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CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
JANUARY 12, 2015
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CALLED TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included Sam Dickson, Chairman, William Payne, Vice Chairman, Thomas Littrell, David Hutchins, James Light and Jeanette Dalton. Also present was Executive Director Gary Larrowe and Dana Phillips, Assistant Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority.

CLOSED MEETING – PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2.2-3711A(1) DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, A(7) CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins and seconded by Dr. Litrell and duly carried the Authority does hereby enter into Closed Meeting at 2:07 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. for discussion of Personnel 2.2-3711.A-1 and Consultation with Legal 2.2-3711A-7.

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins and seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried by the Authority does hereby convene out of closed meeting.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins and seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried by the Authority does hereby adopt the following resolution.

Whereas Section 2.2-3711.A (1) of the Code of Virginia Requires Certification of the Authority that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law:

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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 requirements by Virginia law were discussed in this Closed Meeting in which this certification as 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.

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Fred Ford Martin:

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, you went to school with my wife. Are you Jeanette Dalton? You and I talked when they started this and they said I did not have to take this water, over on Trout Branch Road. There is no way you can go up my yard on account of the power lines and sewer lines unless you go straight up my driveway and I graveled that two years ago and I don't want that disturbed. Besides that, I draw social security and my wife draws a little off me. I have nothing left I had \$7.00, then I went and got some medicine and I only have about 3 or 4 dollars now. I'm the fourth house out there it is a spilt level, which Mrs. Gravely says it looks so small its 1550 square feet its big enough for me and her. We have good water, I took out all of the copper pipe and put in plastic pipe and I put in a filtering system in because every three months or so it is a little brown. I cannot afford \$24.00 a month we had \$7.00 left. I have a homestead deed and a reverse mortgage since 2006. There is over \$80,000 against it started out at \$15,000 they took most of it I didn't get but \$23,000 they added all that other on and been adding on ever since. I'd sell it and go way far out in the country where you boys wouldn't bring the water. Cause I don't want to drink no river water. I do not like anything that you guys put in it what is it chloride or something.

Mr. Dickson: Yes and whatever it needs it's tested regularly.

Mr. Martin: When I was in the hospital I didn't drink it I'm satisfied with what I got, I would appreciate it if you'd let me go.

Mr. Dickson: Has it been checked to see if he is in the parameters?

Mr. Martin: It is 156 feet to the front of the house and 165 to the well; it is right behind the house.

Mr. Dickson: Our ordinance states that if you are within 200 feet.

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Mr. Martin: I know what the ordinance says. I will not be able to pay it I want to tell you right straight I never lie about anything and I do not like people who lie to me. I can't take that water, I won't pay for it if you bill me, I'm not being smart or nothing I just telling you straight I'm making it the best I can.

Mr. Dickson: You are one of those that get caught in there when you do something that is betterment for the majority there is some that it is not good for. But we do not have an allowance in there that allows us to back up and change it if we did have to change the whole thing.

Mr. Martin: You can bill me but you won't get it I figure. I just don't have the money.

Mr. Dickson: I understand sir and I appreciate you coming up here.

Mr. Martin: I just wanted to be honest

Mrs. Dalton: Mr. Chairman, I want to tell Mr. Martin that I do not tell people that they do not have to pay.

Mr. Martin: You told me over the phone, I called you said well you do not have to if you do not want to. I can remember back all the way until I was 3 years old. You talked to me over the phone, I called you because you had sent me something in the mail about putting the water in out there and I told you I didn't want it. I wouldn't ever lie to you.

Mr. Dickson: We appreciate you telling us this, and thank you for coming.

Mr. Martin: I don't think that anyone ought to dictate like our presidents doing. I pay the taxes on that land I have a homestead deed there you can't come across it anyway. There is no room to come across it, the sewer line goes all the way over the power line. It was good seeing y'all I saw your pictures in the paper I have not seen y'all in person. I did not want to be mean.

Mr. Dickson: You were very polite and we thank you.

Mrs. Sharon Anderson: Good evening, I am the one who wants county water. I understand the situation when you are on a fixed income, and those bills. My husband and live on Mallory Road. This fall we dug our 6th well, we are down 600 feet and we are getting a pint a minute. So you are not allowed to do a whole lot. Many of my neighbors have already said no, a lot of them are on a fixed income as we are. I live at 1859 Mallory Road Woodlawn. Back in the fall, I got some water user agreements and I have distributed those. Three have signed, one definitely said no. I have picked up more today because there is a housing development around the curve, off

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Trapper on Mallory I do not know their water situation. Probably my husband and I want be alive when it comes through.

Mr. Dickson: We will try.

Mrs. Anderson: My son wants to move back from up New York, but they cannot move back until we get some water. They are used to public water; if you have never been without water, you do not know how to limit it. I do appreciate what you can do to speed up the process. We desperately need water. Thank you.

Mr. Dickson: We are in the early stages of that so we will try to keep you informed of what transpires.

Dr. Littrell: I spoke to Mrs. Anderson the other day; she had missed both our meetings. She did not get notice. I mention we need a spark plug in the area to get things; maybe she would be the spark plug.

(ORDER)

Mr. Dickson: Next on the agenda is the consent agenda, everything is normal. Mr. Cornwell I believe you have one item.

Mr. Cornwell: Mr. Chairman you have in your approval items Addendum to the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Service with City of Galax. As you know, the PSA and the county currently have an agreement with the City of Galax to treat wastewater. This is an addendum to add more capacity. The figures may change a little bit, but I would ask you to approve the agreement subject to some deviation of the numbers. Galax is looking at this now.

Mr. Dickson: Approval with deviation of some numbers.

Mr. Cornwell: Yes, deviation of treatment capacity that Galax can provide.

Mr. Dickson: Ok, We will go ahead and leave this approval item in the consent agenda. Knowing the there could be deviation in the treatment capacity Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Service with the City of Galax.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins and seconded by Dr. Littrell, and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the consent agenda, section A, B, and C. Including the item Mr. Cornwell just spoke about. The Wastewater Treatment Service Agreement with the City of

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Galax with a slight deviation of the number wastewater gallon to be treated based on engineering numbers. The January 12, 2015 minutes were also approved, they are on file in the PSA office. The claims are also on file in the PSA office. They are as follows:

Claims

End of December Claims Check # 20575 - #20577 - \$35,539.68

Beginning of January Claims Check # 20578 - #20625 - \$182,363.75

Transfer for claims

Fancy Gap Sewer to Operating for claims -\$35,000.00

CCPSA to Operating beginning of January claims - \$182,363.75

Transfer for reserves

CCPSA to Debt Reserve - \$8,614.50

Old Business

Fire hydrant for Commonwealth has been delivered.

Chris/Devo Street, Foggy Ridge Road bid came in at \$67,620.00.

Engineer As- Needed you have seen the selected firms.

Consulting Engineer will be interviewed three firms.

Project Updates

I-77 Exit 1 Water - Construction

Contractor (Eastern Tank and Utility Services) has completed construction of all water lines and service meters, the water storage tank, and pump station. Some work is still being completed on the SCADA system. The Contractor is currently completing pressure testing of all main lines. Once all lines pass the leak tests, bacteriological testing will be completed. A Substantial Completion inspection will then be scheduled and the system can be placed into service.

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Fancy Gap Water & Sewer - Construction Phase

Water –

All original construction has been completed and all original construction contracts have been closed out. USDA-RD did authorize the CCPSA's request to use a portion of remaining contingency funds for equipment purchases.

For the CCPSA's contingency fund water line extensions (Devo, Chris, Foggy Ridge), bids were received at 2:00 PM on December 17th. A total of eight (8) bids were received and the low bidder was CW Cauley & Son of Patrick Springs (same contractor that completed Coon Ridge) with a low bid of \$67,620 – which was within budget. USDA-RD reviewed the bid materials and authorized the construction contract to be awarded. The Notice of Award has been issued. The contractor is securing the bonds and insurance for the project. Once these materials are returned and are approved by USDA-RD, a Preconstruction Conference will be scheduled and construction can begin.

Sewer -

All original construction has been completed and closed out. USDA-RD did authorize the CCPSA's request to use remaining contingency funds for equipment purchases.

Coon Ridge Water – Construction Phase

All construction is completed and all original construction contracts have been closed out. USDA-RD did authorize the CCPSA's request to use remaining contingency funds for equipment purchases.

Cliffview Water – Design Phase

Plans have been submitted to regulatory agencies for permitting, review comments received, and comments have been addressed. The Health Department has verbally approved the plans, but have not received the official approval letter. PSA staff working toward securing easements in advance of advertising for bids.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Cana Sewer - No engineering activity during this month.

Oakland Water Study – No engineering activity during this month.

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Meadowbrook Water Improvements Study – No engineering activity during this month.

Sheeptown Water Study – No engineering activity during this month.

Cana Water SEARCH Grant – The CCPSA issued a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for this project.

New Business

Opening The Valve Ceremony (Exit 1) - February 19th hopefully, you will be informed if this date will work for everyone. That date not set in stone.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS TIME

Dr. Littrell: I don't have much today I do feel for Mrs. Anderson and the folks that live up in her area that are having water problems. I think she was being very realistic that it not going to happen tomorrow. We will continue to work to get water service to county were needed.

Mr. Hutchins: Mr. Chairman, thank you. As we start a new year, it is always exciting; we look for new opportunities to do Self Help or to do other projects. It is sad you sit here and listen to Mr. Martin talked about the cost, if you have a heart you want to reach out and say we will do that. If you have a heart, on the other hand if you have a business situation such as we have with Rural Development, that if 51% or more want the project it becomes a mandatory project. Unfortunately that the only way you can get funding, when you put those numbers in to see if self supporting and sustainable. When your heart goes out there are probably 50 people or more that get water that did not have it before. Now they have water to do something else with. You can take a shower instead of sponge bath maybe. Those are the hard decisions you have to make; I do feel sorry for them. Unfortunately, we have to follow procedures we have in place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and William. I take back all the bad stuff I said earlier.

Mrs. Dalton: I really do not have anything. I feel for the people that have it and do not want it, also feel for the ones that not have it but want it.

Mr. Light: I do not really have anything. David made a good point everyone on this board take their decisions they make serious. On one hand, you have a person on this road that has no water,

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have one that has it but cannot pay for it. No one takes this job light heartedly; we try to do what's best for the majority. In the future, we will look at the situations best we can. Try to make the right decision that is all we can do.

Mr. Payne: Thank you for the vote of confidence to be Vice-Chairman. I will do all I can to help the board keep water flowing. We have people in the Cana area that need water badly like Mrs. Anderson. We have been working on that for some time now. Just hopefully some things will turn around here one of these days we will get some projects going.

Mr. Dickson: Thank you and I am sure you will do a wonderful job. I will add a little more to what Mr. Hutchins said. We would like to have 60% or better of the people that really need the water before we attempt a project. Coon Ridge was close to 90% and that is were Mr. Martin lived that he was caught in there. Had we not done the water project, we would have withheld water from 90% of the people that actually needed it. None of us like the mandatory charge but to get funded we have to abide by Rural Development rules our funding agency. That were we are caught. We have to do that. Mrs. Anderson sometimes there are other ways if we do not go up that road. There is a Self -Help Project that we can apply for where people on the road help with the project.

Do not give up if the system comes and it does not get to you sometime there are other ways.

(ORDER)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Dr. Littrell and seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried the Authority does hereby adjourn at 3:27 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on February 9,2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board of Supervisors meeting room.

W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

Gary Larrowe, Executive Director

Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer, Assistant Director