

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, December 17, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

- Rex L. Hill
- Dr. Tom Littrell
- Phillip McCraw
- Robbie McCraw
- Bob Martin
- Joe Webb
- Steve Truitt, County Administrator
- Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator
- Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Robbie McCraw called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1, A5, A7)**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A1, A3, A8).

Mr. Durbin explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

1. Discussion or 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.

3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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.

**VOTES**

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| Mr. Webb           | Not Present |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes         |
| Mr. Hill           | Yes         |
| Mr. Robbie McCraw  | Yes         |
| Dr. Littrell       | Yes         |
| Mr. Martin         | Yes         |

(Order)

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board came out of Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board adopted 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.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it is good to see everyone out tonight. It is close to the Christmas season and everyone is busy and we had to postpone last week because of the weather. Hope everyone survived the snowmegadon that we had. I love the snow and wish it would do that every week.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes

Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Robbie McCraw told we are voting on an item that is a tax exempt resolution for the Fuller Center of Greater Carroll County and I am on the board of directors but it is a non-financial position. I haven't received any kind of financial anything. It is just a volunteer status, there is no compensation.

Upon motion by Mr. Webb seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Abstain
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on November 19, 2018.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved holding the Organizational Meeting on January 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**REINSTATEMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Reinstatement Letter for Gary Jessup.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**EQUAL TAXING RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Equal Taxing Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**JOINT MEETING**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved holding a Joint Meeting with the PSA on January 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**TAX EXEMPT RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Tax Exempt Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**TEDDY FELTS**

Mr. Felts told he appreciates the opportunity to come and address the Board, it has been a couple of years since I have been here. I am Teddy Felts, Director of the Victim Witness Program. He told he thinks it is a good idea to keep the Board apprised of how the program is running since over the past 10 years the Board has voted to give us local dollars. I want to give a little history of the program in case you didn't know it has been here in Carroll County since 1996 and last year alone I had the privilege to work with over 300 people as they went through the court system. Part of my job is to assist those folks through court and help them get unpaid medical bills paid through the Virginia Compensation Fund and help them get restitution ordered through the court. That doesn't always mean they get paid but the judge will order them to get restitution and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been ordered just over the past 5 years. I am proud of being able to help folks get that ordered through the court. I wanted to talk a little about the current trends, over the past 10 years the Board has voted very graciously to support the program with local dollars. The program is funded through a grant through the Department of Criminal Justice and that grant kind of stayed the same and as cost of living increased and insurance costs the Board voted year after year to supplement the program with local dollars. I am very appreciative of that and I wanted to come here today and thank you for that and also give you a little new information. A couple years ago I got notice that the state was going to allow Victim Witness Programs to apply for more money and I took that opportunity with the help of Mr. Truitt and Ms. Cannon and we ended up hiring a part time Assistant Victim Witness Director whose office is in the City of Galax. Her name is Tracy Goad and Mr. Truitt's office with Michelle Dalton we interviewed several applicants and Tracy came on board a little over a year ago and she is doing wonderful. She assists victims in the court system in Galax and the line is roughly Main Street so anything this way is in Carroll County. Even with that increase the County is on the hook for the same amount of money and as the cost of living increased the County was on the hook. This year I submitted a budget for \$92,154 and it was expected that the grant would be \$78,279 and the County would give \$13,875 and the County most graciously did that. In the last 10 years as far as I know the Board has never had a problem with my program and I am very appreciative of that. The real reason why I am here today, Mr. Truitt and I talked about the grant and he wrote a letter to DCJS and we did the grant application and I was notified just after July that this year DCJS is going to fund 100% with no local money required. Matter of fact, they have sent us a grant for \$94,466 which is more than what this year's budget is and I am expecting to get at least that amount for the next 3 years which means no County dollars will be required. So roughly it saves the County about \$40,000 for the next 3 years. What happens after 3 years nobody knows but I have no reason to believe that the grant amount will go down, if anything I believe it will go up. The main purpose of me coming tonight is to thank you for all the support through the years that you gave.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he wants to thank you.

Mr. Felts told that we are so lucky to have a grant funded Victim Witness Program here. We have crime victims that are thrown into the courts where it's not fair. The defendants are given all the benefits and rights and they are kind of left there. I am so fortunate to have a job where I can work with people and it is because of you all that make that happen.

Mr. Hill told that not many people want to give us money back and we appreciate it.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Felts and Mr. Truitt for acquiring this.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he was fortunate enough to use your services in 2008 and you do a really good job at what you do and it was helpful. It did take time to get the restitution back.

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING – ANIMAL ORDINANCE**

Mr. Truitt told basically the idea behind the ordinance is if Animal Control has to pick up an animal for whatever reason the owner would be required to post a bond.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that basically it is an update to the ordinance and giving us the ability to charge if we have to keep an animal.

Mr. Durbin told it talks about livestock and if you have to seize horses it can be substantial.

Mr. Robbie McCraw opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board adopted the Animal Ordinance.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Mr. Phillip McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing the Board reappointed Mr. Hill to the CLEO Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Abstain
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing the Board reappointed Mary Coulson to MRCSB.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board reappointed David Clontz to the Social Services Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing the Board reappointed Dr. Littrell to the District III Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Abstain
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Benny Robinson told again I want to thank you for your service to the county and I know this has been a contentious year for some of us personally. We thank you again for the repeal of the non-user mandatory hookup ordinance. Doing the right thing is always the easy thing to do. I do think that delaying the effectivity speaks volumes in and of itself . Going into the New Year I would like to offer food for thought. The Bible teaches us to hate sin but to love the sinner. I liken our relationship and I am speaking of the citizens to that teaching. We hate some of the situations that government gets us into but we still love our country and our government. We believe and trust in America, the oldest governmental experiment on earth, our democracy. In my Sunday school lesson yesterday we talked about the fact that throughout history no government has survived that turned its back on the precepts of God. Today hardly a day goes by that we are not exposed to government wrongdoings, lying politicians, politicians on their way to jail, investigations abound, failed moral character permeates the airways and print media. I would like to think that my county, my home Carroll County could and would be distinct and unique in regard to that and rise above it. High ethical standards, always do what is right and not necessarily what is legal. I cannot help but remind you of the news last Friday that the long predicted mandates of the Affordable Healthcare Act, Obamacare was found to be unconstitutional by a federal judge ruling for 19 states. Thank you again for what you do, I feel that you are not properly compensated for the difficult job that you have. I bid you Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

(Order)

**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Webb thanked everyone for being here tonight, it was good to get some great news that we don't have to spend money for the Victim Witness Program. I want to thank our staff and the other members of the Board. This has been a year for me. I know Mr. McCraw and I are the new kids on the block and what a year of learning. I have enjoyed serving this year and I look forward to the next 3 years of my term. I want to bid everyone a safe and happy holiday season and Merry Christmas. I look forward to 2019 and dealing with more issues that we can settle and progress Carroll County. I want Carroll County to get better. That was one of the reasons that I ran for this Board was to see what I could do not as a politician but as a citizen to help the people of this county and to see it flourish. We accomplished quite a bit this year. I've had to learn one thing, the wheels of justice and government are slow. You want to fix it tonight and you just basically can't do that. Again I want to thank our staff, we have one of the hardest working staffs in Southwest Virginia. I appreciate everyone does for this County.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told that he wants to thank everyone for coming out and being part of the meetings and I think the votes that give me the opportunity to be here and I also thank the ones I work with, they are a great bunch. We all have an open mind and we can discuss and come to conclusions. Sometimes we might not agree but we don't come out holding grudges. I appreciate all of the County employees. Everyone here has been real helpful to me and I appreciate it. I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. Hill told he would like to reiterate appreciating the staff. Also want to point out the Carroll Christmas Fund, there was a lot of folks there and that is what the citizens do they stand up for each other. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dr. Littrell told he wants to extend those greetings too, a Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas. I do appreciate Teddy's gift this year. I have contacted Scott Raynor to come before the Board on March 11<sup>th</sup> if I have the Boards approval.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that is a great idea.

Mr. Martin told I too would like to say Merry Christmas. I would like to see us take a serious look at the two pay system with taxes.

Mr. Truitt asked if he meant take a look with Bonita.

Mr. Martin told I could but I would like the whole Board to take a look at it. I have people that say when in the world are you going to get a business in Wildwood and almost every meeting we have potential occupants but there are so many variables out there, either we are too big or too little. I wished there was some magic way. I'd like to point out that the Board and our relationship with the School Board and the Town of Hillsville is excellent and I think that speaks well for the Board and the direction our leadership is going in.

Mr. Robbie McCraw wished everyone a Merry Christmas and keep mindful what the season is really about. Something, Mr. Martin just spoke about Wildwood and something Steve said earlier stuck in my mind. It is a beautiful piece of property but if you travel across the United States there is probably one every 200 miles or so. There is a lot of competition

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, second by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk



December 17, 2018