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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: W.S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman
David V. Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
Andrew S. Jackson
Wesley G. Hurst
Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
N. Manus McMillian
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator
James E. Cornwell, Jr., County Attorney

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked Mr. Myron Dalton to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mr. Dickson told that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month so the Board is dressed in pink to honor this. He asked everyone to encourage their loved ones to have mammograms. He told that the Board would be tabling the Nuisance of Animals Ordinance and told that they were adding Joe Roma for the Hillsville Rescue Squad request.

Mr. Dickson told that the carnations came from New River Florist, one of the small businesses in Carroll County.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2008 and a joint meeting with the Carroll County Public Service Authority held on September 24, 2008 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk and as recorded in Minute Book No. 25 in the County Administrator's Office.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for September 2008 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 14th and 31st days of October checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

APPROVE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating \$5000 from the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant to Emergency Services LEMPG line item # 035050-9087 for the purpose of enhancing local emergency management capabilities.

(Order)

APPROVE ANIMAL CONTROL CARRYOVER

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carryover \$6679.94 of animal impound fees collected last year to settle payment to J.C. Leonard for the cattle sold and to appropriate this to line item 035010-7001.

(Order)

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved appropriating the following grant and/or additional funds, which have become available to the categories listed below in the fiscal year 08-09 School Operational Budget.

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Math & Science Partnership Grant	\$178,324 to Instruction
Readiness & Emergency Management Grant	\$110,062 to Operations & Maintenance
Title I, Part A	\$77,225.03 to Other Educational Programs
Alternative Leadership Program	\$7500 to Instruction
Race To GED	\$29,987 to Other Educational Programs

(Order)

APPROVE CANA RESCUE CARRYOVER

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carry over the remaining funds for Cana Rescue Squad in the amount of \$20,184.32 to line item # 32030-9000.

(Order)

APPROVE CANA RESCUE TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved transferring \$1067.43 from line item # 32030-9000 to line item # 43200-3004 to cover recent repairs and maintenance on the Cana Rescue Squad Building.

(Order)

APPROVE MAINTENANCE SURPLUS VEHICLES

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board declared the following vehicles as surplus.

1991 Ford Explorer	ID# 1FMDU34X4MUC50303
1987 Dodge Van	ID# 2B4JB31T3HK284935

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LANDFILL CLOSURE SETTLEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing unanimously, the Board approved the Landfill Closure Settlement:

**Solid Waste Authority Regional Government Proposal
September 26, 2008**

Carroll County owes the Solid Waste Authority
Per Joyce Engineering 7/31/2008 \$788,831.00

The idea is to settle this liability with the Solid Waste Authority and the other two localities for the Results project

*Convenience Center Construction	\$235,100.00
*(4) 40 cubic yard open top roll off containers	21,220.00
*New 2007 Rolloff Truck (subject to prior sale)	115,624.00
Settle Results billing issues. 3 localities to Carroll IDA	<u>180,000.00</u>
	551,944.00

*Costs subject to increase

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Mr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

WAGE INCREASE FREEZE

Dr. Littrell told that the State is in an economic bind and they have frozen wage increases until July.

(Order)

APPROVE COUNTY WAGE INCREASE FREEZE

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Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved following the State example and holding County wage increases until July, 2009.

Mr. Dickson told that the Board watches the revenues closely each month and at this time the County is doing well, but they can not control the economy.

Mr. Jackson told that he doesn't like doing this, but it is something they will have to do.

MT. ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Ms. Chris Gilley presented a check for \$150,000 for the I-77/Exit 19 Sewer Extension and told that these funds come from the Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Construction Funds to be used on water and wastewater projects.

Mr. Hutchins told that on behalf of the PSA he wanted to thank the Planning District Commission

Mr. Dickson thanked the Planning Commission and told that the County will put the money to use in hopes of creating jobs.

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Myron Dalton recognized the members and staff of the Recreation Commission. He told that they are conducting regularly schedule meetings and are using their combined talents and experiences in planning for the future. He told that they have baseball, basketball, football and cheerleading along with the adult leagues of softball and basketball. He told that they do not offer anything for seniors at this time, but want to include plans to get them involved. He told that in planning they would like to include those who reside outside of the county and attract some weekend travel sports teams and parents looking for a safe location to raise a family. He told that the location and weather are perfect for weekend tournaments and discussed economics that would be created in Carroll County from this. He told that they need a permanent location with about 75 – 100 acres or do multiple site locations and told that they are interested in moving forward. Mr. Dalton told that they need a lighted baseball/softball field with bathrooms, dugouts, press box, concessions, fencing, bleachers and a scoreboard. He told that they need a recreation center with offices, 3 full size gyms, indoor track, game rooms,

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cardio room, kitchen, bathrooms and storage areas. He told that they are aware of many programs that are needed in the County and money is short and asked if the Commission could be empowered to move forward since there have been no major improvements in 20 years.

Mr. Dickson told that the Board is caught in a dilemma of whether to sell land or to expand the park. He told that the Board looked at a 47 acre tract and did discuss the land in closed session because if it had got out the price would have went up. He told that he appreciates the work of the commission.

Mr. McMillian told that is where closed sessions come into play and it is not that the Board doesn't want the publics input, but it compromises the County's negotiating power. He told that if there is an opportunity that the Board would search it out.

Mr. Hutchins told that the numbers discussed is missed revenue that is going somewhere. He told that it takes an investment in the future today.

Mr. Jackson told that he is glad to see that a plan has been worked out and if the County is not hosting tournaments we are missing out on revenue.

Mr. Larrowe told that the land that was looked at was 100 acres.

Mr. Dickson asked what the Board can do to help move forward and told the Commission to let them know if they know of anyone that could donate land to the County.

Mr. Hutchins told that there is money in the budget to perform a study.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRICES FOR DESIGN OF RECREATION PARK

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to authorize a Request For Proposals for prices for a design for the Recreation Park.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

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FAIRGROUND DISCUSSION

Mr. Andy Jackson made the following comments concerning the Carroll County Fair:

Board Members and Carroll County Citizens;

As many of you know, the Carroll County Fair was a huge success this year because of the dedicated efforts of many staff members and volunteers in the community. We had folks from far and near come to the Carroll County Fair in support of Agriculture, the Miss Carroll County Beauty Contest, Singing event, Education, Tractor Pull, Horse Pull, the Carnival and many other reasons.

The event was a great testimony to the hard work of those involved that was lead by Kevin Semones as the Chairman of the Fair Committee. This group has worked since 2005 to make build the Carroll County Fair and allow it to expand into what we had this year.

First, I would like to recognise all of those dedicated folks who have assisted in any way to make this a success from the sponsors to the workers including the detainees from the Appalacian Detention Center and the New River Regional Jail.

Secondly, I would like to see a place for the Fair to be conducted. We are all very appreciative of the VFW providing the location for the past years but it is time to look for another place that can be dedicated to the efforts and allow for other events on a regular basis. I am not sure it is time to go purchase land however, I do believe it is time to explore the opportunities that we may have access. Therefore I would propose that we look to the VA Department of Agriculture for approval to explore the usage of the property at the Farmers' Market for the Fair. Since this property belongs to the Commnwealth I think we will have to ask permission to move forward with this option.

Thirdly, I appreciate the volunteers who have worked so diligently toward the goal of a County Fair but I do think it is time to make the Fair a Department of the County or under a Department of the County. As it is currently organized, Carroll County contributes much of the man power of the Fair but it is actually not part of the responsibility of the employees. If we place the Fair structurally under a Department (or create a Department), employees can be used on the Fair activities along with volunteers from the rest of the County. I am not asking that a huge amount of money be placed with this structural move. I also think that our Insurance will cover the fair much better with this move.

(Order)

FAIRGROUND EXPLORATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to move forward to explore using the Farmer's Market property for the fair.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

FAIR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to create a Fair Leadership Structure of either a new department or add the leadership to an existing department.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

Mr. Hutchins asked if any department would be able to take this on.

Mr. Larowe told that since Kevin has been Chair it might fall under the Farmer's Market with collaboration of Recreation and Tourism.

Mr. Hutchins suggested that the Administrator's office design what the Board wants and make it happen by spreading it over departments.

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Mike Goldwasser thanked the Board for letting him talk. He told that he does care and is sincere and is not out to get anyone. He discussed Dr. Littrell's article. He told that when the Board is discussing personnel or trying

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to get a business they do need closed session to get a better price on property, but with WestStar nobody can say that they got a better price. He told that there is no justification of selling the land so far below the market value. Mr. Goldwasser told that the price of the land is not all that needs to be considered but the County needs to look at the number of jobs and the tax revenue. He told that he would feel better if he had a value on the benefits brought by WestStar. He told that there is no evidence to him that the County has received any other benefit and he is worried what might happen with the 91 acres. He told that he would be back next month with a proposal for the study group for the 91 acres.

Brenda Quesenberry told that she and her husband sent out e-mails to Mr. Dickson and Mr. Hutchins and told that just today they had received a response from Mr. Larrowe and the response did not answer the complaint. She told that the concern was that the personnel property tax was increased without public notice. She asked the Board what was planned for the \$10 million on the books and told that the County needs a reserve, but citizens only get by while the County is losing the citizen's money. She told that concerning the market village that Mr. Larrowe had answered most of the questions which lead to more questions which are the value of land, what WestStar is paying, were proposals sent to Libby Lineberry and asked what the relationship was between Libby Lineberry and Marshall Lineberry. She told that she wanted it made clear if WestStar was not paying anything for the property and asked if they were a registered land disturber. She wanted to know who was going to pay for the bathrooms and asked why the County should do this when it is private stores. Ms. Quesenberry asked if the stores are confirmed or speculative and what the tax revenue was and who would be the end land owner of the property. She told that she was trying to make the point that the same thing could happen with the Market Village that happened with Amerlink. She thanked WestStar for deeding the pump station property to the IDA.

Mr. Arden Huff told that he was born and raised in Carroll County and he dug a new well last year. He told that he has 3 springs but none of them are from a branch. He told that they need water in the area and asked for fairness and referred to the Roanoke Times article concerning using Smith Mountain Lake for water. He told that the citizens should be first and asked that rural areas be helped. He told that he doesn't think water should be based on who signed up and who didn't.

Mrs. Ann Huff asked the Board to consider this very carefully. She told that they are only 6-8 miles from water and they don't understand why it can't come further.

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BUSINESS APPRECIATION

Mr. Larrowe told the history of Court Street Coffee and The Espresso Express. He told that they serve coffee, teas, smoothies, soups and sandwiches to name a few. He told that they added Espresso Express this summer and they are adding Gallaher's Steak House with the atmosphere of an Irish Pub which has been said to be what Carroll County needs. He told that they are considered an economic engine.

Mr. Dickson then presented Mike & Barbara Gallaher with a Certificate of Appreciation.

AEP PRESENTATION

Mr. Terry Hall told that he appreciated the opportunity to be here. He told that the demand for electricity is growing and told as far as the rate filings that the State Corporation Commission has heard the issues and will be considering what is fair. He told that in the last 30 years that the demand has increased by 21% and they don't produce enough electricity in Virginia to supply the demand and are shipping in electricity from outside the State. He told that they are promoting the use of wind and new uses of coal but they are seeing coal rise along with copper. He told that they have 3 cases in front of the SCC asking for a 13% increase to cover the increase in fuel costs, have asked for an increase to cover environmental issue costs, and have asked for a 24% base rate change. He told that they are waiting to see how the SCC rules. He told that the average residential customer would pay \$3.00 per day if AEP got everything it had asked the SCC for.

EMS – JOE ROMA

Mr. Roma told that Laurel Rescue is requesting to put up a shed at the back of the building to store boats in at no cost to the County. He told that Laurel Fork Fire Department is requesting to purchase a mini fire truck at no cost to the County. He discussed that Hillsville Rescue Squad had requested permission to re-open.

Mr. Dickson told that the Emergency Services Board is meeting on the 23rd and suggested that they review these issues.

Mr. Hurst made a motion to have these items reviewed by the Emergency Services Board. This motion was later withdrawn.

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Mr. Larrowe told that 2 trucks have come off of Laurel Fork.

(Order)

APPROVE LAUREL FORK FIRE AND LAUREL BUILDING

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board approved Laurel Fork Fire Department's request for a mini fire truck at no cost to the County and Laurel Rescue's request for a shed at no cost to the County.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

HILLSVILLE RESCUE REQUEST

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for the Hillsville Rescue Request to be deferred to the Emergency Services Board.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

Mr. Roma reported that Ivanhoe has now submitted a report and the only ones who are not are Galax and Laurel Fork Rescue.

Mr. Hurst asked that he express that the Board actually looks at the reports.

Mr. Roma told that the County is withholding their checks.

Mr. McMillian commended EMS for the tremendous care given to Greg McCraw during the accident in the Lambsburg area.

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Mr. Larrowe told that they had a meeting with Steve Gregson whose brother-in-law had been hurt in an accident and due to the care is now doing well.

GIS COMMITTEE

Mr. Larrowe discussed the GIS Committee appointments and told that there are 10 positions from staff and he recommends having 2 from the public.

(Order)

GIS APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for Brian Sutphin and Jerrold Bennett to be appointed to the GIS Committee.

Mr. Dickson stated that the Board had received really good applications.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

EXTENSION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following to be appointed to the ELC:

Gary Larrowe
Kevin Semones
Bernie Deck
Emily Moberg

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes

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Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

Mr. Hutchins told that this group who has been in place for the last couple of years has not given anything to the Board. He told that he would like to see a larger number of people and suggested that they have by-laws. He told that for the last year they have asked for help on issues and have got zero and if they don't get results the Board will need to do a clean sweep.

(Order)

ELC APPOINTMENT TERM

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for the ELC Appointments to be a 1 year term.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Yes
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Yes

ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

Mr. Larrowe told that they only received one proposal for the Real Estate Consultant and four for Auctioneer services, but one of those was disqualified. He told that he attended the IMAC in Oklahoma City to make contacts with companies that might be interested in this area. He told that there were 4 main areas which are food and agriculture, manufacturing, health care and energy. Mr. Larrowe told that the County has been working with the Woodlinks Program through Virginia Tech and Crossroads is looking to become a site. He told that there is a Regional Government Meeting on November 25th. Mr. Larrowe told that the Prison Study Committee is going into every community in the County and they have visited 2 prisons so far and will have a report in November. He told that the Happy Hollow project starts on Saturday. Mr. Larrowe told of upcoming meetings and told that the Board would be attending the VACO conference on November 9 – 11 and business will be discussed.

Dr. Littrell told that the County needs to address the issue of clustering developments and told that the ordinance does not allow this right now. He asked that contingent upon the Planning Commission being on board with the

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amendment that the Board approve a joint public hearing at the next regular Board meeting.

(Order)

AWARD AUCTIONEER SERVICES

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to pre-qualify Alderman Auction and Dawn Auction to consult with the County on an as need basis for all County property from now to January 2010.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

AWARD REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board awarded the Real Estate Consultant contract on an as-need basis for all County Government entities to Miller Long & Associates from this point until January 1, 2010.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7)

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Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 6:46 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. for the discussion personnel, for the discussion of the disposition of real estate where public discussion would be detrimental to the County's position, for the discussion of a prospective business or industry where no public announcement has been made of the business or industry's desire to locate or expand in the County, and for the discussion of legal matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1,A3,A5,A7).

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Absent

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes

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Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Absent

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Dr. Littrell told that when running for office a person gave him advice of listening more than talking. He told that today he has listened to people who have some things wrong or kept saying the same thing. He told that the fund balance of \$3,711,384.80 was enough to pay bills without having to borrow. He discussed the news letter that Dinwiddie County puts out for their citizens and the cost has been about \$15,000 and stated this might be a good way to get the good messages out.

Mr. Hutchins told that he was impressed with Emily Moberg at the Farmer's Market and told that it was excellent advertising for the County with her knowledge. He thanked Mr. Jackson for working on the prison. He told that he attended a meeting with Senator Wampler and he was impressed with some of the things going on here and he did give some pointers on some of the things that County can improve on. He told that they received a CD that Mrs. Smith produced and it was very informative and it was what he had been asking for during the last 15 months.

Mr. Hurst told that the Board is pushing to get the County forward and they are working good as a team. He told that he appreciates the public coming to speak but it helps if they have their facts straight.

Mr. Jackson told that the Prison Study Committee have had 3 public meetings to give the public an opportunity to express their concerns and they have not had any participants. He told that they would provide a presentation at the November meeting.

Mr. Dickson told that he appreciates the work on the prison and also for the press staying. He told that he enjoys working with the Board and the efforts are to push the County forward.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion my Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

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W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk