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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on December 14, 2020 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

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

Others:

Michael Watson
Crystal Adams
Steve Durbin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Watson called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Robbie McCraw nominated Dr. Littrell.

Mr. Webb nominated Tracy Moore.

Mr. Watson closed the nominations.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Durbin suggested based on the results that we have another motion for consensus that Dr. Littrell has been elected.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Robbie McCraw to appoint Dr. Littrell as Chairman by acclamation.

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: Joe Webb

ABSTAIN: Tom Littrell

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Littrell opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Hill nominated Tracy Moore and Mr. Robbie McCraw seconded the nomination.

Tracy Moore nominated Phillip McCraw and Mr. Webb seconded the nomination.

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Mr. Webb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to close nominations.

The motion passed with all signifying aye.

Roll call vote on nominations:

Joe Webb – Tracy Moore
Phillip McCraw – Tracy Moore
Rex Hill – Tracy Moore
Robbie McCraw – Tracy Moore
Dr. Littrell – Tracy Moore
Tracy Moore – Abstain

RULES & PROCEDURES

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the Rules of Procedure.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CODE OF ETHICS

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to accept the Code of Ethics as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

SET MEETING TIME, DATE AND LOCATION

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the public portion beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Littrell stated that if we need a second meeting, we can add it.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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- A1, A3, A 5, A7.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tracy Moore made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Robbie 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 (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 Joe Webb
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Littrell 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:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Nobli explained he and his wife have owned Carrollwood for over 50 years. Our property shares the largest boundary with the former Southwest Virginia Training Center with a total distance of almost 1000 feet. If the sale of the Training Center to Acadia Healthcare moves forward, we respectfully request that an appropriate 8-foot-tall security fence be installed along the shared boundary line. This will prevent many of the primary issues already cited. Good fences make for a good neighbor. We want to protect our property that we spent the last 5 decades working for and we want to protect the safety of our private dwelling. Acadia's annual revenue is in excess of \$3 billion and they can easily afford this request. We request that the Board be our voice on this matter and speak up for the citizens of Carroll County.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie 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 made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill 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. Phillip 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

TWIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Whitt thanked the Board for their time. The Chamber takes pride in representing Carroll County. We finished 2020 with about 150 members and we look forward to growing in 2021. We have set our goal in 2021 to 200 members and we are hoping that we can meet that or surpass it. We have launched our first 15 under 40 awards which highlighted professionals throughout the Twin Counties. We are hoping to start that process a little earlier this year and be able to announce at Smoke on the Mountain. We are starting a Civics committee and we are excited about that. We are working with the Small Business Development Center to do some trainings. We had 3 new Board Members in 2020 so we continue to grow. We have several committees if you are interested in being involved. We look forward to bringing new events to Carroll County.

BALLYCOM

Mr. Durbin pursuant to the Boards direction, I sent a letter to Ballycom to appear at the meeting. Mr. Hamlar advised that he wasn't able to appear in person due to COVID but would be available for a teleconference. I emailed him back accepting that then did not hear back from him. On December 4th I wrote again to Mr. Hamlar asking that he appear at this meeting either by person, by zoom or teleconference and I did not hear back, and he is not here. To this point, to our knowledge we have had no process reported, no leases presented pursuant to the contract. I am happy to respond according to your directive.

Dr. Littrell asked if you could explain the legalities.

Mr. Durbin explained it was an exclusive dealing agreement where Ballycom would represent the County in marketing properties to the telecommunications industry to essentially locate antennas, towers on county property or property that is owned by constituent entities. That agreement was executed and it will be I think three years in September. After three years there is an automatic right for the County to terminate, although the agreement could continue for five years. We are 2 1/2 years into the contract and I have been asked to review no leases or agreements pursuant to a request of Ballycom. To my knowledge there has been no progress.

Dr. Littrell asked if we have the ability to terminate early.

Mr. Durbin stated that you can always terminate a contract for breach of contract and in this situation, we have a fairly good argument that is the case.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to give notice of termination of the contract.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

REGIONAL LIBRARY UPDATE

Trish Fore stated that she is the new Regional Director at the Library. I have been employed with the Library for almost 15 years. The Library will be providing additional services to citizens such as notary services and we hope to take appointments to do passports. You have a packet with information in it, we had over 79,000 library visits. We are trying to meet the needs of the citizens with physical items as well as e items. We have continued youth story time

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throughout COVID. Like many organizations there have been several transitions at the Library. We have several programs going right now, including teen to go packs. These bags have been very popular. There is also a book walk where you can follow signs to read a story and take a stroll at the same time. I would encourage each of you to visit the library and apply for a library card if you do not have one already. I would also encourage you to check out the website as well as facebook page and Instagram. We are an active Carroll County department, and we strive to meet community needs.

Mr. Hill stated it sounds like you are doing a great job.

Ms. Fore told that we are also providing wifi access in the parking lot 24 hours a day. We are looking to extend the access out to the gazebo.

SOCIAL SERVICES MID YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Social Services mid-year adjustment with no local funds needed.

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. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to appoint Martin Slate to the EDA.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to reappoint Dr. Littrell to District III.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tom Littrell

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to appoint Christin Ardito to the Mt. Rogers Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Joe Webb
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell

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Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to reappoint Michelle Dalton to the Rooftop Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Webb to appoint Mr. Hill and Mr. Moore to the Budget Committee.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Joe Webb
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Rex Hill Tracy Moore

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to appoint Steve Winesett to the PDC.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to table the Social Services appointment until next month.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – GFL

Mr. Durbin presented the Franchise Agreement with GFL. The County advertised for Solid Waste Franchise, nonexclusive and I think all members agreed to approve the agreement with GFL/Waste Industries, then it was referred to a committee. I don't think that was followed through on and then COVID sidetracked everything.

Mr. Webb asked if it is going up to \$18.55 per week.

Mr. Hill responded that it is per month.

Mr. Moore asked about a couple that say they cannot get pickup.

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The representative responded that if there are not enough in one area they do not do pickup.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the GFL Franchise agreement and to allow the County Administrator to sign.

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. Robbie McCraw congratulated Tom and Tracy. I am looking forward to this next year. Thank everyone for being out and for the information we received tonight. Everyone be safe going home.

Mr. Hill asked everyone to get their vaccine if you can. Can we explore how we might go about doing the marketing for telecommunications ourselves or some kind of recommendation. I know it is difficult for the schools and the teachers right now.

Mr. Phillip McCraw thanked all of the county employees, they have all worked so hard through COVID. They have all been exposed at different times and I appreciate it.

Mr. Webb thanked all the county employees and staff; it is a tough job. I am not going to seek reelection after this year. I have thought a lot about it and wanted to get it out so if there are others who want to run, they can be preparing. It used to be February 15 but this year that may be put off until March. If you are interested in running, good luck.

Mr. Moore reiterated what everyone else has said. I appreciate all the county staff and Mr. Watson. I want to thank the Board members for all they do. I will continue to give 100% and hopefully a lot of good things can happen. Everyone stay safe.

Dr. Littrell stated that he sent out an email and Kenya has put out about 30 balloons about 60,000 feet up to cover their entire country with wifi. It would be nice if we could get one balloon over Carroll County. Mr. Watson has contacted the company but has not received a response. I am more than likely going to miss the next meeting. I have scheduled a trip that I didn't realize was a meeting date. I also have an announcement, 14 years ago this month I made a decision that I never thought I would do. I filed to run in the 2007 general election for the Pipers Gap District seat on the Board of Supervisors. It has been a decision I have never regretted and one that has been filled with both rewards and a few challenges. I have made many new friends and contacts throughout the Commonwealth. This year I will have been on the Board for 14 years and it is now time for someone else to occupy this seat. It is not without some sadness that I am announcing that I will not run for reelection. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of Pipers Gap and the citizens of Carroll County in general and I thank you for the opportunity to represent you. I believe great days are ahead for our county.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to approve the Finance Director and Recreation Director position to be filled.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Watson told that it has been a great transition so far, there are a lot of great people. I look forward to the year ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill 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