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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on October 3, 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. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A1, A5, A8

Roll call vote was as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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**NAYS:** None

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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**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:

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NAYS: None

Mr. Collins led in invocation and pledge.

### **BUSINESS RECOGNITION**

Mr. Moore presented Michaela Smith with the Carroll Wellness Center a Certificate of Appreciation. The Carroll Wellness Center is a 501 C3 nonprofit fitness organization located here in Hillsboro. While some use CWC as a place to exercise or swim, our true value represents and serves a much larger purpose than simply a place to work out. We exist for the benefit of our community, to strengthen and help enhance the lives of the elders, adults and youth we serve. They have an extremely qualified fitness staff, exercise and training programs that aid people of all abilities and fitness levels, a variety of aerobics and aquatic classes, exercise equipment in multiple areas of our facility to serve all people with a variety of physical fitness levels and abilities along with rehabilitation and exercise programs targeting chronic health issues such as diabetes, high blood pressure and along with restoration therapy for cancer patients, evening childcare and so much more.

Ms. Smith thanked the Board for their continued support of their facility.

Mr. Dickson presented Gladeville Grocery a Certificate of Appreciation for their business.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ thanked the Board for inviting him tonight. I would like to give a brief history of the store. Frances Nell, her parents opened the store in 1957 and was called Hanes Grocery. They lived in the basement and ran the store upstairs. At some point the name was changed to Gladeville Grocery. Since it opened it has been owned by Wallace Kegley, Bill Stone, Mac McPeak, Mike Bolen and presently by myself and Bobby Lineberry. It has changed from a full-service grocery store. I went to work there 41 years ago for Mac McPeak. It is more of a convenience store with a deli now but it also has little odd stuff that you wouldn't find at most. Until recently we always carried Big Springs Mill products and they no longer exist. Years ago, our back wall was nothing but flour and cornmeal but times have changed. It is more than a convenience store, it is a community store. Our regular customers are like family. We are very proud to run this establishment and we try to be a good citizen to the community. Thank you for the opportunity and the recognition.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – FY24 TAX LEVY**

Mr. Moore opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Durbin told that I have no additional comments to make. I mentioned at the last meeting that if memory served me correctly the tax rate is to occur at the first meeting in January or as soon thereafter as practicable. I did look that up and it was correct. I think this is a commendable action to give the public and the Constitutional Offices notices of the intended tax levy, I will ask you to take action on it again in January to confirm that and to make sure we are in the tax year that it applies. There is nothing preventing you from taking action on the budget of your intended tax rate at an earlier time.

Mr. Moore closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

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Mr. Moore thanked the Board for our meeting Wednesday and Justin and Mike for their preparation.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to set the tax levy to \$0.59 for 2024 and at that time we will readvertise, hold a public hearing and revote in January.

Mr. Collins asked if that was dropping it from the current rate of \$0.64.

Mr. Moore replied yes, from \$0.64 to \$0.59 effective June 2023.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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NAYS: None

Mr. Durbin clarified one thing; the statement was to be effective June 2023. It would apply to the entire 2023 tax year but the budget year of 2023.

Mr. Moore replied yes.

Mr. Durbin replied it might head off some questions later.

## **CITIZENS TIME**

No citizens were signed up to speak.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to approve the minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 28, 2022.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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NAYS: None

## **PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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NAYS: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **HOLIDAY RESOLUTION**

Mr. Watson told that this is the Holiday schedule that the court system requests so they can plan to close as well.

Mr. Dickson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the Holiday Resolution.

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Roll call vote was as follows:

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NAYS: None

Mr. Hill told it makes more sense to have the whole day off instead of a half day.

Mr. Moore replied absolutely.

### **VACo VOTING CREDENTIALS**

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to allow Mr. Watson and Mr. Collins to vote at the VACo Conference.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw	Tracy Moore Jody Early
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NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Ronnie Collins

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Joey Dickson Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Jody Early Robbie McCraw
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NAYS: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to appoint Mr. Dickson and Mr. Early to the Budget Committee.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Robbie McCraw
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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Joey Dickson Jody Early

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Hill thanked the county employees and everyone who worked on the budget, it is tough to get together.

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Mr. McCraw thanked the staff for all their work on the budget. I thank Crystal and anyone else who had a part in getting the things ready for the cookout. It seemed to be a success.

Mr. Early told that Laurel Fork Community Center is having their annual meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. I invite anyone to attend especially if you are in the Laurel Fork District. Also, with the year coming to a close rather quickly, I will once again entertain the idea of perhaps appointing people from your respective districts to the PSA Board. I would like to see fewer supervisors on that board, I have mentioned it several times. I think perhaps two out of the six of us would be plenty so if you would give that consideration, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Collins thanked the County employees, like everyone else has. It was good to be with them at the lunch to talk and fellowship and hear good things that are coming out of all departments. I heard good news from the Treasurers Office and Social Services, everybody seems to be up on the upswing. Also, I know our Emergency Service Coordinator, Gary Bergeron, that is his job, but I just want to say thank you to him. We had some citizens in the Fancy Gap District with the storm that had medical needs for electricity. After midnight Gary was on the phone with me tending to those needs, gathering cots and things that were needed. I appreciate that, in the background I could hear kids and I appreciate the hard work he was doing through that storm.

Mr. Dickson thanked the staff for everything that they have done, especially on the budget. I look forward to working towards the \$0.59 to help the citizens. I appreciate everyone that helped with the employee dinner, it was a good success.

Mr. Moore thanked the staff or all they do. I also thank our Emergency Services, Sheriffs Department and volunteers who keep the county safe.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Watson told we had the employee lunch, and all of the Board of Supervisors were able to participate. We had a good turnout and the employees appreciated it. It was a good thing and hopefully we can continue to do this as we go along. We have great employees in every department. We have a great staff. This weekend is the Pumpkin Festival so if you have time stop by.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Durbin told at the last meeting a motion was passed to have me investigate or review compliance with certain laws and policies applicable to the county. I am not really an investigator; I can give legal opinions on facts as they are presented. Regarding the Code of Ethics or Model of Excellence, that is something that the Board really determines and decides itself, with that being said I don't see anything given the facts that are known to me that raises any liability, concerns or anything that I feel I need to advise the board on. Separately you asked for how to evaluate something moving forward and I'll present that memorandum and opinion to the board, but I am not aware of any facts that would cause me to raise a concern at this time. Also, Mr. Newman requested that I take a look at an issue relating to a vacation of a plat. This is a plat that was approved by the Planning Commission to recommend vacation of the plat to the Board of Supervisors. It is also my understanding that no lots have been sold from this plat. In most circumstances, the Board of Supervisors would have the ability to proceed in a number of ways to consider the vacation of this plat. It could be by an ordinance or because no lots have been sold Virginia Code Section 15.2-2271 provides that with the consent with the governing body, you can declare that the plot be vacated. You can authorize the Chair or the County Administrator to sign off. I would ask for the Boards opinion on what you would like to consider.

Mr. Collins replied I would like to hear a little more about it.

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Mr. Durbin told he does have some information that he can hand out.

Mr. Moore asked if we could have the public hearing in November.

Mr. Durbin replied, you could. You could put it on the November meeting for review of a deed and approval to vacate or just for additional consideration.

Mr. Early asked if there are two options, to do a public hearing or to get everyone to sign off on it.

Mr. Durbin replied yes, it is just the one owner that would need to sign.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill Jody Early Ronnie Collins	Tracy Moore Joey Dickson Robbie McCraw
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NAYS:	None
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Chairman