

June 10, 2019

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on June 10, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

- Rex L. Hill
- Bob Martin
- Phillip McCraw
- Robbie McCraw
- Steve Truitt, County Administrator
- Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Rex Hill called the meeting to order.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A1, A5, A8).

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.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 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

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| Mr. Webb | Not Present |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Robbie McCraw | Yes |
| Dr. Littrell | Not Present |
| Mr. Martin | Yes |

(Order)

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board came out of Closed Session.

VOTES

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| Mr. Webb | Not Present |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |

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

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phillip 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. Webb Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Not Present
Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for being here tonight. Hopefully we can go through pretty quick, I would like to see part of that NASCAR race this evening.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the agenda with the addition of a transfer of \$40,000 to IDA for Economic Development.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Not Present
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings on April 29, May 13 and May 24, 2019.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

LFVFD

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CHARTER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

IDA

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board approved

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

WASTE INDUSTRIES

Mr. Robert Washler said, I think everybody probably knows the Carroll/Galax/Grayson Landfill is going up \$5 per ton so of course we have to raise our prices a little bit, but the good thing is, it is not that much. Steve has a letter; I don't know if it is in your packet, but we are asking for a \$0.42 per home raise and that will cover everything. To go on the last meeting, we had with the cans, we are working on that. I got the approval for the letter to send all of the customers, about 2500 we have. We will probably put that in effect probably July 1st. It is a mass rollout; the company comes in we tell them where to go and they drop them off at the house. We are just asking to see if we can get a price increase of \$0.42 per home. That comes up to \$5.04 per year.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to grant Steve the authority to handle this as needed.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

PUBLIC HEARING – BUILDING FEES

Mr. Hill opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

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

Mr. Durbin said I don't know if you are looking for a motion. The Board can take action now on the building fees or you can wait until another time.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the building fees as presented and adopt them to start July 1, 2019.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

ADOPT & APPROPRIATE COUNTY BUDGET & TAX RATES

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board approved to adopt and appropriate the County Budget and the tax rates as advertised.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

NON-USER FEE

Mr. Hill asked if anybody wanted to make a motion on the non-user fee.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if it would still be maintaining the \$6.00 availability fee?

Mr. Hill questioned, we have three options, correct?

Mr. Durbin replied yes.

Mr. Hill said we have one that would put it off, one that would adopt the changes and another that changed the regulations, correct.

Mr. Truitt said the three options are: do nothing and the repeal will go into effect July 1st, the second option is to delay the repeal for 6 months for further review and the third option is to adopt the new revamped limited mandatory ordinance that was drafted to support the rates that the PSA did.

Mr. Phillip McCraw said I would like to see; we don't know what the rates is going to do if passed is going to affect us. I would like to see us put it in and leave it like it is to take affect in July and give us some time to look at it and see what affect it would have.

Mr. Hill replied so you would like to delay that, would you like to put into the form of a motion?

Mr. Benny Robinson called point of order please, may I?

Mr. Durbin said it is up to the Chair to recognize

Mr. Robinson asked if we could have those documents read, a public reading?

Mr. Hill asked of the three options.

Mr. Robinson said I would also like to know by way of a show of hands how many of you supervisors individually can raise your hand and say I have read these, and I understand them. That is 3 out of 4. I heard Steve say and he might have been a slip of

tongue that the PSA has passed. The PSA is having a public hearing Wednesday but on the rate structure. Has it been passed? I gave you that, but you mean proposed.

Mr. Truitt replied yes.

Mr. Robinson replied thank you. I think there is a lot of ambiguity in those documents and by the way I think you need to go back to the October...

Mr. Robbie McCraw called a point of order. We have a county ordinance Chapter A2489, cumulative and repetitive testimony for discussion should not be permitted on any member within a six-month period by the same individual on any matters within the six-month period by the same individual.

Mr. Robinson asked are you being political or are you being...

Mr. Robbie McCraw replied I am stating a fact.

Mr. Robinson asked stating or are you being transparent?

Mr. Robbie McCraw said it is not about transparency, we have talked about this and talked about this.

Mr. Robinson said you haven't talked about the point I am getting ready to make.

Mr. Hill replied the regulations have been posted, they are on the website. Anybody is welcome to look at those. They have been on there since last month.

Mr. Robinson replied yes sir; I understand that. Just a quick point of order, I would like for you to go back to October of last year Supervisor Meeting and I would like for you to pull up because it is recorded, the 12-minute dissertation that Mr. Robert Hilt of the USDA made, it is 12 minutes long. You haven't taken into consideration anything that man said. You need to go back and read that and look at all that was available to be done.

Mr. Hill said I will move to the motion to delay the implementation of the new fees.

Mr. Durbin said I would like to clarify that if I could. Just to reiterate the three option will be take no action and the repeal of mandatory nonuser connection would take effect July 1. You could make a motion to repeal the non-user and mandatory connection provisions of the county code effective January 1, that was one option and the third option would be to adopt the newly restructured code provisions as advertised. It wasn't clear to me from the motion what you intended.

Mr. Hill asked are you asking to repeal the July 1 thing and putting it off to January 1?

Mr. Phillip McCraw replied what he suggested was we hold the July deadline, lets see what it does to us then you know.

Mr. Hill asked so your motion is to repeal July 1?

Mr. Phillip McCraw replied that is mine.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Originally, I voted no and the reason I voted no on that motion was that it is something that is very critical and important to the county. I thought we needed to slow down and look at it every way we could to see how it is going to affect things for the future. I was neither opposed to it or for it, I just I'm not sure we got all our ducks lined up is the thing that I was concerned about. I'm still not sure that we got everything down.

Mr. Hill replied; I agree with you on that Bob. The other issue I have is we have two Board members that both have specific thoughts on this ordinance. They had other

places they had to be so. That is the one thing that I wanted to say about it. I'm going to make a motion that we suspend the repeal until January 1. We are still discussing, my mistake. I have a motion and a second to repeal July 1.

Mr. Martin asked, postpone it until?

Mr. Durbin said the motion is to repeal it effective July 1 2019.

Mr. Robbie McCraw said that is what Phil's motion was. If you want to wait you will need to rescind it or something.

Mr. Durbin said all the second means is it is worthy for discussion. Just because it was seconded you didn't vote. That is what is before the Board right now.

Mr. Martin said frankly I don't want to put anything in place until we take a better look at it, that is my original position.

Mr. Hill said I agree, Bob. That is why I agreed, but now we have a motion and a second and unless there is further discussion, we will vote on what we have here.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	No
Mr. Robbie McCraw	No
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	No

Mr. Hill said I will entertain another motion if someone wishes to make a motion on the repeal or any other thing before the board on this thing.

Mr. Hill made a motion to put off the repeal until January 1 so we can further look at it like you said Bob.

Mr. Durbin said to clarify, the motion is to adopt the ordinance repealing mandatory connection and non-user with an effective date of January 1, 2020?

Mr. Hill replied, that is correct.

Mr. Robbie McCraw seconded the motion.

Mr. Martin said the new Board will be sworn in, are we going to get into a problem with January 1?

Mr. Hill said that is a good point.

Mr. Martin replied usually the Board will have an informal meeting to put up the meeting dates and elect chairman and vice chairman. Sometimes it is the first week of January and then pick the second Monday or something.

Mr. Hill said you are right; it does have an affect on that.

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked if that is to leave the charge in until January?

Mr. Hill replied yes. I said January 1, but Bob is making a point that it is not good.

Mr. Martin asked if it would be good to leave until the first regular meeting in January?

Mr. Durbin said you are looking to amend it to a later time in January. When it is amended and seconded then the Board will vote. Once the motion is amended, we will vote on the amended motion.

Mr. Hill said he would like to amend his motion to move it to January 31, 2020 and task PSA to continue to look at the rates.

Mr. Robbie McCraw seconded the motion.

Mr. Durbin said now you vote on the approval of the amendment.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	No
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Durbin said now the motion is amended and you can vote on the motion.

Mr. Hill asked so by January 31st to include PSA to continue look at the rates and continue to meet and work on those things? That is the amended motion, now I need a second on that, correct?

Mr. Durbin said the motion has been amended and seconded, now it is before the Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	No
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hill said we have a difficult situation, there are two folks not here and those folks have specific ideas about who they would like to appoint, the same way with the motions that we dealt with on the PSA and the rates. It is not fair not to have those folks at least when we are going to decide or determine where the rates will or not go into effect.

Mr. Martin pointed out, I only know about Dr. Littrell, but he was invited to the White House as a Board of Supervisor member from the State of Virginia and he and a lot of other people across the state.

Mr. Hill said it makes it difficult when we are kind of short people knowing their views on specific things. Same way with the people that we add to the Board. Let's look at the committee appointments needed. On the Library there is only one there.

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Ann Weaver to the Library Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Nathan Lyons to the NRVJR.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board reappointed Dr. Oliver McBride to the WCC Board.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and passing, the Board appointed Sylvia Horton as the Parent Rep on CPMT.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hill said that we have three, The Crooked Road, Blue Ridge Parkway and 9th District Financing and our candidate is Ken Miller.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Ken Miller to The Crooked Road, Blue Ridge Parkway and 9th District Financing.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hill said on the IDA we have at least three folks there that have applied. I know we are going to have to make one.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board appointed Larry Chambers to the IDA.

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Abstain
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Hill said I just wanted to point out if you discussed the PSA or the water ordinances and you have spoke to that before then we won't discuss those further, but you will have another opportunity in January because the six months will be up by then. You will have another opportunity in January to speak on that issue.

Mr. Ray Melton said I am concerned with this mandatory hookup. I could have used it about four or five years ago.

Mr. Hill asked when did you last speak to the Board on this?

Mr. Melton replied some time last year.

Mr. Hill said so it has been longer than six months.

Mr. Melton replied; I think so you should have a record of it.

Mr. Hill replied go ahead and speak. I think it has been more than six months.

Mr. Melton said I could have used your water at that time. There is a development behind my house, I am on Breezy Ridge Road. My neighbor, his well went bad. He came through the backyard from a street that goes into the development and got water to his house. My well started giving trouble and I come over here to see how much it would cost me to get the water run to my house and I think they told me around \$1500 or \$3000 or something like that to run it up to my house from where it turned into the development. I am the second house from where it turns in. Now I don't need the water, I spent \$1500 on my well and put a new line into the house. I don't need water now but if it comes across the road from me then you are gonna want to charge me a fee for that water going by that I don't need. I am against the mandatory fee.

Ms. Judy Jones said I am not sure you will let me say what I want to say but first of all I am very disappointed in this Board. I thought we had this settled. I am just going to kind of quote what Robbie said back in November, that we had beat this dead horse and was tired of it. Again, very disappointed and I really though you all would hold up to what you had agreed on in November and cut it off. You should have cut it off in November and you should cut it off July 1.

Mr. Ethan Campbell told my itinerary was actually depending on action taken by the Board tonight pertaining to either the repeal or option that was on the agenda. For this reason and because of the Boards action and postponing this vote to be conducted no later than January 31, 2020. I would actually ask that my speaking time on the agenda be postponed as certain items on my inquiry will be served in the best interest after the Boards vote at that time pursuant to those ordinances.

Ms. Mandi McCraw stated good evening gentleman, thank you for the opportunity to speak during citizens time. I am Mandi McCraw, I am here for a couple of different, well one main reason it is the water issue. There seems to be a negative connotation around this topic brought forth by some unhappy citizens. While I understand there is a lot that we don't understand, there is a lot that has not been explained clearly, there is a lot of confusion. However, what we do need to understand is why they are complaining, they are complaining because it is unfair. It is unfair to be charged for the service that you are not receiving, well if by a show of hands can I see if you are over the age of 55. At the age of 16 I started working and paying into the Medicare and Social Security System. It is estimated that by 2035 there is not going to be any funds in that system. I am not going to be old enough to receive what is available there because it is all going to be gone. I have been paying into a system that I am not receiving the services from. I don't have children yet some of my tax dollars go to the education system. I am paying into a service, but I am not receiving service from any longer. It is unfortunate that we are where we are. The USDA gave us a loan for water projects that has to be repaid

somehow. One of those ways is to charge the people who have access to county water a fee, and those who have access to county water and are not using a fee. Now the fee is \$6, Mr. Robinson said it should be fair and reasonable back about a year ago, \$6.00 is fair and reasonable, I think. That is one meal at McDonalds. They say it is unbiblical, its unconstitutional, well the government is charging me money into Medicare and Social Security. I am not using those services and I probably won't get to, that is unfair. God is good but life is not fair. If life was fair there wouldn't be hundreds of thousands of people in our world hungry every day. If life was fair my mom wouldn't have cancer. If life was fair, we wouldn't be here where we are. Scripture tells us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, that is found in Matthew and it also tells us to pay to all what is owed to them, taxes to who taxes owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to who respect is owed, that is you all. You all are gentleman of authority and we should be respecting you for the job that you do because you have a thankless job. You are never going to make everybody happy; this room is full of people who are angry at you. They are angry because you postponed a vote, they are angry because you didn't postpone a vote. When are you gonna make them happy? It also says that everyone should submit together around authorities in Romans. Psalms says whoever slanders his neighbors secretly I will destroy. You gentleman have been slandered, you have been threatened against, but I look to you to do what is best for the county as a whole, all 30,000 of us not just 79. Thank you.

Mr. Robert Patton said I have asked this question for three years now, I just want to know who you guys serve? I mean do you serve each other, your self-interest? I've asked this question; I hope you serve the people of Carroll County because we had well over 1200 signatures of people that want to do away with this non-user fee. I just want to know who you serve. Rex, who do you serve, do you serve the people of Carroll County?

Mr. Hill told we will discuss that in Supervisors time, they will have that opportunity.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Martin said I proudly serve the people of the county. I am deeply sorry that my mothers' home that the line bypassed her about a half a mile away. I went to clean out her reservoir and as God as my witness there was a dead cat in that reservoir. No, we hadn't used the water, but we would have been using it if mother was living. As I ride through the county, I see fire hydrants and the presence of fire hydrants reduce the protection class which made their insurance cheaper. In 1974 when I was about 24 years old, I was elected and the cry was when are we going to get industry in this county. I dare say if you was going door to door the cry would be when are you going to get industry in the county and the answer is soon, I hope, but you have got to have things that industrial candidates look at. They want a good school system because most of them will have children and their wives are going to insist on it. You have to have water and sewer and if you don't a lot of these companies like Magnolia uses about a million gallons a month. I have voted as best I could to get water and sewer, to get schools and natural gas came along and I voted for that. I will obey the citizens of Pine Creek because December 31st I will be moving into the audience to protest and have signs about my taxes. It is a proven fact that if you are close to a water system and fire hydrants then minor fires could become major or they may stay minor. If you don't have water and you have to haul water in it becomes a major. I serve the people in the United States. I am very proud that we have a say in stuff. I am disappointed that my moms house doesn't water, cat flavored water I suppose doesn't taste very good. If I had county water, then that is an ingredient for industry and the other thing is that it would guarantee that I wouldn't be drinking cat water. I maintain and always say if I've got a feeling there is probably people in here that have their own water system. I dare say if they had the water tested there would be fecal material in it, just a trace. Maybe just a trace of cat. I serve the people consistently, I have heard we want industry, well you got to have water and sewer, schools and on and on. I have consistently voted to do that, and Mandy thank you very

much because I am finally old enough to be drawing something and I appreciate you paying in. I did it all my life too. I see both sides of the whole thing but there is more good that comes out of it than there is bad. I listen to the people and I wish more people voted but they don't. I follow the peoples wishes, I got voted out. Praise God, probably the best thing that ever happened to me because we have went through the most gosh awful budget situation in the history of the county and it was like drinking cat water. If you had sent me down there to Mom's reservoir and said take drink, Bob with the cat bobbing up and down or what is left of it. That is how bad it was, I have done the best I can and that is what democracy is in the United States. The United States is probably the worst form of government in the world except for everybody else and that is how I look at it. I make mistakes that I absolutely anguish over some of these decisions. I am very concerned that we could belly up the Public Service Authority. If we belly it up then all of these voices from years and years say when are you going to get industry, you don't get it with no water. I respect the voters and I pray that the next person has his cake and can eat it too and pleases everybody. I find you can't do that. I am not bitter its just not any fun. I came close to submitting my resignation, I don't even like some of the things that I do, and I get ticked off with myself. I just wish he was my twin brother and I would tear into him with a mattock, but you can't do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I didn't mean to preach.

Mr. Robbie McCraw stated, Mr. Patton, to answer your question God, that is who I serve. I am on this Board and I serve the people of Carroll County. I have to serve all 30,000 people of this county. I look at it like this, I am told over in Matthew that if I serve God and do what I'm supposed to, I am supposed to be concerned about my neighbors as much as I am about God. That means I should love them the way I love myself and if it come to a point in my life that you needed water or anything that I could help you with, I would be glad to do it and pay whatever I need to pay. I know what you are saying, and I understand what you are saying. I did say in October that this needed to be fixed that it was not right, and it is still not right. I have talked to people and I have contacted USDA personally myself in Richmond and in Washington DC. We still do not have a guarantee of what they will do if we do away with this mandatory ordinance. There has to be some type of agreement made whether it is an availability agreement, whether we buy bonds, whatever it is that they can be guaranteed that they will be able to collect the money that is there that is due them. That is why until we can get some answers, we need to weigh it all out. I would also like for those of you that are non-users, you have several acres of property around the three pieces of property you own in Cliffview. If your well goes bad you have a place to move and get water or dig another well. If you have not looked at the state requirements for where a well can be placed on an existing piece of property you need to look at that. It is found over in the state code, I think it is chapter 630 and section 590, I believe. I would have to go back and look for sure. It speaks to all the limitations of where a well and a new well can go and if you have a small lot you are not going to be able to dig another well. If you don't have access to water what are you going to do. I am in that situation. If my well at my house goes dry, I don't have a place that I can put another well. It concerns me about placing more debt on all the citizens of Carroll County, it concerns me about the people that have access to water and have access to good clean water that they can get to if they need to and don't have to dig a new well. I have looked into the water quality some, not a lot and I understand your concerns with the fluoride and the treatments that it takes but I think that is once again another requirement that USDA requires for the water to be treated at certain levels. I appreciate everybody for being here tonight. I hate that we are having the issues that we are having. Mr. Robinson, what I said and what I done was not political and I don't agree with you saying that to me and asking that question. That is all I have to say and thank you.

A citizen from the audience asked if he could ask a question. You said you would do anything to help someone get water. You have a brother beside you that doesn't have water, what have you done.

Mr. Robbie McCraw said this man right here don't have water, he is like me I don't have access to water. If my well goes dry I have no access to water. I have water in a well, that is the only kind of water I have.

Mr. Phillip McCraw said I don't like to be different, but I have been an opponent to the non-user fee since day one. The Supervisors came to St. Paul School a few years ago and presented a mandatory water hookup and five of them got voted out. That was the people speaking. Then they created the PSA which you and I can't vote on and they went into debt and we are putting a million a year of taxpayer's money from the county into it. We voted I thought to end it in July and now we have postponed it a little further out. My vote then was promised to you that it would end in July and I still stick with my vote then. We don't know what affect it is going to have but we are done kicking it down the road. I don't like to be different, but I stood right there and talked to the PSA and I've talked to them out on the road. I never got listened to, they just wouldn't listen to me. I have talked to Supervisors and they wouldn't listen to me, so I had a chance to vote on it and I voted my feelings. Thank you.

Mr. Hill said before I speak, I want to get council to speak about the undisclosed locations and time, so everybody understands what we are talking about when we are looking for candidates for the County Administrator job or interim job. There has been some misconception out there about what that is, so I am going to have him address it.

Mr. Durbin said that it has come to my attention that certain members of the public have raised some concerns about the Board of Supervisors announcement at a recent public meeting that it would be having a future meeting or meetings at an undisclosed location and undisclosed times in the next 15 days to interview for candidates for Chief Administrative Officer of the County. I can understand why some might raise these concerns, it may seem like it is a little bit secretive or cloak and dagger if you will. It is permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3712 B which provides that the notice provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any closed meetings of any public body held solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Prior to any such closed meeting for the purpose of interviewing candidates the public body should announce in an open meeting that such closed meeting shall be held at a disclosed or undisclosed location within 15 days thereafter. I think a couple of observations are in order with that. First, note that this exception is limited to one circumstance and one circumstance only and that is interviewing candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Generally, the Freedom of Information Act sets forth a strong policy that even closed sessions should be at least conducted at an announced date and time, so the public knows what is going on and what topics are being discussed. For situations when we are discussing litigation or contract negotiations or economic development deals or disposition of real property, those topics are entered into after a public vote at an announced time and place, so the public knows that these topics are being discussed. It is a little different with this one provision that justifies a deviation from our normal procedure and that is because the General Assembly wanted to enable at least a little privacy to the applicants so as to encourage the best applicants to come forward. If you put yourself in the position of someone who might be interested in putting in an application for the position of Chief Administrative Officer, you may not be ready for your current employer to know that you are looking elsewhere or that you are at least testing the waters and you may not be ready for the rest of the community and your friends and family to know about that. If there is no provision for confidentiality at least for the interview stage, it could act to discourage qualified people for the job from putting in an application. The public is rightly interested in knowing who may be seeking the position but on the other hand the General Assembly was concerned that this would prevent good people from applying for these jobs. The compromise that was struck between these two competing interests was that the governing body of the locality can meet for only this one purpose. No other public business is discussed and can only be done for interviews for the Chief Administrative

Officer, not any other positions. This is the same procedure that was utilized in the past when the County has conducted County Administrator searches. The balance to that is that the Freedom Of Information Act provides that although the Board of Supervisors can meet in this manner for this limited purpose, once a successful candidate is selected the contract is made public, the salary is made public and the terms of employment are made public. No public business is conducted in private; it is really just to protect the applicants and to encourage the best people to apply. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer.

Mr. Hill said it comes to my time. I serve all the people; I serve my country and I serve God, but I don't do a good job at that. I have been opposed to the mandatory hookups but when I look at it as Chairman, we have two people that are not here that would have a major vote and it could be changed whichever way that would go. I know both of their feelings on it so I am not sure how the vote would have went, but it is not fair when those folks are not here to make a major vote on the PSA water. I just wanted to point that out. I am out of water. I collect water off my roof to wash clothes, I put water in a bucket to flush the toilet, I do those things. I would love to have water, but I am so far out that I am not going to ask the County to put water out that far. Fortunately, with all this rain my well is better but it is still sputters every now and then, I get a little mud. These are things we have to look at, is it right to charge somebody \$6, is it right to charge them nothing. I think anybody that has land along the water line has to pay something when it is put in there but we should have meetings, every household should receive a letter saying this is what we are going to do so you have an opportunity beforehand. Whether or not that was done in the past, I don't know on the last project because it seems like that last project is specific to a certain area. I don't know, I can't make that assessment accurately. Going forward we try to improve this the best we can, and we try to make the best decisions that we can. I sit up at night thinks about this. I think about the budget and how much money that people are asking for. Those things are what really bothers me more so than you know the other things that we look at. We just don't have a resource rich County as far as financial stuff. We don't have big money people here so to speak like Montgomery County. I am not going to apologize for asking any School Board member any question about the budget or anybody from the County about what the budget is going to be. That is my job, that is what people elected me to look into these things and I'm going to continue to do it as long as I am on here. Same way with the water, I look at that and study it. Constantly I am looking up stuff on the water and the sewer, on our budgets, on our debt policies. I look at the fund balance policy that we are not caught up to speed yet. These are all things this Board has worked on and tried to do to the best of our knowledge. It hurts when you get this criticized on the amount of work I put in and a lot of these Board members put in to looking at everything with this county. Yes, you criticize my decision, I don't have a problem with that but don't criticize my work. I will diligently look at everything that we have. We meet with the Constitutionals; I meet with any person that wants to talk about anything that we are doing.

Mr. Martin asked if it would be possible to not have a meeting tomorrow?

Mr. Hill replied yes, I will phone in reference to the undisclosed location and time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTES

Mr. Webb	Not Present
Mr. Phillip McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Not Present
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk