



## Grayson County Public Service Authority

P.O. Box 217, Independence, VA 24348

April 14, 2022

### **MEETING MINUTES Of the Public Service Authority**

#### **Members Present**

John S. Fant  
Kenneth R Belton  
R. Brantley Ivey  
Tracy A. Anderson

#### **Staff Present**

Paul Hoyle  
Mitch Smith  
Keith Anderson

#### **Member(s) Absent**

Michael S. Hash

#### **Staff Absent**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Mr. Fant, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA**

- Mr. Belton made the motion to approve the agenda/consent agenda; duly seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Grant Water Extension – talked to two of the engineering firms and both have packages that we are looking to move forward for grant opportunities on the water extension – looking to do one grant package to look at two projects with one being a grant water extension that would put a water tower in the area of Grant either on or close to the school property with the possibility of extending the water into the community but primarily for the school so we don't have school outages due to no water, with a 100% funding – no cost to the County for that; with permission from the Board, will move forward and let the engineer know to continue to work on that project – not committing any funds, just making the Board aware. The second part of that proposal will be looking at a water study for the Stevens Creek and Providence areas – looking at bringing water out of the Fries water plant into the community there – preliminary work – 100% funded – the only thing the County would be responsible for

is some source water testing to look at the quality of water for the people in that community now – preliminary type of study if we decide to do anything with an actual water extension, this would give us the background and information to support it – both are from the same firm and would be part of the same grant package.

- Louisville Lane Extension – it's a 49 (covered by the state-Department of Health Grant) and 51% which is not covered under the grant, but Mt. Rogers PDC has agreed to cover another \$100,000 – roughly another \$500,000 project – there would be \$150,000 not covered by the grant – have the opportunity for the low interest loan through the Department of Health Rural Water Authority but due to time constraints we need to know before moving forward, whether the County intends to fund that before the FY23 budget cycle (upcoming budget) – ARPA funds could be used for that – consideration needs to be paid to the PSA budget because it has to balance – money from the general fund would need to be brought into the PSA budget in order for that to work – negative balance can't be run on the PSA budget. Louisville Lane is off Fishers Gap Road – take Faith Drive west and approximately 1 mile, will take you to Fishers Gap Road – we have water to that point, actually have water coming down Fishers Gap a little ways with a 21 main which is not sufficient so we'd need to replace a couple hundred yards of 2" main with 6" main; then taking the 2" from Fishers Gap down Louisville Lane – about ½ mile out Louisville Lane. Worked on this project in 2017/2018 with intent to move on it and when COVID hit, we stepped back and decided to hold funds in case that impacted the County budget more than we thought it would – look at it after COVID ran its course and with the ARPA funds, there would be money we could address this with – no tax burden on the taxpayers. This will impact approximately 7-8 residents with more possibly in the future – water they have now is insufficient to meet their demands – homes there now can't use water at the same time. PSA decides if they want to do the project, if so then it would go before the Board of Supervisors for approval of funds. Has a preliminary cost estimate done by the engineering firm and that estimate is designed to take us to this point where we can make a decision – they won't have an exact line until they are ready to take to contract but doesn't anticipate any change – the amount we're looking at funding is approximately \$153,800 – very close to \$150,000 – cost estimate was redone last month and this is the number that we came up with. Grant deadline is early next month and we'll put in for it – won't have to do anything until we're notified if we've received it or not which should be in early summer but as part of the grant package, there has to be a commitment to fund the amount that's not covered by the grant – not to say we can't back out of it at any point in the future but they do look for a commitment. Actual piping and components, we know those things are increasing and the cost estimate probably will increase some. Suggested to the Board to go ahead and put in for the grant, once we get the grant, then look at the cost estimates and make the decision to either fund or back out – this doesn't commit us. ARPA funds can be earmarked for this project. Mr. Fant suggested Mr. Hoyle attend the next budget work session and have the diagrams on display from the previous project that shows the piping, etc. for so everyone can physically see them and then the Board can make the direction to earmark ARPA funds, if it's decided to do it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Fant – attended Troutdale Town Council meeting on Monday, discussed their water system and they are open for a partnership with the County on looking at their current system in the future – requested Mr. Hoyle explore with Mr. Mitchell, Mayor of Troutdale, about that and bring back an idea of what that construct would look like to the next PSA meeting.
- Mr. Anderson – bringing water up Baywood Road – Mr. Hoyle noted there is currently no intention to fund anything through there – not even looking to do an engineer study – looking at doing a plans review – probably 2-3 years down the road.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None

## **ADJOURN**

- Mr. Anderson made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Mr. Ivey. Motion carried 4-0.