

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** August 23, 2023, 6 p.m., Community Center

**Present:** Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Mark Presley, Richard Johnson, Alan Carman, County Mayor Jack McCall, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee (present via video)

**Others Present:** Public Works staff Kerri Garner, Callie White, Steve Paxton, Crystal Justice

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Carman, second by Johnson. Motion approved.

Discussion held on 2023 pool season. Pool lost estimated \$15,300, per numbers provided by Sallee. Sallee noted those numbers could improve, as there are multiple bills from Tri-County that need checking on, also Water Department did not forgive sewer portion of bill like it normally does. Sallee will talk to Tommy McFarland about that. B.Gregory asked if that had been asked before pool opened. Sallee said it had, but he did not follow up.

Discussion turned to courthouse. Trane came last week to train PW staff on system but it wasn't working well. Added 50 pounds of freon but it needed more by morning of August 22. All refrigerant will be pulled and refilled to 150 pounds, expected to be done by Friday or Saturday. Sallee noted that electrical permit was pulled, but has not been inspected yet.

ServPro has cleaned most of building, everything else is almost ready per Sallee. Lee Co. set to give quote on sanding & refinishing floors at future Election Commission site. Part of old boiler is still in basement, needs to be removed. Sallee also wants to fix/replace fence around outside unit, that was not part of original contract. Estimate cost of \$1000 to \$1500. B.Gregory asked if Trane will be responsible for cost of floor repair. Sallee said they can, but PW staff can do it and bill Trane.

Motion by C.Gregory to allow PW to do work and bill Trane, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Discussion turned to Justice Center. HVAC has been running nonstop since building opened, then all four coolant fans went out at same time. Fuses blowing on regular basis as well. Parts have been ordered to fix, estimate 65 days to arrive. B.Gregory asked if covered by warranty, Sallee said no, just one year warranty. Trousdale Comfort & Air is handling fixes.

Steve Paxton asked when Election Commission could get into courthouse, as deadline for March primaries start in October. Sallee said unknown, as AC must be fixed before floors are installed.

Sallee also mentioned generator for Administration Building. Old one had been though unrepairable, but Taylor Generators in White House think they can fix it. TC has gas generator backup but is hard to use, will wait to see if can fix old one or need to buy new.

Discussion held on status of playground. Sallee said all fence posts have been taken up, equipment starting to come down. Old equipment will go for sale online in September. B.Gregory asked when old stuff would be gone, date unknown but won't take long per Sallee. Fence posts are being stored for future use. B.Gregory also mentioned number of leftover bricks from courthouse front, roughly a pallet worth. C.Gregory asked if bricks and fenceposts could be combined in future use at park. B.Gregory pointed out decision needs to be made on those soon.

Discussion held on 2023 BCBS Healthy Grant with Crystal Justice from Justice Business Solutions (worked with Red Boiling Springs on its project). Justice recapped RBS process, noted that county attorney Bellar will be familiar with this as he is also RBS attorney. Justice said RBS received \$879,000

plus \$120,000 for maintenance over 10 years for new playground. B.Gregory asked if any match, no, but project must be on land owned by government or nonprofit. Any project must be open to public.

C.Gregory mentioned park master plan designed in 2020, asked if that would be useful. Justice feels it would, but plan may need updating. Mayor McCall mentioned redoing Little League fields or tennis courts. Justice pointed out Memphis received \$9.5 million grant for civil rights museum. McCall said application would be in 2024, as window runs from Aug. 1-31. Justice said grants usually awarded by October and start the following year. She noted RBS invested \$20,000 to build pad, got \$1 million.

C.Gregory suggested trying to do Little League fields in cloverleaf design as per park master plan.

B.Gregory asked if redoing pool was a possibility. Justice didn't know of any pool projects previously funded, but said BCBS is usually open to new ideas. Presley asked if docks or riverfront were a possibility, probably not. Committee advised to check out BCBS website with list of previous projects.

Presley pointed out that new Hartsville signs across downtown look great.

Floor opened to public comment, none made.

No date scheduled for the next meeting. Motion to adjourn by Presley, second by Johnson. Motion approved.

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory*