

WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Daly, Gutheil, A. Johnson, Sausville, Wood Raymond and Trottier; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Water Coordinator; Andrea DiDomenico, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Lowenstein, Malcolm Pirnie; Jim Carminucci, Lemery Greisler; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Wilma Koss, Saratoga Springs resident; Press.

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the January 24, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Callanan said last week the water authority had its first meeting and presented a business plan. The plan calls on the county to co-sign the bonds. The projection is that the total involvement for the county over a four-year period will be approximately \$4.8 million and would be paid back at an interest rate of 4% .

The \$15 million loan that the county was going to provide for the project has been removed from the table, he said. The only thing left for county involvement would be the potential \$4.8 million loan over a four year period and the county co-signing for the bonds.

Mr. Johnson said there would be no reduction in the water rates until the money is paid back.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Daly to forward the business plan on to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. Unanimous.

Mr. Callanan said the Federal Government has been advertising for someone to provide water to Halfmoon and Waterford if the PCB Dredging should cause contamination of the water and they are looking for another source of water to be provided by the EPA.

Mr. Callanan suggested writing a letter to the EPA asking if this would be an option for them.

A motion was made by Mr. Gutheil, seconded by Mr. Johnson to recommend to the Water Authority that General Electric be contacted with regard to an option to use the Countywide Water System as a water source should it be needed in the Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon. Unanimous.

Mr. Callanan said a special meeting has been called for February 14th at 4:45 p.m. to discuss the water resolutions of January 24th and February 5th in the Board of Supervisors committee room.

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Ms. Daly the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom