

March 13, 2017

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, March 13, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Joshua Hendrick  
Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Bob Martin  
Phil McCraw  
Robbie McCraw  
Steve Truitt, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

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

Mr. Truitt explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

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

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the agenda with tabling the IDA appointment until next month.

**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. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 13, 2017.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie 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)

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing during the April meeting on the Six Year Road Plan.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
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. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing during the April meeting on a budget adjustment.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SHERIFF APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for HIDTA and for insurance recoveries received for car accidents in the amount of \$15,046.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**VDOT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved a resolution allowing funds remaining from the 620 project to be used on the intersection of Rt. 620 and Rt. 707.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes

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

(Order)

**175TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the resolution on the County's 175th Anniversary.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**AEP WILDWOOD RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the AEP/Wildwood Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**BUDGET CALENDAR MODIFICATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the budget calendar modification.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ASHELY BARTEE - UNITED WAY**

Mr. Travis Dayton told that Ashley is here as well but he wanted to give an update on what has been going on. He told that you have generously supported United Way's work and he cannot thank you enough for that support. He told that first is the update on the financial stability center and they have been able to make great strides in year one. He told that it was a minimum three year commitment with them anticipating four to five years and beyond that. He told that on Phase 1 they identified a site operator and have contracted and awarded to Va Tech and they have hired a Project Coordinator. He told that a site selection has been made and the office will be at the Gate Center in Grayson

County but the center will be mobile. He told that they would be giving a report on ALICE in the next 60 days. He told the financial stability center is to work with employed individuals to help them with their needs. He told the report will probably be several pages that will be broken down by locality. He told that they have been working in the tax preparation season and have paired with Rooftop and are working to recruit volunteers to prepare taxes for people. He told they have 3 new individuals and as soon as tax season is over they will have a report on how many taxes were prepared and the cost of savings. He told they also partner with H&R Block and those who make \$64,000 can file their taxes for free. He told they have also been working on a local level with 4-H and just recently have been conducting the reality store where they work with middle school students on how to budget. He told they have also worked with the state and Social Services and child care providers enhancing activities for kindergarten readiness. He told that they have also asked for your consideration in a partnership with one of our newer initiatives, the ignite program. He told that it is geared toward exploration among middle and high school students and currently in some schools the student to guidance counselor ratios are upwards of 200 to 300 students per counselor and students are not aware of career paths in the community. He told that the three areas in this region that employees tell us that they need are employees to pass drug screening, soft skills and financial stability. He told that they are working to step up a regional career expo. He told this is not your typical career fair it could be that AEP have a pole set up to scale. He told they have asked 16 schools to participate and they have received 15 yes. He told in addition to this expo we have asked Alan Lavene and Steve Smith to host a breakfast to discuss how we all can work collaboratively to help with to bridge the gap.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked what is soft skill training.

Mr. Dayton told that soft skills are like a young employee came to an interview and answered their cell phone. Those soft skills are of punctuality, being able to dress or being able to show up to work on time, to problem solve, etc.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he wondered if that was what it was.

Mr. Hendrick told that the movie that Dr. Blankenship showed, it had a lot of soft skills in it. He told that ordinarily they are fine but give them a problem and they can't problem solve, can't set a project goal or team work.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that in his business and one of the biggest problems he has seen is basic math skills.

Mr. Dayton told that at the career expo one of our employers was with a building supply store and many of the students could not read a tape measure.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you talked about drug testing, is that a problem?

Mr. Dayton told that it is a problem across the country. He told that it is everywhere and he wants to make sure that the localities know that. He told that he knows our delegation has been working hard to address those things. He told that early intervention hopefully will keep them cleaner.

Mr. Martin told that drug testing is not the problem, it is the people taking the test and the results.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he did not do drug testing but he put a lot of emphasis on interviews and he has went on his gut feeling. He told that he was on the Workforce Investment Board and several said if they did drug testing they couldn't hire anyone.

Mr. Hendrick told that it is interesting to him about the reality store and anything we can do to expand upon that will be money well spent. He asked if the ignite program will always be focused on 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Dayton told that the expo is one event and the reason they are starting in 7<sup>th</sup> is because they are required to have a written plan in 7<sup>th</sup> grade so they want to expose them

before they write the plan. They want to start with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and follow them up as they go.

Mr. Hendrick asked on the financial institute it is focused on individuals with certain parameters, what about people who are in between jobs.

Mr. Dayton told that they have been discussing this and they are identifying debt management and counseling and part of the rapid response is to work with the dislocated. He told that they don't want to focus on those who don't want to work.

Mr. Hendrick told that it sounds like it helps folks who are willing to help themselves.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked about the hours.

Mr. Dayton told that the hours will be flexible and this work is mobile. He told that if an employer needs a class that doesn't let out till 6:30 they will make that happen.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the request for the ignite program.

Mr. Dayton told that it is \$2,500.

Mr. Martin asked if you are asking for \$2500 right now or to put it in the budget.

Mr. Dayton told that they are asking that to be part of their request in the budget, the total request is for \$7,500.

(Order)

**MARGARET MARTIN - SWVA DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION**

Ms. Margaret Martin told that she is here in support of fluoridation in our water supply and would like to briefly make some points. She told that fluoride is a mineral that exists naturally in public water supplies but usually is not low enough to prevent tooth decay. She told that tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of children and teens often causing them to miss school. She told that locally .7mg of fluoride is added to one liter of water. She told that the average bathtub of water if you add 5 drops of fluoride that will make approximately 1 part per million and .7mg is less than that. She told that critics of fluoride often cite studies from overseas that are flawed and do not reflect how fluoridation is practiced in the United States. She told that one such study was done in China where typical fluoride concentrations in water is far higher than in Virginia, in fact 10 times higher. She told that they also did not take into account lead, arsenic and other factors that were in the water that could have influenced the study. She told that there has been no convincing scientific evidence found linking public water fluoridation with any potential adverse health affect. She told that with the increase of sugar usage, especially in soft drinks there are studies that the greater exposure of water fluoridation significantly reduces the link between sugary drink consumption and cavities. She told that she has worked 44 years in dentistry in this county and she has seen the improvement due to fluoridation and she strongly recommends that we continue the practice.

(Order)

**AEP**

Mr. Truitt told that we have already approved the resolution but asked if you have any questions.

Mr. Martin told that you have done studies on upgrading.

Mr. Chisem told that they can currently serve 8 to 10 mba off the lines. He told that AEP had been through a performance agreement with BRCEDA and that was for Phase 1 for how we would supply power to this park. He told that should a data facility were to

come in is why they were doing a phase effect. He told that they can get county approval or go through the SCC to get approval but that takes longer. He told that it would be a substation that would be on the Industrial Park property and it would be unsightly. He told that this is a standard transmission line that they use. He told that it would be about 6 miles of lines going across 4 property owners. He told that there has been very little opposition from the public.

Mr. Martin told that you are asking for a motion.

Mr. Truitt told that it has already been approved. He told that he just wanted to make sure you had the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the time frame is.

Mr. Chisem told that they are trying to get it down to 12 months and that is why they are working on getting approvals now.

Mr. Truitt told that they have to do a bat study that cost \$30,000 that only last 3 years and they have several of those kinds of decisions to make.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you said the substation would be set down is that for flight patterns.

Mr. Chisem told that they would not have anything that would get that tall.

(Order)

### **CPMT REQUEST**

Mr. Martin told that this is on funding.

Ms. Cannon told that there has been a request from CPMT for a supplemental appropriation. She told that we need a public hearing which was approved during the consent agenda.

Mr. Martin told that they have sent a request in for \$790,000 and the county is responsible for 30%. He told that the auditor came in and gave all this interesting information and what people don't realize is this request for \$900,000 that we don't have any money budgeted for that. He told that this will be money that we don't have money budgeted for, but we are expected to pay.

Mr. Truitt told that the public hearing is scheduled for next month and Ms. Hodges can answer any questions.

Mr. Martin told that he would like to see her at the next meeting.

Mr. Truitt told that she is here tonight and will be here for the next meeting.

Mr. Martin asked how the state handles unexpected costs.

Ms. Hodges told that this happens about this time every year because unfortunately in the beginning the money isn't enough to cover everything that is needed. She told that you can see on the spread sheet there are things on there that CSA has to pay for.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if foster care is a lot of it

Ms. Hodges told that it is and they are working on getting more placed locally. She told that since she started they have went from 3 placed locally to 8. She told that they have over 40 so it is not all of them. She told that when she says local that doesn't necessarily mean Carroll, it is also surrounding counties.

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Martin told that we have five very good applicants for the At-Large Recreation member and we can only pick one. He told that the five applicants are Howard Mayo, Wesley Yonce, Marion Harris who is a coach at the high school and has three children, Travis Austin and Charles Barrier and they are all good applicants. He told that all of them have been involved with youth in some capacity.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Howard Mayo for the Recreation Commission member at large.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin told that he could have easily voted for a bunch of these.

Mr. Hill told that he would like to nominate Marion Harris for Laurel Fork.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there is another opening.

Ms. Cannon told that it is not listed on this spreadsheet.

Mr. Hill told that he would make a motion that we table it until we find out. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passed.

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. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Gerald Goad to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board.

VOTES

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

Dr. Littrell that there are a couple more committee appointments and asked if we want to take action on those tonight.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Hill to the Crossroads Board and Everett Lineberry to the Southwest EMS Council.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin                      Yes

(Order)

**175TH BIRTHDAY AWARDS**

Mr. Martin told that he knows the County Administrators Office has worked on getting some things going.

Mr. Truitt told that we have events that are suggested throughout the year starting with a tea on April 1<sup>st</sup> here at the Complex. He told that there are various people in the County that are willing to do reenactments. He told that the Chairman has suggested that we have 3 contests, one to the school for art work and other projects, another pool for clubs and community service groups and another pool for individuals.

Mr. Martin told that it was a total of about \$2500.

Mr. Truitt told that it is a big program that is coming together.

Mr. Martin told that with involving the schools you get more involvement.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we are going to develop a committee.

Ms. Adams told that we do need a committee, we need people to serve.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we need to advertise.

Ms. Adams told that we can, She told that we are short of time on the first event and that she doesn't mind to finish that one out.

Mr. Truitt told that we do need to advertise for people to serve at the remainder of the events. He told that we have gotten a lot of input from Shelby Puckett who headed up the last one 25 years ago.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that maybe she should head up this one.

Mr. Truitt told that she can't head this one up but she is willing to help.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to use a total of \$2,500 to be split up between the 10 schools, community organizations and individuals.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there were any problems with finance.

Ms. Cannon replied no. She asked if you would want the committee to disburse the funds or the school to do it.

Dr. Littrell told that the write up says that it will be done by district.

Mr. Martin told that we can leave it up to the committee to work out the details.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**CITIZENS TIME**

Keith Olsen from CRAP, Criminal Racketeering Against Patients and he is here today because Sherriff Gardner is operating a criminal enterprise sanctioned by the criminal code. He told this county builds the criminal code based on the agenda that's enforced by J.B. Gardners militia. He told that J.B. Gardner can no longer justify himself or his practice and if he can't justify his team it might be time we think about dismantling it. He told that he is here trying to expand the domain of freedom and justice by dismantling this form of illegitimate authority. He told that he thinks we can all clearly see some very serious defects and flaws in Carroll County's criminal codes, specifically the Sheriff's Department which he will personally attempt to correct. He told the attorneys are the criminals not me. He told that Henry Myers in his opinion attempted to distort him for \$4000 and he wants to know if this is lawful or not under the code of this county. He told that Mr. Myers sends out form letters to the victims of this racket. He told that he didn't call him back and finally after weeks he called him at 5:00 the night before and told him he needed \$2500 cash and to bring another \$1500 for the fine. He told that he is submitting a written complaint today and expect this commission to stop this sick greedy attorney and report his conduct. He told that he doesn't believe this corporation has the authority under the United States Constitution to limit his freedoms. He told to take freedom of speech for example, one of the real achievements we have in American society is freedom of speech and we were the first in the world with that. He told that freedom of speech is not in the constitution and it's not in the Bill of Rights. He told that freedom of speech began with the Supreme Court in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and some major contributions came from the 60's and civil rights and by then we had a mass movement that was demanding rights and refusing to back down and the Supreme Court established a pretty high standard for freedom of speech that we all still enjoy today. He told other examples are Jim Cornwall's, women's rights, gay marriage, cannabis and even witchcraft. He told the 21<sup>st</sup> century brings CRAP to Carroll County and Carroll County to federal court. He told that he believes this litigation will end with a \$500,256,925 judgement in the court of claims bankrupting this county. He told that he believes the war on drugs is over and with all wars sanctions need to be drawn. He told that he will pray for the officer that passed this week while enforcing the criminal code and he would also suggest implementing a less aggressive policing policy in this county in his honor.

Mr. Hendrick asked what CRAP stands for.

Mr. Olsen told that it is criminal racketeering against patients.

Mr. Hendrick replied patients as in patients.

Mr. Olsen replied yes, it is a nonprofit where he assists disabled people.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked where he lives.

Mr. Olson told that right now he has located a property here and is signing a lease today. He told that they are giving me a lot of problems about doing things here as far as freedom of information act and fighting his trial and he is very upset about the treatment he received about the interstate and at this point he is thinking about throwing his hat in the ring for Sheriff, move down here and get on the ballot.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you signed a lease today, where is your residence as of this time before that lease is finalized.

Mr. Olsen told that he met a guy at the Craigslist and gave him a couple hundred bucks and moved into the established residency. He told that he is in the process of looking for more.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked where were you before you went through this process.

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Mr. Olsen told that he is from Detroit Michigan. He told that he had a lot of problems coming down through here, he got pulled over and yanked out of the car for speeding a couple miles an hour over the speed limit just like the guy last week with 6 cop cars a hundred miles an hour doing doughnuts turning around.

Mr. Martin told that we will take it under advisement.

Mr. Olsen told that he will leave some copies of his grand jury indictment. He told that he will try to get on the agenda for next month and go deeper into this.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciates everyone coming out. He told that he sends his sympathies to the Bartlett family and the Sheriff's Office. He told that he just asks for prayers for the family

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he appreciates Gerald willing to serve. He told that we need to keep the Bartlett family in our prayers. He told that it was a tragic accident, good family, good deputy, good man and there have been a lot of tears shed in our county over it and he wants us all to remember the family, the Sheriff's Department and the church family at First Baptist. He told that he appreciates everyone coming out.

Mr. Hill asked everyone to pray for the Bartlett family and the Sheriff's Department and everyone affected by the death.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he can't reiterate more what these gentlemen have said and having a son in that line of duty every day touches his heart deeply. He told that he appreciates their time and effort that they put forward in protecting us and keeping us safe, it is a thankless job. He told that he thanks staff for all their efforts. He told the Oakland Ruritan Club is having a pancake supper Saturday from 4 to 7 and it is very good.

Dr. Littrell told that he appreciates the dedication from our law enforcement across this country and also our first responders. He told that you can't put into words what he feels about the local tragedy and the Bartlett family. He told our prayers go with the Sheriff's Department as well as the family.

Mr. Martin told that his mother's family there were 4 children and in 1929 the 4 year old died and then the 8 year old died and the 11 year old died and just left his mother and for close knit families there is nothing more painful than losing a child. He told that his grandparents never got over it. He told that he echo's the sentiments of the other Board members.

(Order)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board adjourned.

#### **VOTES**

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

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk