

**MEETING MINUTES  
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017  
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, February 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included: William Payne, Chairman, Keith Meredith, Vice Chairman, Jeanette Dalton, James Light, Thomas Littrell and Doug Winesett. Also present was Executive Director/PSA Engineer, Jessica Montgomery and Dana Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority.

**Citizen Time**

**Judy Jones-** I'm from the Cliffview community. I'm here to express my concern over the PSA water project. I have an efficient and functioning well, therefore I did not sign up for the water that has recently gone through last year. I might would have signed up for that but I found out that the water is toxic. It contains fluoride. The PSA is accepting the practice of adding fluoride to the county water and I feel like it is harmful, has no useful purpose for treatment it is poison. Toothpaste with fluoride has a warning on it not to swallow it and to call poison control if any is swallowed. A pea-sized amount of toothpaste has the same amount of fluoride as in eight ounces of treated water. I am also considered a non-user, I understand I will be charged each month a fee, which really should be called a fine, because a fee is if you are receiving a service. Since I chose not to get the water, I'm not going to be getting a service. Yet I'm going to be charged a fine for that. A good example of good service Carroll County has, is trash pickup. If I choose to have my trash picked up it is a service, but if I choose not to have it picked up, it is like being charged for them to drive by my house to pick up my neighbor's trash. I think that is the same thing as being charged for water. My neighbor may have signed up for the water but I chose not to. Yet I am going to be charged for not getting a meter and attaching to any of the service for the water. I request stop putting fluoride in the water for the health of human beings. It serves no purpose and I'm asking you not to charge a fine to non-users.

**Robert Patton-** She has said a whole lot of the things I'm going to say. I'm here to express my concerns of the unethical practice of the PSA and an explanation of the user fee. Of course it is a charge or a payment of a service which I'm not getting. I don't want it and I'm not signed up for it. It would be like, I'm using this as an example, but it'd be like if I was a dentist and had someone come into my office to have teeth cleaned and charge me for the service which I understand. But this is like when you are driving his office and not even stopping.

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You see me go by and then charge me every month for the rest of my life for a service that I don't want. I know you have to do this to get a grant. It is what I have learned through my research. I'd like to know the amount of the grant was for. I'd be interested to know if there is any other way to supplement this non-user thing. This is just outrageous. I also object to adding fluoride to the drinking water, people bathe and wash food with fluoridated water. It is in tea, coffee and soft drinks. There is just no way to get away from it. With the PSA adding this to our water in our community that was the only salvation we got and I understand it is added to the water in Austinville and it the regulation probably comes down from Richmond or somewhere. I don't know. It has no purpose whatsoever in our water supply. It's highly toxic. Fluoride is more toxic than lead and just slightly less toxic than arsenic. It is industrial waste. Fluoride is a toxic waste from the manufacture of fertilizer, steel, nuclear and aluminum industries and it is not pharmaceutical grade fluoride. Much fluoride comes from China. Sheet rock from China installed in homes in Florida had to be removed because it damaged wiring and make people sick. I know it is probably not checked enough and even if it was pharmaceutical grade fluoride it has no business being in our drinking water. I cited the work of chemist Charles Perkins, who spent 20 years on fluoride, made the statement any person who drinks artificially fluoridated water for a period of one year or more will never be the same person mentally or physically.

**Mr. Payne-** Thank you, the Authority will look into the matter.

**(ORDER)**

**CLOSED MEETING-PURSUANT TO VA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711 A(1) DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL**

**(ORDER)**

Upon a motion by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Dalton and duly carried the Authority does hereby enter into closed meeting at 3:15 p.m. until 3:50 p.m. for discussion of VA Code Section 2.2-3711 A(1) Discussion of Personnel.

**(ORDER)**

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

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Now therefore be it resolved that the Authority certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open requirements by Virginia law were discussed in this Closed Meeting in which the 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 the motion concerning the Closed Meeting were heard, or considered by the Authority.

**(ORDER)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mrs. Dalton and the duly carried by the Authority does hereby approve the consent agenda, section A, B and C. The January 9, 2017 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**

Checks# 21858-21859 \$71,704.21  
Checks# 21860-21861 \$11,597.63  
Checks# 21862-21910 \$148,187.30  
Check# 21911 VOIDED  
Check# 21912 \$7.50

**Transfer for Claims**

CCPSA to Operating for additional January Claims \$71,701.21  
CCPSA to Operating for end of January Claims \$11,597.63  
CCPSA to Operating for February Claims \$145,187.30

**Transfer for Debt Reserve**

CCPSA to Debt Reserve \$9,740.90

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**Project Up-Dates**

**Cliffview Water – Construction Phase**

All original project construction has been completed and the contract (CW Cauley & Son) has been left open for Change Order line extension on Gambetta Road. USDA-RD has authorized expenditure of remaining project contingency funds for extending the water line approximately 0.6 miles +/- to serve additional customers. PSA staff has secured six (6) User Agreements from the potential extension area. USDA-RD is requiring an Amendment to the project Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report prior to executing the Change Order, so these items are in process.

**Lynnhaven Tank PRV – Design Phase**

VDH has acknowledged satisfactory completion of the Environmental Clearance process and is currently reviewing the Bid documents in advance of issuing authorization to bid.

**Cana/Meadowbrook Water – Planning Phase**

PSA staff met with the City of Mount Airy to discuss potential extension of the City's water system along the Route 52 corridor to serve the Cana system. Response from the City was favorable, but will require further negotiations to work out the particulars – funding of the line segment in NC, ownership of the line, bulk purchase rate, etc. Continuing to work on these items. Kevin has spoken with Robert Hilt, USDA and he will work with us to build a line in North Carolina if we can work out an agreement with them. Surry County is open to the project as well.

**FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

**Sylvatus/Route 100 Water** – The PSA staff continues to explore possibilities to fund this extension.

**Coulson Church Road/Ridge Road** – MRPDC awarded the PSA a \$20K Planning Grant to be used toward project design. PSA has been working to secure User Agreements. Once a majority of User Agreements are obtained, PSA should initiate the environmental review process, project design, and permitting.

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**Debt Refinancing** – PSA staff has been in discussions with VRA representatives to move toward refinancing of those existing loans which would result in cost savings. We have a tentative closing date of February 23. The interest rate did go up a little bit but is still a cost saving. For those loans which cannot be cost-effectively refinanced through VRA, PSA staff is developing an RFP for possible refinancing through a commercial bank.

**Water Meter Upgrades** – A funding application was submitted to MRPDC for money to upgrade a portion of system water meters to radio-read.

**(ORDER)**

**AUTHORITY MEMBER'S TIME**

Mr. Light- Nothing today.

Mrs. Dalton- I would like to say William you did a great job. I'm sorry I could not be here last meeting whenever you were elected. You and Keith have my full support. Thank staff for all you do.

Mr. Winesett- Jessica the people we discussed at Gambetta Road that the six or seven that we talked about.

Mrs. Montgomery- Yes, it is.

Mr. Winesett- Thanks for doing that.

Mr. Meredith- William you did a good job, I appreciate your willingness doing this.

Dr. Littrell - I have a rebuttal to the fluoride argument that came up earlier today. I'm speaking as a PSA member, a dentist and someone who believes strongly in the scientific method. I'm going to read from a study I found online. In the 1940's children in communities with fluoridated drinking water had reductions of tooth decay of about 60 percent as compared to those living in non-fluoridated communities. Recent studies still reveal decay scores are lower

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in naturally fluoridated areas. When adjusted for this, it indicates 40 percent probably attributed to the presence (of fluoride) in food, dental products and dietary supplements. I'm always amazed at how much misinformation is available to the public. The argument against one of the most effective public health projects, fluoridation of public water supplies, has been ongoing since its inception in the 1940s.

Fries was one of the very first communities to benefit from fluoride and it is not some conspiracy to poison the American people. It has been proven time and time again by scientific studies that fluoridating water is safe and effective at a very low cost. Fluoride has reduced tooth decay and saved countless millions, probably billions of dollars by preventing tooth decay and alleviating pain and tooth loss. The American Dental Association and many other prestigious organizations have carried out rigid, controlled studies over a long period of time that have proven fluoride's effectiveness and lack of any side effects. The proportion of parts per million, which are what is typically in municipal water supplies is unequivocally safe and effective. As a side note, fluoride occurs naturally in places such as West Arkansas, East Texas and even parts of Grayson County. The folks who have been using this for eons naturally occurring in water have no more health issues than anyone else in non fluoridated areas. Thank you.

Mr. Payne- Thank you, Dr. Littrell for that information. I would like to thank everyone for being here today. I would like to thank everyone for the support. The water meeting at Mt. Airy with Jessica, Kevin, Keith and myself, I thought went very well. They were very receptive. Just looking for something to move on with this. The next step coming soon, I hope.

**(ORDER)**

**ADJOURMENT**

Upon a motion by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Dr. Littrell and duly carried the Authority does hereby adjourn at 4:06 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

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William Payne, Chairman

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Jessica Montgomery, Executive Director

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Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer

