

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Cleveland County Water Board Room

June 13, 2017
Tuesday, 7: 00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Donald O. Melton, presiding; Vice Chairman Dewey Cook, Secretary Bill Cameron, Commissioners Amy Bridges and Tony Brooks, and John Taylor General Manager Brad Cornwell and Attorney Tim Moore. Treasurer Pete Pedersen was absent.

Chairman Melton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all who were in attendance and recognized Dewey Cook who gave the invocation and Donald Melton led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A. Approval of agenda:

Chairman Melton asked Commissioners if anyone had any questions related to the adoption of the agenda. With no questions, he requested a motion to approve the agenda.

1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Cameron and second by Mr. Cook, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

B. Public Hearing

Chairman Melton requested the time for Budget Hearing and Mr. Cornwell noted that no one had signed up for the Budget Hearing. Chairman Melton opened and closed the public hearing with no verbal or written comments or questions from the public.

- a. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 4-2017
- b. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Supplemental Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 5-2017

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Bridges and second by Mr. Cook, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 4-2017 *Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance No. 4-2017*

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 5-2017 *Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 5-2017*

C. Public Comment

Chairman Melton requested the time for Public Comment and Mr. Cornwell noted that no one had signed up for Public Comment.

D. Consent Agenda:

Action Taken: Chairman Melton presented the Consent Agenda Items. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks second by Mr. Cameron, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2017
- 2) Consideration of Resolution Number 18-2017 A Resolution Adopting Certain Updated Personnel Policies
- 3) Consideration of Resolution Number 19-2017 A Resolution by Cleveland County Water Accepting A Water Asset Inventory Assessment Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

E. Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

F. New Business:

No new business was presented.

G. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Cornwell began with the financial statements. The month of May is the next to last month of the fiscal year. Mr. Cornwell explained the financial statement should reflect 92% of the revenues collected with eleven months completed. The statement shows that water sale revenues are now 95% collected. Under the other operating revenue, the collection percentage

is 118% due to the sewer payment collections. The non-operating revenues are currently collected at 109%. The May projections were below what was collected. The budgeted revenues will all be collected for the fiscal year. The maintenance report was presented and discussed. The water plant report and billing report was down for May. The month of May 2016 was very dry so the billing report reflected a decrease because the month of May 2017 was so wet.

Broad River Property Timber Contract: Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Earl met with the timber consultant concerning the timber on the Broad River land. The timber consultant was asked to present three quotes for the timber thinning cut. The consultant presented four quotes. The quote selected was Richards Timber Company and the quote was \$9.50 a ton for pulp wood. The other three quotes were \$7.50, \$7.00, and \$6.50. The contractor asked for an eighteen-month time frame for the thinning to be completed. Mr. Cornwell told the timber consultant that would be fine, the contractor will probably do the thinning this winter. The timber consultant was asked to provide a projection of the pulp. The pulp should bring between \$35.00 to \$40.00 per acre for sixty acres of property. This will amount to between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00.

Fallston Update: The operation and maintenance agreement through the USDA for the Town of Fallston has been completed. The maintenance department has been assisting the Town of Fallston with flushing lines. The mayor has requested that the water be switched from the well to Cleveland County Water. The Town of Fallston has been using our water for about a week now. Mr. Cornwell discussed establishing a governmental rate for all towns and municipalities interested in purchasing water. The Town of Fallston requires 50,000 gallons a day water usage. The meter currently being used for the Town of Fallston is calculated on a bulk water rate of \$2.65 per thousand gallons. Attorney Tim Moore and Mr. Cornwell are working together on the transfer of ownership agreement which will be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Cornwell introduced new employee, Jennifer Price, Senior Customer Service Representative. The Board members welcomed Jennifer Price. Travis Spurling received an employee compliment by card in the mail from a customer thanking him for his commitment and diligence in working to get her water turned on in the rain until he was soaked.

H. Board Members Announcement and Remarks

Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation for the work applied to the budget. Mrs. Bridges expressed appreciation for all the hard work. Mr. Brooks noted that the City of Shelby had an article in the paper concerning their water rate increases. Mr. Melton mentioned considering moving the regular monthly meeting time to 6:00 from the current 7:00 time.

I. Closed Session

- 1) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option exchange or lease in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5)

Action Taken: Upon a motion by Mr. Cook, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5) at 7:20 PM.

- 2) The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 8:04 PM. Mr. Cornwell checked to see if any public remained outside to invite them back into the meeting and there were none.

J. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chairman Melton called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Cook, the Board of Commissions voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cameron

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Secretary

