

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
And Troutdale Town Council
Joint Informational Meeting at TVFD
November 26, 2018

Board of Supervisors attending were: Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant and Mike Hash and Thomas R. Revels. Brenda R. Sutherland was unable to attend.

William L. Shepley and Mitchell L. Smith were in attendance as well.

Supervisor Belton called the Board of Supervisors to order since a quorum was present.

Mr. Shepley updated Troutdale Town Council on the following:

- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and filling out the Community Health Assessment Survey along with the need for physicians/assistants in the other areas of the county - it will take 18-24 months once they've made their decision
- The County has contacted Dollar General regarding locations in the western end of Grayson County
- Broadband and the need for this in the western end of the County – RFP has been advertised with the deadline being December 1, 2018. Supervisor Fant noted that the county was awarded money from the Tobacco Commission for towers. The County is doing an RFP to locate providers to increase connectivity in the County. We'll be looking at 2-3 years for it to be in place and that's only if everything goes smoothly. We want to make it a more attractive community, so the young people will want to stay here.
- Increasing emphasis on tourism and Will Crawford's role as Tourism Director along with exploring the possibilities with Mount Rogers School and the western end of the County
- County's involvement in building a high-tech center in the Baywood School
- Mentioned the Tiny Homes idea with a medical facility
- Improving education in our area

Supervisor Fant asked what the town needed help with and they responded by stating that they need a store and a restaurant. A lot of dollars are coming through Troutdale but not many are stopping. Supervisor Fant noted that a welcome center and more signs are needed at the entrance points in the County.

Mayor Billy Mitchell noted that Troutdale has not seen the Mount Rogers Manager in over a month plus they do not get calls back from the Mount Rogers representative regarding the housing projects on problems. Supervisor Fant asked about doing another

housing project in Troutdale and Mayor Mitchell noted he would be hesitant to do anymore. It was noted that Mr. Shepley would talk with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and see what's going on.

Mayor Mitchell noted that there are three (3) companies that have shown an interest in locating in Grayson County.

Mayor Mitchell noted that 65% of the people in Troutdale area are age 60 or older.

Mr. Smith inquired about David Rutherford retiring and his replacement. Mayor Mitchell noted they are working on a replacement.

Supervisor Belton mentioned the brewery restaurant concept and how this is a grouping business.

Discussion took place regarding having a doctor in Whitetop three (3) days per week and two (2) days per week in Troutdale.

The question was raised about the towers that will be put in and is Troutdale still on the list to receive one – Supervisor Fant answered that the short answer is it seems to make sense for it to be somewhere in Troutdale.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 4-0.

Brenda R. Sutherland, Chair