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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, 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. Newman to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mr. Dickson welcomed everyone to the meeting and commended Hillsville on the work for the flea market. He told that his 91 year old mother passed away and thanked his fellow Board members and administration for their support during this time. He told that if the County could run as efficiently as a loving mother runs a household then it would run smoothly. He told that if anyone still had their mother they should cherish her.

Mr. Hutchins stated that the Board had been duly chastised for the fund balance. He told that there was a point in time that this was a larger amount but that if it was looked at today it would be seen that the great find of dollars was not a find of dollars but a check point in time. He told that the fund balance would decrease for another point until the County begins to collect taxes.

(Order)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of their regular monthly meeting held on September 11, 2008 and an adjourned meeting held on September 21, 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

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Mr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for August 2008 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> days of September 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)

**BOARD RESERVE TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to transfer \$15,000 from Board Reserve #11010-7006 to the Farmer's Market Fuel and Maintenance – Cooler # 83060-9035 to cover the rental cost of the temporary cooler currently in operation.

VOTES

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

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**SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to declare the following vehicles as surplus.

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1992 Ford Ambulance # 1FDKF38XNNB15470  
1988 Dodge Pickup # 1B7HW14Y2JS756801  
1989 Chevrolet Pickup # 1GCDC14K6KE164546

VOTES

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

(Order)

**APPROVE SURPLUS ITEMS**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to declare the following items as surplus:

Lot #	Items	Quantity
	Typewriters	2
2	Printers	13
3	Battery Backups	8
4	Hard drives	19
5	Computer Monitors	15
6	Computer Keyboards	22
7	Computer Mouse	11
8	Fax Machine	8
9	Copy Machines	3
10	Postage scales	2
11	Computer Speakers	6
12	Office Chairs	3

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<b>Item #</b>	<b>Individual Items</b>
113	Intercom
114	Desk (wooden with Formica
115	top) Double station wooden
116	desk Drafting Table
117	Wooden Desk
118	Shelf Cabinet (white)
119	Wooden Desk
120	Wooden Shelf (60
121	compartment) Pro Tech
122	Band Saw
123	Cub Cadet Riding Mower
124	Leaf Blower
125	Delta 10" Miter Saw
126	7' New Holland Cycle
127	Mower Camper Top for
128	small truck
129	Bun Warmer
130	Robin Weed Eater NB252
131	201922 Robin Weed Eater
132	NB231C 008061 Robin Weed

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**COUNTY FAIR CARRYOVER AND APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carryover \$6608.19 as funds from previous fairs and appropriate to the County Fair line item # 012010-1000 and to appropriate \$4775.00 received as donations to date to County Fair line item # 012010-1000.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**FIRE PROGRAMS FUND CARRYOVER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to carry over \$29,481.74 to line item# 32020-7000 in Fire Programs Fund from the FY08 budget to the FY09 budget.

**VOTES**

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

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Mr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. McMillian Yes

(Order)

**BRCEDA ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved an additional allocation of \$27,800 awarded to BRCEDA by the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission for which Carroll County will act as fiscal agent. The grant funds the regional tourism initiative.

**VOTES**

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

**GED DAY**

Marty Holliday told that Carroll County Public Schools does the Adult Education program and they are trying to highlight Adult Education to the Board.

Juanita Bowers told that the Carroll Adult Ed is separate from other Adult Ed programs because it is a full time program. She told that there is an average of 450 students per year and they do the GED program, computer training, and developmental math. She told that they were working with parents, grandparents and people who have lost jobs. She told that they have sites at Hillsville, St. Paul and Lamsburg and they have a 91% pass rate when the State average is 70.5% and the National average is 71.5%.

Mr. Dickson told that the program speaks for itself.

Marty Holliday told that they are asking each Board in the 13 jurisdictions in the Mt. Rogers/New River Workforce Development Area to proclaim Oct. 12 – 18<sup>th</sup> as Adult Education Week. She told that 36% of the population does not have high school credentials and that does not look well when we are trying to attract businesses.

Mr. McMillian told that they have people from 18-85 and that is amazing. He told that they are providing a service that is needed by all ages.

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**GED DAY/ADULT EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the following proclamation declaring GED Day and Adult Education Week.

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**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME—GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the foundation of democracy is based upon an educated citizenry, and education should be made available to people of all ages to gain knowledge and skills.

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Public Schools Adult Education Program facilitates adult education programs in Carroll County and provides services to an average of 451 people annually.

WHEREAS, adult education offers classes to assist adults in improving basic reading, writing, and math skills, to pursue further education, to enter or advance in the job market, or to enhance their personal and family lives.

WHEREAS, adult education offers classes to prepare adults to take the General Educational Development (GED) Test.

WHEREAS, adult education serves students of diverse populations that include adults with learning disabilities, physical and emotional disabilities, and adult learners in family literacy programs and correctional institutions.

WHEREAS, adult education works cooperatively with local, state, and federal agencies such as the Carroll County Department of Social Services, the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board, and the Virginia Workforce Centers in Galax to meet the goals and needs of mutual clients.

WHEREAS, it is timely and appropriate that attention be focused on the special efforts and dedication of Carroll County Public Schools Adult Education Program's adult educators who prepare individuals for productive employment and enriched lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Carroll of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2008, as

**GED Day**

and the week of October 12, 2008 through October 18, 2008 as

**Adult Education Week**

in the county of Carroll and urge all its citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by adult education and to support and participate in these programs.

**VOTES**

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

**MT. ROGERS ALCOHOL SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Charles Brown told that he has been the Director since April. He told that the ASAP program started in 1972 and there are 23 programs now. He told that they provide services for driver improvement, DUI, drugs and young offenders. He told that Mt. Rogers covers Galax, Bristol, Washington, Smyth, Wythe, Bland, Grayson and Carroll Counties. He told that they have 4 full time staff and 3 part time staff.

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**MT. ROGERS ASAP APPOINTMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board appointed Mr. Ray Melton to the Mt. Roger ASAP Board.

**VOTES**

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

**CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Chris Brooke told that people are fed up with Closed Sessions and he asked the Board to compile a list with the date, duration, etc. of the closed meetings of the Board and the IDA and post these on the website and keep them up to date.

Mr. Dickson told that he would take it under advisement.

Mr. Ray Melton asked the Board to send a letter to the SCC concerning APCO's massive rate increase. He discussed unemployment and fixed income seniors and stated they need relief rather than a rate increase. He told that the letter was due September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He told that the County is on the right track in seeking a commercial developer for the land. He told that it will benefit the County and landowners at the interstate if they get the best price for the land. He told that the County should make money rather than the developers. He told that the theaters are closing everywhere and he doesn't think the County can support a theatre. He told that the County should look at commercial development.

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that he does not want to be a nuisance, but told that he still has a fear about the use of closed sessions and the lack of citizen participation in decision making. He told that had there been a public hearing on the 3.1 acres it would have brought more with a more suitable development and someone would have brought up the issues concerning the pump station. He told that it appears the pump station issue was covered up and it should have been made public because it has a bearing on future dealings with WestStar. He told that any reasonable person would think WestStar is using the pump station as leverage and if it had been made public it would have put them in an embarrassing situation if he was being hard to deal with. He told that he would like to see the Board and IDA have a resolution that they will hold public hearings before these decisions are made. He told that there are about 13 people considering the ramifications of making these decisions. He told that the Board should see if one of the 25-30,000 citizens have a better

idea. He told that Ron Hall had a question about the new positions and that has never been answered. He told that some things discussed in closed session could be discussed in open.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she did not like the set up with citizens having their back to the audience. She told that with citizens lined up around the wall and in the hall the podium should be along the wall. She told that she appreciated the public hearing and how people behaved.

### **CASCADE CONDO CLAIM**

Mr. Cornwell told that the County had been presented with a claim from Cascade Condo LLC for \$196,000 that relates to delays of completion of a project. He told that he has provided this to VACO and his recommendation would be for the Board to deny the claim.

(Order)

### **DENY CASCADE CONDO CLAIM**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to deny the Cascade Condo Claim.

### **VOTES**

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

### **AIRPORT COMMISSION**

Dr. Littrell told that the Airport Commission has almost completed the review of the charter and they are looking at a document with charter more closely in line with the locality contribution and representation.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME**

Mr. Larrowe told that the Fair is September 18-21 at the VFW. He told that the time had been extended to September 5<sup>th</sup> for real estate consultant proposals and then he will be reviewing the proposals. He told that he did get several proposals for auction services. He told that the Recreation Commission would like to give a report in October and APCO is also coming. Mr. Larrowe told that the Regional Tourism Initiative is applying for EDA funding. He told that Virginia applied for Tobacco Commission money for \$27,800 as the match. He told that RTI has 30 applications for director.

Mr. Larrowe told that he attended the ACorridor meeting and told that BRCEDA is moving forward with plan of action for workforce development and adult education. He told that Carroll County is getting more involved with site selection professionals. He told that he had an invitation from the Governor to be part of delegation at a Virginia/Japan conference. He told that he was present Saturday at the Stoneman dedication. Mr. Larrowe told that three representatives were still need for the Emergency Services Board. He told that the Board is also working on a GIS committee that would include the Assessor, PSA, PDC, Assistant Market Manager, Board member, IT department and 2 citizens.

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Mr. Larrowe suggested the following dates for the October and November meetings. The October meeting will be October 14, the November meeting will be November 12 and a joint meeting with the PSA on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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#### **FORM GIS COMMITTEE**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to form a GIS committee with the participants Mr. Larrowe listed.

#### VOTES

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

(Order)

#### **MEETING DATE CHANGES**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following meeting date changes.

Joint Meeting with PSA – September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
October Meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>  
November Meeting – November 12<sup>th</sup>

#### VOTES

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

#### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Dickson re-opened citizen's time and there was no one to speak.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – NUISANCE OF ANIMALS**

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. and Mr. Larrowe told the purpose.

Mr. Kevin Sheer told that he feels very strongly that the ordinance should be adopted. He told that he spoke with Terry Woods who told him that enforcement was an issue and he told that it should be enforced.

Ms. Marlene Sheer told that her yard has become an outhouse in their area. She told that she had her dog on a leash when they were walking and another dog tried to bite them. She told that some of the neighbors can't ride their mopeds because of the dogs.

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Mr. Robert Sheer told that he has terminal cancer and acute insomnia. He told that he thought it would be a better quality of life in a quieter environment, but the dogs barking have changed that. He asked if a recording devise would help enforce the ordinance.

Ms. Dot Adams told that there are an animals being mistreated all over the world and she has been told of a neighbor who tied his dog in the woods to die. She told that we need to respect all animals and we need to give people a fine or tax so they will take care of their animals.

Mr. Don Krandell told that something has to be done with people who buy 2 – 4 dogs and pen them up to bark all day and night. He told that he has called Animal Control and the Sheriff's Office without results and he has tried to talk to his neighbor. He told that it infringes upon his rights to allow these dogs to continually bark and nothing to be done about it.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m.

Mr. Dickson told that the Board needed to address that Animal Control will not be able to enforce if this is passed and asked Mr. Larrowe to meet with Mr. Woods and discuss what is needed. He asked Mr. Cornwell to look at the legality of it and asked that it be on the October agenda for consideration.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – PSIC GRANT TO AMEND BUDGET**

Mr. Dickson opened the public hearing at 5:50 and Mr. Larrowe told the purpose.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:52 p.m.

(Order)

#### **AMEND BUDGET TO INCLUDE PSIC GRANT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to amend the budget to include the PSIC Grant.

#### **VOTES**

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

(Order)

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board convened a Closed Session at 5:54 p.m. to 8:11 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).

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, 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.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mr. Dickson told that the Board had a request from Amerlink to amend the agenda and allow them to speak.

**AMERLINK**

Mr. John Barth, President of AmerLink, requested a 7 month extension for their performance agreement to March 18, 2009 to complete the construction and fill jobs.

Mr. Hutchins asked how many jobs were full time.

Mr. Barth told a minimum of 20 but closer to 25.

Mr. Hurst asked out of the 20-25, how many would re-locate and how many would be local.

Mr. Barth told that 4 would initially relocate and what was remaining would be new jobs.

Mr. Dickson asked how many jobs they would have to have to meet the performance agreement in March.

Mr. Barth replied 180.

Mr. Hutchins told that they would miss it by 160 jobs.

Mr. Barth told that would be correct.

Mr. McMillian asked how many and what time frame would it take for them to be at 100%.

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Mr. Barth told that it would depend on the housing trend. He told that it would cost a lot to relocate the entire company. He told that they could relocate drafting, accounting and others in 6-9 months and it would be about 80-85 jobs.

Mr. Hutchins told that they would still be negative 60 jobs.

Dr. Littrell asked the reason for not fulfilling the obligation in 39 months.

Mr. Barth told that it was cash flow, difficult housing market and they went to an employee owned company and that cost a lot. He told that due to the performance agreement, the lien on the deed could not secure outside funding.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the property had been encumbered with a lien.

Mr. Hurst told that they now have an investment to bring forward and asked if it was borrowed.

Mr. Barth answered yes and told that it is not borrowed.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the investment was by current stakeholders.

Mr. Barth replied no.

Mr. Dickson asked about the job creation number.

Mr. Larowe replied that it was 90% of the contract which was 200 jobs.

Mr. Hutchins told that he had heard that the North Carolina property was for sale and asked if the funds from that would be invested.

Mr. Barth told that the property appreciated, but it is encumbered with ESOP debt.

Mr. Hutchins asked how many employees there were in NC.

Mr. Barth replied 85.

Mr. Dickson asked that if the Board did not extend the agreement would that affect the sales center.

Mr. Barth told that they have no intention at this time to relocate the sales center. He told that they have relocated people there to manage the facility and they are trained to manage the entire operation in Virginia.

Mr. McMillian stated that in 39 months they have only created 4 to 5 jobs.

Mr. Barth told that it has fluctuated and they have one employee at production.

Mr. Jackson asked how many employees they have in production in NC.

Mr. Barth told that they have 30 and one half of those have indicated willingness to relocate.

Mr. Jackson asked if they have been given an option.

Mr. Barth told that not all of them have but the ones who are experienced and the others would be local.

Mr. Jackson asked how many have been asked to relocate.

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Mr. Barth told that it is in the single digits.

Mr. Jackson asked if the others would loose their jobs.

Mr. Barth told that they would be asked to move to other jobs or they would loose their job.

Mr. Hutchins asked if the employees owned the company.

Mr. Barth told they are employees.

Mr. Hutchins asked if all employees owned an equal amount.

Mr. Barth told that it is based on their salary and time.

Mr. Hutchins asked what the investment is to date.

Mr. Barth replied \$3.7 million.

Mr. Hutchins asked if that included the sales center.

Mr. Barth replied yes and \$2.7 of that is in production.

Mr. Hutchins stated that it is sitting there without producing any revenue.

Mr. Cornwell told that they would need a motion to approve amending the contract or denying the request.

(Order)

#### **AMERLINK REQUEST**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to deny AmerLink's request to extend the Performance Agreement contract time.

#### **VOTES**

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

#### **SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Jackson thanked the ones who came to the meeting. He told that the Board got off to a good start and now they are a little slower but he thinks they have gotten a lot of good things done.

Mr. Hurst expressed his condolences to the Chairman and his family. He thanked everyone on the Board for their consideration and support of Mr. Dickson. He told that they do listen to the comments and they strive to do what is best for the County.

Mr. Hutchins expressed his condolences to Mr. Dickson. He told that he has heard several times about the 3.1 acres and that the County didn't get what it should have for this property. He told that it has been on the market since 1998 and other administrator's have worked to spin a deal on it and local developers have looked at it and they were not interested. He told that after the

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land sold and a building was on it there is a lot of hindsight. He told that before the County did not get any tax revenue on it and now it is on the tax role. He asked if it was best to leave it there without any revenue. He asked how to time dogs barking for 30 minutes. Mr. Hutchins told that the Board just took a very difficult vote, but in 39 months only 1 job was created. He told that he did not know where the 200 number came from, but it is a far cry away from 1 job. He told that the Board received a letter from Ann & Arden Huff requesting people in Dugspur to attend the water meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Littrell told that he expresses his sympathy to Mr. Dickson. He suggested Lisa Alsey for the Emergency Services Board for Pipers Gap. He told that he went to Charlottesville for the Supervisors Certification. Dr. Littrell told that he has concerns about several departments not turning in reports and told that the Board should hold funding until we get the reports.

Mr. Larrowe told that it is happening. He told that Cana and Laurel turned in reports this morning and told that funds are being held until we receive the reports.

Mr. McMillian extended his condolences to Mr. Dickson and told that he has lost his father and mother so he knows how it feels. He told he appreciates the citizens coming out and their comments. He told that a dog barking outside of your window for 10 minutes seems like an eternity.

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#### **SUBDIVISION AGENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Mr. Ronald Newman as Subdivision Agent.

#### VOTES

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

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#### **APCO LETTER**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passed unanimously, the Board approved to send a letter to APCO regarding the proposed rate increase.

#### VOTES

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

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**ASSISTANT SUBDIVISION AGENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Mr. Jim Whitten as Assistant Subdivision Agent and that Mr. Newman and Mr. Whitten could sign the agreement in lieu of a plan.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes

Mr. Hurst Yes

Mr. Hutchins Yes

Mr. Dickson Yes

Mr. Littrell Yes

Mr. McMillian Yes

Mr. Dickson thanked everyone for their condolences and told that he appreciated everything and he is proud to be a part of this group. He told that we also have a wonderful group of citizens who are concerned about things in the County.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

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W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk