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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

Rex L. Hill
Tracy Moore
Ronnie Collins
Jody Early
Joey Dickson
Robbie McCraw

Others:

Michael Watson
Crystal Adams
Justin Martin
Steve Durbin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A1

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Ronnie Collins Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Ronnie Collins Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

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

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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	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

Mr. Collins led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Moore told that he would like to amend the agenda to add the Fair Committee and the Dixie Allstars update.

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to amend the agenda as requested.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

Mr. Moore opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Durbin explained the reasoning of the Public Hearing and told that it is not necessarily required but it was done to give the public as much notice as possible. In this situation, the Code of Virginia has been amended to allow you to segregate for taxation purposes motor vehicles, trucks, pickup trucks, handicapped equipped trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, all terrain vehicles and similar vehicles as defined in the statute and the resolution before you. This is the first time you have had the ability to separate and tax it at a different rate than general personal property. We prepared a resolution and if it is the Boards pleasure we can establish a different rate.

Mr. Moore closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. I would direct staff to have a public hearing for next month to do away with the Motor Vehicle License Fee for at least one year and we will look at it after the year.

Mr. Collins made a motion change the rate from \$2.30 to \$2.00 per \$100.

With no second, the motion failed.

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to change the rate from \$2.30 to \$2.15 per \$100.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Robbie McCraw	

NAYS: Ronnie Collins

CITIZENS TIME

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Katie Guynn told she lives on Fireside Drive in Laurel Fork and is an organic market gardener with a fruit orchard that I planted four years ago. I have 67 years of poison free gardening and farming under my belt. I am honored to be here and thank you for the work you are doing for our county. In late summer of 2020, my son and I were out in our garden when we heard a helicopter. It turns out that the helicopter was spraying fungicide according to one of the employees and by the time I got back home it had reached my house. This was a Friday afternoon about dusk and all of the regulatory agencies were closed and all of the birds and pollinators were roosting at that time. Within two days of that spraying about 60% of the birds were gone and at least 60% of the pollinators that I need for my business. This year after the second summer spraying, we are down to $\frac{3}{4}$ of those missing. Aerial spraying used to be illegal, but it has recently been legalized again. Unfortunately, spraying with the fungicide is a hazard to humans and to wildlife. There are 7000 acres in Carroll and Grayson that are being sprayed by helicopter and as a citizen we feel like we have a freedom to clear air and water. There are safe alternatives to fungicide. I am asking you to take this matter into consideration and begin the process of enacting an ordinance to ban the fungicide.

Mr. Early thanked Ms. Guynn for coming. Do you know who was doing the spraying.

Ms. Guynn replied I know who did it last year and the year before. I don't know if the same person is leasing the land.

Mr. Early asked if it was a private individual, not a government agency like the Forestry Department.

Ms. Guynn replied no it is not forestry.

Mr. Early responded I am sure there are rules and regulations. Could we look into if there is any state guidance.

Ms. Guynn told that when they sprayed it was over the weekend and at dusk which leads me to believe they didn't want anyone to know they were spraying. Also, there were three children outside while they were spraying and by law they are supposed notify.

Ashley Pack told that they have lived in Laurel Fork since 2018. I noticed every fall and spring there were helicopters spraying. All three of my children were outside watching the helicopter when I saw a mist. I pulled them inside and after research they were spraying chemicals. No one tells us when they are doing this and it is literally across a two lane road. There is no chance to escape it because we are not notified.

Jesse Guynn told I live on Fireside Dr. In late 2020 I was working in our garden and heard a helicopter. When my mom got back from investigating, she rushed me inside when the helicopter was spraying fungicide on the cornfield. In a couple of days there were hardly any birds, bees or butterflies that I was accustomed to seeing. We need these pollinators to function in an organic farm. We heard our first tree frog in two years last night. There are safe and effective alternatives that farmers can and should use if their sprays are affecting the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Moore read two additional letters regarding the topic that were sent in by citizens.

Mr. Hill asked if staff could contact USDA. I am sure there are guidelines that have to be followed.

Mr. Early told when he asked who was doing the spraying, my intent was not to get a name and asked if we could strike the name from the minutes.

Mr. Durbin told that minutes do not have to be verbatim although it will be part of the video recording.

DIXIE ALLSTAR UPDATE

Mr. Mankins told that the boys did not win a game, but we made a good impression on the people there. The boys were well behaved. We were by far the smallest county there. The boys played really well, and they kept their heads up. I think you had some good ambassadors from Carroll County. Thank you for helping with the opportunity for them to go.

CARROLL COUNTY FAIR

Mr. Moore told the majority of the Board members want to help out with the fair. We are looking for guidance on who to get with to get that lined up.

Kevin Semones told the next two weeks are critical, we have to get pins set up and tents.

Mr. Moore told we want to let you know how much we appreciate what you all do for the county.

Mr. Semones told the fair started in 2005 and this will be year 17. We do ag education days during the week and that is about 1000 kids. We have several different training opportunities for them. On sponsorships and in kind we are around \$13,000 this year. We have changed the layout and times of events this year. Some of the events run over and to make it easier we will be starting some shows the weekend prior to the fair. The carnival rides will start on Wednesday night and the schedule for each night was discussed. It takes a lot of volunteers that step forward. We have to keep figuring out people who can help. It takes people and our people are aging out.

Mr. Moore told the Board wants to be there and help when we can. We will reach out to you.

MINUTES

Mr. made Hill a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to approve the minutes from July 11, July 14 and July 21, 2022.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

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

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for the way they are presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTYWIDE OPERATIONAL SOG

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Gary Bergeron told we operate under a Standard Operational Guidelines so no matter who is responding, we have universal patient care, and the same guidelines are followed. This is everything we already do; we are just putting it on paper.

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to approve the SOG as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to approve the financial software for every office except Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurers Office and full implementation of all offices within two years.

Mr. Watson asked if this would be full implementation with us beginning the implementation within two years.

Mr. Moore replied, yes.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Early to appoint Daryll Aruanno to the Library Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to appoint Ronnie Collins to TRIAD.

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Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Ronnie Collins

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Early told he was watching the news out of Winston Salem, and they were talking about one of the counties in North Carolina that have decided to put AR-15s in each of their schools that have an SRO. Those guns would be kept under lock and key, but it gives the SRO an equal opportunity to take a shooter out. Perhaps we could consider doing this too with schools with SRO's. I asked Mr. Watson to try to find a vehicle for the Airport and the car they have currently was donated by Galax. It has outlived its usefulness. We may have located one and I just wanted the Board to know. They would title it and provide insurance. In our Land Use Ordinance, we need to take into consideration, we need to protect land south of the runway for future use. I have been going to the Laurel Fork Community Center meetings. If you are interested, come on out. They also have a small library out there if you are going by and they have fixed a calendar of events. They are asking for funding of an expansion, and I would like to ask the Board to consider appropriating some money towards that. At one time on personal property on aircraft at the Airport, that was given directly back to the Airport. That stopped in one of the prior administrations, but can we look at if we could do that in the future. It is just aircraft personal property taxes that are paid. It would probably lessen some of the other contributions that we give to the Airport. I wouldn't think they would want to get all the money we have appropriated this year plus that.

Mr. Moore asked if we need a vote on the car that we would give to them.

Mr. Watson told that we would need a vote, but we can go ahead and plan.

Mr. Moore asked about having the calendar of events piggybacking on the county website.

Mr. Early told he did mention that at the last meeting and gave them Crystals information.

Mr. Moore asked if we need to set a date to have all of the grant opportunities in from the community centers.

Mr. Martin told we have set that at September 30th.

Mr. Collins told that he appreciates the people who came tonight that spoke to the Board on behalf of concerns and issues that they have. I would like to make the call to all citizens to come and be a part of the process because if you don't you are going to get what you get. I am disappointed to see that we didn't lower the personal property vehicle rate lower. I would have loved to have seen it go back to \$1.86 which was what we recommended by the Commissioner of Revenue when she first came and spoke to us about it, but we got \$2.15. I did not get a second to my \$2.00 per \$100, its obvious that \$2.15 was the rate, I must have missed that memo, but that is what we got. I encourage the citizens to come and speak on your behalf for what it is. I have had lots of people speak to me and tell me that you were struggling. One of the things, our county did very well through the pandemic. Much better than most would have ever imagined we would do and I would just like to see us give back to the citizens as much as we can.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for coming and encourage everyone to go to the County Fair. It is an enjoyable thing to do and the kids love it.

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Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to hold an Employee Appreciation Meal on September 23 with a rain date of September 30 with the Board members serving the meal.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

Mr. McCraw told I really appreciate the Fair Committee that came tonight. They do a lot of work and put in a lot of effort, and they are starting have issues with people aging out. I have been contacted over the last week by several citizens expressing concerns about our Code of Ethics and our Model of Excellence that each Board members signs. It has come from a wide variety group of people, the concerns have. Several years ago, back in 2019, this Board took a lot of abuse about some decisions that we made, financial decisions we made. At that time, I tried to fight back on social media, and I found out that wasn't the thing to do. Now, I don't do social media, I am troll on it, I don't respond to people, and I don't ask questions. If you have a concern about something, I ask that you call or email me. My email address and my personal phone number is listed on the county website. I say that to go back to what I said about the Model of Excellence and Code of Ethics, it is my opinion that there are some violations of that, and we need to have validated. I would ask that we direct Mr. Durbin to look into it and come back with some kind of idea that says if we are or if we aren't violating any of this. Any board member, all of the board members or whatever. I think it is time we bring the integrity back to this Board that we have had in the past. Everything that we do needs to be done for the people of this county, we need to be responsible for each one of them and do the best job that we can possibly do, be the best stewards we can be with the county's funds and make it great again.

Mr. Dickson told it has been a very productive meeting. I want to thank the PSA Board members for coming up with solutions, so we didn't have to raise the water and sewer rates this year. It is a tough year on everybody so that was a good thing. We were also able to provide some tax relief on certain vehicles, about 15 cents and to make a clarification, we can't do \$1.86 because we couldn't go under the machine tax, \$2.00 is the limit. I felt that \$2.15 if we are hopefully going to do away with the county license fee. To me it is a great thing when you can balance the budget without having to raise taxes. I want to thank Fran and her staff at the Commissioner of Revenue Office for their work on this and all of our staff for evaluating these things. Thank you to our staff and the volunteers, fire and rescue volunteers, Carroll Fire & Rescue, Sheriff's Office, deputies, dispatchers, admin, and staff. Please come to the Carroll County Fair. If you have not been, you are missing out. It is \$5.00 to get in and you can ride all the rides, six and under get in free. A lot of hard work goes into it, I volunteered every day last year. Thank you to Kevin and Shelia, the fair committee and all the volunteers.

Mr. Moore thanked Fran and her staff and each of the Board members for going and meeting with them. It was exciting for me to see that we had six board members that took the time and met with them. I appreciate Justin, Mike and Crystal for all they do. I am glad to see the guys from Cana enjoy the World Series and put a good showing on for the county. I thank the Fair Committee for all they do, and I want to thank the Board for their willingness to volunteer to help with that. I know Mike has some volunteers within the county, outside of maintenance that is going to help, and I greatly appreciate that. I challenge anybody that works for the county, we can all step up and join in and help. It is something that we can be proud of, and it gives all the kids in the county an opportunity to have a good time for \$5.

Mr. Collins told that Mr. McCraw brought up the integrity of this Board and I am sure that Mr. McCraw is talking about some things that concern me with social media. I want it to be known by the community that for the past eight months there is a person who has

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berated me, harassed me and bullied me and stalked me in every way possible. The last insinuation is that I am having an affair on my wife, that has never happened, it is not true. He has flat out told the community that I homeschool my children, so I don't support the county school system, that is not true. He has accused me of attending a dinner with Governor and somebody buying my tickets and so that is illegal, I bought my own tickets. He accused me of going underdressed for that dinner. It has just been, I have had the daylight beat out of me and I've reached out to Mr. Durbin for help, I've reached out to this Board for help, and I've gotten no help.

Mr. Moore replied, this Board worked hard, we can only do what council gives us the opportunity to do.

Mr. Collins told he just wants the community to know. If people want to hear what the accusations are I'd be glad to read them, I have every single one of them saved. Let me just say this, in response to that person I have never responded. If there is an ethical issue with not responding to that kind of abuse, then I am guilty.

Mr. Moore replied, I understand that. I might be wrong, council can say, I think the Code of Ethics and Model of Excellence, Mr. McCraw did not really speak of one individual. I think it was for the whole Board for us to do the right thing.

Mr. McCraw asked if we need a motion for Mr. Durbin to act.

Mr. Durbin responded, I can act, but if there are specific concerns. It is hard for me to do some sort of audit without the background information. I am happy to assist in any way that I can.

Mr. Moore told this is something we could possibly talk about next month and come up with what we need as far as the Board to look into.

Mr. Early told this applies to all of us. I would ask that all Board members, that any information, even though this is a public meeting and it is on YouTube and people can come, I would ask that all members, any information that we decide, make motions, pick a broadband provider that the information go through the Administrators Office and is released through him before it ends up on Facebook.

Mr. Collins responded, I have to add to that if people are here and watching online, it can be on Facebook in a heartbeat.

Mr. Early replied, some people don't do Facebook and I am one of them.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Watson told with the earlier motion to move forward with a public hearing, I would ask the Board to make a motion to approve an Emergency Ordinance for the Vehicle License Fee. In order to have the public hearing it will be past the date to send the information to the Treasurers Office.

Mr. Durbin told this will delay collection of the license fee of one year. In order to make this happen, we need to adopt an ordinance. In order to keep it timely, we need some action before then. We prepared an emergency ordinance to take the action now and we will have the public hearing at the next meeting.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to approve the Emergency Ordinance for the Vehicle License Fee.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Durbin told looking at the minutes of the July 14th meeting, it looks like we have a simple issue of a misspoke on a motion. The minutes approve as one of the items was the Cana Convenience Center Resolution. Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to adopt the amendment to the resolution and it was adopted. The problem with that is that you didn't have a resolution prepared, you had an amended agreement. I think the motion meant to state was to adopt the amendment to the agreement. My recommendation is to clean that up, make a motion to rescind the Cana Convenience Center resolution because there wasn't a resolution and adopt the amendment to the agreement.

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to rescind the motion on July 14 to adopt the Cana Convenience Center Resolution and to approve the amendment to the agreement with Container Storage Solutions.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Ronnie Collins

NAYS: Robbie McCraw

Mr. Durbin told this is an amended agreement and read the amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Ronnie Collins Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

Chairman