

Windsor, North Carolina
June 5, 2013
Water Work Session

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a water work session at 9:30 AM with the following members present or absent:

Present: J. Wallace Perry, Chairman
Charles L. Smith, Vice-Chairman
Rick Harrell
John Trent
Ronald "Ron" Wesson

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim County Manager John E. Whitehurst
Assistant County Manager Misty Gibbs
Water System Manager Ricky Spivey
Water Department Office Manager Connie Coburn
Rich Moore, McDavid Associates
Charles Joyner, McDavid Associates

Chairman Perry opened the meeting.

CONVENE AS THE BOARD FOR WATER DISTRICTS I, II, III AND IV

Chairman Perry convened the Board as the Board for Water Districts I, II, III and IV.

AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

The Board heard a presentation from Mr. Steven Daniel with Ralph Hodge Construction Company regarding a sensus meter. Mr. Ryan Jones presented information on this meter as well.

The Board took a 5-minute recess.

The Board heard a presentation from Mr. Greg Brock of Herring and Riverbank, Mr. Ron Lilley and Mr. Mark McMillan regarding a Badger/Orion SE meter and a Badger/Orion ME meter. Mr. Steve Pagley discussed this meter as well.

The Board recessed for lunch until 1:45 PM.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 PM with all members present.

The Board heard a presentation from Mr. Lee Gregory of RG3 Meter Company regarding the RG3 Meter.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Mr. Rich Moore and Mr. Charles Joyner of McDavid Associates discussed spreadsheets outlining the features of each of the proposed systems. The Board asked McDavid Associates for a spreadsheet comparing the cost for each system.

BLACK ROCK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Charles Joyner of McDavid stated that the project bids for this project were coming in about \$100,000.00 under budget at this time. Mr. Joyner asked if the Board would like to put in service taps to all of the lots at this time. The Board answered no. The Board asked McDavid to send a letter to those who have not paid their tap fee giving them a last chance to do so. The Board said to put a tap only where the owner has agreed to pay a tap fee or has paid the fee.

Water Office Manager Connie Coburn stated that about 30 residents of the Black Rock subdivision paid the \$50.00 fee under the 2004 contract.

Mr. Joyner stated that Mr. John Davis had bought the home of his father-in-law, who had paid the \$50.00 fee during early sign up. Mr. Joyner stated that Mr. Davis would like to be credited for the fee when his family decides to tap into the system. The Board discussed this matter and agreed to only charge Mr. Davis the \$100.00 fee to transfer the service into his name.

WATER TANK MANAGEMENT

Water System Manager Ricky Spivey discussed the proposals received for management of tanks #5, #6, #7 and #8. Mr. Spivey stated that the price received from Southern Corrosion was significantly lower than the price from the company that has been doing the maintenance. Mr. Spivey discussed the other locations near Bertie County that use Southern Corrosion. Mr. Spivey discussed the contracts with Utility Service for tanks #1, #2, #3 and #4 and the cost of those contracts. The Board inquired if the current contracts could be terminated. Mr. Spivey stated that they could with proper notice.

Commissioner Trent introduced a **MOTION** to cancel the contract with Utility Services for tanks #1, #2, #3 and #4. Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Commissioner Wesson introduced a **MOTION** to enter into a contract with Southern Corrosion for management of tanks #5, #6, #7 and #8. Commissioner Trent **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION FOR REVIEW

Mr. Moore handed out a narrative and discussion points on water system operational policies for water system regulations, a proposed checklist, a draft resolution adopting impact fees and water usage statistics.

ADJOURN

Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting.

J. Wallace Perry, Chairman

Misty J. Gibbs, Clerk to the Board