

At a meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following Board members were present: Mr. Dennis Setliff; Mr. Eddie Hale; Mrs. Nancy Burchett, Chair and Mrs. Ashley Coake, Vice Chair and Mr. Douglas Swanson.

Staff members present included: Jared Linkous, Director; Josh Tolbert, Deputy Director; Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator; Diane Newby, Finance Director; Tracy Belcher, Assistant Finance Director; and Ashley Edmonds, Clerk to the Board.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mrs. Burchett called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

A. Confirmation of A Quorum

Five (5) Board members were present.

2. Presentations and Citizens Comments

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Mr. Keith Lashomb, 2673 Julia Simpson Road, Hiwassee, Ingles District, remarked about his recent experience at the Convenience Center, where he was denied access to dispose of recyclables due to his status as a low volume customer.

Ms. Karen Cecil, 4562 Lakeland Road, Dublin, commented on concerns regarding the possible decline of property values if/when a Convenience Center opens at the former Red Carpet Inn. She also expressed concerns over lack of air flow at this potential site and odor.

Ms. Patricia O'Dell, 3066 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, agreed with Ms. Cecil's comments regarding potential air flow issues at the proposed Convenience Center site. She stated it was not an open air site and not a good place for a trash dump. She inquired about materials recently removed from the proposed site and about who will do the demolition.

Mr. Richard Chumbley, 2780 Wysor Road, Draper, read the following statement (filed with the Clerk):

My name is Richard Chumbley.

My wife Faith and I reside at 2780 Wysor Road, Draper, since 1988.

As you may know by now, we own fourteen (14) acres of land which we recently gifted our son across from the proposed site of the new "Convenience Center".

The next time you all decide to do something like this I would hope you would show a little respect for the surrounding property owners.

We think a public hearing would have been in order although I am told a government entity is not required to have one.

My family and I and our neighbors, Mrs. O'Dell and her family feel as if we have been totally disrespected in this matter.

At the very least, we should have gotten a letter advising is what you were planning to do instead of us having to read about this "exciting news" in The Patriot paper.

I guess my wife's forty two (42) years of service and my thirty one (31) years of service to the citizens of Pulaski County means little anymore!

Thank you for your time.

3. Executive Session

A. Enter Into Executive Session

An Executive Session is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711. A. 7. 8. of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss with staff on legal matters. (Staff attending: Mr. Jared Linkous, Executive Director, Mr. Josh Tolbert, Deputy Director and Mr. Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator)

On a motion by Mr. Setliff, second by Mr. Swanson and carried, the Public Service Authority Board of Directors entered an Executive Session for discussion of the following:

Legal Matters: Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 7 briefing by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, regarding:

- Meridian Waste Virginia, LLC, d/b/a Meridian Waste Solutions; Meridian Waste-Blue Ridge Hauling & MRF v. Pulaski County Public Service Authority and Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

Legal Matters: Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 8 discussion of legal matters regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice.

- Unpaid Bill Collection Efforts

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Coake.
Voting No: None.

B. Return to Open Session

On a motion by Mrs. Coake, second by Mr. Hale and carried, the Public Service Authority Board of Directors returned to open session.

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Coake.
Voting No: None.

C. Certification of Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Setliff, second by Mr. Swanson and carried, the Public Service Authority Board of Directors adopted the following resolution certifying conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Public Service Authority Board of Directors has convened a closed meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3371(A) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Directors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Service Board of Directors hereby certifies to the best of each members' knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution files applies; and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in this motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Public Service Authority Board.

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Coake.
Voting No: None.

4. Approval of the Agenda

A. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Hale, second by Mr. Setliff and carried, the Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. Coake, Mr. Swanson.
Voting No: None.

5. Financial Matters

A. Financial Report

On a motion by Mr. Swanson, second by Mrs. Coake and carried, the Board accepted the Financial Report with modifications.

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. Coake, Mr. Swanson.
Voting No: None.

B. Collections Update

Staff advised there will be no advertisement of delinquent account holders at this time.

6. Action Items (New Business)

A. None

There were no Action Items (New Business).

7. Action Items (Old Business)

A. None

There were no Action Items (Old Business).

8. Reports from Executive Director and Staff

A. Operational Reports: Convenience Center and County Landfill Tonnage, Inmate Availability and Cut -Off List

The Operational Reports: Convenience Centers and County Landfill Tonnage, Inmate Availability and Cut-Off list for the month of July were reviewed by the Board.

B. FSA Activity Report

The July Fairlawn Sewer Authority (FSA) Activity Reports were reviewed by the Board.

C. Staff To Do List:

Mrs. Coake requested the topic of Recycling be added to the Staff To Do List.

The following updates were provided on the following Staff To Do List items:

A. Covered Water Meter Ordinance

No report given.

B. Draper Area Wythe County Sewer/PSA Connection

No report given.

C. Water Meter Replacement

No report given.

D. Water Master Plan

No report given.

E. Facilities for Refuse Employees

No report given.

F. Draper/Claytor Lake Convenience Center

No report given.

G. Brookmont Water System Disinfection By-Products

No report given.

H. Improvements to Fairlawn Convenience Center

No report given.

I. Community Water Projects

No report given.

J. Certification of Fire Hydrant Flow and Corresponding Paint Color Array

No report given.

K. Site for Snowville Convenience Center

No report given.

9. Other Matters from the Directors

A. Updates Requested by Board Members

Mrs. Burchett inquired about the closure of New River Resource Authority on weekends and asked if Board members received correspondence from Dr. Gregory Still concerning gaining access to recycling for low volume customers at the Convenience Centers.

Mr. Swanson requested an update on the status of the Convenience Center at the former Red Carpet Inn and suggested more communication on the project be shared with the neighbors.

Mr. Setliff inquired about construction activities at the Fairlawn Convenience Center, the status of the Riverbend subdivision project, flow testing/hydrant painting and the adjustment of Convenience Center hours.

10. Items of Consent

On a motion by Mr. Swanson, second by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board reviewed and approved the following items of consent (A.- F.):

Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. Coake, Mr. Swanson.
Voting No: None.

A. Minutes of July 11, 2023, Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved the minutes of the July 11, 2023, Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting.

B. Balance Due Report

The Balance Due Report is not available.

C. Budget Adjustment

Budget Adjustment #2024-01: \$36,860.57 was approved by the Board.

D. Billing Adjustments

The Billing Adjustments were not available.

E. Accounts Payable

The Board Accounts Payable for checks numbered #45399-45494 & 48391-48412.

F. Personnel Changes

Board members reviewed and approved a memo describing Personnel Changes in the month of June 2023, the electronic version of which is filed in the July 11, 2023, BoardDocs agenda.

11. Informational Items

A. None

There were no Informational Items presented.

12. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Swanson, second by Mr. Setliff and carried, the Board adjourned their August 8, 2023, regular meeting. The Board voted by consensus in the affirmative to conclude the meeting. (Voting Yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. Coake, Mr. Swanson. Voting No: None.)

The monthly meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.



Nancy M. Burchett, Chair



Dennis L. Setliff, Secretary

