

**MEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
MAY 14, 2018
CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
BOARD MEETING ROOM
HILLSVILLE, VA**

CALL TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included: Dr. Thomas Littrell, Chairman, Keith Meredith, Vice-Chairman, Doug Winesett and Phillip McCraw. Also present were Executive Director/PSA Engineer, Jessica Montgomery and Dana Phillips, Assistant Director, Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority. Jeanette Dalton was absent.

The authority only has five members; Laurel Fork Supervisor has not appointed a member to the authority.

CITIZENS TIME

John Nobili- Good Afternoon, Carroll County PSA Board. I am John Nobili; my wife Virginia and I own several properties in Carroll County. We are great contributor to the tax base and we pay our taxes on time. We also have some problems on one of our properties on Senior Road. Before the recent sewer line was installed, our property, tax number 81-A-67, there was no standing water on the designated area. The compacting of the soil caused by heavy equipment during the construction and the low places left by the track hoe has caused ponding of water up to four inches deep and leaving uneven ground. The only easement we have on this property is from June 2004 with the Carroll County PSA signed by Ray Hill. The easement states the grantee covenants to maintain the easement in good repair so that no unreasonable damage will result from its use to the adjacent land of the grantor, his successors and assigns. We respectfully ask that you put it back the way it was before the construction. Some work has been done. Dr. Littrell showed something that looked good. They must have worked on it today. We would suggest also another possibility (I was told that engineering would not allow this) however, the land was drained way back before we purchased it. In 1990 there was a wooden trough from the spring all the way down the land and at the point there is a drain pipe. It is well marked by stakes and red ribbon. The pipe used to take the water from the spring to the branch. In 2004 the pipe was broken by the installation of sewer line. From that time the water just kept seeping on the ground. So, I don't know if you can go back that far and claim any damages. I feel like the land should be grandfathered clause to protect. In fact, if you search the assessor's office in 2004 the land was a rural area. Rural land after the installation of the pipe in 2014 they state classifying it as wasteland. So, it was in 2016 and 2018. In 2018 now, it is still a wasteland. So, we received some damage, we are not the last kids on the block, I have been here since 1971. Even though I never lost my accent so bear with me on that. I have been a good honest citizen. My wife family goes back to the 1700. They used to have lumber company and

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now Greg Crowder there. We feel like we should be given consideration, for many years we pay a lot of taxes. December 5, we pay \$24,000 in taxes between the county and town. You have caused us some damage just be honest. Try to help us out if you can. This, US Army Corps of Engineers, I would like to investigate further.

Dr. Littrell- Thanks for coming. I hope what they are doing now will help the situation. We will keep an eye on it and see how it works out.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. McCraw and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the consent agenda, section A, B and C. The April 9, 2018 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

Check # 22607 April 9, 2018 \$196.00
Check # 22608-22663 Voided checks
Check # 22664- 22683 April 17, 2018 \$18,844.78
Check# 22684-22699 April 25, 2018 \$46,560.14
Check# 22700-22727 May 14,2018 \$159,810.86

Transfer for Claims

CCPSA to Operating for April 17,2018 Claims \$18,844.78
CCPSA to Operating for April 25, 2018 Claims \$46,500.14
CCPSA to Operating for May 14, 2018 Claims \$159,810.86

Transfer for Debt Reserve

CCPSA to Debt Reserve \$8,918.6

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New Business

Sewer Rates- We have published the sewer rates and the Public Hearing is set for June 11, 2018 at 3:00.

Project Up-Dates

Cana/Meadowbrook Water – Planning Phase

No engineering work this month. PSA staff has continued to compile operational data for each of the Cana system wells so that the needs can be prioritized and the MRPDC grant funds (\$100,000) can be maximized for well improvements. PSA staff has also been investigating other potential well supply sources in the Cana area.

Mrs. Montgomery- Thank you Mr. McCraw for bringing that well on Bear Trail to our attention. I will look into this.

Coulson Church Road/Ridge Road – Design Phase

The Environmental Review document for the project has been submitted to the funding agency (VDH), is under review, but no comments have been received to date. Upon authorization from VDH, the next step with the Environmental Clearance process would be to advertise for the Public Notice and initiate the public comment period, then continue with the Environmental Review process.

Design work is well underway on the project plans and permit applications. Preliminary plans will be presented to the PSA for staff review prior to submission for regulatory review and permits.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

No active funding applications at this time.

Mrs. Montgomery- Going back to Cana/Meadowbrook Water, I was wanting to know how to move forward on this project. Kevin did a very good job presenting the options at the last meeting. The people on Meadowbrook; we have not heard from those folks for a while. I was thinking we could call

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the ones that signed up out there and ask them if they are still interested in the project. Maybe even check to see if the people that were not signed are interested. Would you like for us to do another poll out there? How do you all feel about that?

Mr. Winesett- I don't see how it would hurt anything.

Dr. Littrell- It is not lack of interest, it just it has been slow developing a source.

Mrs. Montgomery- We do have over 51% on the sign-up list to be a project. At this point in time I am wondering if they have given up hope on us or if they have been keeping up with the PSA at all.

Dr. Littrell- With the wells that are going dry in Cana that may increase the interest. I think it would be good to reach out to them.

Mrs. Montgomery- We will do that.

Mr. McCraw- When I look at the loan situation, and they say will not give you a loan unless you get everyone signed up. You going to charge a non-user fee that tells me they think it not profitable. People needing the water and you going to stick your neighbor with a non-user fee. Are they willing to pay for the water and the \$28.00 they are sticking their neighbor with for nothing?

Mrs. Montgomery- That is just part of our rules and regulation we follow.

Mr. McCraw- I just don't like that sticking someone with non-user fee. Don't like it and cannot get used to it.

Mrs. Montgomery- They do have availability of water if their well goes dry. Instead of them having to dig another hole and pray that one is not dry. They do have availability to connect and fire protection as well. There are positives to it but I understand your concern.

Mr. McCraw- Mr. Martin has mentioned two different times about supervisors being on the board and they mention non-user fee or mandatory hook-up and five got voted out. That is the purpose of voting; is you vote for what you want. PSA and A stands for authority that is given to them by the supervisors the authority. Votes cannot hold them accountable except Dr. Littrell and me. The others they cannot. I think supervisors should be serving on the board here. When we do things, they don't like they can go to the polls vote us out.

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Dr. Littrell- Within your agenda you have the budget 2018/2019. We cannot do anything with it until the Board of Supervisor pass their budget. So, we will be looking at doing that next time. There was one correction that was made about employee raises; they will be none, so the budget was adjusted.

(ORDER)

AUTHORITY MEMBERS TIME

Mr. McCraw- Yes, nothing.

Mr. Winesett- Well I would like to speak to what Phillip said; it is a little bit concerning myself at least. I have been employed in the field he is speaking about for 40 years in water and wastewater. I think Mr. Hill put me where I am at because he thought I knew something about it. I will act in everybody's best interest. The reason I think we end up with the non-user's fee and I don't like it either. But we do not have enough density in the population. If there was a house every 100 foot there would not be a problem. I may be wrong but I think that is the whole thing. That is the way I am thinking. I do consult with my supervisor fairly often. I promise I won't do anything wild. That is all I can tell you about that.

Mr. Meredith- I will echo what Doug said last month. It contradicts what Mr. McCraw said about the non-user fee. I think it is a good idea to try to help your neighbor a little bit. Some of these folks are struggling for water. I think the purpose of the PSA and my position here is to be as open minded as possible, to listen to the concern and to make the best decision for Carroll County. Unfortunately, as Doug mentioned the number of folks on the line that sign up cannot support the line. The rules and regulations as they are no different than going and getting a loan and the asking for your W2. They want to make sure you can pay it back. So, one way they make sure we can pay back our loan is to ensure we have enough potential customers to pay the loan. I don't think we are going to do anything frivolous. I think the supervisors have been very supportive of the PSA in the past. Trying to get infrastructure to the interstate which is economic development, land owners that can sell property or sub-divide property have the potential to have more useable lots, if they have the infrastructure in place. It is a health concern. I just think we need to look at the big picture, not just under the microscope of the non-user fees.

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Dr. Littrell-One thing Keith and I have talked about. I thought he was going to touch on it this time. I think the one thing we need to look at is sustainable for water sources in our county. We certainly have done well with the regional water system out of the New River for this part of the county. We don't have anything but wells down in the Cana area. Some of those wells are somewhat questionable. We are looking a possibly drilling some additional wells. As the water table drops as it seems to be doing. Wells are going dry we are getting more and more customers on our systems, which puts a strain on our system. It is kind of a catch 22 as water is needed we are going to need more water ourselves. I think we need to look at very seriously at trying to get some kind of line such as a transmission line from Mount Airy Water System because that certainly would be sustainable. Kevin went over the option at the last meeting. Unfortunately, none of those were revenue producing enough to do. We do not have money in our budget. It is one of those things like economic development that this board at some point may need to look to the Board of Supervisors for help in getting that project under way. I hope that is something we can work together on and possibly get that done one of these days. Who knows when these wells might go dry. We are going to have 440 people in Cana that do not have their own private wells and would not have county water either. You talk about an uprising, we would have it at that point. We need to continue looking to the future and try to get sustainable water there. We already have water coming to Exit 1 from Mount Airy in November we will be able to get unlimited water. I think we need to pinpoint an area to look at transmission line go forth with that as a plan. I know it will not happen tomorrow or next year but we need to be planning on it. That is the way I feel about that. Thanks everyone for being here.

(ORDER)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Winesett and the duly carried the Authority does hereby adjourn at 3:27 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

Dr. Thomas Littrell, Chairman

Jessica Montgomery, Executive Director

Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer