

EAST SEVIER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
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Special Meeting, Monday February 27, 2023- 3:00p.m.
East Sevier County Utility Building



SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

A special meeting was called by President Jerry Hayes. Different outlets were used to notify the public. The secretary posted to electronic forums and placed signs on the doors at the East Sevier County Utility District. This meeting is to be held at 3:00P.M. This meeting was to address 3 issues and no other business was to come before the Commissioners.

A prayer was held outside the building prior to the meeting being called to order. The meeting was called to order at 3:06P.M. by President Hayes. Commissioners introduced themselves those present were Ron Cooley, Jerry Hayes, and Dan Barnett. All Commissioners were found to be present. Legal Counsel for ESCUD Mr. Doug Overby introduced himself. Bert Underwood introduced himself. Bert works the wastewater systems and takes the place of the previous employee. Greg Mize with TDEC was introduced by President Hayes.

President stated in opening remarks that the Tennessee Comptrollers Office has said ESCUD was one of the most poorly run utilities he had seen. President Hayes said the Commissioners are working to rectify this situation and provide clean drinkable water to the ESCUD customers.

1. Mutual aid was first on the agenda. President Hayes gave a report of what he had found and who he had called with documentation. The secretary did not receive a copy of the documentation but believes he got most of it. President Hayes said he called around and asked utility companies who could provide the services ESCUD requires. These items include but not limited to Boom truck, track hoe, able to work in rough terrain to repair and replace pipe where necessary. President Hayes named the following utilities he called. Sevier Utility, Newport Utility, David Tina, Richard Hardy with White Pine, and Roger Sims with Gatlinburg Utilities In emails the only email President Hayes received back was from Roger Sims. One individual stated he would rather go to jail than work at ESCUD. At this time Ben Harris with Witt Utility came forward to speak. He handed over a package to the Commissioners that his board had approved to offer mutual aid. **Witt Utility proposal attached.** As the attached proposal work will be done at a cost to ESCUD of \$110,000 thousand dollars. This list is also included in

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the East Sevier County Utility District (the "District") has adopted a purchasing policy pursuant to T.C.A. § 7-82-801, which includes exceptions to its competitive bidding requirements;

Whereas, a utility district's board of commissioners has the power to adopt new exceptions to its competitive bidding requirements in appropriate circumstances;

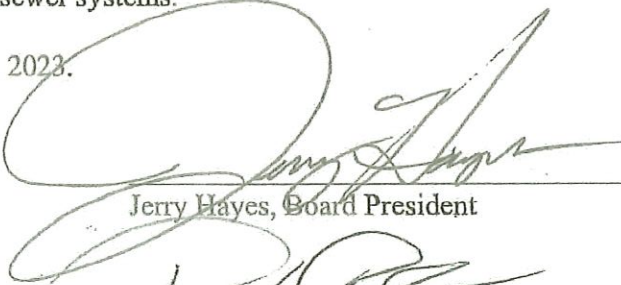
Whereas, the District desires to hire an outside firm to provide it with contracts to provide a continuous work force through independent contractors for maintenance, installation, and repair of system facilities, including management services for the coordination and management of the day-to-day operations of the District's water and sewer systems; and

Whereas, the experience, competency, and the local availability of such a firm are significantly more important factors in the hiring of such a firm than cost;


Now, Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved by District's Board of Commissioners that: the District's purchasing policy is hereby amended to add the following exception:

() Contracts for maintenance, installation, and repair of system facilities, including management services for the coordination and management of the day-to-day operations of the District's water and sewer systems.


Dated this 27th day of February, 2023.



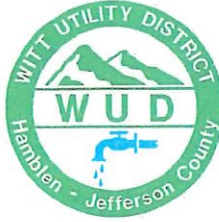
Jerry Hayes, Board President



Ron Cooley, Board Secretary



Dan Barnett, Commissioner



WITT UTILITY DISTRICT

East Sevier County Utility District

420 Robert Henderson Road

Sevierville, TN 37862

Attn: Board of Commissioners

To my fellow ESCUD Board of Commissioners:

Below is what is included in the price:

Installation of pump, pipe, and all materials to activate (Well F), including tying (Well F) into the main water system. This includes all materials that will be needed to get the well into full working operation.

Labor of laying 4-inch pipe throughout Half High Street, replacing an estimated 1,000 feet, and including connections.

Installation of 4 inline valves including 4 jumper feeds and pressure reducing valves.

Installation of 8 air release valves

Diagnosis of pump at (Well C)

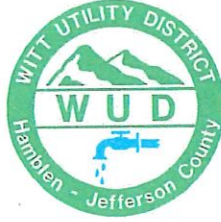
Install external tank gauge for well c water tank

Replace and lower 500 feet of 4-inch water main on Old Laurel Lane and Red Maple for exposed pipe.

Perform leak detection on all water meters within the system and valves.

All work to be performed by Witt Utility will provide labor and materials to perform work.

Total Cost: \$110,000



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February 22, 2023

East Sevier County Utility District
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Sevierville, TN 37862

Attn: Board of Commissioners

To my fellow ESCUD Board of Commissioners:

In response to your request for an IGA (*Intergovernmental Agreement*) for mutual aid in an emergency, **Witt Utility** would be happy to assist if deemed necessary. **Witt Utility** would only answer the ESCUD Board directly for unforeseen situations requiring prompt action to avoid a disaster. **Witt Utility** would make repairs needed by ESCUD board in accordance with TDEC (*Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation*) rules and regulations. If assistance were needed often, **Witt Utility** would issue a price for services rendered.

Witt Utility has years of experience in heavy construction including, but not limited to; grading, boring up to 72" horizontal with casing, hauling, excavation, blasting, structural concrete, all commercial and municipal building repair, well pump install, water treatment, pipe install up to 36" diameter, electrical single & three phase, pump repair, rebuild & replacement, and rock crushing.

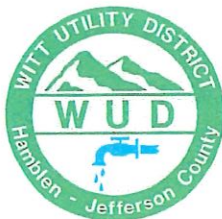
Witt Utility has included in this letter a list of equipment WUD has on-site, and which can be utilized by **Witt Utility** employees. **NOTE: All crew members would stay until water is restored.**

If assistance were to be needed, a ESCUD Board member would need to contact the following:

Benjamin Harris, Witt Utility General Manager

Cell Phone: (423) 839-7737

Email: btharris31@gmail.com



WITT UTILITY DISTRICT

List of Witt Utility's Equipment

- (3) 4-Wheel drive Backhoes
- (1) 22,000lb & (1) 40,000lb Track hoe
- Boring rigs from 2" to 24" with steel casings
- Tapping machine $\frac{3}{4}$ up to 12" for any pipe type.
- D-3 Dozer
- 963 high-lift
- Trencher 16" width
- (2) 12-ton dump trucks
- 6-ton to 55-ton low boy trailers (*Detached trailer*)
- All construction tools (chop saws, chainsaws, drills, etc.)
- Rock drills, blasting mats and dynamite
- Most pipe fittings up to 16" in stock
- (1) T770 Bobcat with tracks
- (1) 186 Bobcat with tires
- (2) 600amp generators (3-phase)
- (1) 200amp single phase generator
- (1) 120amp generator single or 3-phase
- (2) 50amp single phase
- (2) 30amp single phase
- Stick, wire, mig, & tig welders
- All types of rigging equipment up to 60-ton
- (2) portable light towers
- (20) Stand lights & cords
- (10) Utility trucks (4-wheel drive)
- 2-way radios in case of phone service interruption
- (4) trash pumps; 2,3 & 6"
- Multiple fuel transport tanks
- Multiple heaters, diesel propane, & electric
- 30ft scissor-lift
- Cones & traffic control
- Gear & rigging to pull well pumps up to 8"