

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** August 15, 2024, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Alan Carman, County Mayor Jack McCall, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee

**Others Present:** Amy Thomas, Maggie Webb, Branden Bellar, Misty Lytle, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Overman, second by Carman. Motion approved.

Discussion held on playground project. Sallee said work has come long way, estimated about 50% done. Maggie Webb with Cunningham Recreation spoke to committee as well. Weather delays and work at other sites has delayed previously, but she said crews will be here now until project is done. Concrete and fencing to begin the week of August 26, surfacing crew after that. Company goal is 12 days for concrete, 12 for surfacing, then TDEC test with goal to be done by Oct. 10. C.Gregory asked about fencing, will be black post gavel fencing. B.Gregory noted lots of excitement in community about completion.

C.Gregory asked about name plaque to replace old wood posts. Sallee said Lafayette Trophy has quoted around \$800, but marble or brick would be higher cost than wooden sign. C.Gregory said he felt county would be better served to get a more expensive sign that would last far longer. B.Gregory asked about getting estimates on other materials, Sallee said would have for September meeting.

Amy Thomas gave update on BlueCross park grant, saying Crystal Justice has everything needed to apply as of her last communication. County has until Aug. 31 to turn in grant application.

Sallee provided update on 2024 pool season. No financial figures yet, July saw lower attendance but Sallee believes numbers will be similar to 2023. Finances should be ready for September meeting. C.Gregory asked how second late night went. Sallee said good, recommends committee look at Tuesday/Saturday in 2025. Presley asked about 4th of July and concession sales. Sallee said concessions were average but pool was packed that day, all day long. Sallee also noted no security issues in 2024, noted several people new to community started coming late in season, expects to see more in 2025.

B.Gregory asked about schedule for new trash truck. Sallee said he talked to company about two weeks ago, looking at December delivery. PW has spent \$2500 in last two weeks on old truck repairs, another \$2500 likely coming to keep that truck running. That one will serve as backup once new truck arrives.

Discussion turned to Board of Education dumpster bills. Sallee noted schools haven't paid full bill in years, has paid \$35,000 annually. Commissioner Landon Gulley has talked to Clint Satterfield and agreement has been made to raise that to \$40,000 annually. Sallee noted school dumpsters are picked up almost daily during summer, asked to go to will call status during that time. C.Gregory asked what regular cost to schools would be if they were charged like anyone else. Sallee estimated about \$3,500 month. C.Gregory said agreement was OK with him if it was close to that regular cost.

Motion by C.Gregory to recommend approval of agreement to full Commission, second by Presley. Motion later withdrawn so Sallee can provide more exact numbers in September.

Discussion held on Animal Shelter. Public Works staff is handling shelter now as sheriff's department will not take over, inmate crew is helping also. As of meeting date, only one dog was still at shelter and no intakes being accepted. Sallee said sheriff's department is called to address vicious dogs if needed. Otherwise PW staff starts at 6 a.m. to feed dog(s) and clean kennels. B.Gregory asked who public should call about stray dogs, Sallee said call Public Works. Overman asked if there was plan moving forward, Sallee said PW is handling for immediate future and has enough staff to handle it at present. C.Gregory asked what PW is telling people who call if no intakes are being accepted at shelter. Sallee said to date, dogs called about have had owners and have been reunited with them. C.Gregory asked if county is looking for new shelter director. Sallee has talked to mayor about this and there is no rush, looking to save county money where possible for now.

Sallee said four dogs recently caught chasing cows on Halltown Road. One taken to shelter and three euthanized. Sallee said PW will take dogs to shelter if necessary but is not actively picking up dogs.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at courthouse.

Motion to adjourn by Carman, second by Presley. Motion approved.

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*