

At a special meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Monday, March 21, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: H.W. Huff, Jr.; J. Mack Baker, Secretary; Carlos Morris; Archa Vaughan, Jr.; and Dr. David L. Merrill. Staff present were: H.D. Mayberry, Fleet Maintenance and Operations Director; Larry Vest, Garbage Collection Supervisor; Stan Crigger, Emergency Services Coordinator; and Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator. Also present was Jane Graham, a free-lance writer who is preparing a feature article on the subject of this meeting.

Chairman Huff opened the special meeting for the purpose of discussing debris collection procedures. The county administrator advised the current practice is to offer one pick-up size truck load of brush collection at no charge each year for each residential customer. A pick-up truck size truck load is approximately 2-3 cubic yards, or a volume of about 4 feet wide, 8 feet long and 3 feet high. Brush pick-up in addition to the annual no charge pick-up is set at \$15 per load. In general numbers, a 20 cubic yard high compaction garbage truck can hold about 20 such size loads.

Two alternatives for the ice storm emergency brush disposal were discussed. The first alternative would use PSA spare trucks and temporary employees. The labor and fuel costs would be from \$100 to \$170 per 20 cubic yard high compaction truck load. The average cost per pick-up size load would range from \$5 to \$8.50. This cost recognizes that the current storm debris collection sites at Ingles Mountain, Loving Field and Dublin Lions Field are without charge for disposal.

The second alternative is to contract for manpower and equipment. Rental trucks are available at \$160 per hour for two dump trucks, two backhoes, dump truck and backhoe operators and two flagmen. It is estimated that cost for such rental would be no less than \$8 per pick-up size load, again without any costs for disposal.

Emergency Services Coordinator Crigger indicated that it is yet to be confirmed that any Federal Emergency Management Association assistance will be available for storm debris collection by the Public Service Authority.

It was pointed out that while the general governments from the towns, county and City of Radford are arranging for the temporary disposal sites and use of the Ingles Mountain Landfill, no funds are available through the Public Service Authority for either collection or disposal.

Based on the information provided at the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Vaughan and carried, that the PSA spare trucks be made available during weekdays to pick up storm debris, with such debris being cut into 4 to 6 foot lengths and not exceeding two inches in diameter; and further, that the charge for such pick-up be set at \$5 per pick-up size truck load through mid April with this charge being reviewed at the regular April Public Service Authority Board of Directors meeting; and, further that temporary labor as needed be acquired to operate the spare trucks for this storm debris collection activity; and, further that the PSA Board of Directors consider rebates when it is known what level of assistance is available for storm debris collection from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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

Voting no: none.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The next regular scheduled

meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors will be held on Monday, April 11, 1994, 9:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Dr. Merrill, Mr. Morris, Mr. Baker, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Huff.
Voting no: none.

H. W. Huff, Jr., Chairman

J. Mack Baker, Secretary