

MINUTES
of the regular Meeting of the
WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
May 15, 2024

The Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission (WMUC) met in a regular meeting May 15, 2024 at Winchester Municipal Utilities (WMU), 150 N. Main Street, Winchester, Kentucky at 5:30 pm. with members physically present and others virtually using Zoom Video conferencing.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Mike Anderson – Chairman, WMUC
Mr. Jimmy Powell – Vice-Chairman, WMUC
Mr. William Baker – Secretary, WMUC
Mr. John Omohundro - Treasurer, WMUC
Mr. Billy Vanicek – Commissioner, WMUC
Mr. John Rompf – Counsel Representative
Hon. JoEllen Reed – Mayor, City of Winchester
Mr. Kyle Raney – General Manager, WMU
Ms. Joy Lewis – Director of Administration, WMU
Ms. Jennifer Sparks – Director of Finance, WMU
Mr. Arkadiusz Front – WTP Supervisor, WMU
Mr. Casey Ray – Solid Waste Supervisor, WMU
Mr. Jeremiah Epperson – Field Operations Supervisor, WMU
Ms. Susie Kiniry – Administrative Office Supervisor, WMU

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no comments from the general public.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

**Upon motion by Mr. Vanicek, second by Mr. Powell, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved the Meeting Minutes of the May 1, 2024 regular meeting of the WMUC.

CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

**Upon motion of Mr. Baker, second by Mr. Omohundro, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved the WMU Accounts Payable and Cash Disbursements for the period April 29, 2024 through May 1, 2024 in the amount of \$417,084.08 with funds from Operations and Maintenance (O&M).

EMPLOYEE ACTIONS

**Upon motion of Mr. Powell, second by Mr. Vanicek, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved the recommendation of Mr. Raney in his memo dated May 9, 2024, pursuant to Policy and Procedure No. 420 and No. 540 to give salary adjustment to Ryan Miller for achieving Solid Waste Driver Class II Status for the benefit of WMU. Mr. Raney noted effective date of May 22, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Raney updated the Commission on the Clark County Sanitation District. The committee meet on Monday at 9am and the CCSD had a list of questions that Mr. Raney asked the commission to consider.

1. CCSD request that they dedicate the entire system to WMU after construction.
2. CCSD requests to be notified of any new connection request made to that portion of the system.

3. CCSD request that no privilege fee to applied to his project.
4. CCSD request that any SDC's be invested back into the project.
5. CCSD request that the original approved compacity still be guaranteed even after project is complete.

The commission discussed each request and unanimously agreed to each request.

Mayor Reed discussed the Proposed Ordinance Amendment presented at the last City Commission Meeting. Mayor Reed stated that an Ordinance amending ordinance No. 294 and Ordinance no. 628 had a first reading at the last City commission meeting. This Amendment would strike "An appointed member shall be eligible for reappointment upon the expiration of his term" from the original ordinance and replace it with "The members may serve for two (2) consecutive terms after which they may be reappointed no earlier than twelve (12) months following the date of such member's last service. The current terms of WMU commissioners are as follows.

Mr. Vanicek is currently serving out the remainder of James Roarx term and will expire on 09/30/2025. He could service up to two more terms. (8 years).

Mr. Baker has served on the WMU Commission for 15 years and will expire on 09/30/2026, at which time he will not be eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Omohundro has served for 7 years and his second appointment will expire on 09/30/2026, at which time he will not be eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Powell has served for 15 years and will expire on 09/30/2027, at which time he will not be eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Anderson has served for 16 years and will expire on 09/30/2024, at which time he will not be eligible for reappointment.

Mayor Reed noted that 3 of the 5 commissioners must reside inside the city limit, while the other may reside in Clark county.

Mr. Raney updated the Commission on the construction status of the Flannigan/Madison Outfall Sewer Improvements Project. All pipe is in the ground and sewer is flowing thru the new pipes as of noon yesterday. Cleaning and milling is set to begin on Monday, this is about a 4-day process and weather permitting will be complete by the end of next week.

Mr. Raney discussed the issues that Lagco has had with the boring contractor and stated that they may need to change contractors in order to get the bore under the railroad correctly completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Upon motion of Mr. Omohundro, second by Mr. Baker, and unanimous vote, the WMU Commission adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Proposed Litigation KRS 61.810 (c).

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- Property Acquisition KRS 61.810 (b)
- Personnel Matters KRS 61.810 (f)
- Industrial Prospects KRS 61.810 (g)

**Upon motion of Mr. Powell, second by Mr. Omohundro, and unanimous vote, the WMU Commission returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion of Mr. Omohundro, second by Mr. Vanicek and unanimous vote, the WMU Commission adjourned.

Mike Anderson
Chairman, WMUC

William Baker
Secretary, WMUC