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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 12, 2021 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

Others:

Michael Watson
Crystal Adams
Steve Durbin

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Littrell 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. Hill, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A5, A8.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
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. Phillip McCraw seconded the motion.

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 Tom Littrell
Tracy Moore Joe Webb

NAYS: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Littrell certified Closed Session with the following Resolution:

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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	Tom Littrell
	Tracy Moore	Joe Webb
NAYS:	None	

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Dr. Littrell advised that he is adding one item to the agenda under Old Business, a resolution and deed of Old State Route 725.

PUBLIC HEARING – CIGARETTE TAX BOARD

Dr. Littrell opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Durbin explained that this is a proposed ordinance that would establish a joint cigarette tax board with other entities within the Mount Rogers area. Tonight, you would be voting on just the organization of the tax board which would be responsible for administering any cigarette tax imposed. This does not commit you to a specific cigarette tax or frankly a cigarette tax at all, it would just be approving the formation of the board. Whether and how much to impose as a cigarette tax would be a matter for adoption by a separate ordinance after advertisement and public hearing.

Ms. Adams read an email received by Debra Nester stating, In theory, the formation of a joint entity to be known as the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board will be for the purpose of beginning a cigarette tax on the citizens of Carroll County. Therefore, I am commenting on why Carroll County should not implement a cigarette tax. Currently, federal cigarette taxes are \$1.01 per pack and Virginia cigarette tax is 30 cents per pack. On that \$1.31, purchasers must pay an additional 7 cents in Virginia sales tax, which the county receives 1 %. Every time that cigarette tax increases, the amount of sales tax increases. The average cost of cigarettes including cigarette tax is \$6.00 so the consumer is paying 32 cents sales tax. This is double taxation on one product. Comparatively, gasoline and diesel has fuels tax included in the price but the consumer does not have to pay additional sales tax on the product when purchased. To clarify, I am not a smoker. I am part owner of a retail store. The grouping together of counties in the "Mount Rogers" area is a good idea if all the counties implement a cigarette tax. The purpose would be to keep the rates even in the localities. However, Nester's Store and Dollar General are the only retailers East of Hillsville that sell cigarettes. The next closest retailer is 7 miles

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away in Patrick County. If Patrick County does not implement a cigarette tax, our store will have to charge more for the products and will lose customers. This is similar to the extra fuel tax that Carroll County had to pay for a while because they are considered part of the I-81 corridor and Patrick County is not. The document that I was sent on request did not mention the intended use for funds generated by a cigarette tax in Carroll County. My hope is that you will use due diligence in considering if the extra revenue is worth putting this unfair taxation on a portion of our citizens.

With no one else to speak, Dr. Littrell closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

CITIZENS TIME

Steve Gregson told that he owns property in Fancy Gap and actually lives in South Carolina. I wanted to come here this evening; I was invited by EDA member Reverend Ronnie Collins to present my concerns regarding the hiring process of the part time Executive Director of the EDA. My concerns were, where was the transparency and what was the hurry during the process of hiring a part time executive director. Not to burn you with the full presentation that can be found on Youtube hopefully in the minutes as record soon, but I wanted to highlight some of the takeaways especially since my questions have not been acknowledged nor answered by the Chairman of the EDA which I find very disturbing and disrespectful. For the record, all can be found in the minutes of the EDA and the Board of Supervisors. At the November 2nd EDA meeting in 2020, the minutes reflect that the duties of the Executive Director was submitted by Mr. Edwards to review so they can be sent to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dalton said he would submit those to the BOS, motioned by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Carter for up to 30 hours weekly, report to the EDA Board and quote we, Board meaning authority in turn will report to the BOS. This motion was by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Sowers to advertise the position, quote if the Board approves for 30 days then proceed with hiring. Why 30 days, what was the hurry? Where is the copy of duties the public never saw? A week later on November 9th, the Board of Supervisors had a meeting and Mr. Dalton quote stated that you have a job description in front of you, motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Hill quote to approve for the EDA to advertise and to hire a part time Executive Director, to be paid by the EDA Board. Mr. Dalton gave the Board of Supervisors a job description that the public did not see, then you voted for the EDA to go ahead and advertise and to hire a part time Executive Director. One could choose that the job description quote unquote was not part of the motion, but that would appear to be very deceiving and deceptive. On 3-1 of this year the EDA had a meeting, and the new employee was announced and welcomed to his first meeting. There were no minutes approved at the recent EDA meeting due to some technical failures. Without the prevalent minutes even the Chairman taking liberties why was the employee allowed to be at the meeting. Without the approval of the minutes, does or does not the MOU exist. Prior to this an EDA member had brought the employee back to the BOS meeting on 2-21 announcing that he had been hired, even though the MOU had not been approved. On 3-8 there were three actions taken by this Board. One in the consent calendar under personnel. EDA, Donald Bryant hired part time EDA Director \$30.26 hour, effective date 2-23-21. A request from Mr. Dalton to Mr. Watson to create a line code for part time Executive Director and that was effective the day that you voted which was March 8th. This is the first time that citizens saw the MOU and it only covers back to March 1st and the document does not reflect the previous actions and wishes of the EDA and the BOS. I took the time to ask the EDA many questions and I have had no response. Besides the liability issues at hand on who authorized payments for employees who had not been hired or vetted properly, the main questions are when this Board authorized the EDA to advertise and hire this position it was based upon the job description at the time it was presented. With regards to the candidate, his LinkedIn social media pages with his education and job experience this candidate fails to meet the requirements set by the EDA and set by this board. When the board voted on 3-8 it was based upon the EDA to hire a candidate that

met the qualifications. There is no record of the EDA closing the process or even opened up after the 30 days. I would request an independent investigation into if there were any members that were involved in the process that had prior knowledge of an applicant that failed to disclose a relationship or have prior knowledge of any issues that may affect their vote without prior disclosure of conflict of interest. Today I attended a in my own words an illegal EDA meeting and observed a member who was allowed to place a very factual complaint on the record. Immediately after the member finished, the Chairman stated quote you are entitled to your opinion, but you are not entitled to your facts, end of quote. Seriously. This is exactly what the complaint was about. One has to ask the question if this is how the Chairman treats members and citizens then how does he treat prospective businesses. This is one of the reasons Carroll County is deficient with economic development, therefore I call upon the Board to demand to the EDA quote go back and do over end of quote. Complete disclosure and transparency under the complete guidance and counsel, human resources and all county policies and procedures.

Ms. Sue Quesenberry stated that she used to live on Duncan Mill Road. I have been trying to get the road paved since 1993. They came out and surveyed the land and had people to sign to get permission. They surveyed it a second time and pushed the markers back. They widened the road and went to the end of the road and spent the rest of the money there. I kept aggravating everyone and Mr. Martin told me it was in the 5 year plan. I have spoken with Ronald Newman and Lisa Hughes and she said it was not in the plan. I would still like the road paved. Mr. Moore has driven down the road. My father is 82 and he almost can't get out. I would like you to put it in the plan.

Mr. Ronald Dawson stated that he owns property on both sides of Duncan Mill Road. For a long time we have been trying to get the road fixed. I gave up a piece of land and lost some fencing doing that, but they paid us for it. Currently I am getting land resurveyed because where they moved the road over some of it is on the other side of the road and I am paying out of my pocket to do that. Almost 30 years later we still don't have any pavement and the road is still horrible. I drive a Jeep Cherokee and I bottom it out. A lot of older people live out there and they can't get out. Is it cheaper to do what doesn't work than it would be to put down more of a permanent road.

Mr. Hill asked if any of that road paved.

Mr. Moore told it is for a while but then it is gravel. They did work on the bridge and widen it.

Mr. Steve Bond told that he has an elderly mother who lives close to the Training Center and I am concerned. The house almost looks abandon and I worry about what may go on. I wanted to voice my concerns on what may go on there.

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	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

MINUTES

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that I would like for us to reconsider a motion that was passed at the last meeting. Do we need to approve the minutes before we do that.

Mr. Durbin replied yes. You can make a motion to reconsider an action taken previously but that doesn't change what was done at that meeting. Your vote on the minutes is just yes, this is what took place at that meeting.

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CIGARETTE TAX BOARD

Dr. Littrell advised that this is not to set any kind of tax, this is just to establish the Board. This is a regional board.

Mr. Webb stated that he spoke with several people and no one has been in favor of it. I have talked to store owners and then we have a statement from a store owner in my district. I don't think we need to put another tax on the citizens of this county, especially a tax for just cigarettes. I don't smoke and the lady in the letter doesn't smoke. To enter this with Mt. Rogers and share the tax with other facilities, I don't understand that. What is going to be the next one? Are we going to tax bananas, are we going to tax apples, are we going to tax a carrot. This is just something that the State of Virginia has give us the right to do and I don't think personally and with the input that I have got from people that we should even consider doing a cigarette tax in Carroll County.

Mr. Moore stated that he would like to second what Joe said. Floyd county business in my district, people just go over to the Floyd County line. Our local stores, I appreciate them 100%. We had a power outage in Dugspur, went to the Delimart and the store was closed so I had to go to Willis. I think another tax burden is going to really hurt them. In Cana too, what is going to keep them from going to North Carolina. The businesses down there are already competing with Dollar General and Family Dollar. I think it is just another tax we are putting on our citizens.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told looking at the tax already on them I am totally opposed. In Cana, they are going to get them in North Carolina. I don't smoke and I can't

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ride in the car with you if you do so that is not the reason. I just don't want to add more tax on the smoker.

Mr. Robbie McCraw reiterated what everyone has said. I have had a few contact me and more were against it than for it.

Dr. Littrell told his feeling was I feel like we probably should join the tax board but that does not say that we will put the tax on it. It gives us an option to at a later time.

Mr. Hill asked if everyone else taxes around us and we don't approve it are we out of it.

Mr. Durbin told if you don't join you can always adopt the tax and administer it yourself. You could join and adopt a tax at any rate from \$.40 per pack down. You could join at a later time if you reconsider.

Mr. Webb told we have joined so many things and what has Carroll County got out of it? They are taking our money and using it to benefit themselves. I can go in further detail on that and I will later on. If we join this board how are they going to divide the money up.

Mr. Durbin stated that every cent that is taxed in Carroll would be paid to Carroll. You would share the cost for the agents who would administer the tax, but after that every cent paid in Carroll would go into the Carroll coffers. You are not sharing the revenue, you are sharing the expense.

Mr. Webb said I am going to bring this up, BRCEDA, this county joined BRCEDA years ago to get Wildwood and this county had paid hundreds of thousands more than Grayson or Galax and what do we have to show for it, nothing. I don't think we need to go there and put another tax burden on the citizens of the county.

Mr. Webb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to not join the Cigarette Tax Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: Tom Littrell

VDOT

Ms. Lisa Hughes told that we have the resolutions for the Rural Rustic projects for this summer and there are six of those. They are Baltimore Rd, Dickerson Rd, Grace Lane, Harrison Drive, Stillhouse Rd and Turner School Road.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to approve the VDOT Resolutions as presented for Rural Rustic Projects.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Ms. Hughes explained on the Six Year Road Plan it is the same plan from 2019. I have not added anything to it but I have had some requests from you and will

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bring those up when we have the Public Hearing. You can see that we will be constructing through priority 7.

Dr. Littrell asked if she could address the concerns of Ms. Quesenberry.

Ms. Hughes told that she will review the maintenance at Duncan Mill. We talked several years ago and she was under the impression that it was in the Six Year Road Plan and it was not. That is something you can look at adding after the Public Hearing.

Mr. Webb asked if we can add roads tonight.

Ms. Hughes replied no, that needs to be done at the Public Hearing.

Dr. Littrell asked about the resolution for Training Center.

Ms. Hughes stated that they are asking for our concurrence in abandoning that road which served the old Southwest Virginia Training Center.

Mr. Webb asked if we abandon this whoever owns the property will have to take care of it.

Ms. Hughes replied yes.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to abandon the road that serves the old Southwest Virginia Training Center.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Ms. Hughes stated that she understands that last month there were some statements about maintenance and if you have anything specific or anything you want me to address, I would be glad to.

Mr. Hill told that he noticed in Smyth and Wythe Counties they were expanding to 3 lanes in some of the inclines, is there anything for I-77.

Ms. Hughes replied not at this time.

Mr. Hill responded, but we are having to pay the tax.

Ms. Hughes replied yes. That regional tax go towards the district grant fund. Those funds are used for smart scale projects and also unpaved roads. The spring transportation hearing for all roads will be virtual on May 5th. The bridge on Faddis Hill is scheduled for later this summer. The pipes on Stone Mountain Road need to be replaced and we have worked with the golf course and will do the work in the wintertime to accommodate their busy season. We will need a letter of concurrence on that project.

Dr. Littrell told on Elkhorn there are bridges, and one is so narrow that 2 cars can not pass. If you look at the sides you can tell people have been hitting it periodically.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it is in a curve also.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if there is any update on the Brushy Fork Road.

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Ms. Hughes replied no, but it would be my recommendation to add that to our Six Year Plan.

BUDGET CALENDAR REVISION

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Budget Calendar Revision with all meetings beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

LAND USE FEES

Mr. Webb asked why are we going down this road again with land use. We fought this for 2 years and I thought this board said that we are not doing anything with it.

Mr. Phillip McCraw stated this is the fee, not the land use.

Mr. Webb replied, I know but it has to do with land use.

Mr. Phillip McCraw stated that the Commissioner is wanting another person, do you want to volunteer.

Mr. Webb replied no, why does she need another person. She got rid of the one she had last year and now she wants another one. Why, nothing has changed in this county. You all want to change land use fees to hire another employee for this county. I am totally against even going there.

Mr. Moore stated with the cigarette tax and land use, we killed this last year and it was on a motion that it wouldn't even be brought back up for like 5 years and here we are a year later. I just can't go with it.

Mr. Phillip McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to set a public hearing at the next meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell

NAYS: Tracy Moore Joe Webb

DMV STOP APPROPRIATION

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to appropriate \$5500 for DMV Stops for the remainder of the year.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION

Mr. Robbie McCraw stated that he would like the Board to reconsider a motion that was made at our March meeting regarding the MOU with the EDA. I would like to see us change it or rescind it at the next meeting.

Mr. Durbin replied that you don't need to advertise or hold a public hearing on. Mr. Gregson raised some points tonight and he and I have discussed, and he is going to email me the text of his statements. If you are interested in tabling that I would be happy to look into it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is very uncomfortable after what Mr. Gregson brought to light. I am very uncomfortable with the way it was handled, and the MOU came after everything was said and done. I do not know how the rest of the Board feels but I think we need to address.

Mr. Durbin suggested putting this on the agenda for the next meeting. I would like a little time to look at his concerns and make a response.

Mr. Hill stated we need to look at it or at least get some input.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to have Mr. Durbin look into the MOU and investigate the dates and how it was transpired. Also, for the qualifications to be addressed.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that Mr. Gregson stated that on his social media pages he doesn't meet the requirements and I would like to know if he actually does before this Board considers to this.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Webb nominated Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Hill to serve on the Social Services Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tracy Moore

SET TAX LEVY

Dr. Littrell explained we advertised the Real Estate Tax Levy for \$.69, that means we can not raise it, but we can go lower. I understand that \$.67 is revenue neutral.

Mr. Webb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to set the Real Estate Tax Levy at \$.64 per \$100 assessed value.

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Mr. Webb stated that \$.67 will be equal revenue from last year and it put a burden on our tax payers. That will put another burden on them. If you look at the Treasurers Report of how much money we have at this point in the bank, we need to give our citizens a break. We need to show them that we care about them and they have full confidence in what this Board is doing.

Mr. Moore told no only the taxpayers but we put a burden on our employees. Those are the two biggest things the Board needs to have this year. First citizens then our employees, I feel like that is important.

Mr. Hill stated that means you are going to cut health insurance, pay raises.

Mr. Moore replied we have a meeting Monday night, we will try to find a way.

Mr. Hill replied and also EMS.

Mr. Webb stated, you wan to talk about that for 3 years I have tried to get EMS in the Laurel Fork District. Have I got anything, no. You keep bringing up EMS and insurance and we keep taxing our citizens and they are getting nothing for it.

Mr. Hill replied the EMS would be for their retirement.

Mr. Webb stated I am sorry but you have to think of citizens out there trying to pay their taxes, and what are they getting for it, an increase every year. If we go with \$.69 they are getting another increase and what do they get for it, absolutely nothing. When you can show me that we need a tax increase and you can show me where it is going to go to help these people out I will vote for it, but not now. That is just the way I feel, I am sorry but enough is enough.

Dr. Littrell told his feeling is we worked very hard last year to work ourselves out of a deep financial hole and we were successful. My thought is to keep revenue neutral this year.

Mr. Webb replied, yeah it was successful. How much money is in the bank March 31st, how much?

Dr. Littrell asked how much are we supposed to have to cover what we are required to have?

Mr. Webb replied I don't know but how much is in there right now.

Dr. Littrell responded I know how much is in there right now, how much are we supposed to keep.

Mr. Webb stated according to Mr. Dalton, our Interim County Administrator he wanted \$60 million in there. We are not in the banking business, we don't take these peoples money are set on it and not let them get the advantage of what they are paying their taxes for.

Dr. Littrell replied your point is taken.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Robbie McCraw	Joe Webb
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS:	Rex Hill	Tom Littrell
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Mr. Hill made a motion to direct the County Administrator to prepare a budget to meet the tax rate and make it revenue neutral to not cut into the Fund Balance of 12%.

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Mr. Moore asked how much the fund balance is supposed to be.

Mr. Hill responded 12% which is about \$10 million.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Durbin stated that he has looked at the code concerning the Social Services appointment. It provides that the Board of Supervisors should select 3 members of the County, one of which should be a member of the Board of Supervisors. I think we are limited to just one Board member.

Mr. Moore responded he would like to withdraw.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to rescind the previous motion to appointment and table making an appointment until next meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CITIZENS TIME

Dr. Littrell stated that normally he would not do this, but there is someone who thought they were going to be on the agenda and it did not get there.

Mr. Boatman told the last time he was here there was a representative from the Life Center and spoke of 180 jobs and also the Life Center in Galax had only had one police call in the last year. He encouraged us to look further into that so I went to the Chief of Police in Galax and asked for the 2019 and 2020 911 dispatch calls. There are some 400 calls of EMS and police to just that facility. We also looked into the 180 jobs. Acadia Health is required to apply for a Certificate of Need and I have a copy of that. The application shows 100 patients with 120 patients coming every day with transport. For the year 2023 and 2024, they are showing 52 on the application and 60.6 in 2024. He also promised 24/7 security and for the year it shows 2.8 people. That is not even one person every 8 hours. They have a doctor that is over their clinic. She is listed by them as the Medical Director and she has had her license restricted multiple times for writing pain prescriptions in an unlawful manner. She lost her license in the State of New York and that is who is going to be over writing prescriptions. There was an article in the Gazette in 2017 where the citizens were asking for a fence and as of today there is no privacy fence at that facility. I am concerned about the safety of my family and neighbors. Someone will have to pay EMS and police going to the facility and the property surrounding it will go down in tax value. I am still asking that this Board do some type of Public Hearing, ordinance or zoning for this facility. The man lied when he told you it was one police call. The 180 jobs he promised doesn't show on the application for Certificate of Need. I ask that this Board not allow Richmond to push this deal quietly and under the table and force us to deal with it. I ask that you look into that.

RESOLUTION – ABANDONMENT OF ROAD

Mr. Durbin advised after the Public Hearing on February 28th a motion was made to approve the abandonment subject to a deed of easement. I prepared a resolution to do that an also a deed of easement. We need to approve the resolution of abandonment with the deed of easement.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Resolution for Road Abandonment.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Webb thanked the staff and our employees. It has been tough, and I probably showed horns I shouldn't have tonight but enough is enough. Mr. Boatman, I hear you and if I lived over there, I would be exactly like you. The County has nothing to do with that property, that belongs to the State of Virginia. This Board before I got here wrote how many resolutions to the State and visits, we made to try to get the State to give us that property. Richmond don't hear us, but I will work with you and this Board if they want to go that route. I can't offer any hopes or promises that we can do anything about it. I hope you have reached out to the delegates and senators. I agree with you but I want people to understand we have nothing to do with that property. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Everyone get there COVID vaccinations. There is a good turn out tonight and I appreciate that.

Mr. Phillip McCraw thanked everyone for coming tonight. I think there is a misunderstanding about the Land Use. It has not been changed since 2004. With no tax on your equipment, you are getting a pretty good deal. It is \$25 to sign up and \$.25 an acre and we are going to have to put someone down there it is an assessment year. They are talking about not taking tax dollars and using them unwisely, if the farmer can not pay just a little more to sign up the property there is something wrong. We shouldn't have to take it off the homeowner, they are already paying pretty good for their taxes. Not trying to be unfair with anybody. I have cattle and farm equipment and I would be willing to pay tax on my farm equipment. That is a pretty good deal. I know we have one that comes here and he wants to hold everything down but when I go to pay my insurance it has gone up.

Mr. Hill asked Mr. Durbin if there is anything we can do to make a facility like that do a fence without zoning.

Mr. Durbin told fencing really relates to livestock. Other than adopting a zoning ordinance consistent with your Comprehensive Plan there is really not much you can do. Zoning is your tool. You could adopt certain fencing requirements withing your zoning.

Mr. Robbie McCraw stated then it would apply to the entire county.

Mr. Durbin replied you have to be consistent with your Comprehensive Plan. You do not have to zone the entire county. There are a few within Virginia who only have areas zoned. There are not a lot of good tools to address the situation.

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Mr. Hill told that another property owner has expressed concern. He has a trail on his property and even when the Training Center was there they would go through the trail. We need to look and see what we can do. I guess we need to go to the Planning Commission and see what they can do and what matches the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Durbin stated that it would need to start with the Planning Commission. You can request that they look at it and make a recommendation.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told on the DSS Board there are 6 people. Of those 3 has to be citizens and only one of those can be a Board member.

Mr. Durbin replied yes.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is going to take a few minutes because he has something he needs to get off his chest. When we appoint people to boards, we are appointing them as direct representatives of ourselves and of this county. I am bringing this up to express my total embarrassment and dissatisfaction of the EDA Board at their last two meetings. We all sign a Code of Ethics and Model of Excellence and at the last regular meeting, which was last Monday, the decorum in that meeting was unacceptable. The way that some of the members treated others and the way that some of the members treated a citizen that was there speaking was not what I would expect anyone on this Board to do. I certainly don't want to be treated that way and I don't think anyone else would treat anybody else that way. With saying that I am going to make a motion, I may not get a second and I may get ran out of town, but I make a motion to suspend funding to the EDA until we can get some particulars worked out. I am not saying suspend it completely, just temporary suspend funding to the EDA.

Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Mr. Webb asked if we suspend their funding what will happen? They have bills to pay and things to do. I don't understand, I know he said it was temporary. Say we cut it for 60 to 90 days, how much trouble are they going to be in. Don't they owe a lot of bills now from the emails I have been seeing.

Mr. Robbie McCraw stated, according to their financial statements they have money. They have money to pay an Executive Director. I am saying this as a temporary thing until we can work through some of this distension on that Board. In my opinion it is just not good, and it looks bad on us. I don't care for anybody knowing it, my daughter serves on that Board. I did not vote on that, I abstained, and I've tried to remain neutral but the professionalism and the decorum in those meetings. If you will take the time to sit down and watch them, I think you will see what I am talking about.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told the EDA is not elected and the PSA, you don't vote on them. The Board should expect a little cooperation out of them.

Mr. Moore told he hasn't seen the meeting and I would like time to look at them. The thing that concerns me is we are a PSA Board, we are Board of Supervisors and they are EDA Board and we have the same counsel for all three. We are all working under the same Code of Ethics, is that something we can do. I would just like clarification from counsel.

Mr. Durbin told if there is a funding agreement in place where the Board of Supervisors approve, I think the EDA would have the right to enforce that agreement.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told he would not argue that point. If we are obligated, we are obligated, but anything other than what has to be.

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Dr. Littrell told I am not against the intent, but I am against the method. I think we could work and try to resolve another way.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it just needs to be addressed.

Dr. Littrell responded that he does not disagree with that.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw
Phillip McCraw

NAYS: Tracy Moore Joe Webb
Tom Littrell

Mr. Moore thanked the citizens and hopefully we can get something done on the roads. I want to thank all of the Board members. Everybody is passionate about what they believe and that is what I would want as a representative. Robbie, I understand where you are coming from. I have not seen the whole deal so it is hard for me to vote on. Joe, you said you were out of line a time or two, I appreciate your passion and I enjoy serving with you. Thank the employees and Mr. Watson for all he does. There will be a lot of late nights for a budget now but we will work hard on it.

Dr. Littrell stated we covered a lot of territory tonight. I appreciate everyone taking their time to be here and voicing their concerns. We do not always agree but we are still smiling, that is the way government should be, compromise. I thank all the staff. We do have a meeting next Monday to discuss the budget.

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Chairman

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