract.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Dr. Littrell told we are pleased to have Mike on board, and we welcome him to Carroll County. I have a short bio.

Mike is the Town Manager for the Town of Bluefield, Virginia. He has been employed with the Town of Bluefield since 2004. During those 16 years he has had various positions and has served the community as Town Manager for over 11 years. He has lived in the Bluefield area for over 37 years. He attended Bluefield State College where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration with specialization in Management and Finance. He has been recognized as a credentialed manager by the International City/Management Association (ICMA). He has served on various boards to include Tazewell County Wireless Authority, Community Health System Board, Bluefield Baseball League, Bluefield Virginia Rescue Squad Board, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Board and Sanitary Board of Bluefield. Honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by Bluefield VA Rotary. He has two boys that attend Concord University. Tyler is a sophomore and is studying athletic training. Kaleb is a freshman and is studying to become a teacher. He has recently become engaged to Amanda Smother. She is currently employed at Graham Middle School as an 8th grade English teacher. She has three children ages 8, 12 and 13. They are planning to get married in late February of 2021.

Mr. Watson thanked the Board for the opportunity. I have really enjoyed the process and have learned a lot about Carroll County. I look forward to it and am extremely excited. I plan to make a home here, it is a little different, you are leaving a community that you have always been in. I think this is the one I have found. I think that I am going to be happy here and be able to continue to raise my family and hope to extend my family in probably February with the most patient person I can think of. I do appreciate the opportunity and I look forward to working with everyone. I apologize that I have to run back, but if you need anything, I am always open. Hopefully in the next month I can get to learn a little more and get a jump on the start.

Dr. Littrell stated that he will start on November 9th.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

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
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

MINUTES

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the minutes.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Dalton announced that Bradley Hoffman removed his resignation after the Consent Calendar was prepared, so he is still employed.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the performance agreement with Parkdale Mills Inc. and to authorize the County Administrator and Chair to execute those documents.

Mr. Hill stated that this retains 340 jobs with 35 million worth of investments.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve a performance agreement with an undisclosed industry discussed in Closed Session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A5 where the industry is required to remain undisclosed until the granting agency authorizes the announcement and to authorize the County Administrator, Chair and Vice Chair to execute those documents.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

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ABSENT: Joe Webb

VACo VOTING CREDENTIALS

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to appoint Dr. Littrell as the delegate and Mr. Hill as the alternate.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

ABSTAIN: Tom Littrell Rex Hill

ABSENT: Joe Webb

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Mr. Dalton stated that Galax is making boundary adjustments to include Hobby Lobby and Big Lots. That requires the Board to consent by resolution. I would ask that you adopt the resolution and authorize signatures.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Enterprise Zone agreement and resolution, and authorize the County Administrator and Chairman to execute the documents.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

Dr. Littrell stated that the Historical Society has sent a request asking to remove the tree in front of the Courthouse and also to have an interpretive sign that would be with the statue.

Mr. Hill responded he does not have a problem with the sign, but I'm not sure about the tree until we check with Hillsville. They use that for Christmas each year. We could consider planting another tree.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the interpretive sign and have a discussion with Hillsville about the tree.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

GENEALOGY CLUB

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Genealogy Club lease for one year.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tom Littrell

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Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw

Tracy Moore

ABSENT: Joe Webb

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REQUEST

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to send the Commissioner of Revenue's request to the Personnel Committee.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

OLD BUSINESS

BALLYCOM

Mr. Hill stated that we have this agreement with Ballycom and we have not received anything. I would like to find out what they have done for us and see where we need to go with this contract.

Mr. Dalton responded we can invite them to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to appoint Dustin Richardson to the EDA Board with the term ending 3-11-2023.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Mr. Dalton suggested appointing the Director of the Chamber of Commerce to both the 9th District Financing and the Crooked Road. We can contact them to see if they are interested.

Mr. Moore requested we table to rest until next month.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Phillip McCraw thanked all of the citizens who were able to attend. There is a new restaurant in Cana so if you have a chance, stop by and visit them. I have a resolution that I would like to present.

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of, and visitors to, Carroll County to keep and bear arms, Carroll County Board of Supervisors previously declared Carroll County to be a 'Second Amendment Sanctuary', and

WHEREAS, certain legislation has been passed in the Virginia General Assembly that allows localities to, by ordinance, ban otherwise lawfully possessed and transported firearms from certain public spaces, causing law-

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abiding citizens to be exposed to a patchwork of local ordinances as they travel throughout the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the significant economic contribution made to our community by tourists and visitors and does not wish to discourage travel to Carroll County, and

WHEREAS, Carroll County wishes to welcome all law-abiding citizens who wish to live in, visit, or otherwise participate in the economy of our community, including those citizens and visitors who choose to legally carry a firearm for personal protection, and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors does not wish to infringe on the rights of the citizens of, or visitors to, Carroll County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its continued opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of, and visitors to, Carroll County to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County Virginia:

That the Carroll Board of Supervisors hereby declares Carroll County, Virginia shall not exercise any authority granted to it by § 15.2-915(E) of the Code of Virginia to regulate or prohibit the otherwise legal purchase, possession, or transfer of firearms or ammunition.

The undersigned clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Carroll, hereby certifies that the resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on September 14, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to adopt the resolution.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for coming out and our County employees for what they do and those that are working hard for the safety of our community. Ms. Vass has asked that I mention there is a food bank in front of the Town offices, and anyone can donate and help our community. Thank everyone for their continued prayers for myself and my family.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for being here tonight. Everyone remember the Larry Sykes family; he was a dedicated member of the Laurel Fork Fire Department for years.

Mr. Hill thanked all of the employees for keeping this place sanitary and free of the virus. We are trying to keep it as low as we can in Carroll. I was supposed to recognize a business this month, but the gentleman is in the hospital.

Dr. Littrell mentioned Breast Cancer Awareness month. All the ladies need to remember to get checked. I want to extend my thanks to Mr. Dalton for filling in

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for the last 17 months. He started this process thinking it may be a few months. He kept the County going and I appreciate him. I know it is going to be a very peaceful transition. We look forward to working with Mike. I appreciate the staff for all their work, especially on the COVID.

Mr. Moore stated that the Town has ask if we are not going to do apples, could we do candy at the Safe Halloween if they have it.

Mr. Dalton replied if it is prepackaged. Crystal has some face masks that we could provide instead of candy.

Mr. Moore replied that would be great. I am willing to be there to pass it out.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Dalton stated, I think you all have made a good choice, Mr. Watson will do a good job. You went through the process a little slower than I would have liked, but you have done a good job. Everyone in the County will be thankful with the selection that you have made. Last year on the worst day in September, the County had \$256,000 in the bank. On September 30th this year, the County has \$17,453,379.82. That gets you to where you are within the 15% guidelines. There has been a lot of tough things that has happened to make that possible. Carroll County as of today is in solid financial shape. We won't know the impact of COVID for a year. We are taking applications for the Small Business Grant and any business that has not made application, I would suggest that they do that if they feel they are impacted. VACORP and the steering committee has requested the Board write a letter supporting the solar energy and I would ask that you authorize us to sign that to support solar energy. I would like to thank you for the time here, it has been enjoyable.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to authorize the County Administrator to sign a support letter for Solar Energy.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Dr. Littrell added you were talking about the COVID funds for businesses, is there a deadline for that.

Mr. Dalton replied, this Friday.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

Mr. Dalton stated that I received the delinquent tax list from the Treasurer. I ask that the budget committee and myself meet to get this worked out so we can print.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to authorize the delinquent tax list to be printed in the newspaper after it has been reviewed by the budget committee.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
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Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to amend and appropriate the County Administrator budget in the amount of \$153,000.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Dr. Littrell advised that we dispense with the second meeting in October.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to move the November 16th meeting to November 9th.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

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 Tom Littrell
 Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Chairman

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