

**MEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
MAY 9, 2022
CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
BOARD MEETING ROOM
HILLSVILLE, VA**

CALL TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held their regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board Meeting Room. Members present included: Joey Dickson, Vice Chairman, Tracy Moore, Chairman, Garry Jessup, Rex Hill, Robbie McCraw, Michael Watson, Executive Director and Dana Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer. Ronnie Collins was absent.

CITIZENS TIME

Nelson Montgomery – Thank you for allowing the opportunity to speak. We were here a few months ago to address the water issues we’re having in the Dugspur area. Since then, we’ve been blessed with some rain and our spring has done well. The only reason I’m here today is because we were worried about the future. Every year it seems to get a little dryer. We have been through several years where we have been worried about our water system holding out. We would certainly appreciate some county water. Really what I’m here today for is to ask if there’s any good news.

Mr. Moore – I do have a couple questions. Which side of the river do you live on? The Dugspur side or the Hillsville side?

Nelson Montgomery – On the Dugspur side.

Mr. Moore – Are all the houses on their individual wells?

Nelson Montgomery – There are 3 houses on the same spring.

Mr. Moore – Mr. Watson is there any type of grant or anything we can try and see if there’s anything we can do?

Mr. Watson – The only thing out there that I’m aware of is there is some money out there but it’s based-on income as far as for digging a well. It’s called SERCAP. Other than that, we’d just have to look into the cost.

Mr. Moore – Can you look into it and see what the cost would be to that?

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Mr. Watson – Absolutely.

Anita Hutchens – I’m here about the water situation in Dugspur also. I’ve had the property for a about a year and a half and when I purchased it, I knew there was some iron in the water. It is bad out there. It will cost between 8k -10k to drill a well and there’s no guarantee the water would be any better. It’s at the point where I had to put the water system in because you couldn’t drink the water. My system is down in the ground, but I had to put the other system with the three tanks inside of the house. Anytime you run the water at all you can hear it running constantly. I’ve put three filters on there and I’m having to change the filters every 15-20 days, or all the iron comes back in the house. It’s really bad down in that area. I’ve always had town or county water and if you could do anything, it would be helpful.

(ORDER)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Jessup, seconded by Mr. McCraw and duly carried by the Authority does hereby approve the consent agenda, sections A, B & C. The April 11, 2022 minutes were also approved and are on file in the PSA office. The claims were as follows:

CLAIMS:

Transfer for claims

Transfer for claims for April 21, 2022 Check # 25257-25276 \$77,832.88

Transfer for claims for May 4, 2022 Check # 25277-25296 \$76,277.97

Transfer for claims for May 9, 2022 Check # 25297-25302 \$105,583.13

Transfer to Debt Reserve

Transfer to Debt Reserve \$6,776.50

Transfer to Debt Reserve \$ 10,000.00

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Watson - On the Exit 1/Cana water system interconnection the grant was submitted so we had applied for the grant for the water intertie for the two. Hopefully we'll be able to hear something. Exit 1 Regional Wastewater Project is the one where we were trying to connect with Surry County. We're still working on it. They have not given a date that they'll be receiving applications for the grants. We'll continue to work forward with it.

In your packet you'll have the proposed budget for 2022-2023. We'll be scheduling a public hearing for June 13th which is not required but it is my understating that the board would like to have a public hearing on this.

Mr. Moore – I would like to ask you to make sure that the code ruling on the board of supervisors voting on that as well and give us a ruling on that if you would.

Would we have to come back before the 30th and approve the budget?

Mr. Watson – The budget needs to be approved before the physical year starts.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Watson – You'll have different items in your packet that we just do on a normal basis but just to give you an update on how our water/sewer grant is going. So far, we've got 68 applications. 12 of those are both water and sewer. All of them have not been approved yet. 55 of them had been approved. 19 of them have been set with one sewer connection made. The EDA has reimbursed us through the Board of Supervisors \$45,000.00 so far. One of the issues we've run into is we can't get setters. We're trying to find as many as we can but we're not having any luck. I think we have a few meters, but we can't get the setters to put them in. They did install a sewer line, hooked up some connections. Many of the future connections have been approved and some of them were paid for in earlier times before the rate went up. I think we're looking at 6-8 connections through there.

Mr. Moore – Well that's exciting. The more we can get on it hopefully the sooner we can get the water rate lower.

Mr. Watson – Absolutely.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Watson – Exit 1 we’re working on getting a report together. The engineer has been working on the applications for the water system grants. Hopefully once we get that done, we can get the reporting done and start looking deeper into that. The Search Grant, they should be preparing a report on it as we speak. Hopefully in the next month or so we’ll get a report. We have not received the design on the SCADA yet but as soon as we do well bring it to the board and advertise it. They went out there to the Hillsville sewer and dug. We had a break right before the ARV. We’ve ordered the stuff for it to fix it and then we’ll continue to move forward.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS TIME

Joey Dickson – Dana and Mike thank you for everything that you’ve done and the workers. We appreciate what you’re doing.

Mr. Moore – I’d like to echo what Joey said. It seems like no matter what you’re doing you’ll see a PSA truck out there doing something. It’s good to see the productivity and actually some growth in the system. I appreciate Dana, the staff and Mike. And for the vision to get us these grants to where we can possibly hook up more people. Its frustration to want to help every citizen in the county but the county is just so large it’s hard to run water and sewer everywhere.

(ORDER)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. McCraw, seconded by Mr. Hill and duly carried by the authority does hereby adjourn at 4:27 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Tracy Moore – Chairman

Mike Watson – Executive Director

Dana Phillips – Sec/Treasurer