

MEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 12, 2010
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CALLED TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included: Andy Jackson, Chairman, Manus McMillian, Vice Chairman, Sam Dickson, David Hutchins, Thomas Littrell, and Jeanette Dalton. Also present were Gary Larrowe, Executive Director and Dana Phillips, Assistant Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Mr. Jackson—I would like to start off today by addressing something that is of great concern to our citizens, the Woodlawn Sewer smell/odor. We have put a great amount of time and diligence into working on this problem. We have tried some things, it is taking time. Some days what we are doing seems to help and some days it doesn't seem like we have done anything. We are going to keep working on this until the problem goes away. We will continue to keep everyone updated; we will not forget about this issue. I would like Mr. Kevin Heath to update you on what has been done.

Mr. Heath—A couple of things have happened since the last board meeting you attended. The PSA crew did try treating the pump station at Woodlawn with chemicals; the PSA has used this chemical at other pump stations with great success. It did seem to help to begin with, the odor was not as bad but it did not completely go away. Another product has been ordered to help absorb the odor. We continue to have a Plan B just in case what we are doing does not work. Ecosorb is the product we have ordered; it will act as a filter. I believe that in time as the system is used more and the flow is moving more that the odor will lessen on its own also.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA SECTIONS A, B, AND C

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the Consent Agenda for Sections A, B, and C. The Claims are on file in the PSA office.

Claims:

Check # 17531 to 17587 Claims in the amount of \$169,080.72.
Payroll Register-Auto-Draft in the amount of \$975.47.

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DEBT RESERVE TRANSFER

CCPSA to Debt Reserve \$ 3,770.90

TRANSFER FOR CLAIMS

CCPSA to Operating \$170,000.00

SECTION B: AUTHORITY APPROVAL ITEMS

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF PSA FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the PSA Fall Meeting Schedule. (Copy of schedule included in minutes.)

CITIZEN'S TIME

Robin Whittington-I can smell whatever you are putting in the system, so it is getting out into the air too. Two weekends ago was an awful time for us. The smell was so bad that you could smell it all day. You can't get out the door before you need to take two steps back. Mrs. Phillips, do you know if all the connections have been inspected? I know one that was not inspected and I wonder how many more of these cases there may be. Lou Faddis is the one that I know of and I do believe it has been corrected now but the inspector did not come out and the line was covered up. I want to know where water would be put into the sewer line. Mr. Heath stated that it would be the pump station near the Training Center. Mr. Heath also added that it is fair to say the odor has improved since the last meeting. ***Jim Whitten, Building Official, did address the Lou Faddis issue and everything was previously corrected.*

Gene Othic-There is a lot of discomfort in our neighborhood. This problem is a real aggravation on a day to day basis and sometimes it is hour to hour. At times the odor is not as bad but it is still not gone. I disagree with the thought that the flow is not moving as much during the night because some of the flow comes from Exit 14 which has hotels, restaurants, and gas stations and that traffic should pickup in the evening hours. It has also been mentioned that the stench in the house could be a result of poor plumbing and I disagree with that. My home is probably the oldest one in the neighborhood and all my traps and vents have been checked and things were in order to prevent the backflow of odor.

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Gene Othic (continued)-I think the problem is outside! All the fixes we have talked about are “quick” fixes, not long term fixes. Lets find out where the problem is and fix it with a long term solution. I worry about the health issues; my wife has breathing problems and this odor does affect her breathing. I have to take her away from home from time to time just so she can breathe some clean air. I would say that the folks who work with the PSA are doing what they are paid to do. I think somewhere back in time when the system was designed that there were problems with it that should have been fixed as the system was being installed. I hope that the system is fixed soon. I feel like my property value has gone down. If we can't get this problem fixed in the near future, then I would suggest to the county that our property taxes be reduced. I thank you for your time today.

Bridgett Payseur-We just got hooked up to sewer two weeks ago. Now, we have to deal with the odor in our sinks after running the water and a worsened stench in the house at times. I called to file a complaint with the PSA office and I was talked down to by the staff member. I was asked how old my home was and I was told maybe I had a dry drain. I do not appreciate those comments. My plumbing is brand new and the problem is not my plumbing, it is the sewer line outside. I just want it fixed so that I do not have to deal with this odor issue. My husband and I are both developing sore throats that are not from allergies; it is due to this problem.

***Mr. Larowe gave the Woodlawn Sewer citizens a copy of information about the Ecosorb product that has been ordered to be put into the system.*

David Vaughn-I would like to sign up for water. I came up to the office about a week ago and was told I had missed the deadline for the Long Range Water project and that my connection would not be free. I live at 95 Pleasant View Road near Laurel Elementary.

***Mr. Larowe addressed the Authority at this point to see if it might be possible to have an extension on the Long Range Water project sign ups from today through November 1, 2010, similar to the Woodlawn Sewer project extension. We would like to notify the citizens that we have denied free connections and also accept any new agreements.*

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(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF LONG RANGE WATER DEADLINE EXTENSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve to extend the deadline to sign up for free connection to the Long Range Water project from today through November 1, 2010. This will include everyone who approached the Authority since the deadline as well as new agreements.

David Vaughn- I will go down to the office and sign up right now. Thank you!

PROJECT UPDATES:

Woodlawn Sewer-Construction is complete. Landform is addressing the seeding issues and punch list items. The Final Cleanup Change Order has been prepared and submitted to Landform. Once this change order has been returned to the PSA it will be forwarded to Rural Development. (The sewer odor issue was addressed in detail earlier in this meeting.) Designs of upgrades to the existing Gladeville/Cranberry pump stations is near completion; the plans should be submitted to the PSA staff for review soon and will then be sent in to Rural Development for review.

Exit 19 Sewer-Construction is complete on original contract. All line work is complete and Ramey's is working on punch list items at this time. The sewer line extension design for Oakland Heights has been completed and DEQ has issued the permit. PSA staff is working on obtaining easements, the clean up change order for the original work area and the Oakland Heights extension is being prepared. Once the change order is approved, then work can begin at Oakland Heights.

Long Range Water- All 5 contracts are under construction, combined completion is at 75%. Contract #1-Ramey is about 45% complete. They have a total of 5 crews working and still have around 16,000 ft. of pipe left to install. Contract #2-William G. Simmons is on the pump stations and is 90% complete. Pump stations are in place and have been pressure tested. The electrical installation is ongoing. Contract #3-Mid-Atlantic Storage has completed the water tank. The tank is substantially complete with the exception of testing and sterilization. Contract #4 the Route 620 Connector with Carolina Environmental is 93% complete. All water line is installed and pressure tested. BAC-T sampling is complete. Around 50% of the meter services have been installed. Contract #5-DLB has the Route 100 Connector and is 77% complete. All line work is complete to Little Vine Road with the exception of approximately 200 ft. on Beasley Hill Road. They are working on Little Vine Road and lack approximately 5,600 ft. to the tie-in. Meter services are being installed.

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PROJECT UPDATES (CONTINUED):

Honeycutt Dam-Construction is 36% complete. Steve Martin's Trenching has installed all road bores and approximately 3,500 ft. of 6" water line with about 6,200 ft. remaining.

Exit 1 Water and Sewer (Love's Project)-All construction work is complete. Clark Brothers has worked on warranty items this month. Keene Engineering will be on site the week of October 11th to address the grinder pump issues. Operation and Maintenance Manual for WWTP has been submitted to DEQ for review and approval.

Exit 1 Water- Nothing new to report—the preliminary design was previously completed. Awaiting Mount Airy's decisions before plans can be submitted to regulatory agencies.

Fancy Gap Water and Sewer-PSA staff received permission to test an existing Class 2-B well. Procurement for well yield testing services has been completed and the low bidder was Claude S. Brewer Well Drilling Company of Galax. Testing will be completed within two weeks. VDOT plan review comments have been received and some minor changes need to be made. The project has been reviewed with Blue Ridge Parkway officials. The final design changes to be made and then submitted to regulatory agencies for approval after all pump station sites are secured and adequate well capacity is obtained.

Sylvatus/Mitchells Crossroads-Designs are about 90% complete. The draft plans and easements will be presented to the PSA for review.

Coon Ridge Water-PER and Environmental Assessment were previously completed and accepted by USDA-RD. We continue to work with RD staff as needed to address questions and comments in their processing of the project funding application. USDA-RD is actively processing the funding application but has indicated that it will not be funded using 2010 funds. That means that as soon as RD receiving funding from Washington this project will be in that mix.

Cliffview/Fries Water -PER and Environmental Assessment were previously completed and accepted by USDA-RD. USDA-RD project funding application review expected to begin following completion of the Coon Ridge project application.

Cana Sewer-PER and Environmental Assessment previously completed and accepted by USDA-RD. Awaiting USDA-RD review, we are not sure where this project stands.

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Commonwealth Road (Mr. Sharpe letter from last board meeting)—The estimated cost to extend water service is around \$35,000 and would only pickup one customer; if extended to 1144 Commonwealth Road (5 more customers) it would be an additional \$16,000 for a total of \$51,000 to actually put the extension in for those 6 to 7 customers. The projected payoff on this would take almost 25 years; that kind of return makes it very hard to do these projects. **Mrs. Dalton added that the length of time it would take to see a return just doesn't seem like a feasible project. It is unfortunate for those customers but it does not seem possible at this time.

CLOSED MEETING-PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2.2-3711.A-1 DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, 2.2-3711.A-3 DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF REAL ESTATE, 2.2-3711.A-5 DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS, 2.2-3711.A-6 DISCUSSION OF INVESTMENTS, AND 2.2-3711.A-7 CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and duly carried the Authority does hereby enter into Closed Meeting at 1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. for Discussion of Personnel 2.2-3711.A-1, Discussion or Consideration of Real Estate 2.2-3711.A-3, Discussion Concerning Prospective Business 2.2-3711.A-5, Discussion of Investments 2.2-3711.A-6, and Consultation with the County Attorney 2.2-3711.A-7.

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, and seconded by Mr. Hutchins and duly carried the Authority does hereby convent out of closed meeting.

Whereas the Authority has convened a Closed Meeting on 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.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

(ORDER)

Upon a motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and duly carried the Authority does hereby adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711.A (1) 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 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.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS' TIME

Mr. McMillian-I appreciate everyone coming out today for the PSA meeting. I do feel the urgency to take care of the odor problem at Woodlawn. The PSA is doing everything they can to take care of this problem but it will take some time. Also, keep Ms. Libby Lineberry in your prayers, her mother had to go into an emergency surgery.

Mr. Littrell-I do feel for the people that are dealing with the stench at Woodlawn. I know that the PSA is doing everything they can and continuously working on it. I do have a question; I was wondering if Pridemore is spelled Pridemore or Pridemoore? The sign has the second spelling on it but everyone else spells it as Pridemore.

Mr. Dickson-I have been out to Woodlawn twice and one time the odor was very bad. We are doing everything we can to get rid of the smell. Thank everyone for their hard work. We might need to explain to the staff answering the phones that people are complaining about the bluntness of some of our staff. I think people call wanting to complain and are not necessarily looking for the answer. Thank you.

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Mr. Hutchins-Mr. Chair, thank you for your leadership. I know we are working on the problems with the smell at Woodlawn. We are doing everything we can think of. Thank you again for your leadership.

Mrs. Dalton-Like everyone else, I just hope we can get this problem taken care of very quickly at Woodlawn. I am very pleased with how the Sylvatus/Mitchells Crossroads area plans are coming along. I'm sorry that we couldn't do more for the people at Commonwealth. Thank you all.

Mr. Jackson-It's already been said but we are 100% behind getting the smell at Woodlawn cleared up. We are not going to give up no matter how many different things we have to try before we find the right solution. I think Tuesdays and Saturdays are good days to go over there, I have been over there 3 or 4 times on those days for my granddaughters ball games and have been fortunate enough not to encounter the smell. I do feel for the people that we cannot extend the water to at Commonwealth Road, maybe in the future we can get them included. Dana and Gary, do look into the issue in the office regarding the phone call and see what really happened. Sometimes people are having a bad day and say the wrong thing or sometimes people are having a bad day and hear the wrong things. Thank you all for being here today.

DIRECTOR'S TIME

--As you already knew, the Fancy Gap well is being tested.

--Our new Mack Truck is in service; I saw it yesterday with the trailer hooked to it.

--We do have an ADA claim that has been filed against us. We are working through the process on that.

--We continue to work with Mt. Airy regarding Exit 1 as I stated earlier.

--Mr. Littrell asked if the odor at Woodlawn was something that would hold up the punch list and stop that contract from being closed until it was eliminated. Mr. Larowe stated he and Jessica had talked about this odor problem in depth and that this was not something that would hold up closing this contract.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Littrell and duly carried the Authority does hereby adjourn at 2:55 p.m. until their next scheduled meeting on November 11, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Andy Jackson, Chairman

Gary Larrowe, Executive Director

Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer, Assistant Director