

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Town of Hillsville – Carroll County  
Public Hearing  
Commission on Local Government  
7:00 p.m., November 15, 2010  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
Carroll County Government Center  
605-1 Pine Street  
Hillsville, Virginia**

**Members Present**

Harold H. Bannister, Jr., Chairman  
Wanda C. Wingo, Vice Chairman  
Vola T. Lawson  
Kathleen K. Seefeldt  
Cole Hendrix

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Susan Williams, Local Government Policy Manager  
Zack Robbins, Senior Policy Analyst

**Call to Order**

Commission Chairman Harold H. Bannister, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2010 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the Carroll County Government Center in Hillsville, Virginia.

**I. Public Hearing on Proposed Voluntary Settlement Agreement**

**A. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman**

Mr. Bannister welcomed those in attendance and explained that the Commission scheduled the public hearing as part of its review of the proposed voluntary settlement agreement negotiated by the Town of Hillsville and Carroll County. Mr. Bannister then introduced the members of the Commission

and the staff and called on Ms. Williams to provide an overview of the review process as well as an update on the activities that have taken place to date.

### **B. Overview by the Policy Manager**

Ms. Williams stated that the proposed agreement provides for the immediate annexation to the Town of Hillsville of approximately 610.8 acres of territory located in Carroll County; revenue sharing with respect to certain taxes collected from that annexed area; waiver of future annexation and city status rights by the Town for a period of 40 years; and settlement of pending litigation and resolution of water and sewer services issues between the Town and the County.

Ms. Williams noted that the public hearing was advertised by notice published in The Carroll News and The Galax Gazette on October 27 and again on November 3. She further stated that notice of the public hearing was provided to the appropriate local government officials.

Ms. Williams then described the authority for the Commission's review of the agreement and summarized the activities that have occurred in connection with the review to date. Ms. Williams stated that the Commission's record in this matter will remain open for the receipt of additional comment until November 30, 2010 and that the Commission will endeavor to issue its report prior to the end of January 2011.

Mr. Bannister then opened the floor to receive comments from the public.

### **C. Public Hearing**

Acknowledging that no one had signed up in advance to testify at the public hearing, Mr. Bannister asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak. Mr. Gary Larrowe, Carroll County

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Administrator, stood and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to host the Commission, and he thanked the members for the work that they were doing for the County and Town.

Mr. Bannister then asked whether the audience was comprised of citizens or representatives of the local governments, and, in response, Mr. Larrowe described the audience members as elected officials, members of the press, attorneys and two citizens.

Mr. Bannister asked the two citizens if they had any interest in addressing the Commission. Mr. John Nobili declined to approach the podium but stated his appreciation for the work that the County had done on his behalf as well as his preference that the Town's boundaries remain as is.

No other person appeared to testify before the Commission during the public hearing. Mr. Hendrix then made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mrs. Lawson and unanimously approved by the Commission.

#### **D. Closing Statement by the Chairman**

The Chairman expressed the Commission's appreciation to the speakers for the comments they provided.

## **II. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Harold H. Bannister, Jr.  
Chairman

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Susan B. Williams  
Local Government Policy Manager