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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, January 11, 2010 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Wesley G. Hurst  
Dr. Thomas W. Littrell  
David V. Hutchins  
W.S. "Sam" Dickson  
Andrew S. Jackson  
N. Manus McMillian  
Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator  
Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and ask Mr. Dickson to lead the invocation and pledge. He thanked everyone for coming.

### **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION**

Mr. Hurst asked Mr. Jim Whitten to stand. He congratulated Mr. Whitten on receiving certification as a Master Building Inspector. He told that there are only 2 in Virginia and we are proud to have one of them.

Mr. Whitten told that he appreciated the Board giving him the opportunity to receive the certification.

Mr. Hurst told that it takes initiative to get and thanked him for the hard work.

Mr. Larrowe told that Mr. Tim Carpenter is receiving the Employee Appreciation for the month. He told that Mr. Carpenter recently passes his Building Official Certification. He told that before joining Carroll County, Tim was the General Manager at Map Supply, Inc. for 19 years and he holds a degree in Conservation & Environmental Science and is fully certified with the State of Virginia as an E&S inspector, Plan Review Agent and E&S Program Administrator. Mr. Larrowe told that Tim grew up in Carroll County. He has been married to his wife Christy for 11 years. She is from a small town in Indiana and he met her there. They have 3 children, Seana who is 20 years old, Lucy who is 10 years old and Olivia who is 6 years old. Tim has two beagles named Pickles and Silvermist and his wife also has a cat named Shemp. He told that Tim loves to hunt and also enjoys shooting and reloading his own ammunition.

Mr. Hurst presented Mr. Carpenter with the award and told that it was good to see employees put for extra effort.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, disposition of real estate, prospective business, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1).

#### VOTES

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

(Order)

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

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Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson, 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. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on December 7, 2009 and January 4, 2010 as previously distributed to the members of this Board by its Clerk as recorded in Minute Book No. 25 in the County Administrator's Office.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hurst, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for December 2009 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> days of January checks for the payment of salaries and wages for all County officials and employees as previously budgeted by the State Compensation Board and this Board of Supervisors.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**EMS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$92,000 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services. This grant will be used to purchase a replacement ambulance for Carroll EMS and the matching funds have been allocated in the FY10 budget.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**EMS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$3000 from a mini grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. This grant will be used to purchase a large screen TV for the emergency operations center.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**EMS FUNDS TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved to transfer \$9100 received from an insurance reimbursement for the 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer belonging to Hillsville Fire Department. These funds have been deposited with the County Treasurer and will be allocated to the Carroll County Fire Emergency Fund and a check will be written to HVFD so that they may replace the vehicle.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**EMS LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved to transfer 452,024.90 from line item 19020-0035 to the following line items.

\$37,250.38 to 35060-1001

\$2849.65 to 35060-2001  
\$4671.20 to 35060-2002  
\$294.28 to 35060-2006  
\$124.80 to 35060-2009  
\$6834.59 to 35060-2010

VOTES

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

(Order)

**EMS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$30,956.41 for ambulance transport fees.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**RETIREMENT MULTIPLIER RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the attached resolution regarding the retirement multiplier.

WHEREAS, by resolution legally adopted and approved by the Board, Carroll County, a political subdivision, participates in the Virginia Retirement System under § 51.1-130 of the Code of Virginia, as amended; and

WHEREAS, by resolution or resolutions legally adopted and approved by the Board, of Carroll County has elected to provide the enhanced benefits described in § 51.1-138, subsection B to selected public safety employee groups, such benefits being referred to collectively as “Section 138 Coverage”, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation effective July 1, 2007, allowing Carroll County to elect to provide for its employees with Section 138 Coverage a retirement allowance equal to the amount of creditable service multiplied by 1.85 percent of average final compensation as provided in clause (ii) in subsection A (1) of § 51.1-206 (the “1.85 Multiplier”); and

WHEREAS, Carroll County desires to make this irrevocable election effective 2/1/2010 and provide the 1.85 Multiplier to its employees that now have, or may in the future be given, Section 138 Coverage;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that Carroll County elects to establish the 1.85 Multiplier for all employees who are now, or who may be in the future, provided Section 138 Coverage; and it is further

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RESOLVED, that Carroll County agrees to pay the employer cost for providing the 1.85 Multiplier to all employees who are now, or who may be in the future, provided Section 138 Coverage, pursuant to this irrevocable election; and it is further

**RESOLVED that Carroll County, Gary Larrowe, County Administrator and Clerk, are authorized and directed in the name of Carroll County to execute any required contract to carry out this irrevocable election, and to do any other thing, or things, incident and necessary in the lawful conclusion of this matter. The seal of Carroll County shall be affixed to any such contract and attested by the Clerk, and the Treasurer of Carroll County is authorized and directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as may be required to be paid by Carroll County or its employees for this purpose.**

VOTES

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

(Order)

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Mr. Hurst welcomed the IDA and to Mr. Slate that they were ready to begin if he wanted to call the IDA to order.

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment regarding modifying the deeds and restrictions of the Industrial Park. He told that years ago restrictions were placed regarding trash, paving, etc. and those are ready to expire. Mr. Larrowe told that those were put into place to protect those in the park from negative activity. He told that they were good for 20 years before having to be reapproved. He told that he has been working with some of the land owners and has 70% who have agreed to sign the covenants. He told that Mr. Cornwell has helped with this as well and it is only a continuance of what is already in place.

Mr. Deck told that 77% of the landowners have signed the consent agreement including Parkdale, Westar, and Kentucky Derby/Gildan. He told that the others they have either had no response from or they do not agree with the covenants.

Mr. Hurst opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Beamer told that some of the things need to be looked at and that they don't leave the landowner much say without having to come before the Board. He told that you cannot build anything without everybody knowing. He told that he had a closed door meeting with the previous board and he received a phone call within three days about the business he was planning to open. He told that some of the business signed because they don't care because they are no longer in business. He asked that the restrictions be signed off on for a year and then change it to benefit the landowners. He told that the Industrial Park needs some restrictions, but these were to strict. He told that if the Board wanted to help him pay his taxes if would be different, but if not he should have some say so. He told that not everything should be brought to everybody's attention.

Mr. Jose Aguirre representing Rio Grande told that they had just purchased land in the Industrial Park and the restrictions are so strict that they cannot build a restaurant. He asked if later on the restrictions could be changed because their plans are to build a 4000 sq. foot building with \$1 ½ million investment.

Mr. McMillian asked how long it had been since they purchased the property and asked if he was given a copy of the restrictions.

He told that he had not seen a copy until today.

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Mr. Larrowe told that he was unsure that the piece of property in question is located within the Industrial Park.

Mr. Deck told that the property had been split a lot and it was hard to tell.

Mr. Cornwell told that it was a matter that the IDA can work out.

Mr. Willie told that if it is not part of the Industrial Park then it should not have restrictions.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:29 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Willie and passing, the IDA adopted the Resolution regarding the Industrial Park Restrictions.

Mr. Hutchins told that he understands Mr. Beamers point, but on the other hand we can't allow changes without some control.

Mr. Jackson asked about Guy Padgett's & Rio Grande's property.

Mr. Cornwell told that they cannot determine that today and the IDA will research it. He told that if it didn't show up in the title search then the property should not be in the Industrial Park.

Mr. Dickson asked if we did not vote today then the restrictions end.

Mr. Cornwell told that is correct and they cannot be brought back.

Mr. Hurst told that he also has some reservations.

#### **VDOT – BOB BEASLEY**

Mr. Beasley told that it is time to schedule another public hearing. He told that the funding has not changed and Carroll County still has one project on Route 620/Exit 19. He told that the office is scheduled to close on April 23<sup>rd</sup> so he would like to get the Public Hearing done in March.

Mr. Hurst told that he is displeased to hear that the office is closing, but they are thankful for the extended time that it was allowed to remain open. He commended VDOT on the project of the bridge on Route 52.

Mr. Larrowe told that we could have the Public Hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup> which is our regular monthly meeting.

Mr. Beasley told that he would like to schedule a backup date incase of bad weather.

Mr. Larrowe told that the next meeting would be April 12<sup>th</sup> and asked if VDOT would be advertising for this.

Mr. Beasley replied that they would.

Dr. Littrell told that he noticed the comment signs were down on Lambsburg and wanted an update.

Mr. Beasley told that the study is complete and the results are back, they just need to be signed by the engineer who is suppose to be back today. He told that they only received three letters and they were all in support of the traffic restrictions.

**PUBLIC HEARING – VDOT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to hold a public hearing regarding the 6 year road plan on March 8, 2010 with the backup date of April 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 or as soon thereafter as practical.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**CITIZEN'S TIME**

Mr. Mike Goldwasser told that he would be quick because he knew there were people waiting to talk about dogs. He told that when he was here for the December meeting that he told that the timing was wrong on the Comp Plan and then the Board postponed the reassessment. He told that he still hasn't heard an explanation as to why it is more important. He told that he has had several calls and the property values have gone down since the last reassessment so people think their bill will be less. He told that he has tried to tell them that the taxes will be raised if the bills are lower. He told that it makes it hard for children whose parents are trying to go on medicade and they are trying to buy their property and the amount they have to pay is based on the assessed value. He told that we need to look into ways to help and he understands that there is no appeal but the Board needs to give an explanation as to why they have done these things.

**PUBLIC HEARING – NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Larrowe told that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment regarding the proposed Nuisance Ordinance.

Mr. Hurst opened the Public Hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Mr. David Winesett told that it was good to see everyone. He told that he worked as the dog warden for Carroll County and when he started in was \$26,000 in debt and when he left there was a surplus of \$15,000. He told that he never had this problem and he just dealt with the people. He told that the statues are the same but other organizations and people have taken hold in the County. He told that after the Puppy Mills that citizens who paid taxes and sent their children to schools here have moved to other states and he and his family was harassed until he settled with them. He told that we live in a pretty place and it is up to the Board to make wise decisions. He told that the people will let the Board know in a year how they feel.

Mr. Ray Cox told that he was from Pipers Gap and has paid taxes for 45 years. He told that if this ordinance is passed there will be no more coon hunting and the County and vets will lose money. He told that we need to pass something to allow the Animal Control to do his job because his hands are tied. He told that there will only be two places left to hunt and they are on State property. He told that this is a pretty shaky deal.

Michelle Howell told that she heard Mr. Winesett say that the statues have not changed and she has been told that they have since the County adopted the State code and that is what has tied their hands. She told that this is not what she wants, she only wants protection from vicious dogs. She told that she has been giving the dogs treats and a lot of people don't understand the ordinance. She told it was not to pick up coon dogs unless they are a threat. She told that she doesn't like the way it is written and some people will take advantage of it. She told that if the Board doesn't help her then she will take care of it herself and told that she attempted it but a car came down the road and she missed her shot. She told that she has been here three times over the same issue and something

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needs to be put into place. She told that she wants to know that she is not going to jail if she shoots a dog.

Mr. Everett Dalton told that he is from Pipers Gap and is 75 years old and has hunted all over Carroll County. He told that he has never heard tell of such a deal. He told that he has been shot at and has been to court and has also seen his first buffalo. He told that he had a problem in his neighborhood and Mr. Woods took care of it. He told that he hopes if this passes the citizens will put some teeth into the next election.

Mr. Doug Goad told that he is from Laurel Fork District and is disturbed by the ordinance. He told that there is no need to go to this extreme. He told that he has cattle and dogs have gotten after them before but he always talked with the neighbors and took care of it. He told that he helps pay the Animal Control salary and he has always done his job but the Board needs to free his hands so he can do what he needs to do. He told that he didn't want a vicious dog around his family either but he knew what he would do. He told that there is no need to punish the hunters and that he feels like the Board will make the right decision. He told that he knows Mr. Jackson and voted for him and asked that we keep life the way it is – Simple.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she agrees with Ms. Howell and she doesn't mind hunting dogs. She told that people should be able to have their kids in the yard and feel safe and we need to come up with some way to deal with this. She told that Bland County has a leash law and she doesn't agree with it. She told that the best thing would be to talk to your neighbors. She told that she is a terrible shot and can't handle guns and in a neighboring county a gentleman was shooting at an animal and accidentally killed a man. She told that there should be other options.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Hurst told that this is the second public hearing on this and they have been back and forth. He asked what the wishes of the Board were.

Dr. Littrell told that he recognizes there is a problem and it needs to be addressed.

Mr. Dickson told that he feels for the needs and they somehow need to solve this but the ordinance causes more problems than it helps.

Mr. McMillian told that this is not the solution. He told that comments have been made and those have been taken under advisement and they will work to address the problem.

Mr. Hutchins told that citizens have a right to walk out into their yard without fear and that the guys have a right to hunt with their dogs. He told that he has read this over and over and is not sure it is right, but they need to give Mr. Woods a good tool to work with. He told that somewhere in the Commonwealth there has to be a good solution.

Mr. Jackson told that he concurs with his fellow Board members. He told that people should feel safe but they are talking about a different type of dog. He told that this ordinance has created other problems and that shooting is not a solution, but that is the way it has been done over the years.

Mr. Hurst told that he does agree with Ms. Howell that there is a problem and that tax paying citizens should not be afraid they are going to get bit. He told that he has never seen a dog that knows where the property line is and if we lived in a perfect world the neighbors would talk with each other and work it out.

Note: No action was taken.

(Order)

**RATIFICATION OF RECOVERY ACT RESOLUTION**

Mr. Larrowe told that he received a call from the Governor’s Office today regarding the Recovery Act Bonds. He told that since not all of the members were present during the last meeting that they just need to ratify the resolution that was passed on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board ratified the Recovery Act Resolution as presented during the January 4, 2010 meeting.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ESB RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mr. Larrowe told that he had taken comments and inserted them into the language of the document they had in front of them.

Mr. Hurst told that two Board members serve on this board and he would like to hear their thoughts.

Mr. McMillian told that there have always been questions as to the purpose of the Emergency Service Board. He told that one of the common goals that the Board had was to have job descriptions for all employees and have Board members placed within key agencies. He told that he thinks this needs to be an advisory board.

Mr. Jackson told that this fits into getting descriptions for the boards. He told from the beginning is has not been clear nor have they had an outline of objectives and this has caused a lot of confusion. He told that with this the criteria is listed and it should help clear up some of the confusion. He told that they were meeting monthly and he always wondered why when they had no new business. He told that the way it is set up now they will be meeting quarterly and that he is in favor of the changes and the ESB will know what is expected of them.

Mr. Dickson told that it seemed like they had the cart before the horse and asked when this was developed.

Mr. Larrowe told that it was done over Christmas.

Mr. Dickson asked who came up with it.

Mr. Larrowe replied that it was Kathy Surratt, Joe Roma and himself. He told that it was his desire to take it to the ESB Chair, but her mother passed away and he did not feel that it was the appropriate time.

Mr. Dickson told that he did not know any other board that met quarterly and if they meet monthly they can always cancel if they don’t need to meet. He told that we have a problem in the Emergency Services Department and if we tie these people’s hands then we may not need them at all.

Mr. Larrowe told that before the Captains and Chiefs came together to work on issues and they decided it needed to be a group not just the Fire and Rescue. He told that it has taken twists and turns throughout time.

Mr. Dickson told that he asked why they stopped meeting and he was told that it just turned into a complaint session and no one was coming to the meetings until he asked about it. He told that the spelling needed corrected.

Mr. Hurst asked for clarification if stating it as an advisory board would that mean that it would be equal to the other advisory boards. He also asked how often the other boards meet.

Mr. Larrowe told that they are different. He told Recreation meets monthly and Tourism meets quarterly. He told that he has made the spelling corrections.

Dr. Littrell told that if it needs to be changed back to monthly or bi-monthly that it could be easily amended.

Mr. Jackson told that with being on the ESB he thinks that the meeting times will work and if not they can get it changed.

Mr. McMillian asked that since it will be an advisory board they can not pass down judgement.

Mr. Jackson told that if this had been in place when it was created that there would not have been as much confusion.

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board approved the ESB Responsibilities.

VOTES

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

Mr. Dickson told that some meetings will be better than no meetings.

(Order)

**SCHOOL BUS GARAGE TRANSFER**

Mr. Larrowe told that the School Bus Garage is no longer needed by the school so it is coming back to the County.

Mr. Hurst asked if all of the fencing was still in place.

Mr. Larrowe replied yes and told that the fuel pump is still there and the school system will continue to use it.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board approved the School Bus Garage Transfer Deed back to the County.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME**

Mr. Larrowe told that we need to do the District III appointment. He told that we are back in gear from the holidays and he went over all of the upcoming meetings.

**DISTRICT III APPOINTMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hurst, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Hurst to the District III appointment.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Newman told that this Thursday night at Carroll County High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be the kickoff. He encouraged all citizens to attend and participate. He told that the website is now active and the easiest way to get to it is through our website and Comprehensive Plan is listed on the first page. He told that they have schedule may of the community workshops and still have a couple of dates to workout. He told that they would be developing a steering committee and will have a student involved in it. He told that he would continue to keep everyone updated through emails.

Mr. Hurst told that he appreciates the updates.

Mr. Hutchins told that the goal is for citizen input and if we don't have it then we have defeated the purpose. He told that it should show that we want involvement by the way the meetings are scheduled.

Mr. Larrowe told that Ronald is doing a great job and that the citizens were never involved before but we want to include everyone.

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Mr. Hurst told that this is his third year and Mr. Jackson has always gone last and he would like to give him the opportunity to go first.

Mr. Jackson told that it is great to see the good turnout with participation. He told that he hopes that the folks that are here spread the word of the action that has been taken. He told that we have had two great years and we are looking at a good year despite the budget downfalls.

Mr. Hutchins congratulated the Chairman on his first meeting and told that they made the right decision on a difficult community wide concern. He told that it will be a challenging year with budgets, but the finance committee and personnel will guide us wisely.

Mr. Dickson told that he is looking forward to a good year. He told Mr. Hurst that they had put pressure on him and it didn't work. He told that he appreciated that they all got to comment on the votes and also those who worked on the nuisance ordinance. He told that there is a solution out there somewhere. He told as far as the ESB that it is a sore spot and it was hard to get started. He told that there was not much planning by the previous board who created it, but they have made progress and he looks for good things to happen.

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Mr. McMillian told that he appreciates everyone coming and that being able to voice your opinion is one of the few rights we have left. He told that the last thing we want to do is to create more problems. He told that the Board has a hard job sorting through issues and finding solutions but he does believe that we will find a solution that everyone can live with. He told that he has a lot of confidence in Mr. Hurst and is sure that he will do a fine job. He told that he appreciates his son bearing with us tonight and that he looks forward to another year.

Dr. Littrell congratulated Mr. Hurst on his first meeting. He told that we need to keep searching for some type of nuisance ordinance. He told that Mr. Newman attended the recent E911 meeting where they discussed reverse 911 and asked him to give an update about it.

Mr. Hurst thanked everyone for being patient during his first meeting. He told that it is great to see a good turnout especially with the cold weather. He told that he can't emphasize enough how important participation is in the comprehensive plan because this is the citizen's county. He told that there is nothing wrong with planning ahead. He told that we have invested time and money because we need to have a plan for the county to prosper.

### **REVERSE 911**

Mr. Newman told that the reverse 911 is a way to notify the citizens of an emergency event or to warn of a disaster. He told that they looked into it before and it was cost prohibited. He told that the City of Galax uses Nixle and 911 will be using it as well through the Galax Police. He told that he is supposed to be getting some information to hand out at the staff meeting and the kick off meeting. He told that the citizens have to sign up for the service and it is very easy. He told that it will not call a landline phone, it will only do a cell, text or an email. He told that the price is attractive, it is free. He told that we need to start somewhere and this is it and the success depends on the citizen's.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian and passing, the Board adjourned until February 8, 2010 at 4:00 a.m.

#### VOTES

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

(Order)

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Wesley Hurst, Chairman

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Gary Larrowe, Clerk