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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on July 11, 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. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A7, A8

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

A (7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. 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.

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 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:

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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 Tracy Moore
Jody Early Joey Dickson
Ronnie Collins Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

Mr. Collins led in invocation and pledge.

DIXIE ALL STARS

Mr. Mankins told this is a group of 13 year old All Stars that played Dixie here in the county. They are going to represent the state of Virginia at the Dixie World Series in Louisiana starting next Friday. We have three Dixie Boy teams in the county. Back when Carroll got out of Dixie youth they had teams all the way through high school age. I had a couple nephews that wanted to play so I started up the older age group and it has grown the last couple years. This gives the boys a chance to play and progress. This year we played with teams from Surry County. The boys were introduced and told this will be a good experience for them. I want to thank you for considering giving us some help, they have been trying to raise some money.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to approve and appropriate \$2500 towards travel expenses for the Dixie All Star team to attend the World Series.

Mr. Moore told that he serves on the Dixie Board and I appreciate what he has done for the youth. It is awesome for our kids to get this opportunity. With that being said, I will abstain from any vote.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tracy Moore

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mr. Collins told that tonight we are recognizing Container Storage Solutions in Fancy Gap. The owner of the company, Gerald Collins called just a few minutes ago and said he was still driving the truck and coming through North Carolina, so he is not going to be

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here with us. In honor of the business, it is located at 294 Kelly Road in Fancy Gap and the business started in 2016. The rent 20 ft and 40 ft storage containers locally and they also have a business in Myrtle Beach. He also operates Rural Services in Patrick County and has about 3500 customers for household garbage pickup. Mr. Collins agreed, applied to the RFP to open up the convenience center in Cana. He has opened that back up as a service to the citizens to see if he can make a go of it. It has been a slow start but people are learning that it is back open and things are picking up. The certificate was read and we thank Mr. Collins.

Mr. Moore told next month we will have Mr. Hill recognize someone from his district.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CLASSIFICATION

Mr. Moore opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

No one was signed up to speak.

Mr. Durbin explained that this is a proposed ordinance that would segregate as a different classification for taxation purposes, automobiles, trucks of less than two tons as referenced in section A4 of Va Code Section 58.1-3503. Trucks and other vehicles as described in subdivision A5 of that same code section, motor vehicles with specifically designed equipment for use by handicapped in A9 and motorcycles, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, off road motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles. This ordinance would be setting those classifications of personal property as a different class so the Board could assign a different rate. This could come into play given the inflation with regard to used cards and things of that nature. The ordinance would set the stage for you to make a decision if necessary to apply a different tax rate.

Mr. Moore closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to approve the Tax Classification Ordinance.

Mr. Moore told that we will need to have a Public Hearing in August to set a rate.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – ELDERLY & DISABLED

Mr. Moore opened the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Durbin told this amends the financial eligibility requirements for the qualified disabled or elderly tax exemption. It raises the limits for financial eligibility.

With no one to speak, Mr. Moore closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m.

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to adopt the amended Ordinance on Elderly & Disabled Tax Exemption.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CITIZENS TIME

Janet Blanding thanked the Board and the County Administrator for all the hard work on getting broadband access in the county. I read with happiness that you have been recommended for an ARC grant and that you have selected a private sector partner for the state grants. I know it wasn't easy to get all of that done, so thank you. Broadband is important to me because I work remotely. I work solely from home as a technical writer and without broadband I could not do that. I have CenturyLink in my neighborhood in Fancy Gap and I am not the only remote worker there. Having CenturyLink enables us to have well-paying jobs that allow us to own property and spend money in the community. I know that there are people who would like to work in this area. I really appreciate the work that has been done. I took a look at the VATI application guidelines, and they looked quite complex, so I know that it is not easy and I appreciate what you do.

John Nobili told if Arcadia wants to be a good neighbor, they should continue the construction of the fence that they started yesterday in front of the facility. This fence is just for show. What good does it do when a major part of the property is wide open. It is like closing the front door and leaving the back door open, it doesn't make sense. Neighbors like Joe and Judy Horton, Faye and Brad Bond, Carolyn and Lynn Honeycutt and Carrollwood Campground need the fence done. At Carrollwood Campground we have two large lakes that could be a potential safety hazard for Arcadia patients that may be trespassing. Good fences make for good neighbors. Dealing with a large corporation, we need to be persistent to protect our interest. This is the time to do the work to get them to put the fences up. I have been in Carroll County for over 50 years, and I will continue to squeak the wheel until it gets grease. I never understood why they done the front part just to fool people. You never see a farmer that builds a picket fence to keep in the cattle.

MINUTES

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the minutes from June 13th and June 23, 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. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the payment of invoices.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Moore thanked Justin and Mike for the way they have been presented, I appreciate your time on that.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER RESOLUTION

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the New River Regional Water Resolution.

Mr. Early asked if Mr. Durbin has anything to add that would be a benefit.

Mr. Watson told there has been a capacity issue, we are around 60-65% and with the new businesses in Wythe County they are needing to purchase more water. They are looking at doing the increase without increasing the cost to do this upgrade. It is about a \$7 million investment and 10% of that would be \$700,000. We hope to be able to obtain grants to offset the cost.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson 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

SCHOOL BOARD CARRYOVER APPROPRIATION

Mr. Watson told mainly these are transfers of state funds that would carry over from one year to the other.

Mr. Collins read the following statement: Today's discussion involves the county budget, and this discussion may include funding for the Carroll County School Board. As many of you know, I have a position of employment with the Carroll County School Board. With regard to the proposed funding of the School Board, the proposed funding would affect the entire School System generally and not myself individually, and as a consequence, I am a member of a group of three or more individuals who are employed with the Carroll County School Board and similarly affected by the decision on the proposed funding. Therefore, in this situation, the exception to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, Va. Code Section 2.2-3112 (b)(1) applies to this situation. In compliance with that section, I hereby declare that I am able to participate in this discussion and voting on this topic fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the carryover appropriation.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER MEETING CHANGE DATE

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to move the October meeting to October 3, 2022.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to change the November meeting to November 7, 2022.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to appoint Whitney Greiner to the Crooked Road.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Ronnie Collins

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to table to remainder of appointments until the next meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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Mr. Collins told the web pages and social media sites are updated much better but we still stumble across some old stuff once in a while. If we could work on updating and getting old stuff off there. There are so many different places, I know it is hard to track it all down. I had several people reach out to me that just got their tax tickets yesterday, asking if it is possible to have 30 days from the date of mailing until the due date. I think the way it is set is 21 days. I don't know what the code says.

Mr. Durbin told you can give more time. You can by resolution extend due dates up to 90 days.

Mr. Collins asked if we can do that by motion.

Mr. Durbin told you will need a resolution prepared and we could do that at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Collins asked if we could have a resolution by Thursday.

Mr. Durbin replied yes. Just for clarification, you would like to see a resolution to extend the due date.

Mr. Collins told he would like to see 30 days from the date it was mailed. That would give them 9 extra days. There is an organization in the county that provides Children At Play signs. I have had two requests.

Mr. Moore told he had a request too for Water Plant Road.

Mr. Early told concerning the New River Regional Water Authority, our representative on there I would like him replaced. I empower the Board to bring recommendations for a replacement so we can replace at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for the work that has been going on behind the scenes Also, good luck to the ball team.

Mr. Dickson thanked staff and all the employees for everything you do. It is great to see our youth celebrate another accomplishment. Good luck to our Dixie All Stars. I would like to request the county attorney to reach out to Arcadia to see if we can finish fencing the entire property. I had a call from Ray Melton, and he served on Mt. Rogers Alcohol Safety. We don't have anyone who has applied so if anyone is interested, please apply.

Mr. McCraw thanked the staff for everything that they do. The baseball team going to Louisiana is great, we've had lots participating in activities and it is good to see the youth get back into the swing of being active. I think it is really important that we continue to recognize those.

Mr. Moore thanked all staff, Mike, Justin, Crystal, Michelle, maintenance, PSA, our Constitutional Officers, our EMS and Fire Department. I think they had several calls this weekend and sometimes it goes forgotten and we just expect them to be there, but we greatly appreciate all their efforts. I will ditto the testament; it is good to see the kids getting to experience a trip to Louisiana. I have been able to talk to Ronnie a lot being on the Dixie board, and they are working hard to raise the money as well, so it is teaching them good lifelong qualities. I would also like to direct Mike and staff to see if they can do something to help our maintenance staff with the county fair and offer to the county employees if they would do it for comp time or compensation to help relieve some of the duties they have. It is coming in August, and they would appreciate anyone that wants to volunteer. I also appreciate the law enforcement and what they do.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Watson told it is nice to see the Dixie League and all the children that participate. The people volunteer their time to work with children in the county. I love to see it grow and I hope it grows so much that we have growing pains. EMS and the fire protection do a great job. There is some really great people throughout the county that do it for the

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love of the county. I appreciate all that they do and all of these boards that I sit on and the Board of Supervisors do to make this county great.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to adjourn until Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Chairman

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