

The Carroll County Economic Development Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2021, at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.

Members present: Chairman Larry Edwards, Kay Carter, Marty Hall, Greg Hawks, Terry Russell, Martin Slate, Mandi McCraw via phone

Others: Michael Watson, Nathan Lyons

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order and lead in pledge.

Mr. Slate lead in invocation.

MINUTES

Mr. Hawks made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCraw to approve the November 17, 2021, minutes.

Motion passes with all signifying aye.

Mr. Hawks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slate to approve the December 9, 2021, minutes.

Motion passes with all signifying aye.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hawks to approve the Treasurers Report as presented.

Motion passes with all signifying aye.

CLAIMS

Ms. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hawks to approve payment of invoices as presented.

Motion passes with all signifying aye.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER & SEWER GRANTS

Mr. Watson told you have received a list of applications. This grant will approve up to a certain amount based on the connection fee. In order to approve these there is some contingency. We require the application filled out, a service agreement, we also have to have a W9 in place before the work is done. Some of these are for future homes. If

those are approved, it will be with the understanding as long as funds are available. If we run out of funds and they haven't started the project we will go from there.

Mr. Edwards asked if we are going to look at time periods or just the funds. Some of these have not been started.

Mr. Watson told we have not even advertised it yet. I am sure we will get more. We will continue to take application.

Ms. McCraw asked if there is a time frame that the funds have to be exhausted.

Mr. Watson replied the funds have to be spent by December 31, 2024.

Ms. McCraw asked if we will approve each application on a one-to-one basis or as a group.

Mr. Watson told we can do it either way. These applications have emails and phone numbers, but I could read the name and we can approve that way.

Ms. McCraw told her concern is there is an applicant that applied multiple times and I wonder if we might better serve the citizens if we gave that multiple applicant one and reserve the rest for other people.

Mr. Watson told one thing on the multiple applications, because of the time of construction I don't think any of them are going to happen right this minute. We can put it off for 30 days until we approve those.

Mr. Edwards told the issue is on the multiple ones. Would it be feasible that we look at approving the remainder and hold on the others.

Mr. Watson told there are two that say they are starting in 30 days. We can hold off on the others.

Mr. Hawks told some of the applications do not have a date of when they are requesting the service. I wonder if those are existing homes and they want it right away.

Mr. Edwards told we could put a stipulation on it that it has to be started within a set period of time.

Mr. Hawks told once it gets advertised there is going to be a good pool of applicants. That may take care of itself.

Mr. Edwards told it would be good if we could move on the majority of these things.

Mr. Hawks made a motion that we approve the applications that have a specified date and table the others until the next meeting.

Mr. Russell seconded the motion.

Mr. Edwards told that would e a total of 12 applications.

The motion passed with all signifying aye

AUDITOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCraw to approve the Auditor Engagement Letter with Robinson Farmer & Cox.

The motion passed with all signifying aye.

SALE OF CARBIDE PLANT

Mr. Edwards told he would like to table this until later.

Mr. Lyons told there was a previous motion to review selling this. We were contacted about the ownership of the property. I have gotten the big plat and we are going to have to do some further investigation. There was a discrepancy in a previous deed around 2010 and we need to investigate further.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711

Mr. Hawks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carter to enter Closed Session under Section 2.2-3711 A5.

The motion passed with all members present signifying aye.

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Slate made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hawks to come out of Closed Session.

The motion passed with all members present signifying aye.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Edwards certified the following:

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Economic Development Authority 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 Economic Development Authority 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.

Roll call certification as follows:

AYES:	Larry Edwards	Kay Carter
	Marty Hall	Gregg Hawks
	Terry Russell	Mandi McCraw
	Martin Slate	

AUTHORIZED SIGNER FOR CONTRACT

Mr. Hawks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russell to authorize Mr. Watson and/or Mr. Slate to sign the contract of sale, deed and proceeds from hail damage, all for the Day Care Center property.

The motion passes with all signifying aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hawks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carter to adjourn the meeting.