

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, October 16, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

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

Mr. Robbie McCraw called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Durbin 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.

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 Not Present

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw, 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	Not Present

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that the Chairman is injured and asked everyone to keep him in your prayers.

Mr. Hendrick led in invocation.

Mr. Hill led in pledge.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hendrick 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	Not Present

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on September 11, 2017.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes  
Dr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. Martin Not Present

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND RESOLUTION**

Mr. Hill told that he would like to make a motion that the Carroll County Holidays be the same as the State of Virginia to include any holidays the Governor might add.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that would take away what days.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how that modifies the schedule.

Mr. Hendrick told that it takes away Employee Appreciation.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that is on March 30 and April 2.

Mr. Hill told there is an extra holiday in January.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it takes it back from 18 to 15. He told that he would like to see the March 30<sup>th</sup> one stay to be honest, I know we have it listed as Employee Appreciation but it is Good Friday and he would like to see it stay.

Mr. Hendrick told that is the reason he requested it be on there a while back. He told he doesn't remember asking for the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Adams told that Mr. Martin asked for that one to be added. She told that he brought it up this past year and since it was not included we didn't add it, but he did ask for it to be added this year.

Mr. Robbie McCraw, so Bob asked for that.

Mr. Hill told that he will amend his motion to add March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we take away January 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that he is somewhat confused about what we are talking about.

Mr. Hendrick told that basically we follow the state except for January 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 30 and December 31.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he can go down the list for the state, it is January 1, tentative of having January 2, January 12, January 15, February 19, May 28, July 4, September 3, October 8, November 12, November 21 Governor Optional 4 hours,

November 22, November 23, December 24 optional day, December 25, December 31. He told that he would like to see Good Friday which is March 30 and Crystal said Bob had asked to add the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if we could table this until next month.

Upon motion by Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board tabled the Holiday Schedule until next month.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**SCHOOL APPROPRIATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an additional allocation for the School in the amount of \$295,000 for extended school year start up grant.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**PPTRA RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the PPTRA Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**MRCSB PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the MRCSB Performance Contract.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**TRANSFER OF DEEDS**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Transfer of Deeds from the IDA to the BOS.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**REVITALIZATION RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Revitalization Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NOMINATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved nominating Susan Roberts and Jennifer Hawks to the Workforce Development Board.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**VACO/VML FINANCING**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the VACO/VML Financing as well as the Lease Agreement and the Loan Agreement.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**VACo VOTING**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved to appoint the Board Chairman as the voting delegate for the VACo Conference and the Clerk as the alternate.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**RAN**

Mr. Durbin told that this has been changed by counsel and we wanted to make sure you were voting on the correct resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board approved the revised Revenue Anticipation Note Resolution.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING – OAKLAND PRECINCT**

Mr. Robbie McCraw opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. and told the purpose.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved to combine the Oakland Precincts.

VOTES

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

(Order)

**FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT PLAN**

Everett Lineberry told he is here to talk to you about the Fire Truck Replacement Plan and it is good to see a good representation of the departments here tonight it shows their dedication. He told they know more than anybody because they operate this equipment. He told that he wants to go over the plan, he knows you have had it and hopes you have been able to look at it. He told having a plan improves our process for replacing vehicles. He told that it makes it more efficient and allows for planning of funding sources. He

told these trucks are expensive and a great deal of planning needs to take place so we can make sure we are using taxpayer's funds efficiently. He told the goal is to replace apparatus when necessary, to maintain a fleet that is reliable and safe for our firefighters and to do so in a manner that is cost efficient. He told the life of a truck is due to manufactures and it also depends on how they are used. He told he and the chiefs looked at the plan and we have worked good together. He told they rated all the vehicles using a metric that weighed heavily on age and mileage. He went over how the plan is laid out, with definitions, an overview of departments, a vehicle list and the recommended replacement over the next 15 years. He told that it is based on a snapshot view taken today. He told as time passed obviously things are going to change and we will look at the plan as those things change. He told that it includes a broad-based cost of what they would run at this time if they were new. He told that he priced them at the top end because he didn't want to go with worse case and if we can get it lower we will. He told that one goal is to decrease the number of vehicles in our fleet and there is cost savings through insurance and other things. He told that the departments ISO rating should be considered and half of the rating is based on the fire department itself. If we are able to replace the vehicles as recommended he hopes those ratings will increase. He told that he would be glad to answer any questions and if you feel the plan is worthy of pursuing he will work with Steve and Nikki on funding sources.

Mr. Hill asked what percentage of a vehicle purchase price is it possible to get grants for.

Mr. Lineberry told that is something he has looked at, we started this process about a year ago and he has looked at grants. He told that he spoke with a person from FEMA and was told there is about a 3% change we could get one of their grants for a vehicle. He told our population is just a little to big to qualify for the smaller grants. He told we kind of fall in the middle and it makes it tough for funding.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the lease options are.

Mr. Lineberry told that he has also looked into that and will look further into. He told he can't give you an answer tonight but he thinks it is worth looking more into. He told he had Nick look at other counties to see if they did a lease purchase option and they couldn't find any.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told to meet your plan for 2019 when do you need to have.

Mr. Lineberry told just for example they made the purchase decision for Laurel Fork truck earlier this year and they were told there is a 1 year build time, it is on schedule and we are looking for delivery in the spring. He told in order to fund in 2019 we would need to know in the spring of 2018 to pay for it in 2019.

Mr. Hill asked if you could half it and pay for half in June and July.

Mr. Lineberry told that is a real possibility. He told the plan before this had the 2 trucks, one for this year and one for the next and when they started talking with the manufactures we realized there were some purchase negotiating power in purchasing more than one. He told if we do it close together like what you are saying that is still a very good possibility and you could still take advantage of the negotiating power.

Mr. Hendrick asked what he meant by negotiating power money wise.

Mr. Lineberry told that it is maybe as much as \$50,000 when purchasing two. He told it is a considerable savings.

Mr. Hendrick told that one question he would have is for 2019 if you can come up with something splitting it over 2 fiscals, unless something changes there is no way you are going to buy \$1.3 in a single year let alone back to back. He told you would be lucky to swing \$375,000. He told between those two vehicles you would need to prioritize between one or the other. He told the first plan they looked towards a means of prioritizing, we look to you.

Mr. Lineberry told that is what they did, an example is one of the trucks listed for replacement in 2019 for Hillsville, over the last 3 years we have spent no less than \$10,000 a year in maintenance and one year it was \$30,000 so it is costing more to maintain and the situation for Cana is the age. He told he got some information for the departments about what it takes to get the pump to engage. He told there is certainly a need.

Mr. Hendrick told you would never hear an argument about the need for equipment. He told he has been on the Board for 6 years, year number 1 he pushed for a truck for Laurel Fork for the same reason and it is going to get here next spring when I am off the Board. He told the need is there and that's what we look for to prioritize.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that you are going to have to set the priorities. He told money is tight, but the safety of the volunteers and the citizens are at stake. He told that he is all for going ahead with the plan.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that there are lots of options we can weigh out.

Mr. Lineberry told that we will, some have demos and we will look at that too.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he can't reiterate how important it is that the volunteers have the best equipment possible and the citizens have the best available to them. He told we could not live without the volunteers.

Mr. Lineberry told that he agrees, they do a great job.

(Order)

#### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we don't have any new applications and if anyone knows of someone who is interested they can call the office or go online and fill out the application.

Dr. Littrell told he is still working on Social Services and maybe he will have it by next month.

(Order)

#### **CITIZENS TIME**

Terry Russell said he appreciated the Board's time and leadership. I come with a request. On talking with a lot of residents, it's hard to get to talk with you fellows because y'all are so busy. The request is would you consider having like Town Hall meetings in your districts maybe a couple of hours a month? Places can be set up for that if you're interested in doing that. Reason being, there is a reason behind it. There is a lot of interest in the Natural Gas that has come. Sixty-five cents a gallon compared to what propane, type 2 diesel, type 1 diesel has on our retirement communities, our people who are disabled, our people who have retired and are on limited incomes, has really given interest to them. Also, the money that would be saved by extending that. I don't know the ramifications of what it would take to do this; that's why we're asking y'all to consider town meetings. The schools at Oakland, I was a resident for many years of the Gladeville area, and never could get to speak to my Supervisor. No disrespect to you Dr. Littrell; I understand you're very busy. But sometimes, it's necessary to try to get together with someone to try to voice concerns, not make demands, voice concerns and get an understanding of what the county is doing. That is a request. I appreciate your time and thank y'all for your leadership in the county.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked Terry Russell and replied that they would certainly look in to doing that. I think it's a good idea. The next one I have is Robert Mabe.



Robert Mabe started that he would like to say hey to everybody and I appreciate, first of all, the prayer that you had and pledge of allegiance to the flag. I'm here to ask that you stop the Non-user water bill. Me and my wife's been living there about twenty years. We don't have a meter. We don't have a line going to the house. They have run the water pipe in front of the house, down by the road. I've got a question I'd like to ask, "Would you pay for a trash truck that don't pick up your trash and are you for instance, like the satellite line that goes by your house, would you pay for a hook up line that you're not going to hook up to if it's going to be your house? The same thing with the water pipe that goes by the house? It's just something to think about, but the ground is level at the foot of the cross. It's a wonder that you haven't taken down the statue at the front of the courthouse. I had a great-great-grandfather that fought in that war, the Civil War; and he did in it. He's buried over at Emory & Henry College. I just, I don't know, something that surely been bothering me. I've been to court three different times and two of the judges, Judge Turner and a lady judge, said they understood where we are coming from but yet they went along with Hillsville because y'all had okayed it. And I just wonder how many of y'all have got a water line hooked up to y'all's house and you're paying for it and yet we've got a well there in front of the house. It just doesn't make sense to have to pay for something. To me it's just communism. I'd like you to change the Ordinances and stop the non-user fee because If we're not using it, why should we have to pay for something we're not using. Do y'all have any questions?

Mr. Hendrick stated that he had one. He asked Mr. Mabe if he had spoken with the PSA Board.

Mr. Mabe said yes, several times.

Mr. Hendrick said to no one being familiar with the industry itself, that's usually set by USDA or our funding folks. Basically, the PSA can either accept the funds or turn the funds down. But, they have to take them with the strings attached whether USDA or wherever it comes from whether it funds, grants, loans. That comes with the territory on making the project happen or not making the project happen. I just wanted to make sure you had spoken with the PSA. I can't say anything; I'm not on the PSA Board.

Mr. Mabe said we have spoken to the PSA and they told me the Supervisors, Board of Directors or whatever you are, they said that y'all had okayed it and passed it. We've been arguing about this thing for three different, I've went to two different courts that had small court. Then we appealed and went before Geisler and all of them denied it but two of the judges, Judge Turner and the lady judge said they could understand where we are coming from but they had to pass it on account that y'all had passed it. That's what I don't understand. Why would you want to pay for something that you're not even hooked up to?

Mr. Hendrick asked what project is it? Where do you live?

Mr. Mabe responded that they live ten miles out of Hillsville close to Laurel School and I know people that lives here across from B & B Tire Company that don't even pay it. I worked with them at Rotometrics. I asked them, do y'all pay the water bill. No, we don't pay it. I'll be glad to give you his name too. It's just urks me that we're having to pay for something that we're not even hooked up to. We don't have a meter. We don't have a line. They just run the PVC pipe down in our ditch out there beside of the road. It's just unreal. It's just like a trash truck goes by your house, you don't pay for your neighbor's trash or kind of like me paying for my neighbor's electric bill. It doesn't make sense.

Mr. Robbie McCraw said I understand fully where you're coming from, I do. I think it's something where PSA needs to give a little bit better explanation at like Josh said. A lot of the time, the funds that are received to do these projects you have to have that non-user fee. I don't know a lot about it myself. I look at it like this when it comes to a water situation; I have a good well but tomorrow I may not have a good well and if I don't, I'm out of luck because there's no where I can put another well on my piece of property. There is no county water in my area. I go back and think lots of times about that, about my neighbor down the road. If I can pay a minimal fee for a non-user fee so my neighbor

down the road that don't have water can have water, I'm willing to do that. I understand where you're coming from and I think it's something that we need to get a little more explanation from PSA for.

Mr. Mabe replied that he wanted everybody to have good water and he wasn't knocking that a bit. But for me to have to pay for my neighbors, or have to pay their electric bill or water bill or whatever, we used to grow up saying I don't pay your bills like a side joke. Now it's come to reality. What the heck's going on and y'all passed it. It's beyond me. Any more questions? Think about it. I appreciate it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked Mr. Mabe for his comments and announced Joyce Mabe.

Joyce Mabe stated that she was Robert Mabe's wife and she just wanted to follow up and give her own opinion on this PSA water thing. We've been so much like he said about it that we've tried to get to the bottom of where it came from. Like this gentleman said a while ago in the meeting, he wanted to know what he was voting for. I thought you all were for us, for the people of the county. Think about what you're voting on because they told us plain the last time we were in court that the Board of Supervisors voted on that County Ordinance and we should talk to you all about it. You all helped approve that non-user fee and just like he was talking about you're paying other people's water bill and stuff. Like you said, you wouldn't mind paying somebody else's, that's fine. In America, you would think you have a choice. We don't have a choice in the matter. We did; here's an application and we voted not to get it. We didn't sign it to get it but we didn't sign it to pay a water bill either for no water. It should have been our choice either way. What is America if we don't have a right? The Bill of Rights and the Constitution should have covered that. I would rather give my grandchildren the twenty-eight dollars than to give it for nothing. I'm just asking that when you all vote on an ordinance in the county to please vote for the people. Think about what you're voting on. Thank you

Mr. Hill asked what year was that put in?

Mrs. Mabe thought it was 2006 or something. She stated she didn't have the signed one.

Ms. Cannon responded that it was 2008.

Mr. Hendrick stated that he knows in the past six years that I've been here, we have not approved any PSA funding for project-specific. Reason being, if the project is revenue-neutral, we don't have to give authority to the PSA to borrow the money.

Mr. Mabe asked why did they sent us to talk to y'all then?

Mr. Hendrick said I'm fixing to tell you. The reason being is the PSA wanted the project. The project is not exactly solvent; meaning, the revenues from the project did not pay for the loan payments for the project. So, the PSA requested that the Board of Supervisors basically back up their loan. To date, we pay money to the PSA every year; it's in the budget line item every year for water projects that's been accumulated for about the last ten to twelve. That's the reason they're probably saying it come to us for final approval but as far as the project specifics it's still not up to the Board; it is but it's not because it's a take it or not option. Either you take this funding or you go somewhere else but I can tell you it's not this Board. We haven't approved any PSA items in the last six years because the projects have been self-sufficient and they've not required Board approval. I can tell you that.

Mr. Durbin added that to his recollection, that is a requirement of USDA funding. As long as those loans are outstanding, you have to have a non-user charge. You can either hook up, use it and pay the water bill or pay the non-user fee but that's something that the funding agency requires.

Mr. Hendrick said there's not an alternative that I'm aware of that says, alright PSA if you don't want non-user fees this is your other option. It's kind of a take it or leave it deal.

Mr. Mabe said that's communism.

Mr. Hendrick responded that just like Robbie said and the same way with Judge Turner, I can see where you're coming from because I've gotten the slips from the Town of Hillsville that says do you want a sewer. On one hand, I think I've got a septic, do I need a sewer but on the other hand, my drain fill stops up. I can see where you're coming from because I check the option of not really.

Mr. Mabe stated that he was not trying to be hard to get along with.

Mr. Hendrick responded that he just wanted to talk about because that's while you're here.

Mrs. Mabe commented that you should have a choice then if your well goes dry, it's your fault.

Mr. Mabe stated that he had even had to put another pump down in his well since I've been living there to have water. It's not that, if I need water I would be able to get it. If I was hooked up to it, I could understand paying for it just like the light bill or my satellite bill or trash truck, I could understand paying for that. I don't have a meter. I don't have a line. I don't have nothing. Just aggravation.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if anyone else had a citizen's comments, not signed up.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if he could speak now. He stated that he was a total opponent to the non-user fee. In my campaign, I met people that was, I believe if we took a vote on it, I think it would be voted out. Let me ask a question of these, how many of you know what the PSA is? How many of you don't? Supervisors can serve on the PSA Board but they appoint these boys to serve on it and they apply for the grants and they get them. That puts the non-user fee on you. They can't serve on the IDA. The A on both of them stands for Authority. So, they've got the authority to do the non-user fee and I had a boy at my house this week that said he had been to court and that there were three or four more there with him. That didn't amount to nothing but they got to pay it. That ain't right; if you don't use something, you don't pay for it. Thank y'all.

(Order)

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick stated that Terry had mentioned about Town Hall meetings. I actually tried that, and I don't know if my advertisement wasn't any good or not. I never had over a couple of people show up. I do agree; I think it's a good thing. I also will say this and this is not aimed at you; I get a lot of folks that have mentioned the same thing to me going through an election this last year, the folks that have sat in this room are the same week-in and week-out. We got more tonight because of the Fire Apparatus and we appreciate you guys showing up. I really do; you do a lot of good work, a lot of stuff I couldn't do. As far as the crowd that's here, it's the same folks. I agree with Town Hall meetings. At the same time, that's why we have public meetings with Citizen's Time. We've encouraged, I've encouraged folks for six years to come to the meetings. If it's good, bad, ugly or you want to sing praises to whatever is going on in the county, this is the time to do it. This is the time that we set aside to meet with everybody. If additional discussion is required great, we'll pick it up somewhere else; but at any rate, that's what Citizen's Time is for. And, I'm trying not to get into any of the election stuff but I'll just say that I'm hearing things of what peoples' thoughts are on county staff. The purpose of a Supervisor is not to pick staff apart; it's not to say this person makes too much money, this person could be more efficient. The purpose for this Board is to set policy and general direction for the county like the Fire Apparatus Plan, a perfect example. We've named that as a priority for citizen safety. We hire one person; Mr. Steve Truitt, County

Administrator, is the only person this Board hires. Everybody else is up to him; so, future, potential Supervisors or Supervisors here already, that's what we're supposed to be doing. It's not trying to pick the staff apart; I've said it time and time again. I think I even told Steve this in some of the phone conversations when we were discussing his employment on the contract. If the county is doing a bad job, I'm not going to try to hunt the two or three I think may mess it up; I'm going to look to the chief. That's what Steve is here for. I think Steve is doing a fantastic job. That's the only person I want to hire. Thank you all for coming out.

Mr. Phil McCraw wanted to add to what Josh has said. Josh is right and if you read the state code you'll find out that being on the Board of Supervisors doesn't give you carte blanche to do anything you want to do. Your powers as a Board are very limited. Your power as a single Supervisor is next to nothing. If you are the Chair or Vice Chair, you can go cut a Welcome ribbon for something, a jobs announcement, opening of a business, or something like that. I'll be honest; because of my health, I didn't run again this time. I'm going to be a two-termer and that's probably enough for anybody anyway. There is so much more to this job. You can't make everybody happy; if you do, you're not doing anything. I know I've had people that I've made happy and I know I've had people that I've made mad. I'm a grown man and if I can't handle it then I don't need to be up here. I understand about people being upset about a lot of things. Sometimes I get upset about things that although I'm up here, I can't do anything about. Because things are mandated by the federal government or state government that I don't think are fair, they mandate and we have to do it. Supervisors don't have that kind of power. It's like I've told people before and I know I'm getting long-winded and we all like to go home. I've ran a place of business in Cana, Virginia, for many, many years. I'm not running it now due to my MS. We don't have a canopy over our gas pumps. There are two reasons for it. People tell me all the time, why don't you build a canopy. We're a station that still pumps peoples' gas for them. People say all the time, why don't you build a canopy out there for your guys. Why don't you spend a little money? Why are you so tight? It's not anything to do with that. There's two reasons we don't have a canopy. Number 1, Appalachian Power Company's main power line for the Cana area runs directly over our gas pumps. It's going to cost over \$50,000 to move them and guess who gets to pay for it. I don't have \$50,000. Number 2, our gas pumps are close enough to the state right-of-way that by VDOT rules we can't have a canopy. I've had people say to me but you're a Supervisor, why can't you get something done about that; I thought you had the power to do things. I don't have that power. For my sake, it would have been nice. I'm sure the guys that have pumped gas for me through the years including myself when I was a kid would have loved to have a cover over me and not gotten drowned all day long. It's just the way this works. I do appreciate everybody showing up tonight. It's good to see this many people hear; it's very unusual. Josh eluded to the fact that we usually have the same few. The same few we usually have are five or six people and that includes the Sheriff and Chief Deputy so it is good to see this amount of people here tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I'm done.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for being out tonight and especially the volunteers. I really appreciate what you all do; couldn't live without you. I would also like everybody to say a little prayer for Bob Martin who is kind of under the weather; pray for him to have a speedy recovery. Think about Phil in your prayers also. That's all I've got to say.

Dr. Littrell told we were very fortunate to have the Pipers Gap Rescue Squad members at our church Sunday and we took a little donation for them. I expressed to them how proud I was of the work and the time they put in to volunteering for our community and I say the same to you guys. It's amazing the amount of effort and the time away from your families that you put into the job that you have and all the citizens should be very pleased that you are willing to do that and put your lives at risk. My hat's off to all of you, thank you. I'm glad we had such a good crowd tonight also. One thing that I want to bring up is that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. That is why we have the pink ribbons on and I even have a pink Cadillac in my tie. I've had two members of my family go through breast cancer and they've had successful treatment. It is a disease that will probably touch the lives in one out of eight women in this country and we need to be aware of that and to try to get some cure for breast cancer in the future. Mr. Chairman, that's all.

Mr. Robbie McCraw wanted to reiterate what everyone has said. I look at the volunteers back in the corner, I done that several years ago. It takes so much of your personal time for you gentlemen to do that and it's thankless. Nobody thinks about that; nobody thinks about all the training that you have to have and the requirements you have to have to be able to go out put your life on the line for someone. I do appreciate it. You all just don't how much we do appreciate what you do. I want to go back to something Josh said a while ago and Phil too about the power of this Board. This Board works in groups; you have to have a majority vote to do anything. One man can't do nothing. Me and Rex are the babies on this Board; we've been here two years and it has been a true educational experience for me. Staff has helped so much. Staff has been great to help us. We had the opportunity to hire Steve in our first year as members on this Board and I think we made a very good choice in hiring Steve. He's becoming a very good leader for this county and I can't sing his praises enough. The concept of being able to provide all the services to all of the county, it would be great to be able to have a paid fire service and for everybody to have water and not have to worry about if they don't need it they don't have to pay for it or if everybody had sewer but for us to do that, our tax rate would have to be a whole lot higher than it is right now. I just don't feel that it's something that we can do. We're working hard to work on our debt reduction process and that's what we need to concentrate on. When we get our debt down then maybe we can start doing some more things in the county. On a good point, our Pumpkin Festival was held last Saturday. I was out of town and didn't get to attend but one of the participants sent in a very nice letter about how well she thought the Pumpkin Festival was handled, how she thought it was such a service to the community and it is. Once again, it's another one of those events that our staff has done kind of like the county fair. The county fair has been great for Carroll County. It was voted last year the best little small fair in the state. For us to get that recognition, it's amazing and agriculture is so important to our area. That's what it's all about is the Pumpkin Festival, County Fair; it's about the agriculture of this area that brings in millions of dollars into this county. Support your local farmers. It's just all you can do to help everybody we can in this county. We do have an economic development announcement on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>; it will be at the Industrial Park. The Governor will be here to make an announcement. I'd like for anybody that can to attend. I do have one more thing. I have the distinguished honor to present to Dr. Tom Littrell from the Virginia Association of Counties a Supervisor Service Award. VACo recognizes Dr. Thomas W. Littrell, Carroll County, on November 12, 2017, for ten years of dedicated service to the county government.

Dr. Littrell replies that this is a surprise. Thank you.

Mr. Robbie McCraw reminded everyone that the VACo Convention is coming up on November 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>, is that correct?

Dr. Littrell stated it was the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Robbie McCraw continued that the whole Board is invited to attend. The possibility that some of us will be together in numbers greater than three could possibly discuss county business. We need to make that public for everyone to know.

Ms. Cannon corrected the dates of the VACo Convention as being November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McCraw acknowledged the corrected dates. Also, the next meeting for the month of November will be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> instead of our regular meeting night because of the VACo Convention.

(Order)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTES

October 16, 2017

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

(Order)

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Chairman

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Clerk