

January 11, 2016

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, January 11, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Phil McCraw  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Rex L. Hill  
Joshua A. Hendrick  
Bob Martin  
Robbie McCraw  
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator  
Jim Cornwell, County Attorney

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A1, A5, A7).

Mr. Cornwell explained the purpose for entering Closed Session as listed below.

1. Discussion, 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.

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**

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Upon motion by Mr. Martin, 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. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hendrick welcomed everyone and told that it is good to see folks out. He told that we have encouraged the public's involvement. He told that he appreciates the vote of confidence as Chairman and he told that he looks forward to it. He told that we have had two employees who lost fathers in the past week and asked that we remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on December 14, 2015.

**VOTES**

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

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the payroll for January 2015 and did authorize the Chairman and Clerk, along with Bonita M. Williams, Treasurer, to sign checks for the February 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. Hendrick	Yes
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Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hendrick told that he would like to add discussion of Closed Session Time after County Administrator Position.

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

VOTES

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

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell 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)

**BLUE RIDGE PLATEAU**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the use of the name "The Blue Ridge Plateau" as the banner for "The Blue Ridge Plateau Sustainable Agriculture Initiative".

VOTES

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

(Order)

**ELECTORAL BOARD**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$14,000 to cover the cost of the Presidential Primary Election. Due to the uncertainty to know whether a primary will be

needed, we approve the expenditures once it is determined that a Primary will occur. The estimated cost will be approximately \$11,381, but the Electoral Board would like an additional \$2,619 to cover any additional unexpected expenses

VOTES

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

(Order)

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUDGET TRANSFER**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer for telecommunications. Previously, phone charges were charged to IT and currently we are allocating by department usage.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**LOCAL CRIMINAL DRUG FUND**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation from the Local Criminal Drug Fund, Asset Forfeiture Fund and Narcotics Fund. Seized funds are under the authority of the Sheriff's Department and are not appropriated until spent.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**HVFD ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department for insurance recoveries received in the prior Fiscal Year. One of the HVFD trucks was involved in an accident and repairs took longer than anticipated, spanning 2 Fiscal Years. Revenue was received on 4-27-15 for the cost of the repair and the invoice was just received.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin                      Yes

(Order)

**BUDGET CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Budget Calendar.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved holding a Public Hearing during the February meeting on transferring two easements for the natural gas line to ANG.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**WASTE INDUSTRIES - DAVID DUKE**

Mr. David Duke told that he is the Government Account Manager. He told that there are a few members that he doesn't know but he will take the time to do that. He told that they have been working with Carroll County for quite a few years now and came in to providing this service through an acquisition that they did and he has personally been involved on and off for about 10 years. He told that they are requesting to extend their franchise agreement by 2 years. He told that they would certainly like to continue working with Carroll and he thinks they provide a good level of service and he would like it to continue. He told that they are requesting an increase of 1% and they haven't requested one for the last 5 years. He told that gas is lower but there are other increases such as labor, maintenance cost, etc. He told that the increase would not apply to the senior citizen rate and it would be about \$0.18 per month per home so hopefully that would not cause too much concern. He told that on the commercial side that it would be about \$1.68 per month. He told that if the Board approves that they would be appreciative.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked what they determine as a Sr. Citizen.

Mr. Duke told that it probably one of about 80 questions he doesn't know the answer to. He told that he believes it is 65, but he will check and get back with you tomorrow.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if a Sr. discount applies to a commercial rate.

Mr. Duke told that it is not. He told that it is a dumpster and it is a different operation.

Dr. Littrell told that it is 62 years old.

Ms. Cannon asked about the Head of Household and asked if it follows the IRS.

Mr. Duke told that he could get back with her on that as well.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the pleasure of the Board is.

Mr. Cornwell told that the rate increase will require a public hearing. He told that it is a non exclusive franchise which means someone else can apply so he does not have a problem with continuing it.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if we can do a public hearing for February.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing during the February to hear comments on rate increase as well as contract extension.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Hendrick told that they have 3 individuals who have requested reappointment..

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board reappointed Rex Hill, Margaret Leggett and David Williams to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we can fill the two vacancies at a later date.

Mr. Hendrick told that if nobody knows any that are interested an advertisement for those positions would be advised.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick told that Ronald is with us and there has been a prior request to reduce the number of Planning District members to 6.

Mr. Newman told that with 8 members they have to have 5 to have a quorum and sometimes that is difficult. He told if we can reduce it to 6 the quorum is 4. He told that right now there is not a lot of activity that the Planning Commission has had to address but the Comprehensive Plan needs to be reviewed and updated so they need an active commission. He told that the County Code does call for 8 members so that would have to be changed if we moved to 6.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how long they have had to operate with 6.

Mr. Newman told that it was April that Joey resigned.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if they have been able to do what they needed.

Mr. Newman told that for 2015 they only had three meetings. He told that one was for election of officers, one was to extend the time period for a bond and the other was for a preliminary plan. He told that we need to get started on the Comprehensive Plan so they need to get busy. He asked the Board to review that and give suggestions on what they would like to see changed.

Mr. Cornwell told that if we want to go from 8 to 6 then we don't need to appoint the two vacancies and then amend the ordinance.

Mr. Hendrick asked if that requires a Public Hearing.

Mr. Cornwell replied yes.

Mr. Hendrick told with the Comp Plan coming up do you feel that we have enough to do the it or are there gaps that we need to fill.

Mr. Newman replied he doesn't think so.

Mr. Larry Chambers told that they will be good.

Mr. Hill told that they can do it, they have always got it done.

Mr. Chambers told that the six they have now are active.

Dr. Littrell told that 6 or 7 you only need 4 for a quorum and that would give you one more person.

Mr. Newman replied yes.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he has had someone express interest in it.

Mr. Newman told that if it is the Board's desire to fill these, please make sure the person understands the commitment and make sure they can fill it.

Mr. Hendrick told that applies to all committees. He told that it is always an issue. He told that most have a vacancy clause where if they miss so many meetings they can be removed. He told that we as a County need to start enforcing that attendance clause. He told that Planning Commission has it and he thinks Rec Commission has it as well.

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing to reduce the number of Planning Commission Members to a minimum of 6 members with the option to have 7.

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. Phil McCraw seconded by Mr. Hill and passing the Board appointed Dr. Littrell to District III.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin                    Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Phil McCraw to CLEO and Mr. Hill as the alternate.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick told that we have some appointments that we don't have anyone for. He asked if we could get those advertised.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board reappointed Mary Coulson 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

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Martin to the New River Highlands RC&D.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Nikki Cannon to the NRVJR.

VOTES

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

Mr. Cornwell asked if the Board would pass by the IDA appointment until next month. He told that he has spoken with Mr. Chambers and there is something that needs to be resolved.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board tabled the two IDA vacancies until the next meeting.

VOTES

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

Mr. Martin                      Yes

Mr. Hendrick told that on Recreation we have commitments from everyone except Laurel Fork. He told that they also had a discussion about active members and he would suggest that we look at the attendance policy.

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Alvin Davidson, Chris Goad, Ronald Mankins, Adam Joyce and Robin Whittington to the Recreation Commission.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell , seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Michelle Dalton to the Rooftop Board.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Robbie McCraw to the Social Services Board.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Sam Dickson to the Solid Waste Authority.

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. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Phil McCraw to BRCEDA.

VOTES

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

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Hill as the alternate to BRCEDA.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick told that the only other one that he has is the budget committee. He told that it is about to be a very active committee and needs to be put in place. He told that he will volunteer and Rex has expressed interest in serving as well.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Hill to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he has had a request to reestablish an EMS Committee.

Mr. Hill told that he has had the same thing.

VOTES

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

Mr. Hendrick told that the EMS has come up in the past and his thought would be to check with staff to see what the needs are and what the role was when they were active. He told that right now it is being handled through our EMS Coordinator and Captains.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he has been on the budget committee the past four years and he let the Chairman and our financial person that due to his health he was going to bow out. He told that it is a very rewarding experience, time consuming, thankless and it is a hard job. He told that no matter what you do someone is not happy. He told that it is going to be a tough year.

(Order)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

Mr. Hendrick told that the process has begun. He told that they have received the applications thus far and we have a job to review them. He told that today we need to cover ground work on what we are going to do about interviews and such. He told that the consensus is it will take us a month to review applications and figure out who they want to interview that is qualified.

Mr. Martin asked if the position is open until filled.

Mr. Hendrick told that is correct.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he agrees it is going to take us until next Board meeting to review what we have. He told that we are going to have to use our due diligence individually. He told that each of us will come up with a short list and get together and discuss those. He told that he would suggest that we appoint a committee to do the initial interviews, that could be two or three people. He told that if we put together a list we want to interview, if we aren't careful and we all six try to do interviews he is not sure that we can all get together do interview that many candidates. He told that he has no big desire to be on there, he is satisfied with whatever we choose to be on it. He told that if

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we come up with our own list and get together and talk about it. He told that it will be a process.

Mr. Hill told that we could consider the personnel officer as part of the interview team also or even the Interim County Administrator that would be two people they can utilize.

Mr. Martin told that it would be a good idea if the County Administrator's Office could come up with a list of questions that we can ask these people.

Mr. Hendrick told that he would add to prepare for a second round.

Mr. Martin told that he is committed to spend as much time on it as needed.

Mr. Hill told that he thinks it would be appropriate for Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Martin told that he thinks it is a good idea for personnel.

Mr. Hendrick told that Michelle needs to be involved. He told that his personnel experience is rather extensive compared to some folks but he in no way would say he is an expert but it has benefited him to receive training but that is going to fail in what Michelle knows.

Mr. Martin told that it is very important. He told that in school he has dealt with it a lot and he has always put a lot of faith in references and that is more than one, you have to spend a lot of time on it.

Mr. Hendrick told that he was thinking about that. He told that some applicants may want you to contact some references and some may not, some will want you to contact their current supervisor because they have told them and some will not and we need to figure how we want to do that administratively. He told that we need to get it figured out before the next meeting and his suggestion would not to be calling references starting tomorrow.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that they may come up with their lists before the next meeting and if they did they could call the Chairman and set up another meeting. He told that we have all got a lot to do on our own and it would be a good idea to plan on reviewing our short list next month and they we will have to determine who is going on the Board of Supervisors short list and he thinks next month might be a good time to appoint the committee he was talking about. He told that next month would be a good time to get all of that done. He told that if we start a committee now it appears that we are putting a sense of urgency and that is not what we need to do. He told that we need to take our time and do it right and our Interim can handle it and do just fine. He told that we will all have a better idea how many will be on the short list.

Mr. Hendrick told that not having looked at the applications it could be that one day could get our short list.

(Order)

### **CLOSED SESSION TIME DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hendrick told that the idea was pitched to do Closed Session time after Open Session.

Mr. Martin told that it may be that we need to interview these people in an undisclosed place.

Mr. Hendrick told that will defiantly happen.

Mr. Hill told that it would be adventitious to the people that come to the meeting.

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Dr. Littrell told that sometimes after Closed Session you take action and if you have it afterwards there is an amount of time and if you do it before people know that the business meeting will be taking place at 6.

Mr. Hendrick told that if it becomes a burden to anyone we can bring it back up

(Order)

### **CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Steve Gregson told that he is excited about this new Board and the opportunities you have in front of you. He told that he is excited that the voters have spoken, there has been positions changed, people have resigned retired and it brings him to a couple questions. He told on the Closed Session aspect he agrees with Dr. Littrell, there are things that come up that possibly need Board action after it so to move it at the end of the meeting would be inconvenient to those people who are waiting on something. He told that it seems that a lot of stuff in closed session could be held to the next meeting. He told that other point on the applications for the County Administrator position, he wants you to think deep, hard and to pray about it individually. He told that one thing he defiantly believe in is you always take information from staff, especially HR because they have the professional fortitude that is their job and they are going to see things that we cannot see and as a previous business owner he relied upon them tremendously for input. He told that he also believes that the person that has to work with them the closest, it is extremely important that she be part of the process from the start to the end. He told that she has been here long enough and have truly been a servant to the Board and in closing his third question is about the IDA and there is some talk that two positions have been nullified and he would think that it would be appropriate to put something out or council tell tonight what happened, how it happened and if those nullifications came because they didn't meet state code what happens to things that have been done in case there wasn't a quorum. He told that we need to be upfront about that today but if it is information that can't be disclosed he thinks the Board needs to inform the public of that and council is probably the best way to do that. He told everyone thank you and God Bless each of you.

Mr. Hendrick told to the IDA comment he is assuming the information has been provided to the press.

Ms. Cannon replied somewhat, not in a formal way. She told that we can certainly do that.

Mr. Hendrick told that he will lay that to rest. He told that the Board has two vacancies and council has informed them.

Mr. Martin told that we make is sound like we are convicted of some crime delaying and simply we found out that the state law has regulations and if you are employed part time or full time you cannot serve on the IDA and it is just one of those things that slipped through the cracks. He told that both Larry and Barry fit the glitch. He told that they are both valued and greatly appreciated and they had done nothing wrong. He told that it was just an oversight.

Mr. Chambers told that since he is involved is he not able to apply for reappointment.

Mr. Hendrick replied yes.

Mr. Chambers told that the IDA has been very successful for years and we are virtually shut down now. He told that we have not had a meeting this month. He told that he resigned from the County, that was what he was told to do by Nikki. He told that he has been no the IDA for 20 some years.

Mr. Hendrick asked if Mr. Cornwell would chime in.

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Mr. Cornwell told that there is a second issue that he does not want to address right now.

Mr. Hendrick told that not knowing the issue without legal counsel, he told that Board had reviewed and was prepared to make a movement tonight knowing you had expressed interest.

Mr. Cornwell told that he would be happy to address the Board in closed session or we can take it up next month.

Ms. Cannon told that the IDA has a quorum. She told that the issue will still not be able to be made after closed session.

Mr. Hendrick told that why we are still on that Mr. Gregson had asked what happens to previous actions and that question has already been posed to counsel.

Mr. Cornwell told that his understanding is that the votes in question were unanimous with a quorum. He told that he suspects that as soon as the vacancies are filled one of the first actions will be to ratify everything done previously.

Mr. Hendrick told that we hate the way it happened and we do currently have two vacancies because of it, it wasn't because any of the individuals have done anything to warrant removal it was just a code infraction that was brought to light.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Martin told that he would like to see our board meet with the School Board for some sort of simple meal. He told that we primarily communicate about needs they see coming up or do have. He told that they are the single largest group in our budget and he thinks it is a good idea that we communicate with them.

Mr. Hendrick told that last year the budget committees met and he is sure that is going to happen again this year. He told that if the Board wants to do it, it would be at the pleasure of the Board. He told that it will be covered in the budget meetings.

Mr. McCraw told that speaking as a former budget committee member, what Josh just said is correct, last year we met several times. He told that he has confidence that the two members can handle the situation and find out what the needs are and if he didn't think they are capable he wouldn't have voted for them. He told that he thinks the budget committee and County Administrator can meet and let us know if there is something that we need to know. He told that we are presented a CIP everything and he thinks that is enough.

Mr. Martin told that he still thinks it is important that we meet. He told that in some ways it is a changing of the guard on the Board. He told that he is glad to see some younger folks, there is a lot of advantages to experience but there are advantages to having younger folks come on board.

Dr. Littrell told that most of you realize that one of his passions is the potential closing of the Training Center and we hope that can change but there is no guarantee. He told that the same situation is happening in Amherst County and they are trying to keep it open as well and are taking a proactive approach and have been successful at obtaining a grant to see what the economic impact would be if the training center closed. He told that the grant was \$122,000 to study what the economic impact could be and they have already discovered that there is about an \$87 million annual economic impact in that region. He told that we are always trying to attract new industry but it is important to retain what we have. He told that we need to do everything we can to keep it so he would like to see if staff could look into a grant to do a consult study to see what might happen if it closes.

Mr. Hendrick asked if there are any objections.

Mr. Martin told it is a good idea.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it is an excellent idea.

Mr. Hendrick told that he agrees.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it has been an honor to be here today and start this new endeavor and he is so thankful for the people of the county that felt his ability to be elected was there. He told that he hopes he can serve the people of the county the next four years. He told that he appreciates Dr. Littrell and his diligence with the training center, it really needs to stay open. He told that it appears that he has a true heart for it. He thanked everyone and for the opportunity.

Mr. Hill told that he was hoping to hit the ground running but got slowed down pretty quick. He told that even though he prepared for this he realizes that he has a lot more to learn. He told that even if we don't keep the training center as is, we should hold our elected officials accountable for replacing it with another agency. He told that it is a 400 jobs and that is a lot of jobs. He told that he worked for the Department of Game and Fish and that is about the size of his agency. He told that it is going to hurt if we don't do something about it and we need to do everything we can to keep it open.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he would like to say thanks to Dr. Littrell and told that they made a special trip last year to Richmond only to find out they had been misinformed about something. He told that it is Dr. Littrell's mission to keep the training center open and he commends him for it. He told that we will all do anything we can to help keep it open and Dr. Littrell has lead the charge on it. He told that it is a pleasure to be here tonight and told Mr. Hendrick that he is doing a good job. He welcomed our two new members and told that he hopes we can come to a consensus on everything especially the hiring of the new County Administrator. He told that he thinks everyone will pour over what they have been given and do due diligence and make the best of the situation.

Mr. Hendrick told that he is humbled for the opportunity to be Chairman and asked them to hold him to the standard he needs to be held to and he will hold you to the standard that you need to be held to. He told that he is looking forward to what is ahead for the Board and to the two new members, Robbie mentioned that it is an endeavor, he can tell you that it will be a learning experience where you will learn a lot about yourself, about government and about the citizens in the county. He told that he appreciates everyone coming out.

(Order)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw 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

January 11, 2016

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Clerk