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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on, November 18, 2010 at Carroll County High School.

Present were:           Wes Hurst  
                              David V. Hutchins  
                              Andrew S. Jackson  
                              N. Manus McMillian  
                              Tom Littrell  
                              Gary Larrowe, County Administrator  
                              Nikki Shank, Assistant Administrator  
                              Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Chambers called the Planning Commission to order.

Mr. Larrowe thanked everyone for coming out and told that this is an opportunity for the public to speak regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He told that there is a sheet that details all of the opportunities before tonight that citizens have had to speak and told that the County has made an effort to get involved. He told that we have held special meetings and have made an extra effort to get everyone involved. He told that there is a signup sheet if you would like to speak and there will be a time limit of 3 minutes per person. He told that if you are in support of what the previous person stated then you can just say that you are. He ask that each person say their name as they come to the podium. Mr. Larrowe told that we will keep the record open until December 1<sup>st</sup> for written comments and at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting the Comp. Plan will be on the agenda. He told that there would not be any action taken tonight and there would be no response to the comments that they are just here to listen. Mr. Larrowe read the Public Hearing Notice that was placed in the newspaper as well as on the County website.

Mr. Hurst opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m. and Mr. Chambers opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he is from Cana and owns the Va 500 Fruit Market. He told that he spoke at the meeting in Cana. He told that Mr. McMillian told that he would not vote on anything for zoning. He ask if anyone has heard of the United Nations Agenda 21. He explained what Agenda 21 is and told that there are 2500 action items in it. He told that it is a Comprehensive blueprint of action for sustainable goods and land use planning. He told that we are moving towards one world government and there is a lot happening in the country right now and we are going to start losing individual rights. He told that Carroll County is rural and it always will be. He told that we have big ideas about bringing in large companies, but it is not going to happen. He told that technically we are a poor county. He told that he does not like the way the plan is written. He ask everyone to google the Agenda 21.

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Mr. Ray Chappell told that he is from Cana and most everyone knows him. He told that things are working towards a one world government. He ask how many have hear of Georgia Guidestones. He told that it is a mockery of the 10 commandments and the belief is to do away with everyone on earth except for 500 million people. He explained about the Guidestones and how it will create a new language. He asked everyone to check it out when they have a chance and it is bigger than you can imagine. He told that in 6 to 9 months gas will be going up to \$4 to \$6 a gallon and ask what that would do to the economy.

Mr. James Dawson told that this is a horse and pony show and ask how many people are from Carroll County. He told that he knows Ronald is but the two guys working on the plan are not. He told that we have people in the county who are smart enough to come up with a plan and we don't need outside help. He told that they don't share the same values. He told that doesn't mean they are bad, just different and that is what this world is founded out, it's a melting pot. He told that if this Board has any gumption in them they are going to have a plan that will allow people to melt together. He told that he served in the army and his son did as well. He told that when you come to Carroll County you have to live like the people in the County and if you don't like it then move. He told that if he wanted to live like the people in Richmond he would move to Richmond. He told that we need to plan for the future and this land has been here and we need to ensure that it is here for our grandchildren. He told that less than 1% of the people breathing air on this earth now will make heaven. He told that you have heard religious talk up here and you will hear more.

Ms. Doris Akers told that she has read the entire plan and it looks like to her it is trying to improve the way of life in the County. She told that what impressed her about the plan is the tiers. She told that the ag protection plan has 15,000 parcels and the planned growth has 7500 parcels and we are just projected to need 2000 over the next 20 years so that leaves an extra 20,500 parcels and it looks like we need some kind of planning or zoning so maybe those extra can be used to grow canola. She told that an example is her property is near the failed motor cross. She told that it started as a 9900 acre farm and it failed, but they split the property up and now there are about 20 one acre lots and only one of those have sold. If gas is going up to \$4 - \$6 per gallon she would love to be growing canola on her land and making her own fuel.

Ms. Janet Tate told that she has been to almost all of the meetings so far and she wished there were this many people at the others. She thanked the Boards because she was attending the Planning Commission meetings when the last plan was done and they would have public hearings and no one would show up. She told that we are required by the State to have a Comprehensive Plan. She told that you plan in your life and it is a good thing to have. She told that zoning is mentioned in the current plan that we have and no one complained about that. She told that this is not trying to get us all to communism, that the plan is reasonable. She told that she almost wants to protest because she has been coming to meetings for years and they were not allowed to let someone else have our time. She told that she has a problem with that because it has not been allowed before. She told that planning is important and we all bear the cost of poor

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development and our tax rate is one of the largest among the surrounding counties. She told that in the State of Virginia you are always allowed to give your family land and have a family subdivision with fewer requirements and that is protected by the State of Virginia. She appreciates the planning and it will help us all in this county and it will protect all of our investments.

Mr. Alexis Jones told that he appreciates the work that has gone into this plan and he thinks it is an excellent start and what it needs after adoption is the integrity to make sure that it is enacted. He told that he has been in local government for 30 years and have watched communities in North Carolina and Virginia that didn't have a plan deteriorate and have also seen those that have a plan grow and prosper. He told that if you would like to see an example of how lack of planning might affect this county drive down Interstate 40 between Raleigh and Wilmington and smell the hog farms that were allowed to the point where the stench is overwhelming. He told that the idea of a plan is programmed how you want this community to be and I personally don't want a hog farm down wind or a race track within sight or sound or a boat making so much noise that you can't hear. He told that he hopes they will endorse and enact this plan and make improvements on it as time goes by.

Ms. Debbie Goad told that the Planning Commission has worked hard and diligently on what you are trying to do and the Supervisors have a tough job in front of them. She told that the only problem she sees with the plan is it is being called land use. She told that she is not against zoning but thinks that we need to have the gumption to call it what it is and bring it through the front door instead of the back. She told that she was not able to attend any of the meetings because they were held in the summer and she is working from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. most days. She told she doesn't really know how the Comp Plan is set up to affect farmers but Carroll County is an agricultural community and just like the gentleman pointed out about the hog farms in North Carolina, the native Carroll County people have things that stink as well like cabbage, pig pens, etc. and she didn't ask anyone to move in beside her. If we have zoning then people moving into this area will know that her land is agriculture and they may smell anything before the end of the summer and if they want to move there they best like it because she is going to do whatever she wants to do and what the law allows her to do as long as she wants to do it. She told that she does not care who complains because she will continue to do it until she is six feet under.

Mr. James Light told that he is a cabbage and broccoli farmer and told that his wife is a school teacher and he has four young children. He told that there are times when he looks forward to them leaving, but he would like for them to stay in this county and continue with the farm. He told that he has looked at the Comprehensive Plan and he appreciates the work that has been done. He told that he thinks it is good, it has its problems, but it is a good starting place. He told that he thinks for the long term we need to say the word that no one wants to say and that is zoning. He told that there are many places that have had good results with zoning and some that have not. He told that there is a place he used to go to in North Carolina and did not go for several years then when he went back he did not recognize the place and zoning would have helped stopped some

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of it from happening. He told that it would take a lot of work, but this is something this County really needs to look at and it would benefit us. Everybody says they don't want anyone telling them what to do and he doesn't either.

Mr. Richie Gambell told that he is pro-farming but any farmer in this room that thinks zoning is going to help go and see how much you like it when someone tells you what you can and can't do on your land. He told that you should be able to do whatever you want if you pay taxes whether it is putting a trailer park on it, put a junk yard on it, develop it, etc. He told that the thieves carry off enough as it is. He ask for people to show him one government law that has helped.

Mr. Webb Flowers told that he is a citizen as well as the Extension agent so he is speaking in two roles. He told that he would like to commend the Board and the Planning Commission for allowing input on the plan and told that they have done an excellent job of attempting to get public input. He told that the plan that is under consideration is good and the language states that agriculture will be protected. He told that agriculture is the backbone and economic stimulus of the count and it has been documented very well. He told that we need to remember that as this plan is adopted and focus on it. He told that any industry that comes to the County should complement what is here.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told that he is a retired bread man who worked for the company for 32 years and they went busted so he doesn't have a great retirement. He told that he has invested his money in land. He told that he came to all the meetings that pertained to him. He told that they showed a film the first night and he wished they would show it here. He told that you can believe it is a plan if you want to but he doesn't. He told that he is shocked, surprised and dumbfounded that we do not have people in Carroll County that could make this plan without having to bring in outside help.

Mr. Phil McCraw suggested that everyone google Agenda 21 and then read the Comp Plan and see if you like it. He told that if you like the direction of the Country over the last several years then you will be for it. He told that he understands that we need a plan because it is a State law, but he would hate to see us adopt this plan. He told that it all starts at the local level. He told that he does not like how it is written up.

Mr. Larrowe ask if there is anyone else who would like to speak.

Mr. Hurst and Mr. Chambers closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Mr. Hurst told that he appreciates the citizens coming out to speak and it provides them with more information. He told that he hopes that people will continue to come to the Public Hearings and County meetings.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board adjourned until December 14, 2010.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Mr. Hutchins	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Not Present
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk