

CPST Commission Meeting Minutes 4-18-2016 – 5:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Dave Waldrop
Renee Joiner
Phil Spotts
Pat Caldwell
Lisa Toland
Jimmie Coggins
Willie Morris (alternate)
Bob McCartha (alternate)

Staff Present: Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Karen Brehmer, Assistant to County Administrator

Others Present: Theodore DuBose, Esquire
Jamil Ibreak, Alliance Consulting Engineers

Media Present: Carson Lambert, Newberry Observer

Chairman Waldrop called the meeting to order and stated the procedure for project presentations. Chairman Waldrop asked Mr. Theo DuBose to confirm that if questions arose regarding a project, the Commission could call someone back. Mr. DuBose confirmed that would be correct. At that time, the presentations began.

1. NCWSA – Lake Murray Water Treatment

Brent Richardson, Manager – NCWSA

Don Franklin, Engineer – Black & Veatch

Rick Farmer, Newberry County Director of Economic Development

- Cost estimate - \$4,740,623
- Pump station upgrades would allow 2.0 MGD (million gallons per day). Current capacity is 1.3 MGD.
- The new transmission main is designed for future needs.
- Residential growth is expected to be approximately 2.5-3% as well as industrial/commercial needs.
- No land acquisition required. Lines would be placed in SCDOT right-of-way.
- Project has three phases
 - 1) LMWTP pumping upgrade \$ 442,290
 - 2) Macedonia Booster Station pumping upgrade \$ 432,458
 - 3) Transmission Main \$3,865,875
- New Transmission main was ranked as the most important project for NCWSA.

- Construction timeline indicates a 33 month period, starting in January, 2017, completing in September, 2019.
2. NCWSA – Mid-Carolina Commerce Park – Storage Tank & Main
 Brent Richardson, Manager – NCWSA
 Don Franklin, Engineer – Black & Veatch
 Rick Farmer, Newberry County Director of Economic Development
- Cost estimate - \$4,116,536
 - MC Commerce Park (MCCP) must have 600,000 gallon water supply in order to remain site certified.
 - MCCP has a 12" water line supplied by an 8" line.
 - Nearest water tank storage is approximately 6.8 miles away.
 - The new lines and storage tank will provide capacity to support growth at the MCCP and surrounding area.
 - Rick Farmer, County Economic Development Director, emphasized the need to have these upgrades in place for new business prospects. Companies want all infrastructures in place when deciding on a new location.
 - Construction timeline indicates a 33 month period, starting in January, 2017, completing in September, 2019.
3. Town of Pomaria – Old Pomaria School Building Renovation
 Mayor Darryl Hentz
- Cost estimate - \$1,070,000.
 - Auditorium was built in 1935.
 - Cafeteria addition was added around 1958/1959.
 - Town meetings are held here as well as a polling location. Other civic and social events are held here.
 - Electrical outlets are minimal.
 - Heating and air conditioning do not function sufficiently for the size of the building. Windows are usually opened to cool the auditorium.
 - Restroom facilities are in need of upgrading.
 - The lower level needs attention, but the Town would be willing to wait.
 - Minimum request amount would be \$600,000.
4. County of Newberry – 800 MHz Emergency Services Radio System
 Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO and Major Wesley Boland, NCSO
- Cost estimate - \$7,400,000.
 - Sheriff Foster stated that the Palmetto 800 MHz radio system would be used by all Emergency Services in the county. Law Enforcement, fire, rescue, hazmat, EMS and dispatch would utilize this system.
 - This system would improve communications with to-date technology.

- Major Boland stated currently walkie coverage is about 70-75% across the county. The new system would receive about 95% coverage.
- All adjacent counties except Saluda and Union are on this system.
- Law enforcement currently uses a system from the 1970's. Fire/rescue utilize a system from the 1950's.
- Palmetto 800 system would allow a responder to use only one radio. In doing so, many issues are resolved, i.e. key-over, reception, multi-radios for specific services.
- A new mic is also available that contains a body camera.
- There is no phasing of the project.
- All vehicles must be up-fitted. All employees of the entities (County Sheriff Dept., City Police & Fire, Prosperity Police, Whitmire Police, EMS) along with Rescue & Fire stations, Dispatch, Hazmat, Public Safety and Coroner's offices would be given these radios.
- The scope does not include a new radio for every volunteer.
- The \$2,500,000 in user fees (covers all users) will be funded by the County on an annual amount of \$250,000 for 10 years.
- Completion time is estimated from 18-24 months.
- Motorola has agreed with the state to keep this system upgraded.

5. Town of Whitmire – Town Hall/Police Department Remodel/Upgrades

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

- Cost estimate - \$1,520,000
- Mayor Hollingsworth is concerned about the integrity of the structure.
- Wiring is a major issue. Many rooms have wiring that is not enclosed in conduit. The building needs to be completely rewired.
- The roof has leaks. Water intrudes into the building down the walls.
- The first floor needs a new facelift, including flooring.
- There are 2 FT and 1 PT employees using the first floor.
- The upstairs houses offices for the mayor, recreation and public works. Wiring is the most critical need on this floor.
- The adjacent bays are used for vehicles and storage.
- Commissioner Spotts asked what could be done with \$1,000,000. The mayor responded the roof and electrical.

6. Town of Silverstreet – Demolition of Old School Building/Relocation of park and walking track

Mayor Lisha Senn

- Cost estimate – 700,000
- The Old Silverstreet School is in need of demolition. It is a hazard to anyone who enters.
- In order to qualify for CPST, the construction of a walking track and playground would be placed on the land of the existing school.

- The community currently has a walking track that borders Hwy. 34. There are swings located there also.
- Many parents are concerned about the current location being in close proximity to the highway.
- The new area would be away from the traffic.
- This project would be utilized by the community as well as any other county resident.

Chairman Waldrop thanked all for their presentations. With this being the last one, Chairman Waldrop stated the Commission would do the best possible. It would be the Commission's role now to deliberate and develop the ballot to forward to County Council. He re-iterated his desire to see the One Cent Solution continue for Newberry County.

Chairman Waldrop reminded the Commissioners of the next meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.