The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a Joint meeting with the Public Service Authority on, January 14, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Rex L. Hill
Dr. Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw
Bob Martin
Joe Webb
Steve Truitt, County Administrator
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator
PSA Members
Jessica Montgomery

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order for the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Meredith called the meeting to order for the Public Service Authority.

Mr. Truitt told he came up with this agenda in the absence of an agenda and all I am asking here is that we come up with a scope of problems that need to be solved. Also, put due dates on solving those problems and assigning specific people to make sure about the work and make sure that everything is handled above board. These items that are on this agenda are for the purpose of examples. They are just the kind of things I think are going to come up. My own recommended goals were if we could concretely define the problem, identify who is going to solve it, and by when. That will be a big success for today.

Ms. Montgomery told that she is here for questions and concerns and was thinking that Mr. Truitt is basically right on point with the things that he has brought up. We just want to help you all any way we can.

Mr. Hill told he has reviewed a lot of things, if I want to cut back anything at my house I can get rid of the satellite dish, I can buy an older car and cut the expenses that way, but you can't lower the mandatory non-user fee. I look at all those things and there are some folks who don't make a whole lot and that is one of the reasons he looked at this mandatory fee. You can't turn back the water, you are still paying the same. If you use 2000 gallons of water, you are paying the same and that is one of the things we need to look at is the amount of use. If I am short of money I start cutting things off and you don't have that option.

Mr. Meredith replied I don't think anyone, we are not going to point fingers anyway, was on the Board when the decision was made. Bob might have been involved. I think the intent which was obvious was to get projects. I think there has been some discussions and there have been some truths and some half truths as to how the funding was acquired and why the Board of Supervisors went the route they went. Mandatory was the language used to maybe incorrectly as a matter of fact. Sometimes I think we get the word mandatory convoluted with non-users, there are two different things going on there. I know you have concerns about the mandatory connection because there were folks who had no desire at all to have water. The problem was the PSA was handcuffed because of the language in the ordinance. One thing that did come into discovery and we have had discussion internally, as a matter of fact I think they were called secret meetings but the meetings were actually trying to get a sense of what the Board of Supervisors and the PSA could do, and as a result we found out that the language in the code would permit us to have two separate fees. We were always under the impression that if you had a fee it was a fee across the board and that is not the case. We never voted and never had a Public Hearing to address the fees, but we had a draft of some rates that would reduce the mandatory fees considerably. We also had a rate that would reduce the non-users. Jessica might be able to better explain the difference between. There are folks of every system in the County that signed a user agreement at the onset, whether they were trying to help their neighbor or what and they never connected to the meter. Then you have the

folks who didn't sign anything that didn't even want a meter and they were all in the same category. Those fees were to show our lending sources that we could pay the loans back. I think the language was in there just to show how we were going to pay for it. Adjusting the rates would lower the non-users down and someone has to pay so that will be the users. That is what the PSA is prepared to do but with the ordinance now. Mr. Gregson has a different opinion and you folks probably have a different opinion on what the intent was in abandoning the mandatory ordinance. We still have the loans, we still have the systems, and we still have to pay for them. We have folks who are looking forward to not having to pay another penny and folks say we are pessimistic, but I see a lot of blue pipe sticking out of the ground. Without the language we don't have a lot of room on our end to jack the rates up on individuals past the point that they can't afford it. That is my opinion. In this meeting I am hoping to get it all out or maybe this is just the first step. We want to work for all citizens. There has been some talk about the Board subsidizing the PSA and there are several ways to look at that. Yes, the Board has ingested some money but there is also jobs created and a lot of taxes paid. There is a lot of positive with the water system. I think we do pretty well with the resources we have. I understand you are political, and you are hearing a lot from your constituents about the mandatory and I appreciate your willingness to listen and I hope that we can come to resolve both sides of the table.

Mr. Hill told that if we do any new projects in the future we need to go way up on the number of folks to sign up before we do a project, 51% is not a lot. You have one person making the decision on a whole group who has to pay for water. It should be 75 or 85%. We are helping the PSA with taxpayer money and essentially mandatory non-users or whatever, the ones that don't use the water, they pay a fee and taxes and to get water they are paying a fee and taxes. Its not complete but the County does obligate money. There is no rhyme or reason to how much, it is not so much per project there is just a certain amount out there. When you force people to do something that's when people get upset. One time I think the Board of Supervisors paid for the meters and those days are over. The system is going to have to pay for itself. We need to explain that if they sign it to help their neighbor they are going to have to pay for it too. Some of these people tell me that they have never been advised of anything then get a water bill and I would really be upset. That is why we should have some procedures. It looks like on the most recent loan we got it includes every one of our projects. All of it is tied in together, its not just one. The other thing is did we do a business plan? Do we really need water or is it just because people come in and want water? I would like to have it at my house, but we can't afford to run it to my house, plain and simple. These are the things that we need to look at.

Mr. Meredith told we do that. We actually told folks last year and you have people like yourself carrying water, people begging for water and some of these places will never have water.

Mr. Hill stated that those people are paying for everyone else to have water because the taxpayers are paying a portion of it. We need to step forward and see what we need to do.

Mr. Meredith told that moving forward is somewhat of a slippery slope and I don't think we will ever have another project.

Mr. Hill replied not in the short term.

Mr. Meredith told that is a bad place to be.

Mr. Hill told if you go back to 2008 we have \$104 million for school and water system. That is a lot for a county our size. We have not even done a debt analysis, we don't even have a policy. Does PSA have a debt policy?

Ms. Montgomery replied we know we have a budget to go by.

Mr. Hill asked if we have brought anybody in to ask questions.

- Ms. Montgomery told the PSA knows we are at our limit, unless we get another user like Magnolia.
 - Mr. Hill told we seem to be losing people more than we gain.
 - Mr. Meredith replied we lost the Training Center.
 - Mr. Hill told that is why we increased the supplement \$40,000 last year.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied no.
 - Mr. Hill asked what that increase was for.
- Ms. Montgomery told there was not an increase. We deducted, and we offered property we had back to the Board of Supervisors. The PSA understands where the County is coming from.
 - Mr. Hill asked how much money you all keep in debt service.
 - Ms. Montgomery told we have to keep that built up.
 - Mr. Hill asked if there was a requirement.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied yes. I don't have those numbers with me, but I can get them.
- Mr. Robbie McCraw told that one of the biggest realizations is yes, water is a commodity, it is coming to that. We have to do a better job of communicating what it is all about. When someone signs that agreement they need to understand that if you are signing this agreement we are going forward with this project and you are going to have to pay this amount of money. This is nothing any of us have had anything to do with. It wasn't communicated well when the projects were done. Dana done a bang-up job of getting this information out. The Cliffview water system for instance, it says there is 255 residential customers and 2 commercial customers, and you are collecting user revenue from 60 people and non-user revenue from 150 people. There are 60 people benefiting and that doesn't justify it. Then the 150 people realize they are going to have to pay that fee and I don't think that they did. That is where we have to do better. If my well goes dry today I am in Rex's boat.
 - Mr. Meredith told I am sure you all have reviewed the user agreement.
- Mr. Hill told his take on that is when you sign that thing you are supposed to hook up and if you didn't you pay \$300 and we have not required anybody to do that.
- Mr. Meredith told they are supposed to be paying the minimum fee. I think that is the language and that is what Mr. Gregson pointed out. That language is in the code that we could require mandatory.
- Mr. Truitt replied with the exception that if you have viable water in place you don't have to. We have to figure out what people will pay for water. If you put the entire cost on those 60 you are going to lose a portion of those. There are actually techniques to estimate how many you are going to lose. You are also still left with the loans. Whether it gets spread out to the entire population of the county with taxes it still has to be paid. I understand the sentiment behind it but at some point, it is too expensive.
- Mr. Martin told so I don't sign the pledge and I don't use the water and pay the mandatory fee then my well goes dry, what does that person pay to hook onto water?
 - Ms. Montgomery replied \$1250.
- Mr. Martin told a well cost \$5000, that is extravagantly low. There is all kinds of water in the county. The problem is there is so much Sulphur and minerals in it that you have to replace your pipes every so many years. I only speak for my late mother and my

advice to her, we need to get that spring water tested. I was on the Board of Supervisors when Mr. Jackson came in and to my best recollection he didn't give the Board any options. He just said if you want any money or loans in the future you have to adopt the word mandatory. There was no one on the Board that liked the word mandatory, but we liked getting grants and low interest loans and the only way to do that was to adopt that language. Five out of the six Board members got beat the next election and the only person that won was someone who ran unopposed. The word mandatory sends people into orbit. Over the years I can tell you there would never have been a water system in place with 80% sign up. Every board I have ever been on, the one thing people would say is you have to get industry. The biggest problem in the world is communication and I appreciate everything you have done and has been done over the years. I am sorry that my relatives, they are in favor of everything as long as it doesn't cost anything. This thing didn't come together overnight, and it didn't come together by one group of people. It was people trying to get water into needed areas and I don't know any area that you could have gotten 80%. Trump carried Carroll 82% and he walks on water and that's the only thing I've seen that high. I am going to try to work with you in any way. I appreciate Jeanette and I want her to keep serving, we have some good people on these boards. It is not going to be easy coming up with some stuff

Mr. Hill asked if we have heard anything from USDA.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told when the Supervisors went out that was the voters' vote. What did we do, put in a PSA that you can't vote out so we get this mandatory stuff. Any future systems should be 80 to 85% sign up and they should know when they sign that paper that they signed a note just like at the bank. There should be a more minimum fee than \$300 to get out.

Mr. Martin told I sat out a term and came back and things had changed. There is nothing that will pass on an 80% vote.

Ms. Montgomery told that 51% is usually the starting point for us to start looking. By the time it gets to the funding time it is usually in the high 80's. I was at the community meetings and it was told to the ones that were there. We also went door to door and we would leave door hangers.

- Mr. Martin told there were tons of advertisements in the paper.
- Ms. Montgomery told that they really try, they miss some people.

Ms. Jeanette Dalton told there were several who wanted water in Dugspur and I personally went door to door and left hangers and talked to them and we still didn't get 51%. The staff went as well so that project was dropped.

Mr. Hill told there are a lot of water lines in Sulphur Springs, that is where you are getting all the complaints.

Mr. Meredith in that case the folks who signed user agreements, we have no idea if they are going to sign up.

- Mr. Hill asked if they don't have a signed document.
- Mr. Meredith replied yes but we don't know who is going to connect to the system.
- Mr. Hill told you have a meter.
- Mr. Meredith told they have to connect it to the house.
- Dr. Littrell told that it is up to them to connect the meter to their home.
- Mr. Hill told those people signed the agreement.
- Mr. Meredith told those are the people who will pay the \$300 and walk away.

- Mr. Hill told I look at it the opposite way, we should have charged them \$300 already for not signing up.
 - Mr. Meredith told they are paying the bills.
 - Mr. Hill told that is not what the agreement says, it says to hook to County water.
- Ms. Montgomery stated that we went to the attorneys a while back over that. As long as they are paying then they are not in breech of contract.
 - Mr. Meredith told you are paying your water bill even if the meter reads zero.
 - Mr. Robbie McCraw told that fee should never have been \$20, that is the bottom line.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied, I agree.
- Mr. Meredith told they have talked about that and they were in agreement to reduce the zero users and the mandatory folks.
- Mr. Robbie McCraw told I have looked at some of the other localities and Wythe has a 1500 gallon or 1000 gallon and they have a non-user fee of \$9 or \$11. I see that because you are offsetting the non-user. I feel that someone would come closer to paying \$11 a month than they are \$28 for a non-user fee to say, "if I ever need that water it is there." That is where it all went awry, where the fees were set without looking in to it. We need to look at restructuring this whole thing.
- Mr. Meredith told I think we did have that in place. We were prepared, and the ordinance was voted on.
 - Ms. Montgomery told that is what was suggested was \$10.
- Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if you suggested that for the mandatory, not for the non-users.
 - Ms. Montgomery told that non-users was \$25.
- Mr. Robbie McCraw replied you were dropping it \$3, I think if I would have been in that situation I would have taken that as an offense. I am no different than the mandatory person.
 - Ms. Montgomery told we have 513 people in this County who have never connected.
- Dr. Littrell told that one of the issues I guess you understand is, when we set up the loan and these people signed user agreements that money goes into factoring what to pay back to USDA. It is based on a minimum user and we don't know at that point if they are going to hook up. So, if we get that number to low we have to find that money somewhere.
 - Ms. Montgomery told I know Wythe County is in trouble.
- Mr. Phillip McCraw told we should have a fee that wouldn't be too easy for them to jump back in.
 - Mr. Martin told that is why I am thinking \$5000 to hook on to the system.
- Ms. Montgomery told that is a catch 22, you are not promoting the water, so they can dig a well.
- Mr. Phillip McCraw asked how many of y'all are keeping up with Mount Airy's water rates? A mile circle around the city they are controlling the zoning and they are charging them double rates.

- Mr. Webb told I know we are wanting to identify problems. With the motion that we made in November, how much of a loss of income are you going to experience?
- Ms. Montgomery told we looked at that and it was the \$79,000. About \$2500 a month and then another \$2,500 a month. If people start disconnecting from the system, then it will change.
 - Mr. Webb asked why are you projecting that?
 - Ms. Montgomery told there are 513 folks.
- Mr. Truitt told if half the people pay the \$300 then it would be 250 times \$24. That is the number that you really need to be worried about. If they all disconnect it will be twice that number. You have to identify what the estimated fallout rate will be then you have to take that money and distribute it over the rest of the customers and you will lose some of them too.
- Ms. Montgomery told we have had at least 40 folks come into the PSA thinking they are a non-user and they have a meter. If they are not going to use, we will take the meter out.
 - Mr. Webb asked if they would take the connection out.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied not until they bypass it and people do.
 - Mr. Hill asked if they are doing that now.
 - Ms. Montgomery told they keep an eye on it the best they can.
- Mr. Truitt told that he sent one report that had the usage on it, if you see something funny on the report you go look.
 - Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if you take the meter is there a \$5 inspection fee.
 - Dr. Littrell told they are no longer customers at that point.
- Mr. Webb told that back to his original question, what we did in November is going to cost you all \$5000 a month as of right now. The budget is how much?
 - Ms. Montgomery told the whole budget, Dana has those numbers.
 - Mr. Robbie McCraw told 513 people who have meters that are not using.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied yes.
 - Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if those meters were free to those people.
- Ms. Montgomery told the first project that paid for meters was Cliffview and all others were free, the County paid for those. What I am hearing from Mr. McCraw is that you would like for the non-user, people who are not using to be lower than \$25.
- Mr. Robbie McCraw replied I feel like we wouldn't have as much opposition all around.
 - Mr. Meredith told those folks are not the ones who are opposed.
 - Mr. Robbie McCraw replied I understand that too.
 - Ms. Montgomery told we still have to read and maintain those meters.

- Mr. Hill told I read in the audits where the County sends out paychecks, is that a standard fee that is sent out.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied we pay the County back for payroll.
 - Mr. Hill asked if you pay us a fee for doing that for you. We don't charge you rent.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied we pay for phones and electric.
 - Mr. Martin told I am not sure that we charge the Sheriff and the Court System.
 - Mr. Hill asked why he keeps seeing with the auditors \$60,000.
 - Ms. Phillips told that it is probably the last pay day of June.
- Ms. Montgomery told that's the same reason you see a carryover, because we have to pay bills in July.
 - Mr. Hill asked how we came to that amount to pay.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied the IDA agreement.
 - Mr. Hill told the IDA is not paying it.
- Ms. Montgomery replied I know. Those agreements are between the IDA and the BOS. None of us were here when this happened.
- Mr. Truitt told I haven't looked at every single application and I think they are artifact of the original application process. A portion is debt service and anther portion was operation expense for some period of time to be reduced as customers came on. I don't know if that has happened, but I do know that we probably haven't looked at reducing it. If you look across the whole system, they may still need a shortfall.
 - Mr. Hill asked if they have a separate budget for maintenance.
- Ms. Montgomery replied theirs is water and sewer. Each project has an operating budget with it, the IDA agreement is the shortfall. It is tight.
- Mr. Truitt told the difference you see in the numbers is that piece in the original application for operation expenses.
- Mr. Phillip McCraw told we have 570 people that are not hooked, and we have 79 and you put that together and our water project hasn't been a big hit. Shouldn't we get the message there that we have not got something that everybody wants.
- Mr. Martin asked how do you factor in? I used to be in insurance and if you were close to a fire hydrant your insurance went down. There are some savings in it and these projects had one every 1000 feet or so.
- Mr. Hill told what we should be doing when we come in and talk about water projects is to say, it will cost you \$800 a year to run your pump and here is what you can save by hooking with us. When we go out to sell a project that is what we need to be selling.
- Mr. Truitt told that it is such a deeply felt physiological thing, but another analogy is we have roads in this County that are not driven on very much and the same with school. You can drive less and save some money, but you can't unpave the roads.
 - Mr. Jessup told you can abandon them.
- Dr. Littrell told that we all know there is a certain cost to managing a well. People tend to look at the now instead of the future, but we have tried to communicate all of the

other items. I understand that people may not understand what they are being told, but they are being told.

Mr. Hill asked if you have gone back and looked at systems where you can extend 100 years here and there. Instead of doing a whole new project you could look at those.

Ms. Montgomery told we have not done those studies.

Mr. Hill told we need to be proactive and look around and study these things. We are already supplementing the PSA. I think there are budget expenditures that we can probably cut.

Mr. Meredith ask how much Loves Truck Stop brings in.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told Loves, Subway and McDonalds is \$57,000 a year.

Mr. Hill told you can multiply that because of the jobs.

Mr. Meredith told so without the water and sewer.

Mr. Hill told that is economic development, Exit 19, Exit 1.

Mr. Meredith told we lose money on that system. My point being, that \$100,000 you bring in on the tax side offsets somewhat.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked about the sewer system down there, is it going to be sufficient? I am hearing some complaints about it in the warm weather.

Ms. Montgomery told it is just what it is, it's a sewer plant.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told some of the neighbors complain that it is pretty rough.

Ms. Montgomery told it is sewer.

Mr. Hill told we have a population that is dropping. The young folks, the ones that are staying here we are keeping them locked up. The retirees are our bread and butter in this County.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told unfortunately this is who a lot of these effect is the retirees. Talking about user amounts a single woman is probably not going to use 1000 gallons. I think it needs to be backed up somewhere in that area and the more you use the more you pay.

Mr. Hill asked if we have any type mechanism for folks that can't afford it.

Ms. Montgomery told there are places that have helped them out, but not the County. We have done incentives in the past with businesses and unfortunately, we have lost money and now we have money that we can't collect on several. The incentive programs have not done well with us.

Mr. Hill told those people are still mandatory users.

Ms. Montgomery told they have left.

Mr. Meredith told we are talking about two different things. Rex is talking about a hardship program.

Ms. Montgomery told we do not have that in place. It is a case by case basis.

Mr. Meredith told what Jessica is pointing out and I think you know this too and that's the economic development clients where the County, state and federal government has invested money to incentivize and the PSA is on the hook for that as well.

- Ms. Phillips told it is the County incentive program and the PSA abides by it.
- Dr. Littrell told he wears two different hats. I feel like the PSA understands and will try to adjust the rates. I think the PSA is willing to look at rates and improvise but I also feel like without the mandatory ordinance in place there is such an unknown. Those 500 people we don't know what is going to happen, we may lose them.
 - Mr. Hill asked why they are moving out from the building.
 - Ms. Montgomery replied I was told EMS needed more space.
 - Mr. Hill asked if that is something we just do.
- Mr. Truitt told we have been talking about that for a year and we are just moving very slow. If there was a reason we couldn't do that we wouldn't have but we came up with a way and it is all good.
 - Ms. Montgomery told it is another way PSA works with the County as best we can.
 - Mr. Winesett told we are down to about 1800 sq. feet.
- Ms. Montgomery told that if we hadn't done that my understanding is you would have had to find a bigger building.
 - Mr. Truitt replied, that is what Everett said. It still is not too late
- Mr. Winesett told if we had a little bit more space back. I know you are trying to be aggregable, but I think what we need here is a compromise. Just like you were talking about money Rex, are we going to build something somewhere centrally located or is our stuff going to be scattered. It will hurt the efficiency of our people.
- Mr. Truitt told we really appreciate how well you have worked with us. If this isn't going to work or if you need more space maybe, we can do something with the maintenance facility at Woodlawn. There are a lot of different things we can do, we just have to know what the problem is.
- Mr. Winesett told he encourages each one of you to go and look. We have some equipment that is extremely expensive and, in my opinion, if you leave it outside you won't have it very long.
 - Mr. Truitt told the boring machine could come here.
- Mr. Winesett told we need to be able to maintain our equipment. There is a huge dump truck somewhere, who has it?
 - Ms. Montgomery told the County uses it a lot. The landfill uses our backhoe.
 - Mr. Winesett told there are some things that belong to us that the County uses.
- Ms. Montgomery told we don't charge for it. We don't charge for my engineering services.
- Mr. Winesett told if you have to go four places before you do something it makes it a lot less efficient. First, I was told it was going to come so far over and then it got down to very little space.
- Mr. Truitt told we can go back and talk about it. My understanding was it was going to work.
- Mr. Winesett told we are talking about money and if we have to turn around and build something.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told we need to make it as efficient for the guys that are doing work as we can.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told on equipment can I make a suggestion? I notice all the PSA vehicles have no name on them, I think they should have Carroll County PSA on them. Does the County insurance provide for riders and if they don't there should be a no riders sticker in the windshield.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told he thinks all County vehicles should have a sticker on them.

Ms. Montgomery told you are not supposed to have anyone in the vehicle unless it is business.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if they log mileage and fuel consumption weekly.

Ms. Montgomery told it is daily.

Mr. Truitt told that we also have the mileage between fill-ups.

Mr. Hill told he would like for the PSA to come before the Board and present their budget. We would like to hear what is going on, so we can ask questions. We may need to just establish a committee and go forward with this.

Mr. Martin told I voted no on eliminating some of the requirements because I didn't feel like I had enough information about what would happen. After sitting here, am I right in saying we can project a minimum cost to the PSA and we can project a maximum, but we really don't know a lot of these numbers at this point.

Mr. Meredith told the PSA has discussed a rate structure change and the reason we did not have a Public Hearing on that is because we were waiting on the Board to see what they were going to do. We can adopt a rate but unfortunately, we may be back in 3 months and doing it again or coming to the Board and saying we have a shortfall. The money has got to come from one of two places, putting it on the users or coming to the Board. I am a user and have two meters and what you will see is some people will pay less and some people will pay more, a lot more in some cases.

Mr. Hill asked if there are any farms that use a tremendous amount of water.

Ms. Montgomery told we do have a couple farms who use for irrigation.

Mr. Hill asked if they would qualify for commercial.

Ms. Montgomery replied it just depends.

Mr. Martin told if you think 40 people in a public hearing is bad. 400 could be a lot worse.

Mr. Meredith told 4000 is a lot more than 400.

Mr. Martin told if the rates go through the ceiling you will find out what a large public hearing is.

Mr. Hill told we will form a committee this month or next month. If you have an interest on being on the committee let me know.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we need to find out something from USDA.

Mr. Meredith told I appreciate your willingness to sit down. I wish we could have done this before. I hope you understand where we are at and I totally understand where you are at. We have systems in place that we have to pay for and to pay for them we have to have revenue. When we talk about cost and spreading it out we should talk about

cross training our maintenance folks and PSA folks. If the County has a guy who can run a backhoe that is an extra body. The PSA can go help maintenance at times.

Mr. Martin told the County has done a lot of that.

Mr. Meredith told I know Jessica has done a lot of working crossing over to the County as far as engineering. I hope you get a sense of where we are at. I think if we can get a committee together pretty quickly because July will be here soon.

Mr. Hill told if there is anyone who wants to serve let me know.

Ms. Dalton told maybe Mr. Meredith and Mr. Winesett could do it as Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Martin told Carroll County does a tremendous amount of good things. Everyone tried to do the very best they could for the County.

Mr. Durbin told I want you to consider whether you want to appoint committees, and this is really for FOIA. If you form a committee it is subject to Freedom of Information Act even if it is only 2 people. You could just designate work sessions of both boards and you could still have those discussions.

Mr. Hill told as long as we don't have 3 Board members.

Mr. Durbin told as long as it is properly advertised you could.

Mr. Truitt told I think what Rex is asking is if we don't want to advertise could we just have 2 Board members.

Mr. Durbin told I have a concern with that if you are informally having a committee you could be getting on a slippery slope. My suggestion would be to have another meeting as full boards or designate a committee tonight.

Mr. Martin told that there were not 6 people on the board who wanted mandatory hookup, they were all opposed.

Mr. Hill told Robbie has expressed an interest.

Mr. Webb told he can serve.

Mr. Meredith told he is going to have Jessica compile some numbers and the committee can look at those.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, second by Mr. Webb and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

Chairman		
Clerk		