



Grayson County Public Service Authority

P.O. Box 217, Independence, VA 24348

September 14, 2023

MEETING MINUTES Of the Public Service Authority

Members Present

John S. Fant
Michael S. Hash – attend via teleconference (out of town)
Kenneth R. Belton
R. Brantley Ivey
Tracy A. Anderson

Staff Present

Paul Hoyle
Mitch Smith

Member(s) Absent

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Fant called the meeting to order. Mr. Anderson made the motion to approve the agenda/consent agenda; duly seconded by Mr. Belton. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Louisville Lane Extension – Mr. Hoyle explained that the requested preliminary engineering agreement from Hurt & Proffitt (on file in County Administrator’s Office) and is ready for signature and obligates us to \$67,300 – all of the engineering work, pre-bid, design, final analysis, all the work until they actually begin moving dirt. Requests permission for the County Administrator to sign the document to begin work on Louisville Lane. Mr. Hoyle explained that does not require us to have source funding – we can still do source funding for the remainder of the project which would be roughly \$500K – have had discussions with the Health Department – may not want to wait for the F-Cap since it doesn’t open until May 2024 – preliminary discussions have also taken place with USDA and will have discussions with DHCD. Timeline for the project: engineering 4-6 months; bid/RFP 2-3 months so the earliest we could begin would be early summer of 2024 assuming the authority approves it and funding is available - Grants or low interest loans (possibly through USDA) would extend the timeline. Mr. Hoyle also noted included is a proposal for Fishers Gap Waterline Extension Design that the Authority requested which has identified the Fishers Gap area (between Louisville Lane and Forest Lane) – stating

this is not part of the Louisville Lane – this is for information purposes – can be done down the road if the authority chooses – Mr. Hoyle noted there is no public health issue in this area, just convenience for citizens. Funding options will be provided at a later date. Mr. Ivey made the motion to approve the agreement for Hurt & Proffitt; duly seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 5-0. Authority concurred to move forward. Staff will do due diligence regarding finding the funding and move on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Water Rate Increase – Mr. Hoyle noted that we now have the data from the City of Galax on what the increase may possibly be – Hurt & Proffitt for an abbreviated rate analysis and will be looking at our financials for the last few years and will give us a recommendation based on our financials and the increase from Galax on how we should proceed with our increase for the next 3 years – should have to us in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Boyer noted that Galax is operating at a loss – we want to ensure that the county is in alignment regarding the rate increase – currently average cost every 2 months for our citizens is \$52 (2K gallons or less) – we will wait on the rate analysis before moving forward.

INFORMATION AND UPDATES

- None

CLOSED SESSION

- None

ADJOURN

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