

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

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

Mr. Rex Hill called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A3, A5, A8).

Mr. Durbin explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

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.

5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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.

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

(Order)

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie 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.

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

Mr. Robbie McCraw led in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hill welcomed everyone. We have a long agenda so we will get to it.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda with the addition of Fran Zimmerman and also Closed Session at the end of the meeting for Personnel/Performance Review.

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

Mr. Hill told that Dr. Littrell will not be with us tonight due to a death in the family.

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| Mr. Webb | Yes |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |

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

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings on March 27, April 4, April 8 and April 11, 2019.

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

(Order)

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved becoming a participant in the Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long Term Care Insurance Program through the Virginia Retirement System.

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

(Order)

BUDGET CALENDAR

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved the updated Budget Calendar.

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

(Order)

SHERIFF

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved appropriations for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$75,000 for overtime and \$20,000 for gasoline.

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| Mr. Webb | Yes |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |

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

(Order)

SHERIFF

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$50.00 from a donation from Skyline National Bank for the Special Olympics Fishing Day.

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

(Order)

ADDITION TO CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board added the Joint Building Safety Month Proclamation to the Consent Agenda.

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

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the Joint Building Safety Month Proclamation added.

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

(Order)

WASTE INDUSTRIES

Mr. David Duke thanked the Board for having them. I am the Government Municipal Contract Manager for Waste Industries covering this section of Virginia and Tennessee and Western North Carolina. We have met previously with the County Administrator and the Assistant County Administrator to talk to them about a transition that we are looking to go through in the very near future. The transition is going to involve our operational procedure on how we physically collect the garbage for the residential garbage collection that we have the franchise agreement for in Carroll County. With me

this evening is Robert Washler, he is our General Manager out of Wytheville where he has a truck maintenance facility and 27 employees there. Also with us this evening is Travis Hitchcock. Travis is our Regional Vice President for Virginia and also Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. Basically we want to tell you a little bit about what our intentions are and why we have a change in our operational procedure which has to do with several different factors, primarily it has to do with the safety and health of our employees. I'm going to let Travis speak to that and we will add to it as appropriate.

Mr. Hitchcock told I appreciate the opportunity to speak in front of you this evening and I am going to speak to you more on the operational side of what is really driving this and how the industry is really changing. Our industry has become ever so challenging with distracted driving on the roadways. We have numerous types of incidents that are occurring on a regular basis across the country and our drivers don't have a lot of ways to protect themselves when the driver is not paying attention and they pull up to our truck who stopped in the roadway trying to provide services. Kind of the concept that a lot of us as haulers across the country have shifted to is what we call automated or semi-automated collection and essentially what we are looking to do in this scenario, our current arrangement is we access a charge for rental where you actually the users in the county would have to pay to subscribe to have a cart provided by us or they can use their own personal containers. What we are proposing to do is actually go out and purchase containers for everyone in the county at no cost to the citizens and they would still only continue to pay the user service fee. The current fee we are charging is \$1.50 for the cart rental fee. That would not be assessed to the users, what we are going to be doing is just continue to access the service line item at the current rate that we currently provide the services. I go back to safety really driving it in that when we have containerized waste we can hook those containers directly up to the vehicle, a lot of times the driver doesn't have to get out of the vehicle. I understand it is Carroll County and there is going to be applications where the driver is still going to need to get out and we have already designed or setup a truck that would allow him to do that. Most recently we had a dog bite last week in Carroll County where one of our employees was bit by a dog and that is another reason why the more times they get out of the vehicle the more opportunity for them to get hurt or potentially be bit or incur a needle stick or something along those lines. Those are the main drivers as why we are looking to shift this way. We find it is a nice opportunity to improve the aesthetics of the county. The containers we provide have lids and we will be maintaining those to make sure they stay in that state and it will ensure that the amount of litter throughout the county actually comes down as a result.

Mr. Duke told that one of the things I would like to add, we talked about the appearance of the community a lot of times when people put there bag trash on the curb or the roadway animals will get into it at night and throw trash and litter sometimes ends up on the roadway which can become a hazard for the public and this will eliminate that. Back strains are one of the most common injuries that we have in our industry and this will eliminate that for our employees. The truck will actually be picking up the carts automatically. The main reason we are going towards this is for the safety and health of our employees. The garbage sanitation industry actually for occupations in the US have the 5th highest fatality injury worker occurrence. It is higher than policeman, construction workers and even miners. It is kind of a surprising statistic. We are always emphasizing safety, we have a huge emphasis in many areas of our company where safety is always talked about. Weekly safety meetings are held with all the employees, they are required to attend and sign off.

Mr. Washler told the seniors that we hand service now they will be serviced the same. If they have a cart and can't push it to the road we will make sure that it gets pushed and brought back to them. The thing it does help is it gets the guy off the back of the truck. Carroll County is tight and we have drive cam as a safety feature and you can see a lot of close chances out there with passing cars. The good thing is he is not going to lose his job because he is going to be helping with the carts,

Mr. Hill asked if they have wheels.

Mr. Duke replied yes.

Mr. Hill asked if they are bear proof.

Mr. Duke told we hope we don't run into that. We know in the mountains sometimes you have to have that.

Mr. Hitchcock told if there is a user or resident that has some challenges with that there are some ways around that and we can work with them individually. They are a bit excessive in what they charge for those containers but at the same time if it is an issue we would be happy to work with you.

Mr. Washler told we are planning on Fridays route starting next week or the week after, going to like 75 residents. We are going to do a mailer and also call them that new carts are showing up and then we are going to run it. We hope to come back the next month and tell you how it went. I want to try to convert everything by the end of July.

Mr. Webb replied it sounds like a great idea to me. Sounds like a win for everybody.

Mr. Washler told the good thing is if you have a problem with the wheel or something coming off call us and we will have somebody visit the next day. We have the containers here for you to see. They will have GFL on the side because that is the company we just merged with which means Green for Life.

Mr. Webb told I noticed one of your cans says recycling, are you doing recyclable.

Mr. Washler told we are up in Montgomery County.

Mr. Webb told the reason I asked is I noticed Galax has quit doing their recycle of plastic bottles and those things are going to start showing up everywhere.

Mr. Washler told we do cardboard for Carroll County. The price for cardboard has went down so low it is costing us.

Mr. Duke told the processing fees from some of our processors will be much more than our disposal cost in the landfill. We are seeing the rate of \$92.00 a ton up to \$100 plus to process recycling materials. It is a very challenging time, but we are still trying to be involved in it as much as practical.

Mr. Washler told I have talked to Steve about advertising more. I got with Alan and we are going to set up a big banner to try to help that situation.

Mr. Martin told I like this, it keeps animals out.

Mr. Hitchcock told it also shifts the responsibility of the container to us. Of course if it gets burned or something we might replace it once but at the same time they are not going to have to routinely replace those.

Mr. Duke told these are guaranteed warranty of 10 years, and we have a lot in service that have exceeded that.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked, placing them so they can be picked up, is that going to be something that you have to place them right.

Mr. Washler told we will teach everybody. We will send out mailers but honestly if you keep it 3 foot away from anything.

Mr. Duke told there will be stickers on them so you will know which side to place out. We are going to request to come back next month and give an update and also talk about an adjustment because of the increase in the tipping fee that takes place July 1st.

(Order)

2ND AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Robbie McCraw told the resolution we have in front of us, I was the one that requested that Mr. Durbin look into it to give us the rights and protect our rights of the 2nd amendment. I had picked up on it being done in several counties across the country and I thought it was a good thing for us to do. I will read what it says.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” And,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides “that a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power; and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Carroll County to keep and bear Arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Carroll County; and,

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Carroll County to keep and bear Arms; and,

WHEREAS, The Carroll County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Carroll County to bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Carroll County and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Carroll County to bear arms; and

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient including without limitation court action; and,

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Carroll County, Virginia, as a “Second Amendment Sanctuary.”

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Second Amendment Resolution.

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

(Order)

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Mr. Truitt told that the Building Permit Fee adjustments are being proposed. The idea is to adjust things that were left out or didn't much apply to the prior schedule. There is also some, for example, large towers where we only have a minimal charge. Also, larger structures we charged a little bit more and it is based on the size of the building. This structure is very similar to those of nearby counties, particularly Grayson County. We expect that adoption of these proposed rates would not put any undue hardship on anybody, but collectively it would raise about an extra \$30,000 a year.

Mr. Durbin told if the Board is in agreement with the schedule I would ask that you adopt it as a tentative schedule to be advertised and incorporated into an ordinance.

Mr. Hill told these fees are very close to those around us.

Mr. Robbie McCraw replied there has not been an increase in fees since.

Mr. Tim Carpenter replied 2002 or 2004. It was one of those two dates. With the state bureaucracy and the amount of training we are required to do now and the prices for that continue to go up and the fact that there hasn't been an increase. The permit fees that come in really do not run the department, it still costs the citizens of Carroll County.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told I will speak being in the industry, and I do business in Pulaski and Wythe Counties and all those surrounding. Our rates are less than anyone else and for the amount of work that goes into it they needed to be changed.

Mr. Carpenter told especially when it comes to the telecommunication towers, I think we have like seven proposed right now and there is a few in construction. The permit fees that we get out of these towers right now are pennies compared to what the other localities are receiving.

Mr. Hill asked on the training, you probably have to go a couple times a year and travel somewhere.

Mr. Carpenter replied I just got back last week from Richmond.

Mr. Hill told that is usually where your training is.

Mr. Carpenter replied Richmond, Virginia Beach. I'm trying to stay out of Fairfax.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved to advertise for a Public Hearing for the next regular Board Meeting.

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

(Order)

COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Cannon told I am here tonight to present the fiscal year 2020 budget. We have worked feverishly with many meetings over the last several months and I'll be going over some of that information that we discussed. The budget challenges that we have had this year, we are in the first year of reassessment and that anticipated cost is going to be roughly \$250,000 in the first year. Our continued community demographic changes with our jail and CSA costs escalating and we will go over the exact figures later. We have continuation of the QSCB funding of \$1.2 million. We have continued unfunded capital needs and there is a detailed slide later on of what we have included. We have reductions on expenditures that have continued to be reduced as consistent in the prior years and lack of reserves to bridge the gaps for right now. Some of the difficulties I wanted to touch base on because I know you have heard me in front of you say our continual jail costs and our CSA and Social Services due to Medicaid expansion but I took a couple clips of not only two of the surrounding areas but even an article in the Roanoke Times in Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, and Lexington are raising their real estate taxes to pay for increasing jail, social services and health insurance costs. I think this is a statewide issue that we have been having. Grayson County is also experiencing some of the same community demographics as we are here in Carroll and the same is going on in Galax. I think this is a statewide issue, I think we are going to see some more legislative issues that are being addressed statewide in the future because the localities are drowning in some of these costs. Our goals have continued to be the same as they have in the past at least four years. I think we all went into this budget process with the goal of not having a tax rate increase. Rejuvenation of fund balance so we do have in the future the reserves to help bridge some of the gaps that we may have and also presentation of current service levels of demands for our citizens are not going down, they are going up. We are basically trying to keep service levels where they are. I've summarized the 2020 revenues for you from fiscal year 2019 to 2020. The overall increase is \$112,579. One of the important things to note on this slide because its been a long time since I have seen this trend but our revenue from the Commonwealth has gone up. The state is doing a little bit better financially and passing it down to the localities with increased revenue of \$346,000. Most of the revenue has remained stable and up in a few cases. General property taxes are down by \$176,000 in the budget and I have a slide for that coming up. If you all have any questions by all means please feel free to stop me. I went ahead and put together a regional tax comparison for real estate and personal property just using some of the surrounding areas. The ones in red are basically the rates that are higher than ours so if you look at the real estate tax rate for Carroll there are only three that are higher than ours and two are actually cities. I think we have said that we have a real estate tax rate that is higher than others and that is accurate. On the personnel property tax rate we are the lowest. We have a rate of \$1.95 per 100 dollars and everyone in the surrounding area is over \$2.00. One of the things that we have changed, this is the current tax billing and I have put together a slide for you with our estimated billing for this tax year during fiscal year 2020 and what we have actually budgeted to collect. You will see overall the total amount of taxes that we are estimated to bill is \$23 million. We have only budgeted that we are going to collect \$20 million based on historical collection rates which is a difference of roughly \$2.4 million. I wanted to note one thing in particular, the machinery and tools tax I actually have in the budget document \$889,000 which is higher than what the actual billing was. That number needs to change before we adopt the budget. This was the actual billing for 2018 tax year so that number is going to have to change. I did touch base with Fran today to basically verify that the number is \$30,000 lower and it is. It is basically attributable to a loss of industry for machinery and tools. Next slide is the delinquent tax budgeted amounts. I know we have changed the way we were budgeting for delinquent taxes last year and it was decided that we were going to go ahead and continue budgeting for the outstanding delinquent taxes so as of right now and I say right now, as best I know right now we have a total of \$5.8 million outstanding in delinquent taxes. What we have done is a rejuvenation of fund balance. As one of our goals the board has set is you want to rejuvenate that fund balance and put us in a healthier position moving forward so there is a negative offset in the revenue of \$4.3 million. What that is meant to do is whatever the amount of delinquent taxes that we do collect, its earmarked that we don't spend it through this negative or it's actually a positive revenue. The amount of taxes that was used to balance the budget for delinquent

taxes is \$1.5 million. Out of the total \$5.8 we have actually used \$1.5 million of delinquent taxes to balance this budget. Are there any questions on this?

Mr. Hill told last year we used some of that intended for fund balance to cover CSA and things like that, correct?

Ms. Cannon replied that is a tricky question.

Mr. Truitt asked if you mean more than the original budgeted amount.

Ms. Cannon replied I would say no because we had a positive increase to cash at the end of the year. Our revenue and expenditures had a positive impact. I would say no, my instinct is to say no, but I would like to verify that.

Mr. Hill told it was about that small.

Ms. Cannon replied it was. Had we not had those increases it would have been much larger.

Mr. Truitt told it was over \$1 million better than the prior year.

Mr. Hill told those costs are out of our hands.

Ms. Cannon replied they are unfortunately.

Mr. Hill told we can't restrict those in any manner.

Mr. Martin told apparently we have some properties that will be advertised for sale. It will come up in June.

Ms. Cannon told we have a potential sale on June 21st.

Mr. Durbin replied 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Mr. Martin told it just takes a long time to verify and go through all the legal hoops. It has taken about a year of work.

Mr. Durbin told that is correct. You have to do a lot of due diligence and a lot of notice ahead of time to delinquent tax owners. We are moving forward for our sale.

Mr. Martin asked if it would be a series of sales.

Mr. Durbin told that is the plan to regularly have additional sales. We have collected \$409,000 since we began about this time last year.

Ms. Cannon told next we have the fiscal 2019/2020 expenditures summary of your differences by category. In general government we have an increase of \$378,000. The majority of that \$378,000 is due to the reassessment. Also included in general government are categories like Board of Supervisors, County Administration, Treasurers Office, Commissioner of Revenue so there is a lot of different categories that make up general government and it basically includes all the ones that aren't in the other categories. The public safety I wanted to note they have a decrease of \$10,000. It is a little misleading; we did not budget for as much of the highway safety funds as we normally do. That is not to say that we won't make those appropriations as we are moving throughout the year. Big hit to the health and welfare and as you can imagine that includes CSA and Social Services. Those are the two driving forces between the additional \$900,000 that we are expected to increase in those expenditures. There was a decrease in education by \$84,000. Basically that was the reduction in the debt service payments that were due for the upcoming fiscal year. The Social Services is also the expansion of Medicaid increased two positions. There is also offsetting revenue for those expenditures as well on the revenue side of it so it is not 100% county funded but it still is a big hit even if you are at 29% of \$800,000 and that is a pretty sizable number. These

significant increases and I think I've touched on all of these so far significant increase and expenditures, Social Services \$508,000, CSA is the \$464,000 which is the difference of \$895 I think on the previous slide. Reginal Jail costs went up by \$200,000 as well, budgeted for this year. I am hoping we don't use the entire \$200,000, I'm hoping we don't use any of the \$200,000, but if history is the predictor of the future we are probably going to have an increase in the jail costs. Reassessment, like I said, that is in the general government, \$250,000. So basically we had significant increases of about \$1.4 million in the upcoming 20 budget. Significant, and I say significant decreases in the expenditures, Sheriff's Department which is mostly attributable to the Highway Safety fund, education of \$85,000 which is the debt service for the school. So, we didn't have as many decreases as we did increases, and that is unfortunate. What has suffered in this 20 budget leads me to my next slide which is the capital improvement. In 2019 we had to reduce our capital expenditures. We budgeted \$568,000 in 2019. The requests for 2020 were in excess of \$1.8 million. We actually only proposed \$594,000 so as you can imagine because we have all been here before we are not investing in infrastructure that we need to be investing in so hopefully moving forward we can get a more solid handle on our financial future if we can rejuvenate some of this fund balance and start investing in the infrastructure of county. What is included in the budget is the reassessment of \$250,000, maintenance projects of \$40,000, there is \$120,000 in the Highway Safety, \$100,000 in Economic Development and a mandatory \$84,500 that we have for the maintenance contract on the phone, that is not optional. It is a payment that is only due every 3 years and unfortunately, we are in year 3 or year 1 depending on how you look at it. So, the impact of the budget meetings that we had which unfortunately was a lot of reductions that we had to make. It was not an easy year. What I've done is put a little flow chart together on the county side and the school side. The requests originally had in front of us for the proposed budget, the initial request was \$46,251,064. We ended up making reductions of basically \$2.5 million to bring us to what the proposed budget is at \$43,751,360. A lot of that is CIP but that wasn't all of it. There were positions that were cut and there was a cola that was cut for County General, there was some operational that was cut as well and some of our agencies were cut. On the school side, the request that was put before the Board was \$45,531,471. That includes the additional appropriation for the reworking of the transportation schedule. The reduction that was made on the school budget was \$1,093,796 to bring us to the proposed school budget of \$44,437,945. Does anyone have questions? I know it has been a long process, and I appreciate you for your time. It has been a lot of budget meetings, and you have had to spend a lot of extra nights here.

Mr. Hill told the problem is it is hard to dig out of a hole.

Ms. Cannon told we are still trying to dig.

Mr. Benny Robinson asked, would it be correct for me to assume from the way you have structured the budget that you have to collect \$1.5 million of delinquent taxes in this year in order to balance the budget you proposed? Is that a correct assumption?

Ms. Cannon replied not necessarily, and I am going to show you why. We have also for the current tax billing, we have only budgeted \$20 million of the \$23 we are going to bill. So if that collection picks up and we actually collect more at the current billing we will have more revenue coming in. Historically we do have more revenue coming in, and I say that only because there will be legislative changes, sometimes sales and use tax pick up. There is just revenues that come in trending higher, meals tax, lodging tax as the economy starts to pick up. I think the economy in my personal opinion is we have seen some statistics that are demonstrating that the economy is picking up. If those things pick up and trend up then we don't need the \$1.5 million.

Mr. Robinson asked if there is a goal established right now for a dollar amount of delinquent taxes to be collected in this next fiscal year. Is there a goal, probably not.

Ms. Cannon replied I would say there is because we want to rejuvenate the fund balance.

Mr. Robinson told I know it would be a soft goal. I understand that.

Ms. Cannon replied, my goal would be somewhere in this ballpark but that is not realistic. We are not going to collect 100%, there is going to be supplements or abatements. There are going to be things that affect that number that are out of the control of anyone. I would say I would like a goal of more.

Mr. Robinson told I didn't mean to put you on the spot. That is not my intent. It is just when I saw the chart first I thought I was reading that we had to collect \$1.5 million of delinquent taxes this year just to balance the budget as proposed today.

Ms. Cannon replied we don't have to.

Mr. Robinson told if you increase current taxes in collections then it reduces the amount you have to collect.

Ms. Cannon replied on delinquent, yes sir. If local sales and use picks up it lessens the burden we need on that as well. There is so many moving parts to the budget.

Mr. Durbin told you are conservative on the current.

Ms. Cannon replied, very conservative.

Mr. Truitt told whatever goals do exist we all want to collect as much as possible. We don't set those on the collection side, but we will support that in any way we can.

Ms. Cannon told I think with the tax sales coming up that is going to help significantly.

Mr. Hill told some of the delinquents are paid, maybe delinquent this year then they pay them. There is a constant flow of delinquents coming in. It is not like they are not there. In years past we have put goals that were achievable. This one we have set in the budget so we can see it as it comes in. We can kind of tell where we are. The problem that is killing us is the CSA and the jail, a million dollars a year. We anticipate getting \$1 million a year to help us in the fund balance then it gets gone.

Mr. Truitt told that and the debt service. The good news is the train is in the right direction. While I wouldn't call the fund balance rejuvenated, there is more in it than there was.

Ms. Cannon told it is slow. It is obviously slower digging out.

Mr. Hill told it is like paying off a credit card.

Mr. Martin told the school debt service, when is Phase 1 paid off?

Ms. Cannon replied 2021. I will caution us all, that is going to be a great time for us in Carroll County, but that infrastructure is also aging and not being invested in either because that is what we are having to do right now.

Mr. Hill told by the time we get there these other costs have gone up to cover that.

Ms. Cannon told hopefully there will be a couple years that we have maybe to repair a roof or two before we need to get to a school.

Mr. Martin told on a positive side several boards in the past, they were able to redo these schools in the county when the cost was much cheaper than it is today and inner slums were more favorable. There was some like the 15 year interest free loan from the state of Virginia.

Ms. Cannon told free is good but a term of 10 years hurts. They are very large payments. Does anyone else have any questions? We have a public hearing on the budget June 3rd.

Carroll County FY2020 Budget Presentation



Budget Challenges

- Reassessment – 1st Year, Cost \$250,000
- Community Demographic Changes – Jail and CSA
- QSCB Phase III Construction \$1,200,000
- Unfunded Capital Needs – Fire Trucks, School Buses, Economic Dev, etc.
- Reductions on expenditures that had been reduced in prior years
- Lack of Reserves available to bridge gap in the budget

Difficulties in 2020 environment

BUENA VISTA — Rockbridge County, Lexington and Buena Vista are raising their real estate tax rates to pay for increasing jail, social services and health insurance costs. Roanoke Times May 5th 2019

Grayson - .07 increase on Real Estate - Shepley stated "Challenges include ever-increasing mandated expenses related to Children Services Act, mandated expenses related to Juvenile Detention and the ever increasing expenses related to our participation in the Regional Jail" - Galax Gazette May 6-7 edition

Galax - Major impacts to the budget include costs in the Dept of Social services, Child Protective Services. Galax Gazette May 1-2

Goals

BOS Goals for FY 2020

Goals remain the Same

- No tax increase
- Rejuvenate Fund Balance
- Preservation of current Service Levels

FY2020 Revenues

| Revenue Category | FY2019 Estimate | FY2020 Estimate | Difference |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| General Property Taxes | \$26,651,250 | \$26,882,481 | (\$176,765) |
| Other Local Taxes | \$3,802,000 | \$3,919,450 | \$117,450 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | \$1,174,981 | \$1,150,000 | \$125,019 |
| Recovered Costs | \$4,788,535 | \$4,789,414 | \$879 |
| Revenue from the Commonwealth | \$8,009,133 | \$8,341,031 | \$346,034 |
| Revenue from the Federal Government | \$2,019,608 | \$2,126,905 | \$59,869 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | (\$3,799,267) | (\$4,129,126) | (\$329,859) |
| Sources under \$600,000 | \$560,610 | \$671,205 | \$110,595 |
| Total Revenues | \$43,206,850 | \$43,751,360 | \$112,579 |

Regional Comparison Tax

| Locality | Real Estate | Personal Property |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Carroll County | \$0.695 | \$1.95 |
| Grayson County | \$0.56 | \$2.25 |
| Galax City | \$0.85 | \$2.25 |
| Bland County | \$0.60 | \$2.29 |
| Pulaski County | \$0.77 | \$2.35 |
| Wythe County | \$0.54 | \$2.32 |
| Radford City | \$0.82 | \$2.44 |
| Floyd County | \$0.60 | \$2.90 |

Current Tax Billing ('19) VS. Budgeted amounts

| Property Class | Estimated Billing | Budgeted Amount | Difference | % of Collection |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Real Estate | \$14,854,930 | \$14,260,733 | (\$594,197) | 96% |
| Public Service | \$972,087 | \$972,087 | \$0.00 | 100% |
| Personal Property | \$5,329,081 | \$3,500,000 | (\$1,829,081) | 66% |
| Machinery and Tools | \$857,500 | \$889,820 | 32,320 | 103% |
| Merchants Capital | \$244,950 | \$232,703 | (\$12,247) | 95% |
| Mobile Homes | \$83,542 | \$58,524 | (\$25,018) | 70% |
| Vehicle License Fee | \$668,200 | \$620,793 | (\$47,407) | 92% |
| Total | \$23,010,290 | \$20,534,660 | (\$2,475,630) | 89% |

Delinquent Tax Budgeted amounts

| Property Class | Budgeted Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Real Estate | \$3,765,444 |
| Personal Property | \$1,750,000 |
| Public Service | \$4,355 |
| Mobile Homes | \$15,000 |
| Rollback | \$5,082 |
| Vehicle License Fee | \$300,000 |
| Total | \$5,834,799 |
| Rejuvenation of Fund Balance (Miscellaneous Revenue) | (\$4,335,526) |
| Delinquent taxes used to balance the budget | \$1,500,000 |

FY 2019 & FY 2020 Expenses

| Department | FY 2019 Estimate | FY 2020 Estimate | Difference |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| General Government | \$2,467,762 | \$2,846,442 | \$378,680 |
| Judicial Administration | \$1,276,634 | \$1,366,250 | \$89,616 |
| Public Safety | \$9,840,507 | \$9,829,641 | (\$10,866) |
| Public Works | \$2,656,545 | 2,567,083 | (\$89,462) |
| Health and Welfare | \$6,698,151 | \$7,596,927 | \$898,776 |
| Parks, Recreation, and Cultural | \$1,417,168 | \$1,484,156 | \$66,988 |
| Community Development | \$735,261 | \$693,518 | \$41,743 |
| Education | \$15,955,318 | \$15,870,931 | (\$84,387) |
| Transfers | \$1,407,750 | \$1,407,212 | (\$528) |
| Non-departmental | \$139,200 | \$89,200 | (\$49,900) |
| Total Expenses | \$42,593,756 | \$43,751,360 | \$1,157,604 |

Significant Increase in Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Social Services | \$508,249 |
| CSA | \$464,543 |
| New River Regional Jail | \$200,000 |
| Reassessment | \$250,000 |
| Total Significant Increases | \$1,422,792 |

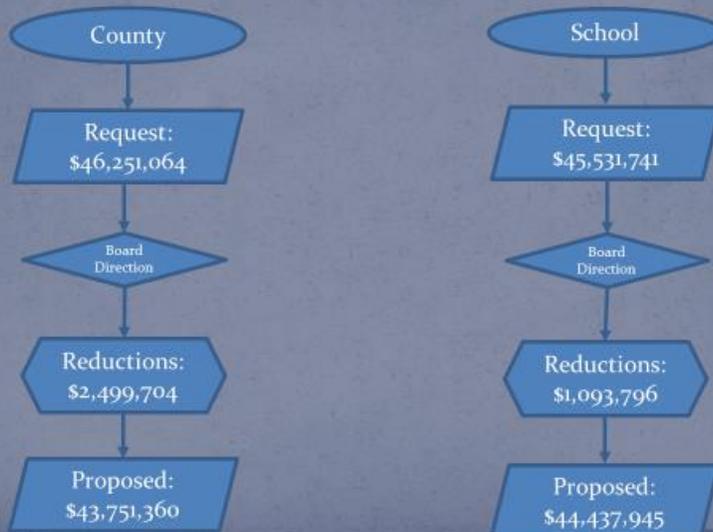
Significant Decreases in Expenses

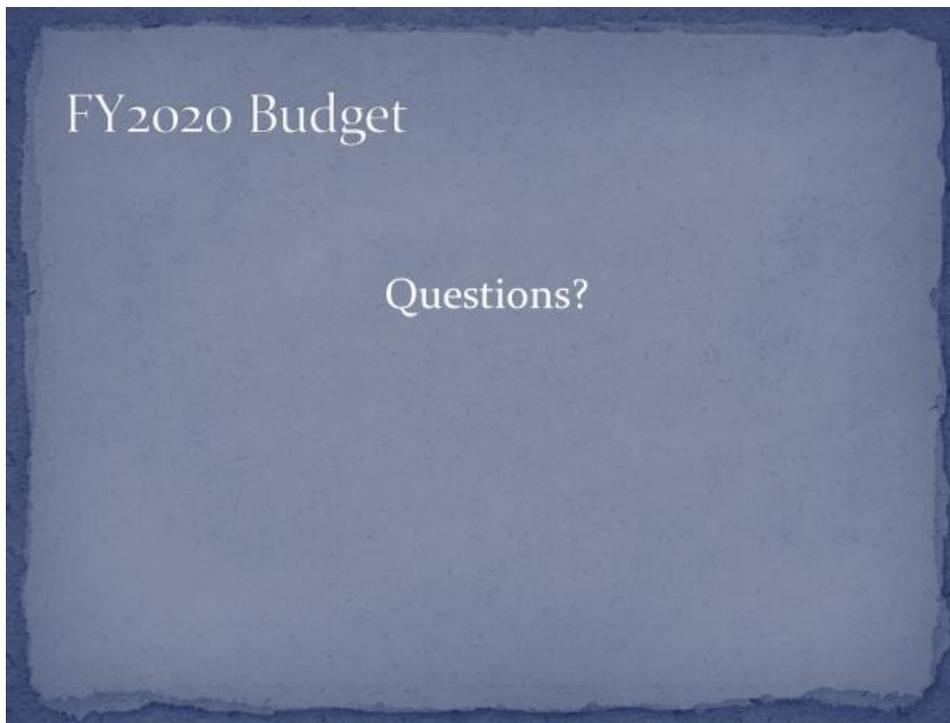
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| Education | (\$85,730) (Debt) |
| Sheriff's Department | (\$360,680) |
| Total Significant Decreases | (\$446,410) |

FY 2019 Capital Improvement

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Funded in FY 2019 | \$568,000 |
| Requests for FY 2020 | \$1,812,500 |
| Proposed in FY 2020 Budget | \$594,500 |
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| Reassessment | \$250,000 |
| Maintenance Projects | \$40,000 |
| Highway Safety | \$120,000 |
| Economic Development | \$100,000 |
| Information Technology | \$84,500 |

Impact of Budget meetings





(Order)

SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Mr. Truitt told after having a chance to review it, and you all having your input as to additional projects to be included, this is the list.

Mr. Hill asked if all we need to do is approve it, correct. Because we have already had the public hearing.

Mr. Truitt replied yes.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to accept the Six Year Road Plan.

Mr. Phillip McCraw seconded the motion.

Mr. Webb asked if we could discuss it a little bit after the second.

Mr. Hill replied yes.

Mr. Webb told I was really disappointed in two of the roads that I put on last month didn't show up, and I think the explanation back from VDOT was they knew they couldn't get to them anytime soon so they didn't put them on there. I didn't like that. There were some roads from last year's plan was moved in front of some roads. They changed the way to put them in, didn't really understand all of that. From what I understand talking to VDOT a little bit, they are only looking at 5 projects this year because they are so expensive. Just hang on, we are still working on them. The way they do it, Richmond VDOT gives area so much money for these six year plans and they stay on there, and I know the first one that they are planning on doing this year is over a \$1 million project. It is over on 620 over on Coulson Church Road. It is \$1,057,000 project so that took a lot of the funds that would have been spread out over more projects for this particular year. Just hang in there, we will keep putting them on there and keep trying to get them moved up as fast as we can.

Mr. Martin told that is in Sulphur Springs.

Mr. Webb replied Coulson Church Road.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told over at Mount Zion road.

Mr. Hill asked if VDOT gets to say whether or not we get to put the roads on there. I have an issue with that. I mean I don't care if we had.

Mr. Truitt told I think we can get anything you want added to the bottom. Also if you all are not happy with the plan, don't approve it now and I will go back and work with them. This is their recommendation, but we don't have to do this.

Mr. Webb told that the email that I read from her is that she didn't put some of the roads that we proposed because she knew she couldn't get to them.

Mr. Truitt told if we put those at the bottom of the list they will just sit there and not get done but that doesn't stop us from doing it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told I think the concern would be is kind of what happened with Appalachian Trail. It was on the six year road plan to be fixed, and then it just disappeared. I can see where you would be concerned about those that they left off the list. If they are not on there are they going to get pushed back and nobody ever recognized them again.

Mr. Webb told that citizens look at that and I had concerns from my district, will you put my road on the six year road plan, and I did and it's not on there.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told if it would make a difference for us to not approve this tonight and add those, I'll rescind my motion and do that. Whatever you all want to do.

Mr. Hill told if people want the road on there and they get put on there, it may be 10 years but gradually they move up the list, but I don't like them dropping off because of that road you were talking about. I am all for that if you want to do that.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told there was 7 showing up as being funded then she was talking about 5.

Mr. Truitt told you could approve it with the commitment of adding those additional roads to the bottom. What I would like to do is if you all are okay with the ones at the top is to get them started.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told if that's what we need to do I will amend my motion to say that.

Mr. Durbin told a conditional motion for adoption if those additional roads are added.

Mr. Robbie McCraw amended his motion to say that we will approve this with the addition of those roads that have been removed placed back on it.

Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

VOTES

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

Mr. Truitt asked for anyone who has roads they are concerned about to send those to him.

Mr. Webb told he left his list at home tonight, but I will send you an email with it.

(Order)

FRAN ZIMMERMAN

Ms. Zimmerman thanked the Board for putting her on the agenda tonight. My concerns are about the reassessment. The field work needs to start in June, well not the field work, the sales ratio studies. I would like to know what direction you want me to go in. I contacted other counties to find out information about all three companies. Their recommendation was Wampler Eanes. I would like to move forward with them with your vote and approval, get them hired so they can start their process.

Mr. Martin asked if that is your recommendation.

Ms. Zimmerman replied yes sir. One of the representatives is here tonight if you have questions.

Mr. Martin asked if they have ever done Carroll County before.

Ms. Zimmerman replied the past two was done by them.

Mr. Truitt asked if they would be approving the proposal we reviewed.

Ms. Zimmerman replied yes.

Mr. Martin asked if Steve was okay with that.

Mr. Truitt replied absolutely.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board approved to accept the proposal from Wampler Eanes to provide our reassessment.

Mr. Webb told I sat in on those meetings and met with Wampler Eanes, and they were very, really wanted to work with us and we actually got a lower than they did five years ago. They came in actually cheaper than five years ago which is a plus for the citizens. I was very happy that our Commissioner recommended them. She has worked with them before, and so I am all in favor of Wampler Eanes.

VOTES

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

Mr. Webb asked if he can ask one more question while you are here. I have some relatives that just moved into Grayson County, and they were telling me that Grayson collects their personal property taxes by June 5th and real estate by.

Ms. Zimmerman told we are very busy in our office right now because Grayson's tax bills went out for personal property.

Mr. Webb asked if that is something Carroll should look at to help with the flow of money through the year.

Ms. Zimmerman replied that is totally up to the Board.

Mr. Webb asked if he could come in and talk to you sometime.

Ms. Zimmerman replied my door is always open.

(Order)

DEBT POLICY

Mr. Hill asked if we want to discuss that or pass it on till everybody gets a chance to review it. There is one change I want to make but I didn't bring it with me.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told if you need to make a change we can pass it until the next meeting.

Mr. Hill told lets table that until next meeting. Make sure everyone looks at this, it is an important policy. We could be too restrictive or we can be too liberal on allowing debt. Make sure you look at it, and we will make a determination next month.

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hill asked how many do we have on the library board.

Ms. Adams replied we have one position open. We have two positions, but only one open. I can say that Ms. Bowman said that she would be okay with Ms. Weaver serving.

Mr. Hill told I don't know either one of them that well. Do we have a board recommendation, do you prefer to put it off a month?

Mr. Phillip McCraw and Mr. Webb told they would like to put it off a month.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Ms. Mandi McCraw to the IDA.

Mr. Martin told I have seen her in action and she gets the work of two people done. I know she would be an asset to the IDA.

Mr. Truitt told there are two positions open, which one are you filling.

Mr. Hill told I don't know which one we are doing. Bob, you have never put someone on IDA.

Mr. Martin replied no. There are two positions open Steve.

Mr. Truitt replied as of the end of May.

Mr. Hill told we can fill one now and do the other one later.

Mr. Truitt replied sure, we just need to know which one.

Mr. Hill told I don't know how to separate them.

Mr. Martin stated you are saying there are two positions open.

Mr. Truitt told there are two people whose terms expire. At that point the positions will be open. You could put them back in it or put somebody else in it. If you are going to put somebody else, you need to say which of the two that you are not reappointing.

Mr. Hill told whoever was appointed the next meeting would cover that other empty space.

Mr. Webb told I see what he is saying, who are the two incumbents I guess is the question.

Mr. Truitt replied Larry Chambers and Roger Wilson.

Mr. Hill told we have two from Cana, right. However you want to do it Bob.

Mr. Durbin told I think that you could appoint one to fill one of those two seats and then the next time you make a decision to fill that last seat you would be determining who is not being reappointed. If that motion passes, one of those seats the incumbents are not being reappointed.

Ms. Cannon told there is a meeting in June.

Mr. Hill replied that is alright. It carries on until they are replaced or renewed.

Mr. Martin told that is what I would like to do is appoint Ms. McCraw now.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hill told we want to pass the others by until next month.

(Order)

ADOPT & APPROPRIATE FY20 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Webb told I need to read the following statement. The discussion involves the budget and includes funding for the Carroll County Schools, and I at times work for Carroll County Schools. He told that the proposed funding would affect the entire school system and not just him individually, and together we constitute a group of 3 or more individuals who are similarly employed by the school and affected by the decisions and therefore the exception to the Virginia State and Local Conflict of Interest Act, code section 2.2-3112 applies to this situation, and he is able to participate and discuss fairly, objectively and in the public's interest.

Mr. Hill asked if everyone has got to read the resolution.

Mr. Webb told I have read the two resolutions that have been proposed to be adopted tonight. Got a few comments I would like to make, this has been the toughest year working with the School Board that I've had, and this is my 2nd year. The fact that they repeatedly didn't come and sit down and talk to us infuriates me. I mean you saw how much money that the citizens of this county has to give Carroll County Public Schools. It is over \$15 million of that \$47 million budget. Last month I asked the School Board when they made their presentation to put all the local funding in categories format, they didn't do it. I am just really upset with the fact that they would not come and sit down and talk to us about \$15 million. I've got very mixed emotion of either one of these resolutions, and that is all I'm gonna say about that.

Mr. Martin told it may well of been a misunderstanding and communications. I don't mean to speak for the school board, but I think for this coming year we probably need to give a formal request that they come and sit down with us and go over things.

Mr. Hill told this is my plan, of course we all have to approve it, but I plan on having at least a meeting or a work session each and every month starting in July so we can start working on this next year. We need to start making a five year budget plan. There is a lot of things that need work. We are working on the debt policy and there are some other things we have to work on, but that way we can sit down and have these discussions back and forth. We all have equipment and roofs to be replaced, but somewhere along the line we have got to make a decision on those. Maybe sometime we give something to the school and maybe sometime we do something for the county, but we are going to have to work together to make those decisions and we are going to have to have pretty good

numbers to look at. There is not a number here in the county, I can see every expenditure and go right down and see what it is. Those are things that I think it's a challenge that we go through. I think you are right, that's the best way to do it is to sit down and have these discussions. Just to work with everyone else and see what their priorities are.

Mr. Martin replied I agree with you.

Mr. Hill told I know I would like to have certain priorities from my viewpoint that I would like to implement to the schools, but I know we have done a little bit of that. Mr. Truitt, would you read the resolution.

WHEREAS, free, quality public education available to all students without exception are foundational to our democracy and to the prosperity of our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County hopes and expects their efforts to assist the school board with their budget challenges will assist with teacher retention, talent recruitment and enhance instruction for our students; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's Required Level of Effort support requirements, which determines required County contributions each Virginia School Division does not necessarily provide for the level of support we aspire to provide our children in Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors strives to combine fiscal prudence with generous support of our school division in Carroll County as an investment in the future of all of our children; and

WHEREAS the County's current real estate and personal property tax rates are among the highest in the region and the Board of Supervisors understand the tax burdens borne by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors chooses to keep local school local funding level in the face of declining enrollments in a year in which the amount of the School Board's annual debt service that is paid by our county taxpayers exceeds \$4.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, despite these fiscal challenges, the Board of Supervisors places the highest value on our students, our teachers, our business community and our taxpayers and demonstrates such value through the careful prioritization of limited resources toward investments that yield the greatest return and highest benefit for each of these segments; and,

WHEREAS both the County and the School Division are facing fiscal challenges to provide all desired services with the amount of funding available at current rates of taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the professionalism and specialized knowledge possessed by the staff of the Carroll County School Division and trusts those professionals to use the funding provided by the County in support of its schools prudently and effectively;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors does hereby intend to capture the full investment in public education, draw down the maximum amount of state funding for teacher raises and make the following approvals and appropriations for educational purposes to the Carroll County School Board for the preparation of their Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget as follows:

\$44,437,945 as the total operating budget for the Carroll County School Division for Fiscal Year 2020 to include:

\$7,471,162 - Required Local Effort (RLE), of an ADM of 3,587.

Additional funding of **\$3,780,502** above Required Local effort for Board of Supervisors funding priorities to be utilized as follows:

\$276,448 - County portion of Teacher and employee salary increase

\$3,504,054 - Appropriation to be used at the discretion of the Carroll County School Board

\$11,251,664 - Total county appropriation to Carroll County School Board

\$4,557,922 - Local funding for Debt service for School Board Facilities

\$15,809,586 - Total Local funding for Carroll County Schools

This level of local funding assists in securing additional funding including

\$27,228,825 - State funding

\$4,986,381 - Federal funding

\$971,075 – **Other Funding**

Therefore be it further resolved the Carroll County Board of Supervisors authorizes the following additional expenditures:

\$3,046,072 – Food Services Fund

\$360,400 – Text Book Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the resolution.

Mr. Webb told the only thing I have to say is \$3,504,000 to be used at their discretion, I don't like it. I just don't like it, especially when I got a problem where they plan on cutting because we didn't give them additional funds this year.

VOTES

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| Mr. Webb | No |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Robbie McCraw | Yes |
| Dr. Littrell | Not Present |
| Mr. Martin | Yes |

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Doug Smith told he lives in the Woodlawn area; Rex is my supervisor. I just wanted to make a short presentation because I've been back here many years after graduating from the University and marrying and having my kids who went through the school system. I've coached, I've worked with sports and have done a lot of things and now I'm getting to be a senior citizen here. I want to bring this up, I was here when the Board froze the hirings and raisings at the previous meeting and such for Carroll County Employees. I rise now to suggest that while I agree with reviewing all departments for duplication of services, redundancy and personnel and such including the school system which would cost me all of my time to review if I stood here and went over things that I kind of agree with Joe on some of his points and others. He and I were in school at the same time, and we know how many principals it took to cover 600 students when we graduated and how many we have now. I am not addressing that tonight; what I am here to address is the Recreation Department. I know you all are looking at the budget. I have worked with Ms. Manning because I actually use the Woodlawn gym and pay some good money for me and some friends to get together on Sunday nights and play some basketball. I understand that churches and other things used it and the Rec Department has to take care of and maintain. Also, my wife and myself are avid walkers and I'm here to tell you it is a well-used facility. I am so glad you all kept it in the deal with the apartments because my sons are in soccer, and I was with that too and they have added

that to the Rec Department. The County always talks about jobs, businesses, etc. and see what they want like good schools, reasonable taxes and recreation for families and kids. I think we could all agree no matter how you come down on any of these issues if I am looking to come here with a business that is what I look for. When I worked at the Training Center for nearly 35 years before retiring, I made use of a lot of stuff there and here. As the Wellness Center charges too much in my opinion because I go to Galax to walk free and shoot baskets free, and I thought they were going to rig it kind of like that but our own Carroll County Rec Department is suffering now. We are having a retirement of Ms. Manning as far as I understand, and they have had at least one quit and one person on Workman's Comp or injury at the moment. Recreation is a huge importance for our seniors on down through the kids. They have set up a lot of nice things over there, and I wish some of those playgrounds would have been there when my sons could have used them. The baseball fields were there but there is so much new and improved stuff, and they have really done a great job. I have worked with her, and I think she has done a great job. So, we have a constant use of ball fields, soccer fields, and more are needed. I don't know how they pay referees and things like that, but you have lines to mark. Our Recreation Department needs to at least a boost, I know you all froze and did all that stuff, but we are gonna have to have a head of that department, somebody who can hopefully step into her shoes and that is going to cost. I am hoping that you are going to hire somebody, I mean that is a position that I think is very much needed, and I was a little concerned when a broad freeze this freeze that. I did hear some people say discretionary stuff, so I am hoping in your minds that it will be looked at. I know that department is having trouble keeping up at times, some of this rain hasn't helped either with preparing the fields and getting things going for everybody. Just wanted to bring up tonight that to stay healthy and have our kids for sports and playgrounds please reconsider the total ban kind of thing maybe department wise. I mean believe me, I think there are departments again some of the stuff you are looking at that might have positions on top of positions, extra principals, extras supervisors that others don't have. I don't know what you have to do for the state but I have some concerns on that. Please reconsider that total ban when it comes to at least looking at certain departments. Just to finish up evaluating our needs for our senior citizens of all ages, which department does what and the Rec Department right now because I am familiar with it, and I have been in touch with them for my own use of Woodlawn. These factors help keep people here and it will keep us all happier and healthier. We need to get at least a couple position going to keep everything running smoothly for our seniors on down. If you want to keep developing the county I know it is important to keep a good Rec Department.

Ms. Mandi McCraw thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and I also want to thank you for providing the live feed. It affords me and my mom the ability to watch from home and stay informed on what is happening. Unfortunately I hate that I even have to say it, but a lot of people think my dad used me as a pawn and he puts me up to speaking, but to those people I say, I'm an intelligent, educated individual and I pay taxes in Carroll County. I can come and speak to you all on matters that affect me.

Mr. Martin told I have always thought that you spoke for yourself.

Ms. McCraw replied to be honest I come to this meeting ready, loaded for bear, because I was aggravated because of last month's meeting. As I said, I watch it from home, and I was disappointed in the behavior that occurred, and it bothered me because we elect you six to lead our county and to think that your behavior of last month's meeting is what was leading us really got in my mind. However, you guys have communicated very well tonight, and I appreciate that and so that kind of knocked me off of my pedestal a little bit. The disagreement last month started because you all were picking apart the school board budget, and I know that it doesn't make anybody happy but I thank you for doing that. Quite frankly I want you to pick apart every budget where my tax dollars are being spent. We need to know where our money is going and so two or three weeks ago I submitted a FOIA request to the school system as well as the county. I think that before my dad was on the board I did not know that I had access to this

information. I think that a lot of people don't know that, and they need to and because what I am getting ready to mention is public knowledge, and I think that you all need to be able to respond to citizens when they ask you things of this nature. I looked at salaries, I looked at licenses of school teachers, I looked at experience, I looked at education and we are in bad shape, not just as a school system but as a county. We have employees who have been working for the school system since 1972 and they make less than \$15,000. They don't have anything but a high school education but then we have other employees who have high school education and are making almost \$80,000, that's unfortunate. We are nitpicking millions of dollars, we need to be nitpicking. It's not just the school board's it is the County as well, I mean there are County employees with a bachelors degree, and I have my information right here so if you want me to show you I can. Nine years of service to Carroll County, salary of \$76,000. The last three raises occurred in 2016 and 2017 and they totaled over \$6,500. There is another employee with a bachelors degree, 27 years of service and barely making \$70,000 with three raises occurring in 2016 and 2017 totaling \$3400. There is no, I mean salaries are skewed, numbers don't lie gentleman, they don't lie. I want you to pick apart the budgets, I want you to look at these things. It may be too late to make a difference now but please keep that in mind whenever you go to me. I respect you Joe Neil for your stance that you are taking and Rex you make so much sense. We need to start planning now, we have to. I am a product of Carroll County education I ain't gonna lie. I love Carroll County, I'm 31 and I don't want to go nowhere else. I wouldn't be where I am without Carroll County. Look, now I am getting emotional over this. I wouldn't be where I am without a Carroll County education but people my age are not here anymore because there is nothing for them. We've got to do something, we have to. I want you all, the six of you to be accountable for the decisions that you make and for the actions that you do, and I want you to hold other county entities accountable for their actions, from the top to the bottom. Every county office that receives county funding should have someone in representation at this meeting every month. There should be someone here. You all should insist upon that they be here. They should provide to you a plan of action every quarter and it goes beyond just salaries, personal use of county vehicles to and from home to the office. I have been working in a professional field since 2009. Every job I have had I have travelled for that job and I have never once had a vehicle issued to me to drive nor have I been able to count my mileage to and from my office. That's silly. I just would encourage you to look beyond, to please pick apart the budgets. I'm one of 30,000 citizens. I want you to hold it accountable, I want everybody to be held accountable for the actions. I am speaking on behalf of all the citizens of Carroll County and it must start at the top and that is you all. So, I would encourage you to do so and act as good stewards of our money. Live by example, that's what we are here for.

Mr. Benny Robinson told in line with what she was saying, Joe Neil I salute you. I don't want to go picking this thing into details, but there is a lot of citizens in Carroll County that is asking about a totaled firetruck on Airport Road. The way I understand it, one other vehicle, no charges but a totaled vehicle and my only concern to what Mandy is saying why isn't whoever is in charge of that giving a detailed explanation. What is going to be done, how do you prevent it in the future. We just lost a \$100,000 vehicle, maybe its covered by insurance, nobody here. Where I worked if there is \$100,000 loss of a piece of equipment, somebody is going to be on the carpet explaining it and explaining what they are going to do and what steps they are going to be taking to make sure that the people are trained in a different way and you get a different result next time. That is all I have to say but there is a lot of folks wondering, and I didn't write the letter to the hotline.

Mr. Webb replied thank you for bringing that up Mr. Robinson, but I have been in touch with the Fire Chief for Hillsville Fire Department, that was one of their trucks. There is a plan to get it replaced. The investigation showed that no one was at fault, and it did not total the other vehicle, only the truck was involved in the accident. The State Police reconstructed it and they called it an accident. He wasn't speeding, he wasn't driving recklessly, it happened. There is a plan in place, I just spoke with the Fire Chief this past week about coming and talking to us about it. He wasn't prepared because all

the insurance adjusters have not been there to determine the total cost of the accident. He asked if he could put it off until he had all of his facts together. We are concerned, I am very concerned. The truck wasn't in my district but that fire department is, and I have been in total communications with Chief Spangler on it and no more details and nothing to headline the newspaper yet but we are working on that.

Mr. Durbin told I wanted to correct something, when we were doing motions on appointments to the IDA, I said it wouldn't matter if we designated the remaining seats now or later but looking at it more closely it does create a practical problem because this board will not meet again before the IDA meets. The members won't know who really has been appointed and who has not in terms of who is going to attend the next meeting. In order to resolve that, I think we could just do a motion to clarify whether it is Mr. Wilson's seat or Mr. Chambers' seat that the appointment was made for. That would resolve the issue, and I apologize for the confusion.

Mr. Hill made a motion for the recent appointment of Ms. Mandi McCraw to the IDA does not take effect until next month.

Mr. Hill asked if that will solve it.

Mr. Durbin told that would address the issue.

Mr. Hill asked if we need to amend the other motion or carry through with this one.

Mr. Durbin told I think it needs to be two motions, one to reconsider, and then you modify your motion to appoint effective at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved to reconsider the previous motion.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board appointed Ms. Mandi McCraw to the IDA effective July1, 2019.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Martin told at the last meeting, I don't object to asking the School Board specific questions about their budget. What I objected to was, I thought that we need to have made a formal request to the School Board that we meet with them on such and such date and go over their budget, item by item. I sort of felt like the way we handled it was we ambushed them. I just didn't like the way it was handled. I do not object at any time to going through clarification on any budget items with any department that the county supervises and so forth. To my way of thinking is, and Rex I like what you said before, we need to meet with them on a quarterly basis or whatever and we talked about expenses that they are looking at coming up or maybe changes in the law that going to affect their

budget and so we get their formal budget then we have another meeting with them and then later adopt. That was my way of thinking. That meeting should have been held some time prior, and it be in a form of a formal request to meet with them on such and such date for looking at the budget and so forth. I like your idea of doing several meetings with them and talking budget and roundtable discussion. That would tickle me to death and suit me just fine.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for being here tonight. I do want to say this and just reiterate what Mandy said. We fight over Carroll County business more than you all would ever imagine. One of us typically ends up having to leave the house or go to a different room. She is a very outspoken educated young lady, and I am very proud of her for that. I respect Joe for his comments on the School Board tonight. I do take issue with some of the things that we deal with on the school budget, and it is my suggestion and what I would love to see happen in the future with the school board budget is the state money is categorized when it is allocated and I think it is 9 categories. I really would like to see what we give, the required local effort and what we give above and beyond to be categorized too so we know what group this money is going into. That is something I would really like to see us do. I do want to see us foster a relationship with the school board and improve that relationship and to be able to sit down and have discussions each throughout the year about it. I have a high respect for every member of that school board, and I appreciate all that they do. Other than that, Mr. Smith I appreciate your comments on the Rec Department and that is something that we need to look into and consider. Joe, thanks for the update on the firetruck.

Mr. Webb told it is good to see people here who are concerned with the county government and figure out what is going on. You guys that have been here for the last 2 or 3 months you have seen it's been a war. I've been in war with these guys and like Robbie said he has been in war at home. Been in war with some departments, never intended to hurt anybody in those departments, I just felt like it was the right thing to do as Ms. McCraw said to make every dollar count and make them be accountable and transparent and responsible for every tax dollar that we give them. I'm not trying to cut money out of the schools' budget, I just want to make sure the money is used the right way. That's all I am asking for. I tried to explain that after last month's meeting when I readdressed the school board. I respect them and their decision making. It is a tough job, I'm sure it is. We deal with a \$42 million budget and they deal with a \$42 million budget using \$15 million of our money. That is all I was trying to do is just make people more responsible, more transparent, more accountable so that when the citizens that elected me to this seat, when they say where did they spend that money, and I have to look and go I don't know. That is not what they put me in here for. When I campaigned and ran, I told them I would watch their money. That is one of the main jobs as a supervisor in this county. I think everybody knows how I feel and how it's gonna go. We are going to make it work, this is not the end of it. It can't be the end of it, Carroll County is not shutting down tomorrow. We have got to get on a good working relationship with every department in this county, not just the school system but everyone that uses local taxpayer money. We need to sit down at a table numerous times during the year and agree to disagree and come to a common solution to the problems that we are in. I've told Rex and Robbie this, in my older age I summarize things. I try to look at it and make it where people can understand, and I've tried my year and 4 months I have summarized it that Carroll County is a ship of 30,000 people out in the middle of the ocean trying to sail to the island of prosperity where everybody is good, everybody is happy and everything is perfect. Of course we know that is not available. Right now, I see this ship stalled in the middle of the ocean taking on water. As Ms. McCraw said we are the six captains. We can't do it, we have to have the departments to come in here that knows how this county operates and work with us to get this thing going. That is what I intend to try to do with my time on this board. I want to extend condolences to Sheriff Gardner, I know he lost his father last Thursday very tragically, very suddenly, and I want to extend my condolences and I'm sure the board's condolences and the citizens of the county. He was a great man.

Mr. Phillip McCraw thanked everyone for coming out, and I voted reluctantly yes and I did that, I'm told the School Board used to be appointed and now they are elected. You and everybody out there in the county sends the School Board members in and they come to us with their request. They come pretty demanding seems to me, and I would like to see us bring them in and get them so they are a little better at the budget meetings. I hope they will look at what we are spending as the county dollars are paying for buildings they got and as Mandy said the salaries, a whole lot of them scare me when I look at them and a whole lot of them needs adjusting. Not just school board, but I see a lot of others that scare me and we got a lot of work to do. We can't do it unless we can get them in and sit down and talk to us. Let's talk with them and them listen. That is a point we haven't really had a good relation of doing and it creates a problem. Anybody coming to us asking for money, they need to show us where it is going, and we haven't really had that good relation there. Maybe we will do better in the future.

Mr. Hill told I graduated with about three of them on the School Board. We don't see eye to eye on a lot of stuff on the funding. Our job is not just the School Board, it is the whole everybody from the little old lady who lives in a trailer over here that is paying property tax that she can't hardly afford to the education that we want to provide our kids or grandkids. So those are tough decisions to make, that is why I signed up for this job to make those tough decisions. I get ambushed frequently asking why are you spending this or why are you spending that. I expect the School Board members to answer, I can pretty well answer most questions about our budget. If you want to ask me I can get close and if not I will get back to you. We should get those responses back. I feel that everybody in those positions should know those things. I don't want to put it off on the financial officers, we do sometimes but you know that's really my job to do that out there talking to the citizens. Another thing I want to get off on, we have asked the staff to look at providing a leaving sharing policy for sickness or things like that and our staff is going to be looking at that. I would challenge the School Board to do the same thing, maybe get with our folks. The State of Virginia, if you work for the state they have a great plan. The cost is, other than administering the program itself there is not much cost to it. You are talking leave from somebody and giving it to somebody else that may have a transplant or something like that. We need to think about those things going forward to help on that. On the positions with Recreation, all it takes from this Board is a motion to pass to approve those positions, that's why we did those things. I would say there is money in the budget for next year for that positions it would just have to be approved. I would like for you to get us a copy of the state police report from the accident if you can, just to review back here. I know it is not something that is normally put out, but I would like to see it. I appreciate everybody on this board. I am glad that Joe voted no, that don't bother me when somebody votes no. Matter of fact it makes me happy that we have a different opinion on things that we have before us. We don't all agree on anything but we know what direction we want to go in. We make those decisions to try to go in that direction.

(Order)

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1)

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, 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).

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin 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

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

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

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

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk