

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 1, 2012

At a special meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski the following Board members were present: Doug Warren, Chairman; Hollis Loyd, Secretary/Treasurer; Pete Crawford; and Nancy Burchett. Board member Dave Dean was unable to attend the meeting.

Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Jared Linkous, County Engineer; Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Executive Secretary.

Also present was Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Joseph Sheffey and Dale Hoffman, citizen.

Dr. Warren called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Public Hearing- Rate Increase

Dr. Warren explained the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing to allow for citizen comments on a proposed rate increase.

Mr. Huber advised the public hearing was duly advertised in accordance with the Virginia State Code. Mr. Huber advised copies of the documents provided to the PSA Board were also available for the public and were located at the entrance to the Board Room. Those documents included the following: "Current and Proposed Water/Sewer Rates"; Sewer and Water Rate Comparison Spreadsheets"; and "Questions and Response re: Proposed Rate Increases". Copies of the spreadsheets and questions and responses are filed with the records of this meeting; however, the following is the current and proposed water/sewer rates:

➤ Water

▪ **Current**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

General	\$ 6.50
Brookmont.....	\$ 32.00
Heron's Landing.....	\$ 11.47
Shrader Hill	\$ 30.56
Case Knife	\$ 29.47
Polyester Park.....	\$ 14.00
Commercial and Industrial	Same as Residential

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Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 100,000 gal	\$ 3.00
over 100,000 gal	\$ 2.50

▪ **Proposed**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 8.50
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 50.00
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 100.00

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 4.00
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 3.75
over 100,000 gal	\$ 3.50

➤ Sewer

▪ **Current**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

General	\$ 6.50
New River.....	\$ 12.00
Highland Park/Rolling Hills/Orchard Hills	\$ 25.13
Polyester Park.....	\$ 14.00
Commercial and Industrial	Same as Residential

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 100,000 gal	\$ 4.50
over 100,000 gal	\$ 4.00

▪ **Proposed**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 10.00
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 75.00
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 150.00

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 5.75
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 5.50
over 100,000 gal	\$ 5.25

➤ Refuse

▪ **Current (\$/mo)**

General	\$ 15.00
Low Volume.....	\$ 8.00
Non-user	\$10.00

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- Proposed (\$/mo)

General	\$ 15.00
Low Volume/Non-User	\$ 8.00

Dr. Warren opened the public hearing. Dr. Warren continued the public hearing until 7:15 p.m. to allow for any citizens who may arrive late.

There were no citizen comments. Dr. Warren closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

By consensus, the PSA Board agreed to consider proposed rate increases and adoption of revised rates at the PSA Board's October 9, 2012 regular meeting.

2. Other Matters

Mr. Huber provided follow-up information related to the pressure reducing valves and rebuilds following the Radford connection. Mr. Linkous advised of six to seven rebuilds in the system and the replacement of 12 of the control pilots. Mr. Linkous also described the purpose for replacing control pilots, as well as the time involved in the rebuilds. Mr. Linkous advised staff had been working with Ross Valve to bring in extra valves, allowing for the completion of repairs in an efficient manner throughout the system.

Mr. Loyd inquired regarding the status of the radio read meters. Mr. Linkous advised Rural Development had placed the purchase of new meters in the construction category vs. equipment category, thus requiring preparation of plans, specifications, etc. Mr. Linkous described the timeframe for issuing bid specifications.

Dr. Warren commended PSA staff or their efforts in providing detailed financial and technical data in the consideration of rate increases. Mr. Huber thanked Jared Linkous and Diane Newby for their work.

Dr. Warren inquired if the Board of Supervisors had received the PSA information packet related to the rate increases. Mr. Huber advised the Board of Supervisors had received the same information contained in the PSA Board packet.

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3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Loyd, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, the meeting was adjourned with the next regular meeting of the PSA Board scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Mr. Crawford, Dr. Warren, Mr. Loyd, Ms. Burchett.

Voting No: None

Not present: Mr. Dean.

Doug Warren, Chairman

Hollis Loyd, Secretary/Treasurer