

October 17, 2016

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, October 17, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Joshua A. Hendrick
Rex L. Hill
Dr. Tom Littrell
Bob Martin
Robbie McCraw
Steve Truitt, County Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1, A3, A5).

Mr. Cornwell explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

1. Discussion or consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

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

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.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw Not Present
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill, and passing, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

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

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

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick welcomed everyone. He told that Mr. McCraw is unable to be here and asked everyone to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on September 12, 2016.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda minus item 4.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation for two grants received for the School in the amount of \$135,697. One grant is for school security and the other is a planning grant for extended year program.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Holiday Schedule as presented.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Holiday Schedule Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved told hold a public hearing during the November meeting regarding the amendment of the Tax Exemption for Elderly and Disable Ordinance.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing during the November meeting regarding the 2016 Board of Equalization Deadline Ordinance.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PPTRA RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Personal Property Tax Relief Program Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SECURITY AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the Security Agreement with Grayson National Bank for Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,972 to update the CAD system from the Local Criminal Drug Fund. The current balance in the fund is \$60,094.09 and there is enough money to cover the expenditure.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PSA UPDATE - JESSICA MONTGOMERY

Ms. Jessica Montgomery gave the following update on PSA.

The Carroll County Public Service Authority (PSA) provides water and sewer services to many residents, businesses and the schools of Carroll County. The current number of water customers is 3,991 with 200 of those being new customers out in the Cliffview/Fries area. The current number of sewer customers is 1,322.

When I joined the Carroll County PSA staff in 2009, many water and sewer projects were planned and the PSA was pushing to get these projects in the ground and operating. Woodlawn Sewer was under construction in 2009 and this was just the beginning of a long list of projects. Since then, the PSA has added Woodlawn Sewer, Exit 19 Sewer, Exit 1 Water and Sewer (Loves), Long Range Water, Sylvatus/Mitchell's Crossroads Water, Oak Grove Road Water, Honeycutt Dam Water, Exit 1 Water, Fancy Gap Water, Fancy Gap Sewer, Coon Ridge Water and, most recently, Cliffview Water.

Since taking over the role of PSA Executive Director in November of 2015, we have been working on upgrading water meters up to radio read, getting staff in place and properly trained for job functions (we are back up to full staff as of August 2016), Cana Water Preliminary Engineering Report (Cana wells, connect to Mt. Airy on 52 state line, etc), Cliffview Water Project Management, updating work order procedure, updating plans and procedures within the PSA and a water and sewer rate increase.

The CCPSA did increase water and sewer rates in the September 2016 PSA meeting and these rates will be effective on the October bills; these bills go out at the end of October. The last rate increase was in 2009 and the main reason for the rate increase was for the PSA to become grant and loan eligible. Without grants and loans there would be no chance of future water and sewer projects.

The PSA was awarded a grant of \$40,000 from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to install a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to the tank to provide a temporary means of supplying water to the PSA's system from the Route 100 system in order for the Lynnhaven tank to be taken off line for proper maintenance. The PSA was also recently awarded an opportunity with VDH to refinance many of our loans that have over a 4% interest rate to 2.65%; this is a potential annual debt service cost savings of \$112,952. The VDH also recently awarded water line construction funds for an extension along Coulson Church Road and Ridge Road (\$235,000 loan at 2.65% for 30 years and \$153,000 as principal forgiveness). The PSA is also working with Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority (BRCEDA) on upgrading the existing sewer system.

The PSA has 1,012,600 linear feet (192 miles), 230,086 linear feet of gravity sewer lines (44 miles), 108,372 linear feet of force main (21 miles), 793 fire hydrants, 12 sewer pump stations, 12 water storage tanks, several wells and water booster pump stations. All of this is operated and maintained with a staff of 15 people.

Mr. Hendrick told that is a lot of work for 15 people.

Mr. Martin told that it has come a long way and it will pay dividends in the future.

Mr. Hendrick asked about the \$112,000 annually saved and asked if that was all of them.

Ms. Montgomery told that was all of them, the ones that were done back in the 90's.

Mr. Martin asked if the cheapest route is to work with Mt. Airy on supplying additional water.

Ms. Montgomery told that hopefully that is what the Lane Group will be presenting and letting us know next month which alternative will be the best and at that point we will move forward. We also applied for a grant with Mount Rogers about drilling more wells in Cana.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there were any more questions.

Ms. Montgomery thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and for their support of the PSA.

(Order)

VACo VOTING CREDENTIALS

Mr. Hendrick told that there will be two or more members at the VACo Conference in November and County business may be discussed.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved Mr. McCraw to be the delegate and Mr. Martin to be the alternate.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Abstain
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

BRIDGE NAMING

Mr. Hill told that this came up last month and he felt bad that we didn't go ahead and address it. He told that we do have a policy for regular citizens but he thinks we need to have one for law enforcement and if the Sheriff brought it forward that's all he would have to do.

Mr. Hendrick told that the policy says at the Board's discretion. He asked if they could name at any time.

Mr. Cornwell told that it is just a policy.

Mr. Hendrick told that there were two different ones to be named.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill to give approval for the two bridges to be named after the deputies that were presented last month, contingent upon VDOT approval.

Mr. Hendrick mentioned who would pay for the cost of the signs.

Sheriff Gardner told that they would take care of it.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hendrick asked if there were any new applicants for the available positions or if anyone knew of interested individuals.

Mr. Hendrick asked Mr. Newman if he would consider appointment to the Mount Rogers PDC Transportation Technical Committee.

Mr. Newman replied that he would if that was the Board's desire.

Mr. Hendrick accepted his response as an application.

Upon motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill to appoint Ronald Newman to the Mount Rogers PDC Transportation Technical Committee.

Mr. Martin stated that he would sleep better tonight knowing that he is on there.

Mr. Hendrick replied that he would too, and Mr. Sizemore would stop hounding him for a committee member.

Mr. Hendrick asked Mr. Newman to get signs up on 77 northbound at the 81 merge. I've asked for five years. Let's see if you have any better luck than I did, and the next thing is to get Mr. Martin an update on that project.

Mr. Hendrick stated that a motion was needed to appoint our new County Administrator to BRCEDA, CLEO, CPMT, Mount Rogers PDC Executive Committee, NRRWA, @Corridor, IDA Director, and Solid Waste Authority.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. McCraw to appoint Steve Truitt, County Administrator to all of the committees stated previously by Mr. Hendrick

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick thanked Crystal.

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

No one was signed up to speak during Citizens Time.

Mr. Hendrick asked if anyone wished to speak tonight.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Martin stated that he really didn't have anything. I'll pass.

Dr. Littrell welcomed Steve Truitt as new County Administrator and stated he looked forward to working with him. I'm sure he's getting his feet wet slowly but surely or up to his ankles already. We certainly want to send our condolences to Nikki with the loss of her friend.

Mr. McCraw wanted to echo what Dr. Littrell said about having Steve here and we're glad that he's here and getting his feet wet. He seems to be eager. I would also like to pass something forth from the Carroll County Historical Society. I am not actually a member of it but they are diligently working on the Allen House. If you've not been by, you can tell that they've done a lot of work and to my knowledge, they signed a contract to raise that house so they can get a new foundation under it. That should be taking place within the next month. I had the opportunity to meet out there last week with the company that's doing the work. It's going to be amazing to see what they do. They appreciate when someone stops by and asks questions. I guess that about it.

Mr. Hill thanked Steve for coming on board. He may not thank us much down the road, but we appreciate you coming on board and look forward to working with you. I also want to think about Nikki during her time. That's all I have.

Mr. Hendrick thanked everybody for coming out. It was a really short meeting. We had some other stuff lined up for the agenda but it just didn't work out. We appreciate everybody's time; appreciate Mr. Truitt joining us and look forward to what's ahead. It that's it, we'll see you next time and make motion for adjournment.

November 21st is our next meeting.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Rex Hill and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk