

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 11, 2015

At a special meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following Board members were present: Doug Warren, Chairman; Nancy Burchett; Dave Dean; Dennis Setliff; and Fritz Streff.

Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator; Jared Linkous, County Engineer; and Gena Hanks, Executive Secretary.

1. Welcome

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

Dr. Warren advised the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the proposed revision of water, sewer and refuse rates at which hearing owners, tenants, and occupants of property to be served or served by the Authority and all others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

2. Public Hearing – Citizen Comments

Mr. Linkous described the need for additional revenue to balance water and sewer accounts as well as the current and proposed rate schedules, noting the average water customer would see a slight increase of approximately \$1.00 per monthly billing, with customers of both water and sewer experiencing an overall increase of approximately \$3.00 per month.

Ms. Burchett inquired if staff had received any comments or feedback from the public regarding the proposed rate increases. By consensus, staff advised no comments had been received regarding the proposed rate increases.

Mr. Linkous advised that for the communities where new sewer is being provided, including Fair Acres and Hubbard Way, residents were pleased at being provided the new service. Mr. Linkous also advised of community meetings held recently at which residents were advised of the public hearing on the proposed rate increase.

Mr. Linkous advised that the proposed increase in connection fees would allow for the PSA to "break even" on material costs, with the PSA continuing to absorb labor costs for connection of water and sewer. Mr. Linkous advised that commercial connection fees are proposed to remain unchanged.

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Dr. Streff referenced information previously provided to the PSA board which indicated the PSA price structure to be significantly less than those of neighboring localities.

Mr. Linkous reminded the Board that this was the second year of a five-year plan for rate increases.

Dr. Warren opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

Consideration to adoption of the proposed rate increase will be placed on the June 9, 2015 PSA Board agenda.

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Burchett, seconded by Mr. Dean and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting with the Board to reconvene at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building (CAB) in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Dean, Dr. Warren, Dr. Streff, Ms. Burchett.  
Voting no: None.

  
Nancy Burchett, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Doug Warren, Chairman