

MEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY
MARCH 10, 2008
CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
BOARD MEETING ROOM
HILLSVILLE, VA
2:10 P M

CALL TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 2:10 p. m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members presents included: David Hutchins, Chairman, Wesley Hurst, Vice-Chairman, Sam Dickson, Thomas Littrell, Andrew Jackson and Manus McMillian. Also present were Ray E. Hill, Director of Operations, Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer of the Authority, Kevin Heath, Adams-Heath Engineering and Gary Larrowe, County Administrator.

Mr. Hutchins called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson and duly carried, the Authority does hereby approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL, CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Jackson and duly carried, the Authority does hereby approve the payroll, transfer and claims presented as follows: NOTE: The claims are on file in the Public Service Authority office.

Check # 13469 -Test Pattern

Check # 13470- 13476 Payroll in the amount of \$975.47

Check # 15428 -Hillsville Post Master in the amount of \$2,000.00

Check # 15429 – 15478 Claims in the amount of \$98,625.13

Check # 15479 – 15484 Transfer in the amount of \$50,839.43

Check # 15485- American Electric Power in the amount of \$1,758.19

Gladeville/Cranberry Water –Check #1258 Carroll County Public Service Authority Operating Account in the amount of \$18,050.37

Gladeville/Cranberry Water- Check #1259 Local Governmental Investment Pool in the amount of \$617.60

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Gladeville/Cranberry Water-Check# 1260 Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$651.83
Gladeville/Cranberry Water- Check # 1261 Adams- Heath Engineering \$81,600.00
Gladeville/Cranberry Sewer- Check # 1173 Carroll County Public Service Authority Operating Account in the amount of \$10,539.02
Gladeville/Cranberry Sewer-Check #1174 Local Governmental Investment Pool in the amount of \$597.70
Rt. 100 Water- Check # 1177 Carroll County Public Service Authority Operating Account in the Amount of \$30,137.17
Rt. 100 Water- Check #1178 Local Governmental Investment Pool in the amount of \$229.70
Woodlawn Water- Check #1165 Carroll County Public Service Authority Operating Account in the amount of \$4,434.58
Woodlawn Water- Check # 1165 Local Governmental Investment Pool in the amount of \$375.90
Canawater- Check #1165 Carroll County Public Service Authority Operating Account in the Amount of \$573.80

(ORDER)

Presentation Self Help Program –Jimmy Wallace

Mr. Wallace stated the Self-Help Virginia program brings water and wastewater systems to small rural communities that are in serious need of such systems but are unable to afford the costs of traditionally constructed projects.

Mr. Wallace explained how the program works and the steps to a successful project.

Mr. Dickson asked is Mr. Wallace had looked at the Happy Hollow area?

Mr. Wallace stated he had not looked at a project area.

Mr. Wallace stated it would be best for the PSA to have a meeting with the community and see if they would be interest in the self help program and fill out income surveys to see if they would qualify.

Citizen to be Heard

Joel Hill-Mr. Hill is requesting the amount he paid on a vacant lot for more than three years to be refunded.

Alan Akers/Five Forks Road- Mr. Akers spoke to the authority regarding his mandatory water bill.

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Chat Payne/Five Forks Road- Mr. Payne requested a free water connection for his mother on Five Forks Road. He stated they had dug a new well that cost \$15,000.00 about the time the water came through.

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It was consensus of the Authority for Ms. Montgomery to work out a payment plan for the connection fee with the PSA office.

Roger Edwards/Airport- Mr. Edwards addressed the authority concerning his mandatory water bill.

Audra Richardson, Rev. James Price, Joe Batchlor, and John Lewis- They spoke to the authority regarding water for Sylvatus area.

Mary Price- Mrs. Price spoke to the authority regarding water for the Mitchell's Crossroads area.

(ORDER)

Life Center of Galax

It was the consensus of the authority

(ORDER)

Estimate Epworth Church Road

Mr. Hill will report back to the authority on the number of residents that would sign up for county water.

(ORDER)

Estimate Proposed Coffee Shop

Mr. Hill stated the Coffee Shop is building a drive though coffee shop. The estimate will be part of these minutes.

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Invoice for County Manor Estates

Mr. Hill stated that County Manor will be extending their mobile home park this is the invoice for 11 meters that County Manor Estates will be paying for and installing.

Old Mill Request

Mr. Hill stated that Old Mill is requesting that the PSA take over their water and sewer system. There are forty connections, the connections are not metered. Mr. Hill is requesting that he and staff work on this and come back to the authority next month with a recommendation.

Hungry Farmer Request

Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Gibson, Health Department had spoken to him about Hungry Farmer experiencing a sewer problem. They are not going to be able to purchase additional land to expand the sewer system. The request is would this authority consider just looking at the lower half of Cana having sewer service possible to be pump to City of Mount Airy.

Mr. McMillian asked if it would just be the residential and commercial on US 52.

Mr. Hill stated at this time it would just service US52.

(ORDER)

It was the consensus of the authority for Mr. Hill to do the preliminary work to see if there is a possible of working with City of Mount Airy.

Piper Gap Water

Dr. Littrell stated that several residents have request water on Pipers Gap.

Mr. Hill stated the PSA could have a public meeting in the Pipers Gap area and see how many user agreements are obtained.

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ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ROUTE 100/AIRPORT ROAD CONNECTOR AND FANCY GAP WATER FROM VIRGINIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and duly carried, the Authority does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the application for funding of the Route 100/Airport Road Connector Water Line and Fancy Gap Water Line to the Virginia Health Department. The Authority also authorizes Mr. Hill to sign the application.

(ORDER)

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING AUSTINVILLE/620 CONNECTOR FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and duly carried, the Authority does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the application for funding of the Austinville/620 Connector Water Line to the Rural Development. The Authority also authorizes Mr. Hill to sign the application.

(ORDER)

Star Construction Request

Mr. Hill stated that Star Construction is request is wave the water deposit.

It was consensus of the Authority to follow PSA policy and require Star Construction to pay a water deposit.

Project Up-Dates

620/Airport Road

Mr. Hill stated that Mid-Atlanta Storage has accepted the counteroffer for settlement in the amount of \$45,075. They also will provide a 10-year extended performance warranty.

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell does hereby authorizes Mr. Hill sign to accept the negotiation of payment and warrant once this has been approved by council.

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Fancy Gap Water

Mr. Hill stated that the application for Fancy Gap will be sent to the Health Department to apply for funding. We have the 50% of the user agreement that are needed to qualify.

(ORDER)

Approval to advertize Proposal for Engineering and Design Services

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve to advertize for Proposal for Engineering and Design Services for Fancy Gap Water Design. The RFP is to be post on the State and County web also ad in the Carroll and Galax paper.

Sylvatus Extension & Mitchell's Crossroad

Mr. Hill stated Mount Rogers Planning District will be working on income surveys for both Sylvatus and Mitchell's Crossroad.

Exit 19 Sewer

Mr. Hill stated the Exit 19 Sewer is under design.

Exit 1 Water/Sewer

Mr. Hill stated the well driller is on site and not have any luck; he has hit mud we are not very optimist about what is going to happen.

Mr. McMillian asked how deep they are.

Mr. Heath stated 208 feet. We are just waiting to see what we need to do. We may need to move to another site.

Happy Hollow/Pridemore

It was consensus of the Authority to hold a meeting with Happy Hollow and Pridemore Road to discuss the Self Help Program.

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APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL WATER NEGOTIATION TEAM

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and duly carried, the Authority does hereby appointment Mr. Hurst and Dr. Littrell to negotiate with Wythe County on the Regional Water Project.

(ORDER)

CLOSED MEETING-PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711 A (3) COSIDERATION FO THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE DISCUSSION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BARGAINING POSITION OR NEGOTIATING STRATEAY OF THE PUBLIC BODY

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson and duly carried, the Authority entered into Closed Meeting at 4:35 p. m. until 4:45 p.m. for the discussion of contract agreement in the accordance with Section 2.2-3711 A (3).

(ORDER)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Dr. Littrell and duly carried the Authority adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Authority has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and accordance with the provisions of Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 A (3) of the code of Virginia requires a certification of the 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 requirement by Virginia law were discussed in this Closed meeting in which this certification were identified in this motion concerning the Closed Meeting were heard, or considered by the Authority certification resolution applies, and (11) only such public business matters as were identified in this motion concerning the Closed Meeting were heard, or considered by the Authority.

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Approval to advertize RFP for Banking Services

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Dr. Littrell and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve to advertize RFP for Banking Services.

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Approval of Additional Claim

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. McMillian and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the additional claim in the amount of \$1758.19.

Check # 15485- America Electric Power in the amount of \$1,758.19

Approval of Joel Hill Request

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hurst and duly carried, the Authority does hereby approve to refund Mr. Hill in the amount of \$1,458.10.

(ORDER)

Authority Members Time

Mr. McMillian stated thank everyone that came out today without the public input sometimes we do not know what is going on. As far as water in areas like Sylvatus our Chairman made a very important point these project needs to break even. Sometimes it does not come down to dollars and cents; sometimes we are a little bit in the red on these things. But as long as we are in the red because we are taken care of citizens of Carroll County sometimes we have to be in the red.

Dr. Littrell stated that some of the questions we had in the PSA referred to the agreement these folks signed. We need to have very clear agreements that are carefully explained to these folks. Particularly the gray haired or no haired like I am because there does seem to be some confession. I thank the board should look at this agreement so this does not come up in the future.

Mr. Jackson stated everyone that came out today and we do have open ears.

Mr. Hurst stated thank everyone for coming out.

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Mr. Hutchins stated it has been a long day. There was important issue discussed and important to listen. We have the same problems across the county with lack of water. When we campaigned I think each of us heard and we say we would try to go another foot or 100 yards whatever we could do and that is our goal. Thank each one that came out.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Jackson duly carried, the Authority does hereby adjourn at 4:50 p. m. Until their next meeting to be held on April 14, 2008 p. m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

David Hutchins, Chairman

Ray E. Hill, Director of Operations

Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer

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