

# **Patrick County Public Service Authority**

Meeting of April 19, 2005

Present: Bob Pendleton, Chairman; Arthur Boyd; Garland Cockram, Vice-Chairman; Rodney Kendrick, Secretary; and Darrell Worley

Also Present: Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Lisa Rakes, Administrative Assistant; Buddy Williams; and Christian Birkett

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A meeting of the Patrick County Public Service Authority was held on April 19, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Administration building.

Mr. Bob Pendleton, Chairman called the meeting to order. The agenda for this meeting was presented to the members. Upon motion of Mr. Garland Cockram and seconded by Mr. Darrell Worley, the agenda was approved. The minutes of the April 5, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Motioned by Mr. Darrell Worley and seconded by Mr. Rodney Kendrick, the minutes were approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Bob Pendleton opened the floor for discussion about a name change for the Authority. Although members do not want the public to have a negative image of the Authority, all members agreed that the name should remain Patrick County Public Service Authority. The members further agreed that it would be best to remain a part of the county government and not incorporate due to tax purposes.

Discussion of the Patrick Springs Water/Sewer Project ensued, and the members were in agreement that with the four-laning of U.S. Rt. 58, water and sewer needs to be developed in the Patrick Springs area for economic development.

Mr. Burnette stated that research shows that USDA Rural Development is the major funding source for such projects. Rural Development has given approval for funding, which would be in the form of 40% from grant monies and 60% from low-interest 40-year loan monies. According to the Town of Stuart/County of Patrick Annexation Agreement, the new lines for the Patrick Springs Water/Sewer Project will be county-owned. The Town of Stuart will ask Rural Development to transfer the name on the current grant/loan to the Patrick County Public Service Authority. Once the transfer has been approved and other items have been addressed, the Authority will begin to advertise for bids on construction. According to Adams-Heath Engineering, the approximate cost of the Patrick Springs Water/Sewer Project is \$4.73 million.

Mr. Burnette mentioned that citizens signing up for service before the actual construction of this project could save money due to the fact that there is a hook-up fee for signing up after construction is complete.

Mr. Darrell Worley inquired as to the Town of Stuart's current water and sewer rates. Mr. Burnette gathered information that the in-town rates are \$15/residential user and \$27/commercial user for the first 2,000 gallons, and \$3.15 for each additional thousand gallons. Out-of-town rates are \$20/residential user and \$37/commercial user and \$4.15 for each additional thousand gallons.

Mr. Burnette mentioned to the members that they need to factor in the cost of maintenance and billing when figuring the rate for service, and that this rate should still beat the current out-of-town rates charged by the Town of Stuart. The members were encouraged to decide whether they want to handle billing and checking the meters in-house or if they want to contract with a third-party.

Mr. Buddy Williams commended the members for their efforts in overseeing this project. He suggested that the members should increase their public relations efforts in getting the community to support them in their endeavors. Mr. Williams suggested that the Authority purchase the three existing wells on the former Fulflex site. Mr. Rodney Kendrick raised the question of the wells possibly being contaminated. Mr. Williams noted that the only potentially contaminated wells are on the back of the property and would only be contaminated with sand. The high-producing wells are not contaminated, he added.

Mr. Burnette suggested that in order to take liability issues from Wal-Mart, that the County could request the Authority to keep the wells and perform further studies of them.

Mr. Pendleton discussed the installation of a water tank and inquired about the water supply at Vaughan Furniture. Mr. Burnette said that it was used as fire protection for the Rich Creek Corporate Park and that all water supply within the park would be managed by PSA.

Mr. Pendleton opened floor for discussion of different sewage treatment options, and he stated that a good place for a sewage treatment plant would be behind the corporate park in Patrick Springs.

Mr. Pendleton inquired as to when the members should start contacting citizens about the project, and Mr. Burnette stated that more information would need to be gathered about the rate and a fact sheet would need to be prepared with an estimated bill before people are contacted. As soon as a decision is received from Rural Development, then members would need to meet with Rural Development and the engineers to work on a rate figure.

A motion was made by Mr. Worley and seconded by Mr. Kendrick to proceed with making a request to the Board of Supervisors to retain ownership of small areas of land on which three wells are located at the former Fulflex site.

Mr. Pendleton recommended that a letter be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to that effect. A motion was made by Mr. Kendrick and seconded by Mr. Worley that Mr. Burnette would draft the letter.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting Nay: None

Next, Mr. Pendleton opened the floor for discussion of ordering office supplies for the Public Service Authority, specifically 1,000 envelopes, 1,000 pieces of letterhead, and 1,000 second sheets. Upon motion by Mr. Worley and seconded by Mr. Kendrick, Mr. Burnette was instructed to proceed with ordering the supplies.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 3, 2005.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Garland Cockram made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Worley to adjourn.

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Chairman

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Date