



Grayson County Public Service Authority

P.O. Box 217, Independence, VA 24348

October 8, 2020

MEETING MINUTES Of the Public Service Authority

Members Present

Kenneth R. Belton
Michael S. Hash
John S. Fant
Brenda Sutherland

Staff Present

Mitch Smith
Jeff Testerman

Member(s) attending by teleconference

Thomas R. Revels

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- Chair Fant called the meeting to order. Mrs. Sutherland made the motion to approve the agenda and the July 9, 2020 minutes; duly seconded by Mr. Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS OR REQUEST

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- County Water Cut-Offs – Mr. Testerman noted that at the last meeting it was voted on to extend the water cut-offs. Mr. Testerman has contacted the surrounding localities (Carroll County, Galax City and Town of Independence) and they are all back on routine schedule as of last month. Mr. Testerman noted that at the last meeting there was \$779 of delinquent water bills and as of today that amount has grown to \$4,015. Mr. Testerman recommended to the board to resume normal activity and shut off for non-payment. Mr. Testerman stated he had talked with Mr. Hall, County Treasurer, and he suggested paying regular amount plus 50% of their past due amount. Chair Fant inquired about making the payments due on a case-by-case basis and Mr. Hall noted that's really hard to do. Mr. Hash inquired on what a regular bill is and Mr. Testerman noted it's \$52 bi-monthly which also depends on how much water is used. Mr. Belton made the motion to cease cut-off suspension effective November 1, 2020; duly seconded by Mr. Revels.

Mr. Hash also made a motion for a repayment schedule on past due amounts of 25% or \$13.00/mo whichever is higher; duly seconded by Mr. Belton. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- County Service Connections: Mr. Testerman we have been setting a lot of new service meters. We are currently spending \$875.00 just for parts that are placed in the ground which doesn't count any fuel, labor, equipment usage, etc. Counting the parts for the meter, fuel, labor, equipment usage totals \$1156.00 and the county is currently charging \$900.00 to set a meter. Mr. Smith noted that at best we are at break even but the test kits aren't included in that so we are not recouping any of the meter cost. Chair Fant noted there's different ways to solve recouping funds and suggested Mr. Testerman put together a wholistic analysis for the next meeting then it can be addressed on how best to proceed in order for the county to break even. Mr. Testerman noted that last year lost revenue was \$84,000.00. Mrs. Sutherland made the motion to table until the next meeting; duly seconded by Mr. Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATION AND UPDATES

- None

CLOSED SESSION

- None

ADJOURN

- Mr. Belton made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Mr. Revels. Motion carried 5-0.