

Patrick County Public Service Authority

Meeting of April 5, 2005

Present: Arthur Boyd, Garland Cockram, Rodney Kendrick, Bob Pendleton, and Darrell Worley

Also Present: Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Jeannie Frisco, Tourism Coordinator; Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; Jamie Clark, WHEO, Ray Weiland and Christian Birkett

A meeting of the Patrick County Public Service Authority was held on April 5, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Administration building.

Mr. Burnette acted as moderator and the meeting was opened by consensus. Discussion was held regarding adoption of rules and procedures. By consensus, the Authority adopted the Sturgis version of Robert's Rules of Order.

Mr. Burnette opened the floor to nominations of election of officers. Mr. Bob Pendleton made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Arthur Boyd to nominate Darrell Worley for Chairman. Mr. Worley indicated that he would be out of town during certain months of the year and felt that he should decline so that someone with more time could hold the position. Mr. Garland Cockram made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Worley to nominate Mr. Pendleton as Chairman. Mr. Pendleton accepted the nomination on the basis that this would be a trial period and that if he was not comfortable or if members felt another Chairman should be nominated, he would agree to resign Chairman position. Mr. Worley made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Kendrick to nominate Mr. Cockram as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Cockram accepted the nomination. Mr. Boyd made the motion and Mr. Worley seconded to nominate Mr. Kendrick as Secretary. Mr. Kendrick accepted the nomination.

Voting Aye: Boyd, Cockram, Kendrick, Pendleton, Worley
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Burnette informed the members that the terms of office would run July to June coinciding with the County's fiscal year. The newly appointed officers will serve until June 30, 2005. The Board agreed by consensus.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling of future meetings. By consensus, the members decided that the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays commencing at 6:00 PM will work the best for now. The next meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the second floor conference room.

Mr. Burnette informed the members that he would not have a vote on this board and that he would act as a liaison between the Board of Supervisors and the PSA. Mr. Burnette informed the members that under the Freedom of Information Act, members can talk outside of regularly scheduled meetings but if three or more members speak about PSA issues at one time, it is considered a meeting due to having enough for a quorum. He emphasized the importance to members to review and familiarize themselves with Robert's Rules of Orders, the Code of Virginia as well as the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Burnette indicated that this group would be overseeing the Patrick Springs Water and Sewer project for Patrick Springs as well as west of Stuart. Mr. Burnette informed the group that the County would be purchasing water from the Town and reselling it to citizens. Mr. Burnette indicated that the mission of this group was for long term development of water/sewer service throughout Patrick County. Mr. Burnette will have copies of water/sewer study available to members at their next meeting. Mr. Burnette told the members that they may want to hire a firm to update this information. Discussion pursued regarding the Patrick Springs Water/Sewer project. Mr. Burnette indicated that it would be the decision of the Authority members as to whether there would be mandatory hook-up requirements but that the County had held discussions with citizens indicating that it would not be mandatory and that services would be taken to the owner's property line and then it would be the responsibility of the owner to take it from that point into his/her home. Members of the Authority reviewed maps provided by Mr. Burnette showing water and sewer line placement. According to Mr. Burnette, no sewer service would be available at this point off of Route 58. Mr. Burnette was asked if businesses had been lost due to not having these services. Mr. Burnette confirmed this. Discussion was held regarding the financial responsibility for the construction of this project. Mr. Burnette indicated that Rural Development which is part of the Department of Agriculture was the major source of funding with approximately 60% in low-interest loan monies and 40% from grant monies. Mr. Burnette indicated the loan would be over a 40 year period. He said that the Town had agreed as part of their annexation settlement to turn the development over to the County and that Rural Development is currently reviewing a request to move project funding from the Town to the PSA.

Mr. Worley indicated that he would like to meet with politicians and businesses to try to get free monies for this or other projects either through state or federal grants.

Mr. Christian Birkett presented members of the Authority with a letter regarding three wells at the former Fulflex site and asked that the members consider the use of these wells for this future construction of water lines. Mr. Ray Weiland with the Virginia Department of Health, indicated that he had been told that at least one of the wells and possibly two were contaminated and that he felt if one was, then all three are or will be. Mr. Weiland assured the members that the Town had the capacity to supply water and sewer services for the proposed areas for the project. Mr. Worley addressed Mr. Weiland asking what water source would Walmart be using. Mr. Weiland indicated it was his understanding that they would use Town services. Mr. Weiland emphasized that the Virginia Department of Health would not allow the Town to go over 80% capacity and that these plans had already been reviewed and the Town had the ability to provide

these services for the Patrick Springs Water/Sewer project. Mr. Weiland presented the members with contact information and templates to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the PSA. Mr. Weiland offered his services to lower the cost of future planning processes for the PSA. Mr. Weiland informed Mr. Burnette that if he would have Adams and Heath, the consulting firm for this project, send a letter to the Virginia Department of Health requesting an extension, he felt they would award it.

Mr. Burnette informed the group that during discussion with Mr. Pendleton, the members may want to discuss a possible name change. Discussion ensued with possibilities being Patrick County Utility Authority or Patrick County Services Authority. Members were asked to think about this and a decision would be made at the next meeting. Mr. Burnette told the group that once they decide on a name, his office would order letterhead, envelopes, etc to be used by the Authority.

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

Chairman

Date