

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

Present were:

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. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, 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. Truitt 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	Not Present
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. Phil McCraw, 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	Not Present
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda with tabling all committee appointments until next meeting.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	No
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. Hill and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on January 9, 2017..

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Not Present
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. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

PSA RESOLUTION

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

FIREWORK AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Firework Agreement.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 763

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 763.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 683

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 683.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 954

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 954.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 633

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 633.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 840

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 840.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 606

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 606.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 798

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 798.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 916

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 916.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 648

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 648.

VOTES

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

(Order)

VDOT RESOLUTION 893

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the VDOT Resolution 893.

VOTES

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

(Order)

MRPDC ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the MRPDC Allocation.

VOTES

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

(Order)

SHERIFF APPROPRIATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Sheriff Appropriation.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CONSTITUTIONAL ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the Constitutional Allocation.

VOTES

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

(Order)

WIB AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the WIB Agreement.

VOTES

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

(Order)

ROBINSON FARMER COX - GORDON JONES

Mr. Gordon Jones told that he is the partner in charge of the County's audit. He told that the first report is the independent audit report and it is a clean unmodified report. He told that this year we had two new GASB's We told that these really didn't change the numbers in the financial statement. He told that second report is the report on internal control and we do report one finding. He told that as a result of our auditing, this past year with not having a County Administrator Nikki felt like it would be good to have a consultant come in and get the books ready. He told that the firm was new to the job and if you keep him that finding would go away. He told that the last report is the single audit report that is required when you spend over \$750,000 in federal funds and it is a clean unmodified report. He told that he is going to go over the handout he gave you and there is a general fund summary for 5 years and for 2016 the total general fund revenues were a little over \$39 million increasing at about 1 1/3% per year and total expenditures were about \$42.2 million increasing at about 4 1/3%. He told that a couple areas he would point out are education and that is the portion that you give to the School Board, increasing at about 10% per year. He told that public safety is increasing at about 9% per year. He told that debt service is a little skewed and it shows it increasing at about 3/4% and back in 2012 you made two debt service payments on this building so if you move that to the correct year of 2013, debt service is increasing at about 5%. He told that in 2016 the County made its first principal payment on the qualified school construction bonds which was \$1.5 million that had a pretty large impact on your fund balance. He told to that point you were paying on interest only payments and the County received a subsidy from the government that almost pays the interest so those bonds have basically cost the County nothing, but now you are paying back about \$1.5 million in principal per year. He told that overall the fund balance decreased by about \$2.68 million and you can see that over that 5 year period the fund balance has decreased almost every year. He told that he is not sure that is something you can sustain for very long and if it wasn't addressed in the 2017 budget it would probably need to be addressed in the 2018. He told we started out with \$12.5 million in fund balance and ended up with \$9.8 and the cash in the general fund June 30th was about \$5.2 million. He told that some might ask which is the true number and probably the number \$5.2 is closer. He told that it is somewhere in the middle. He told that there are some receivables from the schools that won't be requested.

Mr. Martin told that when you say the q money, that was the interest free money that we got and the good thing was it is interest free and the bad thing was we had to come up with \$1.5 million to pay the principal.

Mr. Jones told that it was interest up until 3 years ago and the sequestration decreased that so you are paying about 6% interest now.

Mr. Martin told that the Board has been very aware of our declining balance.

Mr. Jones told that everyone asks what a safe amount is for fund balance and we usually calculate that with respect to the total expenditures. He told that total is about \$72.3 million and the percentage of that is 13.3 and the cash balance is \$7.1 and you can

see that those numbers, our fund balance is about half of what it was in 2012 and the cash balance is about 1/3 of what it was.

Mr. Martin told that the \$73.2 is that the total including the School Board.

Mr. Jones told that it does include the school. He told that there is a pie chart of the general fund if you prefer to look at a picture and you can see over the 5 year period those pie pieces haven't really changed. He told that there are the same type of pie charts for the expenditure side and you can see in 2012 the education accounted for 23% and in 2016 it counted for 29%.

Ms. Cannon told that those numbers do not include debt service.

Mr. Jones told that debt service is separate and it is in blue. He told that he looked at the School Board and that is a pretty large increase and in 2012 the expenditure was \$40.8 million and 2016 they are about \$42.5 million. He told that State and Federal funding in 2012 accounted for about 73% and in 2016 it is about 68%. He told that 2012 the local portion was 26% and 2016 it is 31% so you can see there has been a shift to local.

Mr. Martin told that is not a surprise with all the mandates.

Mr. Jones told that there are line and bar graphs of the same information. He told that County's total general debt including the school is \$44.67 million and the QSCB payment is the increase in debt service. He told the School Board has \$38.4 million most of which is the net pension liability that we discussed last year.

Mr. Martin asked if he looked at the short term.

Mr. Jones told that he hasn't looked at those recently. He told that other localities are refinancing every other year and he doesn't see that every other year.

Ms. Cannon told that the Courthouse is not eligible for refinancing. She told that the other debt is literary loans.

Mr. Jones told that the total is a little over \$83 million with a population of 30,000 making the debt per capita \$2764 compared to the state average of about \$3300.

Mr. Martin asked if he meant that our debt per capita is in better shape than the state average.

Mr. Jones told that this takes the total debt and divides by the population and that is compared to the state average. He told that some citizens have pointed out that the citizens ability to pay is different than a person in Northern Virginia and that is not taken into consideration. He told that the assessment summary, merchants capital went up by \$20,000 but for the most part the assessments have been level. He told that there is a summary of the audit process and there is nothing negative in here other than the finding that we discussed earlier. He told that the management comments are on page 19 and as you read through these and have questions you can contact him and he would be glad to discuss. He told that compliance wise the County is in good shape but the numbers are not looking so hot and he is sure you will address that going forward.

Mr. Hill told that we have a fund balance policy now and he wondered if you would look at that.

Mr. Jones told that he can.

Ms. Cannon told that we are not in compliance with it.

Mr. Martin told that the biggest concern would be getting the cash fund balance up.

Mr. Jones replied yes.

(Order)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. John Carpenter told that he is the Ag teacher at the Middle School and Mark Harmon is the history teacher at the High School. He told that they appreciate the time they have here tonight. He told that it might be a major challenge to move forward. He told that the house was given to the Historical Society about 2 years ago and it was in fairly bad state of repair. He told that he was very apprehensive about taking this responsibility on but as educators it would have been a shame to let this house go into history. He told that if you would have told him 2 years ago that it would be back on its feet and secure it has been amazing. He showed slides of the house and told the process of restoring what has been done so far. He told that the house has so much history and everybody knows the Sidna Allen house. He showed examples of what they found when they tore the boards off and if they had waited any longer it may not have been salvageable. He told that they have had a lot of donations, Frank Beamer gave \$5000 and the Friends of the Allen House has had bean suppers and raffles and that has really helped. He told that the signs that are there were made by the machine shop at the High School. He told that Bowman and Griffin were both students of his and to see contractors work at a fast rate. He told that Bennett Glass gave them a good price on taking the stained glass windows out and Truman's gives us a lot of materials.

Mr. Harmon told that alot of the kids at the high school participate in this and the building trades class is doing the spindles, mass media is doing some advertising, interact and leo do volunteer work as well as helping with the fundraisers. He told that metal working class is designing some things for the house right now and the FFA has helped with shaping boards and the drafting class has helped with the designs.

Mr. Carpenter told that Mr. Webb is here now and we can defer some of the questions to him. He told that everyone has worked really hard and none of them feel like they are doing enough. He told that Halls Excavating has donated all the excavating for the house. He told that right now they want to show and explain this to you and they realize your challenges that you, but right now is a pivotal time because they have used the donated funds to get them to this level and to move forward it would take some help from this Board or they will just have to wait. He told that it means so much to them that they don't have the patience to wait. He told that they have citizens say all the time that they are glad to see things happening. He told that the brick foundation needs to be done and also get the house sealed up. He told that the front porch needs to be constructed. He told that the key to the short term success of this is when we can get people in that house we can get donations and right now that can't happen. He told if they could have some short term cash to finish the house enough to get people in there. He told that there is always the risk of waiting, especially on the moisture aspect and the weather conditions at Fancy Gap.

Mr. Martin told that he realizes that the original house was close to the road but wondered why you didn't move the house back a little more.

Mr. Webb told that they debated that and the contractor was willing for a bunch of extra money to move it but one of the things that makes that house so unique is its prominent location and moving it was going to take that away. He told that moving it from its current location would remove the historic preservation. He told that they don't have to put it back in its original state but they want to make it as close as possible. He told that the house is white but as they were scraping through they found some dark green.

Mr. Harmon told to move it back it would be at least \$50,000 plus grading and they have been very conscious with the money. He told that there was extensive damage on the foundation of the house and that is what took all their surplus.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that the house was built extremely well for its time. He told that the plan with the house will last approximately 50 years.

Mr. Webb told that is what they hope. He told that some of that is way down the road.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how much in funds do they have left.

Mr. Webb told that it is something less than \$25,000 with several bills to still come in. He told that also has to cover the monthly cost such as utilities and insurance.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that Mr. Carpenter was here for the presentation done by Robinson Farmer Cox so they know the situation the County is in. He told when you say short term cash what exactly are you looking for.

Mr. Carpenter told that in order to get the porches done, windows put back in, the porch and grading done the number is right around \$50,000.

Mr. Webb told that the goal with that is to seal the house up so that there is no continuing damage for moisture.

Mr. Carpenter told that they have a model of the Allen house at the museum and people are interested in it. He told that from a tourism package going forward they can stop there and maybe tour from the outside then to the Courthouse and the museum.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if their long term plans include guided tours and charging admission.

Mr. Webb told they are thinking of that and making it an extension of the museum. He told that there are no public restrooms there so they may add some of the back end as well as a catering kitchen where things could be warmed up or kept cold so that they could have events there.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he is going to assume that with the long term plan that you would have to put some type of parking.

Mr. Webb replied yes and told that they would have to get a better entrance drive than what is there. He told that Ernie Pyle Tours is on him constantly to do more grading so the tour bus can get in.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you are saying \$50,000 short term but what are we looking at long term.

Mr. Webb told that they don't have a good answer. He told that they have already been surprised with the unknown. He told that they don't have a solid number but they do have a couple architects working with them but until we get past this stage they did not want to look at it.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if they had exhausted all avenues to get funding through a historical avenue.

Mr. Webb told that they have applied for several grants and all have been denied. He told that they have found that grant money of this type has basically dried up and is extremely difficult to obtain.

Mr. Martin told that you mentioned the tour company and told that the man that is in charge of Sunshine Tours just lives 5 miles from there.

Mr. Webb told that they will pursue a lot of those avenues when the times comes.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that to get the house in a condition that you need \$50,000 pretty quick.

Mr. Carpenter told that if they had \$50,000 pretty quick Bowman and Griffin will put us in their work schedule and he is thinking it could be over the summer.

Mr. Webb told that based on Mr. Griffins presentation last week he was emphasizing getting the house closed in.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that the house is situated that if we are going to have snow that is the spot.

Mr. Webb told that Sidna Allens granddaughter who lives in South Carolina has a couple tables that he built and she is going to give those to us once the house is complete.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if the \$50,000 get the house in the shape where people could walk up on the porch and after the short term what is the next short term going to cost.

Mr. Webb told that they just don't know.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you are looking at doing an extensive amount of work on the house.

Mr. Carpenter told that when they do the plays now they can have a goal for it to pay for something specific. He told that he hopes this is the last time they ask for something for the Board but he can't promise that.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that our budget committee is currently working on our budget and he thinks this would be a good thing for them to look at this and they may want to contact you.

Ms. Cannon asked if they have any idea whether or not donated labor would be an option for you.

Mr. Webb told that they would take any donations they can get.

Ms. Cannon told that we have a lot of resources at our fingers that could offset some of the \$50,000.

Mr. Webb told that materials is a big part of the cost. He told that Griffin and Bowman have donated a lot of the labor.

Mr. Carpenter told that right now those porches are so structural and you are looking at having a license contractor with labor at an affordable rate and doing it right. He told that there will be a lot of things that volunteers can do. He told that the level of expertise on volunteers needs to be somewhat limited.

Ms. Cannon told that she was actually talking about donating county labor.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to turn this over to the Budget Committee for them to review.

Mr. Martin asked how much money do we have. He asked if we can give them \$25,000 now and \$25,000 after the budget. He told that we are just discussing.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that is why we turned it over to the budget committee.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he likes Nikki's thoughts on some County labor because we have some quality workers.

Dr. Littrell asked if Phil's motion preclude any donation in this fiscal year.

Ms. Cannon told that she doesn't think so.

Mr. Martin told that why couldn't you put on a play with different flavors. He told that he sees lots of possibilities.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what it would take to get more of this history into our schools.

Mr. Harmon told that in the past he was a culprit, he teaches SOL's and he has now adjusted and they do go over this. He told that you can see Mr. McCraw's daughter on YouTube and it made him feel bad. He told if the kids could go see this house and the more we get them involved it will help. He told that the play really helps.

Mr. Carpenter told that when they were accepting the house one of his struggles was the educational aspect and it inspired him to write a song. He told that he wants to teach young people that a decision they make in a second can affect their lives and the lives of others. He told that it is our special history and he wants to thank you for your time regardless if you give us any money or not. He told that we haven't used the history.

VOTES

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

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Robert Patton told that he does not agree with the non user fee for County water for two reasons, one he has a working well and two there are chemicals added. He told that the fee is putting a substantial burden on some in the Cliffview area because it is an extra cost for nothing. He told that it hit him for \$1000 for the year for no service. He told that he understands that they had to do this to get the grant money. He told that on the contract it does not tell a period of when the non user fee will be dropped. He asked if after the project is paid for will it be dropped. He told that he knows it is putting a burden on people in his community. He told that he would like to do some improvements to his house but stuff like this takes away from his spending money. He told that it sounds like you all are tight on money to. He told that this courthouse is nice but it might be a little overkill.

Mr. Martin asked if he has spoken with PSA.

Mr. Patton told that he spoke with PSA earlier today. He told the next reason he didn't get the water is because they add a chemical called fluoride. He told that it is a natural chemical but it is not pharmaceutical grade and this paper that he has is the actual sack that the fluoride comes in. He told that we get fluoride from our toothpaste, mouthwash, when we go to the dentist so we have plenty of fluoride to protect our teeth. He told that he doesn't know if it comes from Richmond that you have to do it but he has a problem with it. He told that he knows he will get it in other places. He told that he has read some interesting articles globally about fluoride. He told that they are contributing a large percentage of the death rate from dementia to fluoride. He told that America can never be great again as county, state and federal government impose a fine on American people.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he appreciates everyone coming. He told that he appreciates the concerns of Mr. Patton and it is hard to know what to do sometimes. He told that he remembers when they ran water into Cana and he signed up even though he did not plan on using the water then the well at his business got contaminated by someone's septic tank and then he was very thankful for the water. He told that at his house he had a well then suddenly it started getting sediment in it and he ended up

hooking up to County water. He told that he was paying the non user fee and he didn't like it either. He told that he thought he would never need it, but he did. He told that he knows people who would love to have water. He told that he understands how you feel but if you get funding you have to have so many people sign up. He told that he knows it is an undue burden on some folks. He told that if he had not had water available he would have been in trouble. He told that he appreciates everybody coming out tonight.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for being here tonight.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he thanks everyone for being here tonight and he really appreciates the efforts the Historical Society is putting forward and he thinks it is a great thing. He told that he knows there is a lot of contention with the house but it means a lot to the County. He told that he would also like to recognize Kevin for the award on the County Fair and a lot of the credit goes to you. He thanked Mr. Patton and his comments. He thanked staff for all they do, they put a lot of effort into the daily operations.

Dr. Littrell told that he has been a strong proponent of keeping the Training Center open and he thanked all who contacted the General Assembly supporting the passage of HB1583 and HB1972. He told that unfortunately all those efforts were halted. He told that there is a tiny bit of good news, he got an email from Jeff Campbell and he has submitted an amendment. He told that Senate would have to pass this and if it passes Senate then the Governor must sign it so he would encourage you to contact legislators. He told that there is still a glimmer of hope. He told that in rebuttal to Mr. Patton's fluoride comments and he knows that everyone is entitled to their opinion, but he is going to give an alternate view. He told that he is speaking as a member of the Board, a dentist and also someone who strongly supports the scientific method. He told the argument against one of the most effective public health projects, fluoridation of public water has been ongoing since 1940's. He told that actually Fries is one of the first communities to receive fluoridated water in 1947. He told that in spite of what some might believe it is not a conspiracy to poison the American people. He told that it has been proven time and again that it is safe and effective at a very low cost. He told that fluoride has reduced tooth decay and save millions of dollars in dental care. He told the American Dental Association and other prestigious organizations have carried out rigid controlled studies over long term that has proven fluorides effectiveness and lack of any side effects. He told that fluoride occurs naturally in the water of west Arkansas, east Texas and even parts of Grayson County. He told that the folks who have been drinking this water have no more health issues than any others.

Mr. Martin told that he is glad we live in America where people can openly express their opinion. He told that in a lot of countries no one would come because their families would disappear. He thanked everyone for coming. He told that he considers the Sidna Allen House project as important.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

February 13, 2017

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