

At a meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Monday, July 20, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: H. W. Huff, Jr., Chairman; Carlos Morris; Archa Vaughan, Jr., and Dr. David L. Merrill. Absent was J. Mack Baker.

Also present were Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator Peter M. Huber.

Chairman Huff called the meeting together and advised those citizens attending that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of proposed rate increases for garbage collection and disposal service. The county administrator explained the proposed increases, which are largely due to increased landfill and other solid waste disposal costs charged by the New River Resource Authority.

Chairman Huff opened the public hearing. The following citizens spoke:

1. Mr. Garland Boothe of Snowville expressed concern that the mandatory use of the garbage collection and disposal system resulted in a charge to him, even though he has no waste either collected or disposed of by the Authority. Mr. Boothe also indicated he was aware of eight to ten deceased residents that were being billed for garbage service. Chairman Huff requested the staff contact Mr. Boothe and clarify any misinformation that would result in an erroneous billing.
2. Mr. Jeff Berkley stressed the need for collecting delinquent accounts and mandated recycling. He encouraged all recycling efforts. The county administrator noted that currently the New River Resource Authority is recycling eighteen percent of the waste stream from Pulaski County and the City of Radford.
3. Mr. Oscar Dalton of the Robinson Tract neighborhood expressed concern regarding the increase in fees.
4. Several citizens spoke who refused to identify themselves. Their comments related to:
  - a. the amount of savings available due to use of inmates on the back of the collection vehicles;
  - b. a request for explanation of the low volume user fee;
  - c. clarification that there was no tax dollar subsidy for the PSA; and
  - d. the impact of the commercial rate increase exceeding 10%, in some cases, as much as 50%, such as for the increase of approximately \$18,000 projected under the proposed rates by the school system for garbage service.

There being no further comment from the public, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Dr. Merrill, seconded by Mr. Vaughan and carried, that the following rates for garbage service be effective immediately. The combined water and garbage service rate increase is to be effective with the September 1992 billing for service in August. The residential garbage-only service rate increase is to be

included in the October 1992 billing for the Town of Pulaski customers, with the rate increase effective August 1992. The residential-only garbage service rate increase for non-town residents is to be effective for the September 1992 billing for service from July 1992. The schedule of rates adopted is as follows:

REFUSE - RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS - \$11.00 per month or \$33.00 quarter for full service  
- \$ 8.25 per month or \$24.75 quarter for non-users  
- \$ 5.50 per month or \$16.50 quarter for low volume users

REFUSE - COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS - \$24.00 per month for two containers (\$2.00 additional charge per empty for additional containers)

DUMPSTERS - COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS - \$15.00 per month rental \$33.00 charge each pickup

ROLL OFF CONTAINERS - \$60.00 per haul, plus container rental and New River Resource Authority tipping fee

SPECIAL PICKUPS

RESIDENTIAL - NO EXTRA CHARGE, EXCEPT:

BRUSH - 1 pickup truck load size per year - no charge  
ALL OTHER - \$15 per pickup truck load size

WOOD AND YARD WASTE FOR RECYCLING AS MULCH AND COMPOST:

ROLL OFF CONTAINERS - \$50 per haul plus New River Resource Authority tipping fee  
PICKUP SIZE LOADS - \$10 per haul plus New River Resource Authority tipping fee

Voting yes: Dr. Merrill, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Huff, Mr. Morris.

Voting no: none.

Not present: Mr. Baker.

Chairman Huff and Mr. Vaughan encouraged citizen cooperation and participation in the garbage collection effort, and noted the difficulty of all citizens complying with increased garbage disposal costs due to new environmental regulations.

It was moved by Dr. Merrill, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Pulaski County Public Service Authority will be held on Monday, August 10, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Dr. Merrill, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Huff, Mr. Morris.

Voting no: none.

Not present: Mr. Baker.

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H. W. Huff, Jr., Chairman

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J. Mack Baker, Secretary