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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a Special meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2006 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Glenna Myers, Vice-Chairman
 W. Jeff Evans
 L. J. Jones
 Joseph H. Early, III
 Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr.
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
 Bradley Dalton, County Attorney

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to Order at 8:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming. She then ask Mr. Martin to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mrs. Myers ask for the pleasure of the Board concerning selection of the Supervisor for the Sulphur Springs District.

Mr. Evans stated that it would be nice to know the nominations that would be made.

Mr. Early stated that he would like for any potential candidates in the audience to speak because some of the Board members may not know them.

Mrs. Myers invited candidates to come forth.

Mr. David Hutchins came forth first and introduced himself and his wife. He stated that he would like to thank the members of the Board for considering him as a candidate for the vacant Supervisor's seat from Sulphur Springs District. Also, he wanted to thank the many friends and supporters from his district and from Carroll County.

Mr. Hutchins told that he grew up in Grayson County, attended Providence Elementary School and graduated from Fries High School. He told that after High School he was employed with the Department of Defense as a civilian employee where he retired after 36 years of service. During this time he successfully completed a four-year academic and vocational training curriculum in the area of military aircraft acquisition, maintenance and supportability. The last twenty or so years he spent working in a joint services Procurement Office. He was responsible for developing budget requirements, schedules, requests for procurements, preparing and negotiating contracts.

Mr. Hutchins stated that if elected as the Supervisor of Sulphur Springs, he views it as an opportunity to utilize the training and experience gained over the past twenty plus years for the betterment of his district and Carroll County.

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Mr. Hutchins told that it is his firm belief that his duty would be to represent the residents of his district and to fulfill their needs as best as he can. He told that this means working to attract and maintain an industrial base, support a strong school system, expand the availability of the water and sewer facilities, and in general strive to improve the economic conditions for the residents of Sulphur Springs and for the County.

Mr. Hutchins told that he owns and operates a small business and knows firsthand the negative affects the closing of factories and businesses has had on our local economy. He fully understands the importance of attracting and maintaining jobs for the residents that offer a future. He stated that it is truly sad to see our bright young people leave the area to seek employment elsewhere. If appointed, he will work with other members of the Board to develop and implement plans to attract and maintain jobs for the future and a system of education for the young people that will provide the skilled labor force to fill these positions.

He told that he has been asked how he would vote on different issues. Without knowing the facts, Mr. Hutchins stated he cannot answer a hypothetical question. He told that he intends to approach each issue with an open mind and without any preconceived ideas, plans or hidden agenda's.

Mr. Hutchins thanked the Board for their time and consideration and stated that he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Deborah Payne came forward next. She stated that she and her husband have been associated with the area for 24 years. She told she is married to the pastor of Coulson Church. She and her husband lived in the area from 1982 – 1986 and returned again in 1994. She stated that she appreciates the area and the school system because they have a lot to offer. She told that when she was ask to consider being a candidate for this position, she prayed about it, discussed it with her family and also with her current employer. She stated that she has followed the progress in the County for the last several years and has seen several developments in the past as well as the close down of some businesses. Mrs. Payne is concerned about the economic development and educational background. She commented that the County needs to have some means of getting students to come back to the area. She would work whole heartedly for the Sulphur Springs District and also work together as a team as she promotes that are her job now. She stated that she takes it very seriously that the Board needs to work together in a civil manner for the betterment of the county. She told that right now we have a need for water and sewer, and we have an economic need. Mrs. Payne told that she has taken classes in grant writing and has actually helped write grants. She currently sits on a couple of boards in the county. She stated that we need to

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look at the needs of this area and develop. Mrs. Payne then ask if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Early ask if there were any citizens to speak on behalf of the two candidates. He then asked what the voting procedure would be.

Mr. Dalton replied that the Chair takes the nominations and then the Board would vote on those nominations beginning with the last nomination that was given first.

Mr. Early suggested that each member write down the name of their vote and then have the Administrator announce the vote of each Supervisor.

Mr. Dalton responded that the Board would then have to voice the votes and then announce the winner.

Mr. Evans suggested that the Board voice their vote.

Mr. Early stated that it really didn't matter to him, it was just an idea.

Mr. Dalton stated that they had talked about this in the past and there was really no good way to do this.

Mr. Martin nominated Mr. Hutchins as the candidate for the Sulphur Spring District. Mr. Early seconded the nomination.

Mr. Larowe stated that they have been researching how long this term actually lasts because of where the time frame falls. One consensus is that this office would last until the next election and then the person elected would take office immediately. The other thought is that the candidate that won during the election next November would not take office until January 2008.

Mr. Dalton stated that the Code of Virginia isn't specific. He has posed this question through a website to other local government attorneys and the majority and Mr. Dalton concur that the candidate elected today will serve throughout the 2007 calendar year. He told that the last step that we need to take to confirm that is to get the opinion of the State Board of Elections.

Mrs. Myers ask if there were any more nominations.

(Order)

**DAVID V. HUTCHINS SELECTED AS SULPHUR SPRINGS
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

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Upon nomination by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and with the below listed vote, Mr. David V. Hutchins was selected as the Sulphur Springs District Supervisor.

Voting was as follows:

Jeff Evans – Yes
L .J. Jones – Yes
Jody Early – Yes
Bob Martin – Yes
Glenna Myers - Yes

Mr. Evans added that there are 2 qualified people and it makes it hard. He told that he is glad to see that there are people interested in running. He told that the County didn't just 1 or 2.

Mrs. Myers thanked Mrs. Payne and welcomed Mr. Hutchins to the Board.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Glenna Myers, Vice-Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk