

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
August 3, 2021

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Absent: Allen Louderback, District 2

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Jeff Blevins, Solid Waste Operations Manager
Michael Helm, County Attorney

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on August 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray, VA 22835. The Call to Order was followed by a moment of silence, and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Presentation on the Micronic Technology for the Landfill:

Jeff Blevins, Solid Waste Operations Manager, introduced the micronic technology for the landfill and asked the Board to consider this idea, which would eliminate the need to pump and haul leachate. He then turned the presentation over to Jenny Johnson, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling for LaBella Engineering.

Mrs. Johnson, reviewed that the Battle Creek Landfill has 1.1 million gallons a year of leachate with a disposal cost of \$122,663 annually. The Stanley Landfill has 1.6 million gallons a year with \$154,672 in annual cost for disposal. Micronic introduced new technology that may be applicable to treating leachate cost effectively. The treated leachate can be used as dust control at the landfill. About 5% requires disposal, which could possibly be disposed of in your landfill. It also has the potential to treat PFAS which is a contaminate that the EPA is starting to monitor. The Tornadic One-Pass is an energy efficient system that produces purified water from compromised sources. Mr. Blevins explained how the system works. They are partnering with the EPA to test a 1,000-gallon per day system for total dissolved solids. Page County would require a 5,000 gallon per day system. Micronic is proposing a public-private partnership to integrate technology as a pilot system at the county landfill at a cost of \$1 million. The technology, though, has limitations. For example, the volatile organic compounds are not treated and they are

common in leachate; therefore, it would require additional treatment prior to on-site use. Page County's limitations are the volume of leachate and dust control at Battle Creek Landfill. Since Stanley landfill is closed, there would be no dust control required. However, you must obtain individual VPDES Permit from VDEQ for discharge of treated water. The Micronic testing of Battle Creek leachate showed high amounts of chromium, copper, ammonia and biological oxygen demand. The Stanley leachate tested the same, so these constituents may require further treatment. Mrs. Johnston gave two different returns on investment scenarios both not yielding a return until 24-30 years. She said the next steps would be to obtain USDA or ARC grant to fund building a small unit to specifications of 1,00-gallon per day unit. More testing of treated leachate to eliminate uncertainties would need to take place also.

After discussion, the Board was in consensus that the \$1 million price tag with no return on investment for 24-30 years was not feasible at this time.

Review of Northwestern Community Services FY 2022 Performance Contract:

Mrs. Moler said it is an annual State requirement that each locality has to review and endorse the area Community Services Board performance contract. They have provided us with the document that shows the State and Federal funds. We are in a regional agreement, which identifies the County's funds. Page County is one of the counties, in the region, that fund the least amount at \$97,442. Total local government investment is almost \$1.5 million. Regionally there is a total of over \$21.6 million spent on substance abuse and mental health. Currently, we get these services at the jail. They have worked thru COVID on Zoom meetings and are working with our Drug Court. Mrs. Moler asked for Board approval of the contract.

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved that the Page County Board of Supervisors approve the Northwestern Community Services FY 2022 Performance Contract, with Page County funding \$97,442.00. Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Phenix, Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan. Nay: None. Absent: Louderback.

ARPA Fund Requests Review:

Mrs. Moler reviewed the list of items to possibly fund with ARPA money from the Federal government.

She pointed out the new additions to the list: an investigation vehicle, 2 interdiction vehicles, and an X-ray machine to aid in body searches of inmates. She said that two more items, which were not included on the list are upgrading the county website to include electronic forms and payments at a cost of \$15,000 as well as four ventilators requested by EMS for the ambulances, which include a 5-year maintenance contract for \$53,000. Mrs. Moler said she feels these two items are extremely important.

Supervisor Guzy said the County cannot receive any grant funding for ambulances because the volunteer squads are getting them. They have new ambulances just sitting in the stations when the county is answering 90% of the calls, with older ones.

Supervisor Vaughan said that the volunteer's ambulances should not be sitting, and if we are answering most of their calls, we should be able to use the new ambulance when doing their jobs, especially since we are paying staff to do what the volunteers are not. He said this is not how you do business. We need to meet with the volunteers and work together. We also need to see if they are in compliance with the terms of the grant.

Mrs. Moler indicated that Stanley has been answering more calls, but overall, the towns are only running about 10% of all calls. Luray applied for the grant before we changed the way we were doing things, but because they received the grant that knocked the county out of the running to receive grant funding for an ambulance.

Supervisor Vaughan asked if the county has paid out hazard pay to employees. Mrs. Moler said that the Board had not approved it. All the towns have given their employees bonuses and she said the county staff should receive something. Supervisor Vaughan suggested going over the list and determining what is really needed and what can wait. He feels any vehicles the Sheriff's office is requesting should wait until the department pulls from the pool of vehicles, fix them or sell them. Out of the 73 vehicles they have, only 56 are in service. He also thinks spending \$120,000 on the jail for a new HVAC system is not necessary, when we are doing the jail study and looking at a new jail. He inquired about the x-ray unit for the jail and asked if staff need training. Mr. Helm said he had questions about the x-ray unit and liability issues. It was decided that the board would need to discuss the x-ray for the jail more in-depth with the Sheriff's Department before anything would be decided.

Supervisor Foltz questioned the \$32,000 for the 4500-gal roll-off tank for the landfill. He and Jeff had talked about this and with the current weight limit at Alma Bridge he would have to load light and make two trips. He should be able to purchase a tanker and road tractor for the same money and be legal with weight loads. It was decided that Jeff Blevins bring back tanker/tractor costs before a decision is made.

Chairman Phenix asked about the hazard pay for county employees. Mrs. Moler said that the Compensation Board has recently said that they may pay law enforcement \$1,000 each. Board members agreed that this should wait until a decision is made by the Compensation Board.


Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved that the Board of Supervisors approve funding from the ARPA money for the upgrade of the County Website at \$15,000, three ventilators for the ambulances at \$40,000, and the Courthouse HVAC at \$30,000, for a total of \$85,000.

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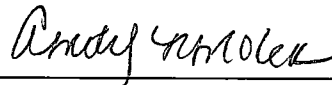
Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None. Absent: Louderback.

Adjourn: 8:03 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator