



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 26, 2016

8:15am

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ted Davenport, Chairman (Municipal), Wofford Woods (I), Philip O'Dell (II), Jurell Byrd (III), Bill Teague, Treasurer (IV), Susan Curry (V), John McMurray (VI) and E.L. Mason, Secretary (VII)

STAFF: Jeff Field, Executive Director
Kevin Anderson, Director of Operations and Engineering
Debbie Price, Executive Administrative Assistant
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle, Laurens County Advertiser

GUEST: Jonathan Coleman

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of March 22, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Laurens County Development Corporation Update – Jonathan Coleman

Other Business

1. Project Bids Update
 - Lydia Mill CDBG – Bids April 26th 2:00 pm
 - Greenville Water Meter @ Scuffletown – Bids April 26th 2:30 pm
 - Fairview Road Waterline - Bids May 17th 2:00 pm

Executive Session

1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.
2. Discussion of proposed expansion or relocation of prospective industry.

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:19am in the Board Room of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Woods.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 22, 2016 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Byrd MOVED *that the minutes be accepted as submitted.*

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Teague. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

EXECUTIVE REMARKS

Mr. Field asked everyone to keep Chairman Davenport's son Jeff in their prayers. He has been dealing with some health issues recently.

He also gave an update on the recent Washington D.C. Trip where he met with the USDA, EDA, Jeff Duncan, Lindsay Graham, Tim Scott's Office, and Jim Clyburn's Office.

LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The monthly financial summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet.

As of March 31, 2016 LCWSC currently had a total of \$4,171,977 in cash and cash reserves as compared to \$3,586,000 this time in FY15. The difference is partially due to our capital rate increase and more revenue in both the sewer treatment and sewer collection systems, as well as fewer capital expenses in FY16 than in FY15.

The Budget Committee will meet in May and the proposed budget will be presented at the June Commissioner Meeting.

LCWSC MONTHLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The monthly operations summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of this summary can be found in the Commissioner Board packet.

New Business

1. Laurens County Development Corporation Update – Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director

Mr. Coleman presented a power point and fielded any questions concerning capital investments, wage growth, unemployment, and RFI's. Included in the discussion were 2016 projects, new jobs, and the economic effect for the county.

- Year-to-date for 2016 projects, the capital investment is \$94,500,000 and 127 jobs. By comparison, for 2015 projects, the capital investment was \$147,200,000 and 892 jobs.
- Wage growth has declined over the past two years. Decreasing from \$16.24/hr to 15.07/hr. Mr. Coleman stated that this sharp decrease from one year to the next is not normal and there is probably an error in the current year's number.
- Unemployment is steady at 6.8%.
- There were 48 RFI's in 2015, compared to 67 in 2014.

Other Business

1. Project Bids Update

Kevin Anderson provided an update on the bid process thus far:

- Lydia Mill CDBG – Bids April 26th 2:00 pm
 - a. Water system operated by City of Clinton
 - b. Sewer System operated by LCWSC
 - c. 79 Homes in final Project
 - d. Construction will be completed in fall of 2016
- Greenville Water Meter @ Scuffletown – Bids May 18th 2:30 pm
 - a. .5 MGD Capacity
 - b. Bethany Service Area

- Fairview Road Waterline - Bids May 17th 2:00 pm
 - a. 10,000 feet of 12-inch water main
 - b. Project will start at Tall Pine Road and end at Ridge Water Subdivision

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Commissioner Mason MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners go into Executive Session at 9:34am* to discuss a contractual/legal matter. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Woods. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Curry MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners come out of Executive Session at 10:20am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

No vote taken. Informational only.

Adjourn

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:30am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on April 26, 2016 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held May 24, 2016.



E. L. Mason, Secretary