

September 12, 2016

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, August 8, 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
Phil McCraw
Robbie McCraw
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:31 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. Martin, 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, A7).

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.

7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. 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.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, 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.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is glad to see everyone here and told that the Board encourages attendance.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on August 8, 2016.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER PROPERTY RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Southwest Virginia Training Center Property Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

VICTIM WITNESS REDUCTION OF ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved a reduction in the allocation in the amount of \$1,202 for Victim Witness. The State Budget did not meet projections at the end of FY2016, DCJS has since removed funding for a vehicle for Victim Witness.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Mr. Semones told that we had another successful County Fair and Friday night we parked more cars than we ever had, made it out almost to the ball fields. He told that there was a little rain on Saturday that made it challenging. He told on Ag Education Days we do all the 2nd and 3rd graders and between that and the young farmers there

were about 1000 kids. He told that it seems to be good for the kids and they learn about ag. He told that the Beauty Pageant had over 50 girls, carnival did an excellent job, the corn maze was the thickest since we have started, had the most participation on equipment displays. He told that the drug dog demonstration was great, the exhibits were up just a little and we made some new racks for the photographs. He told that the forestry events keep growing and some of the talk is we move that to one of the night time events. He told that the homegrown authors came in on Saturday and signed autographs and that seems to do well each year. He told that Horse Pull is always our big Saturday night event and we had 15 teams which puts us in the 2nd biggest. He told that Tia Austin has taken over the Horse Show and it got over at 10:30 pm so that will tell you how many entries she had. He told that they have been doing dairy and beef shows on the same night and between the two there were 54 head and it got over at almost midnight on a school night. He told the poultry show had 82 birds, the rabbit show had 35 and the goat show had 18. He told the Stockman's Contest was added back last year and it was a really good event. He told that the pet show had several and there were 27 entries on the Recipe Contest. He told that some people laugh at the wrestling but it does draw a big crowd for Sunday afternoon. He told that the gate fee was about \$44,500 and it was a few dollars off. He told that he wants to thank you for the money and effort you put into it and he wants to thank a pile of volunteers. He told that Ricky's crew are wonderful and we couldn't do it without them. He told that the gate fee being low is the biggest positive that we hear. He told that he doesn't know what we would do without Search and Rescue parking cars. He told that we are about to max out the property.

Mr. Phil McCraw thanked Kevin for doing an excellent job.

Mr. Martin told that it was one of the best fairs that we have had.

Mr. Hill told that it is a great deal. He told that we have people from Patrick, Floyd and other counties come in and talk about how cheap it is get in and get all of the rides for the same price. He told that it was a great job and he appreciates the work.

Mr. Martin told that we have about outgrown the fairgrounds and it is going to have to be on the agenda one day.

Mr. Semones told that we have 90 acres across the road.

(Order)

WCC UPDATE

Dr. Sprinkle recognized the Board members who are present tonight. He thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity to be here tonight. He told that one of the things that Mr. Dalton frequently reminds him of is Carroll County tends to be the largest participant in numbers with 26% the last two years. He told that they are pleased to partner with your school here with dual enrollment. He told that continues to grow with 668 students this past year. He told that high school students to get college credit for those classes for free. He told that this year there were 11 graduates who earned a credential, either a certificate or a degree. He told on the grant that they are doing in cooperation with the school system here, they applied for and got accepted for a grant and it connects STEM and helps with preparing workforce development.

Mr. Perry Hughes gave the Board a handout on the Workforce Credentials Grant which is a grant that they received and allows them to cut prices for individuals in financial need. He told that the student is responsible for 1/3 of the cost if they can establish domicile and if they have a financial need the cost can come down about 96% of the actual cost. He gave some figures for different classes and told that it is substantial savings. He told that we are also going through some expansions at Crossroads with the Welding Program and they are going to move some of the equipment from WCC to Crossroads. He told that the data center training will be at Crossroads and they are adding a Mechatronics program with the help of Thomas Automation. He told that they have a lot going on with Workforce and have been working with your economic development and one of these days we are going to land someone at Wildwood.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates the update and when working they thing you always hear is what kind of workforce do you have.

(Order)

BRIDGE NAMING

Mr. Gary Bourne told that Sheriff Gardner had a conflict. He told that he would like to talk about naming a couple bridges in Carroll County for a couple of fallen officers. He told that the first is Sheriff Lewis Webb and they are requesting the bridge on 58 to be named after him and the second is Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry and they are requesting the bridge across from Big Reed Island Creek on 58 be named after him. They following is information on the officers.

Sheriff Lewis Webb was shot and killed in the county courthouse by a band of approximately 20 mountaineers who were attempting to free a prisoner. The mountaineers, led by two brothers of the prisoner, had attended the court hearing armed with rifles and handguns. As the judge read the sentence of one year at hard labor, the group opened fire on the courtroom, killing the judge, the prosecuting attorney, Sheriff Webb, one juror and one witness. Several jurors and observers were also wounded, as well as two suspects. Although the suspects fled back into the mountains, the prisoner they were attempting to free remained in custody after being wounded in the gunfire. The prisoner and his son were convicted of Sheriff Webb's murder and were both executed in 1913. Seven additional suspects were apprehended: three were acquitted; two were pardoned in 1922; two were pardoned in 1926. Sheriff Webb had previously served with the honor guard during the Civil War and was survived by his wife and three children. He is buried in Louis Webb Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia.

Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop. Deputy Mabry had asked the owner of a drive-in off U.S. 58 in Laurel Fork to lookout for two men, wanted for burglary in Wythe County, who were traveling in separate vehicles. The restaurant owner called and said the men had bought some food and were eating in the parking lot. Deputy Mabry arrived and watched the men until they left. He got in his car and followed the men on 58. One eluded him, but he pulled over a man from Martinsville about 2 miles up the road from the restaurant. A passerby said he saw a man get out of his car and walk up to Deputy Mabry's car while the deputy was still inside. The driver thought he saw him shoot the deputy. He turned around and went back to see if Deputy Mabry was okay, but he had been shot twice in the head at close range and was slumped behind the steering wheel. The suspect was later arrested during a traffic stop near Martinsville. He was found guilty of second-degree murder after trial in August, 1974 and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Deputy Mabry had served with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for 1.5 years and is survived by his wife and two children. He is buried at Maple Shade Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia.

(Order)

CARROLL COUNTY CODE

Mr. Hill told that he wants to table about the County Administrator, after talking with counsel there are some issues. He told that second he makes a motion as a rule for the Carroll County Board Of Supervisors Fund Balance Policy attached is Exhibit C, The County believes that sound financial management principles require that sufficient funds be retained by the County to provide a stable financial base at all times. To retain this stable financial base, the County needs to maintain a General Fund Balance sufficient to fund all cash flows of the County, to provide financial reserves for unanticipated expenditures and/or revenue shortfalls of an emergency nature, and to provide funds for all opportunities that require an expenditure/reimbursement process.

Mr. Hill told that essentially what it does is require us to have a plan for a contingency fund and some other areas and hopefully this will prevent us from having to borrow money in the future. He told that it will make us more financially responsible.

Mr. Hendrick told that this policy is already ready in place and you are suggesting that we tie the policy to the County Code.

Mr. Hill told that is right.

Mr. Martin asked what happens if we make it part of the Code, it looks like to him it is going to take a few years to build up a surplus.

Mr. Hill told that it requires us to do a plan to save x number of dollars. He told that several years back we had a surplus and we no longer have it.

Mr. Martin told that he likes the idea, it gets expensive trying to cover short falls and it cost the citizens of the county money.

Mr. Hendrick asked if a decision was made we are not 100% within this now. He asked if a time line would need to be established on when we would need to be there by.

Mr. Cornwell told that the rules says that the amendment can be accomplished by a majority vote so you can amend these rules tonight if you want to. He told that you have already adopted this policy and he is not sure if there is a difference in adopting policy and putting it in the rules or not putting it in the rules. He told that the policy says should the Unreserved, Designated for Fiscal Stability Fund Balance amount fall below the 12% targeted level, the Board must approve and adopt a plan to restore this balance to the target level within 24 months. If restoration of the reserve cannot be accomplished within such period without severe hardship to the County, then the Board will establish a different time period. He told that he thinks that is what Mr. Hill is talking about, what he gathers from him is you already have this policy in place and you want to add it to the rules so that it is more prominent but it is still after all a policy that you can do or not do. He told that putting it in the rules doesn't make it more official, it's more of a highlighting.

Mr. Hill told that is correct.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it would still take a majority vote to make it work.

Mr. Cornwell told that there is nothing in this that is mandatory.

Mr. Hill told that if we put it in the rules he thinks that any Board Member that comes on would be made aware of it.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to amend the County Code to include the Fund Balance Policy as part of the Rules and Procedures.

Dr. Littrell told that until Mr. Cornwell explained it he was not in favor of making it a Code, but now he agrees that it is something that we should do.

Mr. Martin told that this is not something that happened this year. He told that it is important and should be part of our Code.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that speaking as a new member of the Board, he didn't know that we had the policy. He told that making it part of the Code will make it easier for new members in the future.

Mr. Hendrick told that it places emphasis on fiscal accountability and that was addressed with our Board Goals as well.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed April Surratt to CPMT.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Doug Smith to the Regional Library Board.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mr. Hendrick told that we have a finalist finally.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved to employee Steven Truitt under contract employment as County Administrator starting September 26, 2016 and to authorize the Chairman to execute all agreements.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Hendrick told that we started the process in November. He told that we got a lot of great applicants. He told that they took their time and he believes Mr. Truitt is going to be an excellent addition to our staff. Mr. Hendrick read Mr. Truitt's bio.

Steve Truitt is a seasoned business executive who comes to Carroll County with over 35 years' experience building high performance companies and teams.

Originally from Gaithersburg, Maryland, Steve first visited our area with friends when he was a student at Wake Forest University. He has visited here off and on since that time and eventually moved to Grayson County in 2012.

Steve earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wake Forest University where he was recruited out of high school as center for the Deacons' football program. He was awarded a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

As a Certified Project Management Professional, Steve has planned and delivered complex projects in a number of industries, including retail, banking, publishing, food processing, consumer products, energy and government. Steve began his career with Booz | Allen | Hamilton as an IT consultant. He served as Chief Operating Officer of MicroTech, a leading contractor for the Federal Government for nearly eight years, receiving the COO of the year award for 2010 from Smart CxO Magazine. During this tenure, he helped build MicroTech into an award winning and fast growing government systems integrator with a focus on technology integration and cloud based solutions. The company grew to over 400 employees and compound annual revenue growth of over 4000%. Steve served as president of Origin Technology in Business (OTIB), the North American operating arm of Origin B.V., a \$2 billion European-based IT consultancy (now ATOS). OTIB was a full-service provider of IT consulting and outsourcing services comprised of eleven offices and over 1700 professionals in the US, Canada, and Mexico. Steve was a partner in the successful boutique turn-around Firm Corporate Revitalization Partners (later acquired by Deloitte), a national turn-around company with a focus on operational and financial restructuring of debtor companies. He led the firm's technology practice, usually charged with restructuring IT departments of clients to provide better decision making data at a lower cost. Steve was a co-founder of e2i, an international systems integration and Internet services consultancy featuring core competencies of strategy services, technical architecture, creative services and system integration centered on e-business. As a managing director for BSG/Alliance IT, Steve managed an organization of over 200 consultants and grew revenues and profit contribution in the Dallas region by more than 60%. He also served as systems development director for TelAction, a first-of-its-kind interactive home shopping system developed by J.C. Penney. Most recently he served as an Advisory Board Member of Green Echo Consulting in Dallas, Texas while running his own consulting firm.

Steve states that “the kindness and friendliness of the people in this region has truly touched my heart. I hope to make my home in these mountains for the rest of my life, ... (and) cannot think of a better scenario than if I could employ the skills I have learned in a lifetime of business to serve the people here by growing opportunities while preserving the heritage and natural beauty that make Carroll County special.”

Steve has two grown daughters, Amanda, 28, an Astrobiologist at Arizona State University, and Jessica, 26, a Licensed Professional Counselor at Eating Recovery Center of Dallas.

Mr. Hendrick told that he believes he speaks for the whole Board that we are pleased to have Mr. Truitt as part of the team and excited as the next steps forward.

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Markel Cochran told that three months ago he talked to you and he thought his comments were fairly well received, he spoke about the need for change and improve the way things were doing. He told that he doesn't see that is happening. He told that he would start with the minutes of the IDA, early last year for some reason the normal procedure that he has seen is the minutes are posted fairly quickly after each meeting with a notation draft until approved until last year and that stopped for about 3 months. He told that it has started again this year and as of last night the last meeting minutes for the IDA and this is for June and that needs to be updated. He told that in speaking of the minutes, the IDA minutes are not correct there are omissions and errors in it. He told that he has wore out his welcome with the IDA. He told that it has been hard to get information, he has got some. He told that one question he has was the vetting process for these contracts and the short question was who participated in it and the answer was Gary Larrowe, no one else had anything to do with it. He told don't bother to look in the June minutes, its not in there. He told that this was confirmed by Keith Andrews, he called me about 2 months ago and we had quite a conversation. He told that he asked who he met with and he said only Gary Larrowe, no one else in County Government. He told that he doesn't think this worked out very well, but he did have one comment that he

thinks is true, he asked me why I was sticking my nose in this business no one else from Carroll County cares and I think he is right no one else cares. He told that he would like to ask the IDA after the last meeting, they do not have the knowledge that he thinks they should and he would like to ask if they actually read the contracts. He asked why they sold 9 acres in the Industrial Park for \$1 to ANDCO. He told that there is a Chinese Proverb that says never try to teach a pig to sing, not only are you wasting your time you irritate the pig. He told that if he is wasting his time, say so. He told that Rex brought up the surplus you had several years ago and it disappeared. He told that he wonders if anyone took the time to ask some questions like where is this surplus going to. He told that at some point you have to deal with the results of all of it. He told that on Andrews and ANDCO there is a \$250,000 Tobacco Commission loan that we are responsible for. He told that he mentioned this at the last meeting. He told in January 2015 \$1.4 million certified in capital has been spent and he is quiet skeptical if that ever existed. He told that he has asked where it is and the only answer he has got is go ask Fran. He told that he doesn't think the Commissioner of Revenue needs to be hunting this down. He told that it strikes him as odd that a business that was going bankrupt from December 2014 to June 2015 was in arrears for over a half a million to individuals and could turn around in the middle of that and spend \$1.4. He told that he is asking for a state police investigation because this needs looking into. He told that if he is wasting his time or your time then say so.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciates the fact that you are asking questions. He told that it is under bankruptcy.

Ms. Cannon told that it is under bankruptcy. She told that she believes and could be mistaken that we have tried to answer all the questions forthright that Markel has had. She told that she is looking right now at the minutes for the IDA and they are up through August 2nd. She told that there was a delay in when they were approved and we made some changes to the minutes based on some recommendations that you made and they have been focused on including more details.

Mr. Cochran told that as of last night they were not there. He told for anyone wanting to ask questions it is going to be October.

Mr. Hendrick asked when are the supervisor minutes posted.

Ms. Cannon told that the draft goes in the Board packet the Friday before the Board Meeting. She told that they go in much later than the IDA minutes and there is a higher standard for the IDA minutes than the Board Minutes.

Mr. Hendrick told that he brought that specific topic up his first year and there was something about posting it without it being approved.

Ms. Cannon told that we are doing that now for the IDA minutes.

Mr. Hendrick asked how far ahead of time.

Ms. Cannon told that they are posted whenever the Secretary sends them to us. She told that we did get the August minutes late and had to send out a request to get those.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there is an issue with posting draft minutes for the Board or the IDA.

Ms. Adams told that the Board minutes are not typically done until very close to the Friday before Board meeting.

Mr. Cornwell told that you can post draft but as far as he knows you don't have to post anything at all. He told that they are subject to Freedom of Information Act. He told that posting them doesn't mean anything other than they are available on the internet.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is looking at the IDA too and it has August 2nd but nothing will pull up.

Ms. Cannon told that hers is working.

Mr. Hill told that he has read them and he was at that meeting and the minutes are not quiet what he heard at the meeting. He told that he doesn't want to say that they are not accurate but they were not comprehensive. He told that maybe that is something we can look at. He asked if we put the drafts out right before the next meeting.

Ms. Cannon told that we put the drafts out as soon as we get them from the elected IDA Secretary.

Mr. Hill asked about ours.

Ms. Adams told that ours are in the packet the Friday before the Board Meeting.

Mr. Hill asked Mr. Cochran if that is enough time with the Board.

Mr. Cochran told that with past history it has never been a problem before. He told that this has been since June.

Mr. Hill told that we have had discussions.

Mr. Cochran told that is important but he brought up a couple other issues that he would like addressed like the \$4 million in Tobacco money.

Mr. Hendrick told that he encourages folks to attend meetings and he has been in the same position trying to find out information about a meeting immediately after it happened. He asked what options we have for putting the video on the website unedited.

Ms. Cannon told that she has no issue with that.

Mr. Hendrick told that if it is okay with the Board check with Jason just to see. He told that it would be quick and easy.

Ms. Cannon asked if he was talking about for the Board and the IDA.

Mr. Hendrick told that he doesn't see why no if we have the technology and capabilities.

Mr. Cornwell told that at one locality they did a live broadcast.

Mr. Hill told that would address the issue with the minutes, you can go on line and see what was said.

Ms. Cannon told that the Tobacco Performance Agreements specifically cite that the assessments come from the Commissioner of Revenue, it has not just been said ask Fran.

Mr. Cochran replied that is the answer that he got.

Ms. Cannon told that was not from her.

Mr. Cochran told that it would be nice if we had some minutes so we could look.

Ms. Cannon told that she personally said what the Tobacco Commission Performance Agreements state we go by is the certified assessment from the Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Cochran ask who certifies that, who actually goes out and looks. He told you are not paying your suppliers and then your certificate gets suspended and you can't operate anymore. He told that it doesn't logically add up. He told there is a lack of vetting process.

Ms. Adams asked if he would come to the microphone.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he cannot hear him at all.

Mr. Cochran told that he doesn't think it is Fran's job and it doesn't make sense that from 2014 to 2015 they ran up a half a million in debts and they had their license suspended for it and they can't operate and went into bankruptcy. He asked why would you spend \$1.4 million to meet the Tobacco Commission obligation, he would pay his suppliers first and worry about that later. He told that it doesn't make sense and that is why he ask for an investigation. He told that the vetting process does not exist, what about Carroll County's vetting procedure. He told that if somebody walks through the door and says I have an idea we don't send it to the Tobacco Commission to approve it and ask if there is a process. He told that there is a building in the county with a vendor who has been there for 25 years and recently another vendor opened up. He told that he has never known of any problems and this new business comes in and has been there for two months and there has already been 3 warrants issued. He told that if somebody had spent 5 minutes checking court records that business would have never went in. He told that he gets the impression that people are not paying attention because this last one with Andrews and ANDCO is a dilly, the County fool could have told you don't do this. He told when it was happening he would hear comments about what was going on.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that it is good to have Steve on board and he had a good resume.

Mr. Hill told that he hopes that you keep bringing questions forward and we will try to answer them. He told that we will try to work on developing a vetting process. He told that he appreciates everyone coming out and he welcomed Steve.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked everyone for coming. He told that he is excited about Steve. He thanked the staff for what they do daily and told that it is a lot of headaches.

Dr. Littrell welcomed Steve and told that he has good plans for the County. He told hats off to Nikki for doing a wonderful job for longer than she anticipated. He also gave hats off to Kevin and the excellent job he did with the fair. He told that the Boy Scouts may have been here to earn a service badge for attending a government meeting.

Mr. Martin told that you can ask questions anytime. He told that he has been concerned about too much power in one person for a while and it is real easy to get burned. He thanked everyone for being here.

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He thanked Kevin and all of the volunteers for the work on the fair. He thanked Nikki and the administrative staff. He told that they picked up the slack over the past 9 months with no additional staff and did an outstanding job. He welcomed Steve and told that he is looking forward to working with him.

Mr. Cornwell thanked the Board for their condolences with his wife's passing and told that he appreciated everyone that attended the service.

(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	Yes

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Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk