

The Carroll County Industrial Development Authority held a special called meeting Dec. 23, 2015, at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.

Members present: Chairman Barry Hicks, Vice-Chairman Clinton Willie, Richard Sowers, Benny Robinson, Andy Jackson and Secretary Larry Chambers.

Also, Gary Larrowe, County Administrator and IDA Administrator; Nikki Cannon, interim county administrator.

**Closed Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Willie, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously, the Authority entered into a closed meeting, for disposition of property, prospective business discussion and discussion of Legal Matters in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A1, A3, A5, A7) of the Code of Virginia.

**Return to Regular Session – Certification**

On a motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Robinson and approved, the IDA returned to regular session and adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Authority has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-3711 (A1, A3, A5, A7) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Authority.

**Natural Gas Line Sale**

The meeting was held for the purpose of selling the county's natural gas system to Appalachian Natural Gas based in Abingdon.

Mr. Larrowe said the State Corporation Commission had approved the sale.

After returning to regular session, Mr. Chambers made the motion to authorize Mr. Hicks, IDA chairman, to execute and transfer the county's natural gas system to Appalachian Natural Gas and all documents, permits and transfers needed for the operation of the system, including sale of assets and contracts for purchases to supply natural gas. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hicks made remarks about the sale, along with Mr. Larrowe and Mr. John Ebert, CEO/President of Appalachian Natural Gas.

The sales price was \$400,000 Carroll County will also receive a small percentage from the company's natural gas profits for the next 40 years. The sale is effective Jan. 1, 2016.

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**Classic Creations Agreement Amended**

Mr. Jackson made the motion to modify the economic development proposal dated Nov. 7, 2012, involving the tools and machinery. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, and approved.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Willie made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sowers, and approved.

**NOTE: The next meeting of the IDA will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.**

**Chairman:**

**Secretary:**

