

AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA AND THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, HELD IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING ROOM LOCATED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON VIRGINIA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN R.R.CAMPBELL  
MEMBERS: J.M.HIGGINS, R.S.FORD, D.W.HINTY, JR., A.W.LEWIS, JR  
CLERK TO BOARD: SPENCER H. SUTER  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: VICKIE L. HUFFMAN

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Campbell called the continued meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Lewis read a proclamation recognizing the area's fire fighters.

**PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY TO LOCAL EMERGENCY FIRE AGENCIES AND FIREFIGHTERS**

**WHEREAS**, The President of the United States traditionally designates the week in which the date of October 9 falls as National Fire Prevention Week; and,

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Fire agencies serving Rockbridge County, the City of Lexington, and the City of Buena Vista provide a vital public service by responding to the fire suppression and technical rescue needs of our residents and visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their local fire service providers; and,

**WHEREAS**, safety of our citizens is a primary goal of local, state, and national government; and,

**WHEREAS**, Firefighters are often among the first to arrive upon the scene of emergencies and disasters, be they medical, natural or manmade, to provide immediate and often life-saving assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighters participate in numerous hours of rigorous training and continuing education in order to enhance their life and property-saving skills; and,

**WHEREAS**, Firefighters demonstrate a high level of commitment and dedication to their communities and fellow citizens by providing constant presence and safety awareness programs in their respective localities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, call upon all citizens of Rockbridge County to observe the week of October 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as National Fire Prevention Week, during which all of our residents may join in celebrating the dedication of our local Fire Departments and Firefighters, past and present, and their families,

whose support allows them to serve our community.

Adopted this \_8th\_day of \_October\_, 2013

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Ronnie R. Campbell  
Chairman Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Spencer H. Suter  
County Administrator

[SEAL]

**PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF WATER/SEWER EXTENSION TO EXIT 188**

PSA Chairman Torben Pederson introduced Dean Upton, with Anderson and Associates, Inc. (A&A) Mr. Upton then reviewed A&A's update of its 2005 report. The cost of extending 14,000 ft. of 12" waterline past the I-81/Rt60 interchange would be an estimated \$2.3M, up from \$1.6M in 2005. There are several alternatives for extension of sewer, ranging in cost from \$6M to \$13M, with various combinations of gravity and force main piping. In summary, Mr. Upton noted that the next step would be for the PSA to conduct a full Preliminary Engineering Report.

Chairman Campbell asked if costs had been estimated for the two options listed in Alternative B. Mr. Upton stated that they had not. Melissa Alexander, Director of the PSA, noted that she had suggested alternative B, options 1 and 2 so that the PSA would own the entire infrastructure.

Chairman Campbell asked County Administrator Spencer Suter what the next step should be. Mr. Suter noted that project financing would need to be a central consideration and that the City of Buena Vista should be

brought into the discussion. Chairman Campbell agreed.

Supervisor Higgins noted that he would like to see a working group meet with Buena Vista to look at costs. He noted that he would like to be on the committee since the project would be in his district, and would like to include landowners and developers. Chairman Campbell added that he would like to serve as well and asked Mr. Pedersen how the PSA would like to participate. Mr. Pedersen and PSA member Jay Melvin suggested that PSA Director Melissa Alexander be involved in initial discussions. Mr. Melvin and Mr. Pedersen agreed to participate in discussions as well.

Mr. Pedersen then asked if the system would be negatively impacted if the 24" regional option was constructed and then the regional flows were not realized. Mr. Upton noted that such a situation would definitely cause problems. Karen Austin with the PSA asked if cost estimates included the Preliminary Engineering Report costs. Mr. Upton responded in the affirmative, noting that Rural Development guidelines were used to estimate the fees. Mr. Pedersen thanked Mr. Upton for the report.

The two boards agreed to hold another joint meeting to brief all on the results of a meeting with Buena Vista officials and the owners/developers.

### **Discussion on Natural Bridge**

Mr. Pedersen introduced the topic, noting that a well drawdown test had not yet been completed, and that this step needed to be completed with a favorable result before the PSA could move forward. He indicated that Mr. Suter had made it clear to the owner that there was no guarantee of

any action by the PSA or the Board even in the event of positive drawdown test result. He added that the PSA had been told that the owner and County might possibly put \$250,000 each toward a project to provide PSA water to the Natural Bridge, while the remaining \$1M would potentially be borne by the PSA without additional support from the state. He suggested, however, that if the PSA funds the Natural Bridge water project, the County would need to bear the cost of the I-81/Rt60 project. Mr. Suter clarified that the matter of a \$250,000 county match was a thought and not a commitment.

PSA member Rick Mast asked if the \$1M - \$1.6M estimated cost is a hard number. Supervisor Ford inquired as to the quantity of water purchase that would be required to support the capital investment. Mr. Melvin replied that modeling would not be difficult. Mr. Suter noted that there are issues involved with estimated usage due to leakage in the current water system. The boards agreed that until further information is provided by the seller via testing results, no decisions could be made.

Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.