

**County of Pulaski**  
**WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**GENERAL DEFINITION OF WORK:**

Performs routine skilled mechanical work in the installation and maintenance of the water distribution and sewer collection system. Performs responsible skilled work in the operation of, but not limited to, a backhoe, trench machine, truck, and other related work as required.

Work is performed under regular supervision

**TYPICAL TASKS:**

- Operates backhoe, trenching machine, tractor/bush-hog trucks and other equipment in connection with the installation of service line and meters or other county related projects as deemed appropriate
- Operates tapping machine
- Checks, services, and repairs water lines, fire hydrants, valves, valve boxes, etc.
- Checks water meters for proper operation
- Replaces meters as needed
- Reads water meters
- Performs the work of unskilled and semi-skilled workers and equipment operators
- Repair maintenance or construction of sewer and water facilities

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

General knowledge of the principles and practices of operating and servicing construction equipment. Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards involved and the safety precautions necessary to the proper operation of varying equipment and maintenance equipment. Skill, care, and the safe operation of construction equipment, backhoe's, trucks, similar constructional equipment. Ability to follow oral and written directions. Mechanical aptitude. Ability to make minor repairs and adjustments to equipment. Dependability. Knowledge of utility maintenance, repair and construction practices. Ability to perform work under varying climatic conditions. Ability to perform heavy manual work in a variety conditions. Ability to lift 50 pounds on a continuous basis and up 80 pounds on a daily basis. Ability to walk on varying terrain, such as the landfill topography, continuously for a distance of two miles during varying climatic conditions. Physical ability to climb in and out of water line ditches, over equipment, pump stations, etc. and other similar types of excavations and/or structures.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to the completion of a high school diploma and considerable experience in the operation of motorized equipment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must possess a Class A Commercial Drivers License (CDL) and a valid appropriate driver's permit issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen
- CPR and First Aid Certification preferred

I have read, understand and accept the duties, standards and expectations required of this position. I hereby affirm my good faith compliance with all county policies and procedures.

Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This job description is not intended to be all –inclusive. An employee will also perform other reasonably related job responsibilities as assigned by the County Administrator, department head or supervisor. Pulaski County reserves the right to revise or change job duties as the need arises. Moreover, management reserves the right to change job descriptions, job duties or working schedules based on their duty to accommodate individuals with disabilities. The job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment.