

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company for Certificates of Convenience and )  
Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire, ) **File No. WA-2017-0181**  
Construct, Operate, Control, Manage and )  
Maintain Water and Sewer Systems in and )  
around The Village of Wardsville, Missouri. )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and recommends that the Commission grant to Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to provide regulated water services in and around The Village of Wardsville, Missouri. In support of this *Recommendation*, Staff states as follows:

1. On December 19, 2016 MAWC filed its *Application and, if Necessary, Motion for Waiver* (“Application”) seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) for authority to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a water system and sewer system in and around The Village of Wardsville (“Wardsville”), Missouri.<sup>1</sup>

2. On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests and Staff Recommendation*, setting an intervention deadline of January 11, 2017 and a Staff recommendation deadline of February 10, 2017. No intervention requests were received.

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<sup>1</sup> MAWC filed two *Applications*, one for water service, and one for sewer service. SA-2017-0182. The sewer service case was subsequently consolidated into this matter. See WA-2017-0181, EFIS Item 4, *Order Consolidating Cases*.

3. On February 10, 2017, Staff filed a motion requesting a thirty one day extension. The same day, the Commission granted Staff's request, and ordered Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 13, 2017.

4. Pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo, no water or sewer corporation shall provide service to consumers without first having obtained approval from the Commission. In determining whether or not to grant such approval, the Commission has traditionally applied the five "Tartan Criteria" established in *In the Matter of Tartan Energy Company, et al.*, 3 Mo. PSC 3d 173, 177 (1994): (1) there must be a need for the service; (2) the applicant must be qualified to provide the service; (3) the applicant must have the financial ability to provide service; (4) the applicant's proposal must be economically feasible; and (5) the service must promote the public interest.

5. As explained in the Staff *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A, Staff conducted an investigation into MAWC's request. MAWC currently possesses a CCN for the provision of sewer service in the Wardsville area,<sup>2</sup> but does not currently provide service to Wardsville. Therefore, Staff's review of the Tartan Criteria focused upon the request to provide water service. Based upon its review, Staff concludes that MAWC fulfills the requirements of the Tartan Criteria.

6. MAWC has requested rate treatment for the Wardsville sewer service area, where it would begin providing service. MAWC's request proposes to use the currently charged Wardsville rates, which are based on water usage.<sup>3</sup> Thus, how they compare to MAWC's current the schedule of rates for the certificated service area will vary based on a given customer's use.

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<sup>2</sup> See attached Appendix A, footnote 1.

<sup>3</sup> MAWC currently uses a flat rate of \$66.93 per unit, for sewer service.

7. Accordingly, Staff recommends approval granting the CCN, with conditions described in the *Staff Memorandum*, as the requested CCN would be necessary and convenient for the public service, and is not detrimental to the public interest.

8. The Commission need not hold a hearing if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests such a hearing. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989). No party or individual has requested a hearing, so the Commission need not hold a hearing to grant a CCN to the Company.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant Missouri-American Water Company a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, with conditions, to provide water service to the requested service area.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 13th day of March, 2017.

**/s/ Jacob T. Westen**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. WA-2017-0181  
Missouri-American Water Company

FROM: James A. Merciel, Jr. – Water and Sewer Department  
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/s/ James A. Merciel, Jr.                      March 13, 2017  
Case Coordinator                                      Date

/s/ Jacob Westen                                      March 13, 2017  
Staff Counsel    Date

SUBJECT: Staff’s Recommendation to Approve Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

DATE: March 13, 2017

### CASE BACKGROUND

On December 19, 2016, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed an *Application and, if Necessary, Motion for Waiver* (Application) with the Public Service Commission (Commission). MAWC seeks a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to provide water and sewer service to an area in Cole County, Missouri that includes most of the Village of Wardsville (Wardsville) and some surrounding area. In the Application, MAWC states that it intends to acquire water and sewer utility assets that are at present owned and operated by Wardsville. Wardsville, as a municipal utility, is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Application was docketed in two separate cases, WA-2017-0181 and SA-2017-0182.

On December 20, 2016, MAWC filed a *Motion to Consolidate*, seeking to consolidate the two separate cases into one file. On January 25, 2017, the Commission consolidated the two cases, directing that all filings related to this matter be submitted in WA-2017-0181.

On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Dates for Submission of Intervention Requests and Staff Recommendation*, in which it directed that notice be provided to the Cole County Commission, members of the Missouri General Assembly representing citizens in the affected area, local media, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, in this Order the Commission set January 11, 2017 as the date by which interested parties should seek to intervene in this case; and for the Staff to submit its recommendation by February 10, 2017. No parties sought to intervene in the case.

### BACKGROUND OF MAWC AND THE WARDSVILLE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

MAWC is an existing regulated water and sewer utility currently providing water service to more than 450,000 customers and sewer service to more than 11,000 customers in several service areas throughout Missouri. In recent years, MAWC has acquired several small existing water and sewer

systems. MAWC is a subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc., and is affiliated with other companies that undertake some of the tasks associated with utility service, such as customer billing, and technical resources.

The Wardsville water system dates to 1967, according to published records of DNR. It consists of two deep wells for source of supply, one producing 150 gallons per minute (gpm) and the other producing 300 gpm; two storage facilities, a ground storage tank with 250,000 gallons capacity, and an elevated tank with 150,000 gallons capacity; and, approximately 80,000 feet of water mains. Wardsville currently has, according to the Application, 492 customers.

The Wardsville sewer system consists of three sewage treatment facilities. The Northwest treatment facility is a multi-cell aerated lagoon treatment plant with capacity of 151,000 gallons per day (gpd). The Churchview treatment facility is an extended aeration treatment plant with capacity of 30,000 gpd. The Deer Haven treatment facility is an extended aeration treatment plant with capacity of 21,368 gpd. All capacities stated herein are as shown on the Missouri State Operating Permits issued to Wardsville by DNR for each respective treatment facility. According to the Application, Wardsville has approximately 51,000 feet of collecting sewers, along with some pump stations, used to provide service to 395 customers.

## **STAFF'S INVESTIGATION**

### **Service Area and Tariff Matters**

Staff reviewed the Application and attachments including an Asset Purchase Agreement. MAWC will need a new CCN to provide water service in the proposed service area. Although MAWC requests in its Application to provide service “in an area in and around the Village of Wardsville, Missouri,” Staff recommends better compliance with 4 CSR 240-3.600 (1) (A) 3. and 4., by describing the area either by a metes and bounds description, or by United States Geological Survey sections, partial sections, and landmarks such as rivers and established roadways. Staff and MAWC have agreed upon a revised proposed service area. A written description of the proposed area, and a map shown on a United States Geological Survey topographic map, are included with this memorandum at Attachments A and B, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference. In its Application, MAWC requests authority to provide service pursuant to the water rates currently charged by Wardsville, and to utilize the rules and regulations currently found in MAWC’s water tariff P.S.C. MO No. 13, until such time as the rates or rules and regulations may be modified according to law.

Notably, MAWC presently has a CCN for sewer service that is applicable to an area that includes the subject Wardsville area<sup>1</sup>. Staff therefore takes the position that MAWC presently has authority from the Commission to acquire, own and operate the Wardsville sewer system, and does not need to be issued a new CCN for sewer service. However, in its Application MAWC requests authority to charge rates different than its approved existing rates that apply in this service area. Similar to water rates, MAWC proposes in the Application to provide service pursuant to the rates currently charged

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission granted service area that includes most of Cole County including the Wardsville area to Capital Utilities, Inc. in Case No. SA-92-195. AquaSource/CU, Inc. merged with Capital Utilities, Inc. as approved in Case No. WM-99-238. AquaSource/CU, Inc. transferred assets and the service area to AquaMissouri, Inc. as approved in Case No. WN-2004-0285. AquaMissouri, Inc. transferred assets and the service area to MAWC as approved in Case No. WO-2011-0168.

by the Village of Wardsville, and to utilize the rules and regulations currently found in MAWC's sewer tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10, until such time as the rates or rules and regulations may be modified according to law.

### **TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY, AND TARTAN ENERGY CRITERIA**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reviews new proposed water system operations using, among other criteria, determination of technical, managerial and financial capacities of the operation, or TMF. Staff also utilizes the concepts of TMF in studying some situations involving existing water and/or sewer systems as well. Staff has reviewed and stated its position regarding MAWC's TMF capacities in previous CCN and transfer of assets cases, and Staff's position on this matter remains positive in this case involving Wardsville.

Additionally, it is customary with most cases involving a new CCN for Staff to use criteria similar to that which was studied by the Commission in a past CCN case that was filed by the Tartan Energy Company to justify granting a CCN. The Tartan criteria contemplate 1) need for service; 2) the utility's qualifications; 3) the utility's financial ability; 4) the feasibility of the proposal; 5) promotion of the public interest; and 6) whether or not other utility entities are available to provide similar service. Similar to TMF, Staff has studied these points as they relate to MAWC abilities in previous CCN and transfer cases. Further, as related to this specific proposed Wardsville CCN request for a water service area, Staff takes the position that it is feasible for MAWC to operate and manage the existing water operation, and it is in the public interest for it to do so.

Staff's conclusion is that the points regarding TMF capacities and the Tartan Energy criteria are all met, for this case.

### **Tariff and Rate Impact**

MAWC states to Staff that the existing Wardsville rates, as provided to MAWC by Wardsville, are as follows:

#### **WATER**

Minimum Customer Charge	\$9.50 per month (all users)
Commodity Charge	\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons

Bill table:

Monthly Usage	Bill Amount
1,000 GALLONS	\$13.75
2,000 GALLONS	\$18.00
5,000 GALLONS	\$30.75
10,000 GALLONS	\$52.00

**SEWER**

Minimum Customer Charge	\$23.50 per month (all users)
Commodity Charge	\$9.00 per 1000 gallons

Bill table:

Monthly Usage	Bill Amount
1,000 GALLONS	\$32.50
2,000 GALLONS	\$41.50
5,000 GALLONS	\$68.50
10,000 GALLONS	\$113.50

Sewer rates are \$35.00 per month for new customers until a history of the first three (3) months of water service is established and then will follow the rate chart as listed above for Sewer.

Although there is no request to convert customers to MAWC rates in this case, as a comparison the water and sewer combined bills for residential customers in Wardsville using 5,000 gallons per month would be \$99.25; whereas bills for MAWC customers with the same water usage under existing approved rates in MAWC’s nearby Jefferson City water service district, and MAWC’s Cole/Callaway Counties sewer service district, if combined would be \$82.26<sup>2</sup>.

MAWC has proposed, and it is reasonable, for the MAWC to adopt existing Wardsville rates, because there would be no impact immediately to the involved customers. Moreover, it is appropriate for Wardsville sewer rates to apply to existing customers who are presently Wardsville customers, and also to any new customers who connect directly to the Wardsville water and sewer systems, including to any new water mains and collecting sewer extensions that are directly connected to those systems. MAWC could seek to include customers in the Wardsville service area into its rate structures in its next rate case. If Wardsville rates are modified in such a future case, then MAWC would send out customer notifications that are customary in rate cases.

Staff recommends that after approval but before MAWC closes on the utility assets, MAWC submit new water and sewer tariff sheets that will become effective on or before the date MAWC closes on the Wardsville utility assets. Although MAWC, from a practical standpoint, will not be providing service to these customers until closing on the assets takes place between it and Wardsville, the new tariff sheets are necessary to apply to customers receiving water and sewer service from MAWC immediately on the first day MAWC owns and begins operating the utility assets. The tariff sheets needed are as follows:

- For its current water tariff P.S.C. MO No. 13, sometimes called the “consolidated water tariff,” the tariff sheets would include a map and written description of the Wardsville service area, water rates applicable to the Wardsville service area, and index sheets modified to reflect the Wardsville service area and rates.

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<sup>2</sup> MAWC actually does not have customers in Jefferson City nor in Cole County who are both water and sewer customers. The combining of water and sewer bills using MAWC rates is for illustrative comparison with Wardsville combined water and sewer rates.



- For its sewer tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10, applying to MAWC's Cole, Callaway and Pettis Counties service areas, MAWC's tariff sheet(s) would include rates that apply only to its existing and future Wardsville customers who are connected to the acquired Wardsville sewer systems.<sup>3</sup>

### **Rate Base**

MAWC has demonstrated over many years that it has financial resources to operate utility systems that it owns, to acquire new systems, to undertake construction of new systems and expansions of existing systems, to plan and undertake scheduled capital improvements, and timely respond and resolve emergency issues when such situations arise.

It is Staff's understanding that MAWC is not seeking a determination of the rate base valuation of the Wardsville assets in this proceeding. Staff notes that Wardsville plant records do not appear complete with respect to MAWC's need to keep plant records in accordance with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission (NARUC) Uniform System of Accounts. Additionally, a valuation of contributions-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) not reflected in the past on Wardsville's financial statements needs to be made by MAWC for its record-keeping purposes. In MAWC's next general rate case in which rate treatment of the current Wardsville property is sought, MAWC should present an analysis documenting its proposed rate base values for all Wardsville assets, including an appropriate offset for associated CIAC. Staff will take a position regarding rate base after conducting its audit in MAWC's next rate case, including review of MAWC's rate base valuation analysis. Staff also recommends specifically that at the time of transfer Wardsville provide any plant and asset valuation records to MAWC not already given to it, including any and all transactions and transfers between it and the developers and vendors, in order to document original plant costs, depreciation, contributions, and capital recovery paid to developers or other parties.

In regard to the matter of whether an acquisition adjustment exists as a result of the proposed acquisition, Staff is unable at this time to determine whether or not the purchase price being paid by MAWC is above or below the net book value of Wardsville's assets. The determination of the value of any acquisition adjustment, either positive (an "acquisition premium") or negative (an "acquisition discount") will be made in MAWC's first general rate filing in which it seeks recovery of Wardsville capital and expense costs. It has been Staff's consistent position going back many years that utility rates for acquired properties should be based upon the net book value of such properties to the original utility owner, and not reflect the amount of any acquisition adjustment.

By Commission regulations, MAWC should keep its financial records for utility plant-in-service and operating expenses in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts. Staff will recommend the Commission specifically require such recordkeeping requirements apply to MAWC's utility plant assets of the Wardsville Water and Sewer Systems.

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<sup>3</sup> Several parties in MAWC's recent rate case, WR-2015-0301, are participating in a workgroup to consolidate all of MAWC's sewer tariffs, including its EFIS sewer tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10, into one new tariff document. It is possible that a revised and consolidated sewer tariff could be in place prior to finalization of this pending case. If a consolidated tariff is finalized and in effect, then the recommended sewer tariff sheets would be filed in such a new consolidated sewer tariff instead of the current EFIS tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10.

### **Depreciation**

In Case No. WR-2015-0301, the Commission ordered water and sewer depreciation rates applicable to all divisions of MAWC. Staff recommends the use of these rates for all plant in the Wardsville service area.

### **Customer Notice/Customer Service**

On December 25, 2016, an article concerning the possible acquisition of the Wardsville systems by MAWC was posted in the *Jefferson City News Tribune*. A copy of the article as it appeared on the *Jefferson City News Tribune* is included with this memorandum as Attachment C and incorporated herein by reference. As of the date of this recommendation, the only other communication to Wardsville customers was a letter from MAWC to each of the residents to inform them of a proposed public meeting on February 24 2017. However, MAWC states to Staff that the Wardsville Board of Trustees requested that the February 24 meeting be canceled, in order that instead Wardsville would set up a future meeting. The date of any such future meeting is unknown to Staff at this time. Staff also notes that the Board of Trustees discussed the proposed transfer of the water and sewer systems at some of their Board meetings, which are open to the public. Copies of meeting minutes from two such meetings are included with this memorandum as Attachment D and incorporated herein by reference.

In previous CCN or transfer cases where MAWC acquired systems and additional customers, Staff recommended that MAWC undertake actions and submit reports to the Consumer & Management Analysis Unit (CMAU) Staff that address a variety of customer service and billing issues. These actions and reports were stipulated or recommended in Case Nos. WM-2001-0309, WR-2003-0500, WR-2007-0216, WA-2015-0019 and SA-2015-0150. The same information regarding the customers MAWC is acquiring from Wardsville should be included within these reports.

MAWC utilizes a nationwide billing system and nationwide call centers through its affiliates. In order to incorporate Wardsville customers into its billing and customer service systems, it will be necessary for MAWC to properly enter the Wardsville customer information into its systems and apply the appropriate Commission ordered rate. MAWC will also need to provide training to its call center personnel regarding rates and rules applicable to Wardsville customers so that customer service matters are handled accurately and in a timely manner.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

MAWC is a corporation that is in “good standing” status with the Missouri Secretary of State.

MAWC is current with annual report filings with the Commission through calendar year 2015, as documented on the Commission’s Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).

MAWC is current on its annual assessment quarterly payments through the third quarter of fiscal year 2017.

MAWC has other pending cases before the Commission, as follows:

WC-2017-0234	Formal Complaint (Spicer)
WO-2017-0191	Territorial Agreement (Audrain Water District #4)
WO-2017-0012	Investigation case (matters from WR-2015-0301)
WR-2015-0301	Rate case (on appeal)
WO-2015-0211	ISRS case (on appeal)

These above-noted pending cases will have no impact upon this proposed case requesting a new CCN for water service, and establishing new rates for water and sewer service in this requested area, nor will approval of the CCN and new water and sewer rates impact the above-noted pending cases before the Commission.

### **STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Staff's position, based on its review as described herein, is that the proposal for a new CCN to provide water service along with adopting existing Wardsville water rates, in the Wardsville area, is not detrimental to the public interest. Further, the proposal to set sewer rates that are identical to Wardsville's sewer rates for customers connected to the sewer systems acquired from Wardsville in that portion of MAWC's existing Cole/Callaway sewer service area also is not detrimental to the public interest. Staff therefore recommends approval with the conditions and actions as outlined herein.

### **STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based upon the above, Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Grant MAWC a CCN to provide water service in the proposed Wardsville area, as requested, and approve existing Wardsville water rates to apply to water customers within that area, as noted herein.
2. Approve existing Wardsville sewer rates, as noted herein, applicable to existing and future customers in MAWC's existing Cole/Callaway sewer service area who are or will be connected to any of the acquired Wardsville sewer systems.
3. Require MAWC to submit tariff sheets, to become effective before closing on the assets, to include a service area map, and service area written description to be included in its EFIS water tariff P.S.C. MO No. 13, and water rates, applicable to water service in its Wardsville service area, to be included among the "District 1" rate pages of its EFIS water tariff P.S.C. MO No. 13;
4. Require MAWC to submit tariff sheets for sewer rates, to become effective before closing on the assets, applicable to customers connected to the Wardsville sewer systems, into MAWC's sewer tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10 applying to sewer service in MAWC's Cole/Callaway sewer service area, or into a new consolidated sewer tariff that may be filed by MAWC and become effective that will have replaced MAWC's current tariff P.S.C. MO No. 10;
5. Require Wardsville or MAWC to notify the Commission of closing on the assets within five (5) days after such closing;

6. If closing on the water and sewer system assets does not take place within thirty (30) days following the effective date of the Commission's order approving such, require MAWC to submit a status report within five (5) days after this thirty (30) day period regarding the status of closing, and additional status reports within five (5) days after each additional thirty (30) day period, until closing takes place, or until MAWC determines that the transfer of the assets will not occur;
7. If MAWC determines that a transfer of the assets will not occur, require MAWC to notify the Commission of such no later than the date of the next status report, as addressed above, after such determination is made, and require MAWC to submit tariff sheets as appropriate that would cancel service area maps and descriptions applicable to the Wardsville area in its water tariff, and rate sheets applicable to customers in the Wardsville area in both the water and sewer tariffs;
8. Requires MAWC to keep its financial books and records for plant-in-service and operating expenses in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts;
9. Require MAWC to provide an example of its actual communication with the Wardsville service area customers regarding its acquisition and operations of the Wardsville water and sewer system assets, and how customers may reach MAWC, within ten (10) days after closing on the assets;
10. Require MAWC to obtain from Wardsville, as best as possible prior to or at closing, all records and documents, including but not limited to all plant-in-service original cost documentation, along with depreciation reserve balances, documentation of contribution-in-aid-of construction transactions, and any capital recovery transactions;
11. Require MAWC to provide in its next general rate case an analysis documenting its proposed rate base values for Wardsville assets, including an appropriate offset for associated CIAC.
12. Make no finding that would preclude the Commission from considering the ratemaking treatment to be afforded any matters pertaining to the granting of the CCN to MAWC, including expenditures related to the certificated service area, in any later proceeding;
13. Require MAWC to ensure adherence to Commission Rule 4 CSR-13 with respect to Wardsville customers;
14. Require MAWC to include the Wardsville customers in its established monthly reporting to the CMAU staff on customer service and billing issues;
15. Require MAWC to distribute to the Wardsville customers an informational brochure detailing the rights and responsibilities of the utility and its customers regarding its sewer service, consistent with the requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13, within ten (10) days of closing on the assets;
16. Require MAWC to provide adequate training for the correct application of rates and rules to all customer service representatives prior to Wardsville customers receiving their first bill from MAWC including sewer charges; and,

17. Require MAWC to provide to the CMAU staff a sample of ten (10) billing statements from the first month's billing within thirty (30) days of such billing.

Staff will submit a further recommendation regarding tariff sheets to be filed by MAWC in this matter.

Attachments:

- A: Proposed Revised Water Service Area Description
- B: Proposed Revised Water Service Area Map
- C: Newspaper Article from the *Jefferson City News Tribune*
- D: Village of Wardsville Selected Board Meeting Minutes

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**Wardsville and Vicinity – Draft Water Service Area**

Beginning at the SE corner of Section 36 T44N R12W;

Thence north along the east section line of said Section 36 1,325 feet m/l to the SE corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36;

Thence west along the quarter-quarter section line 1,380 feet m/l to the SW corner of said NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36;

Thence north 1,325 feet m/l to the NW corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36;

Thence east 1,380 feet m/l to the NE corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, also being on the west section line of Section 31 T44N R11W;

Thence north along the section line to the NW corner of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 31;

Thence East parallel to the south line of said Section 31 1,620 feet m/l to a point that is on the east r/w line of Missouri Route B;

Thence South along the east r/w of Missouri Route B 4,140 feet m/l feet to the south section line of said Section 31; thence continuing south along the east r/w of Missouri Route B 850 feet m/l to a point that is at the south lot lines of the lots along the south side of Grandvalley Drive in the north half of the north half of Section 6, T43 R11W;

Thence east along the south lot lines along the lots along Grandvalley Drive 1,610 feet m/l to a point that is on the west r/w line of Old Missouri Route B a/k/a Wardsville Road;

Thence north along the said west r/w line of Old Missouri Route B 850 feet m/l to the north section line of said Section 6.

Thence east along the said north section line of said Section 6 to the NE corner of Section 6, and continuing along the north section line of Section 5, T43N R11W 365 feet m/l to the centerline of the Moreau River;

Thence along the centerline of the Moreau River in a southeasterly direction 5,500 feet m/l to a point that is 250 feet east of the west quarter section line of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 5;

Thence south along a line that is parallel and 250 feet east of the said west quarter section line of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 700 feet m/l to the south section line of said Section 5; thence continuing south along a line that is parallel and 250 feet east of the west line of the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8 T43N R11W 5,280 feet m/l to the south section line of said Section 8; thence continuing south along a line that is parallel and 250 feet east of the west line of the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 17 T43N R11W 2,760 feet m/l to the centerline of the Osage River;

Thence southerly along the centerline of the Osage River 7,080 feet m/l to a point that is 2,700 feet north of the south section line of Section 20 T43N R11W;

Thence, west along a line that is parallel to and 2,700 feet north of the said south section line of Section 20 2,760 feet m/l to the west section line of said Section 20; thence continuing west along a line that is parallel to and 2,700 feet north of the south section line of Section 19 T43N R11W 4,760 feet m/l to the west section line of said Section 19;

Thence north along the west section line of said Section 19 to the NW corner of Section 19; thence continuing north along the west section line of Section 18 T43N R11W to the NW corner of said section 18, thence continuing north along the west section line of Section 7 T43N R11W to the NW corner of said Section 7; thence continuing north along the west section line of Section 6 T43N R11W also being the east section line of Section 1 T43N R12W 3,220 feet m/l to the south r/w line of Friendship Road;

Thence west along the said south r/w line of Friendship Road in Section 1 T43N R12W 2,530 feet m/l to the west line of the east ½ of said Section 1; thence continuing west along the south r/w line of Friendship Road to a point that is 150 feet west of said west line of the east ½ of Section 1;

Thence north along a line that is parallel to the said west line of the east ½ of Section 1 250 feet to a point;

Thence due east 150 feet to the said west line of the east ½ of Section 1;

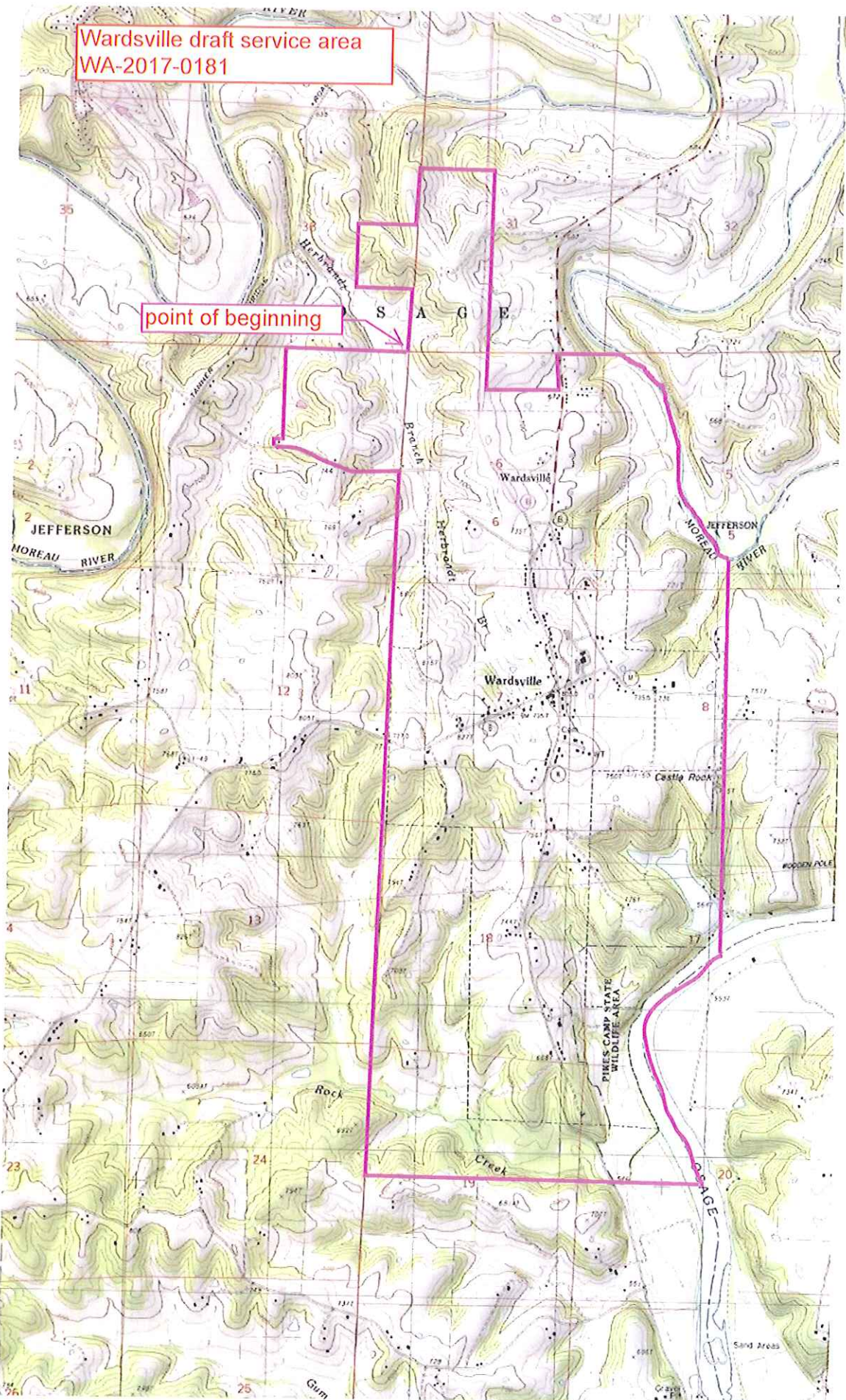
Thence north along the west line of the east ½ of Section 1 2,050 feet m/l to the north section line of Section 1, also being the south section line of Section 36 T44N R11W;

Thence east along the said se section line of Section 36 2,650 feet m/l to the SE corner of Section 36, the point of beginning.



Wardsville draft service area  
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point of beginning





# **Missouri American Water eyes diving into Wardsville**

## **New DNR rules push village to sell water, sewer systems**

December 25th, 2016 by [Jeff Haldiman](#) in Local News Read Time: 2 mins.

Come April, Missouri American Water could be the new owner of the water and sewer systems in Wardsville.

The company has filed applications for ownership of those systems with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC).

The Wardsville Board of Trustees entered into an agreement with Missouri American on Dec. 8, according to PSC documents. The village had put out a request for proposal (RFP) and contacted Missouri American about its interest in taking over the systems.

"We knew in advance they had been purchasing municipal systems," Village Attorney Dave Bandre said. "We contacted half a dozen companies to see if they were interested in one or both of the systems. It takes a lot to run, and we wanted someone with the expertise to run things properly. We didn't want to turn it over to someone who couldn't provide the level of service our citizens have had."

Bandre said new requirements from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for village water and sewer systems were a major factor in Wardsville's decision to sell its systems.

"To be in compliance would have cost us multiple millions of dollars, and frankly we don't have enough users to spread the cost evenly and keep rates doable," he said. "We would have had to update the systems, and it would have been a huge cost. Missouri American will have to do some updates to the system, and they were aware of that."

The purchase price was \$2.75 million for both the water and sewer systems. Approximately 875 customers are served between the two systems.

Company officials said there is a 90-day period for the PSC to review the application.

For the immediate future, no rate increases are planned if the sale is approved. Currently the Wardsville system's water rate is \$13.75 for the first 1,000 gallons of water used and \$2.25 per

each 1,000 gallons after that. The sewer rate is \$32.50 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$9 per each 1,000 gallons after that.

This July, the PSC approved new water and sewer rates for all districts served by Missouri American Water. The typical Jefferson City water customer using 4,200 gallons saw rates go down from \$41.30 to \$32.72. The Jefferson City district's flat sewer rate was raised from \$65.22 to \$66.93 a month.

Wardsville would become part of Missouri American Water's Jefferson City water and sewer districts if the sale goes through.

Company officials said the next time they could seek an increase would be in two to three years.

Residents wishing to comment on this sale should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, MO 65102-2230, telephone 866-922-2959, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov)) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov)).

On a related matter, Cole County's efforts to sell the water system in Eugene continue.

The town disincorporated in 1997. Since then, the only remaining vestige of the town has been the water system, which Cole County still operates but would like to unload.

In January 2010, the Cole County Commission turned over control of the Eugene water system to Cole County Public Works and its director, Larry Benz.

At a County Commission meeting in August, Benz said his department would like to discuss with the commission a possible rate adjustment for the system.

"We're keeping it above water, no pun intended," Benz said. "We also haven't given up hope of having Missouri American eventually taking over, although they are still skeptical the system can make money."

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 5, 2016  
REGULAR SESSION  
FIRE STATION  
6708 ROUTE W

***The Board of Trustees may enter executive session at any time during the meeting upon a majority vote of the Board under Section 610.021, Rs Mo for issues pertaining to personnel, real estate, possible litigation and/or to receive advice of counsel.***

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wardsville was called to order by Chairman Bill Gratz and a quorum was verified.

Present: Bill Gratz, Paul Stonner, John Luebbering, Brian Schrimpf, David Bandre', Gary Frank, Deputies Travis Owens and Jacob Goetz, Rick Taube, Shirley Stockman, Jonathan Stambaugh and Jerry Rosslan

A motion was made by Paul Rodeman, seconded by John Luebbering to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 and the closed session of September 29, 2016 as presented. All voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

**Report from Deputy Travis Owens** – the Cole County Sheriff's Office has issued body cameras to all deputies and they have been in training for this – a copy of the policy for the cameras will be sent to Attorney Bandre' – several incidents were reported for the month

Introduced Deputy Jacob (Jake) Goetz who will be the replacement deputy for Detective Owens – he comes well qualified from the Sheriff's Dept. - the community was encouraged to assist him in his new endeavor -

**Report from Clerk** – Cole County Public Works Informational Meeting – October 3, 2016 – attending was Bill Gratz and Paul Rodeman – there will be available to each of the seven communities within the County of Cole \$100,000 from the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Period from 2017-2021 – there will also be available \$800,000 for the communities -this will be available on a priority list – one community has asked for these funds but it will be prioritized by community need - an advisory board will be appointed to oversee these funds – nothing set up as of now – the County will have to cut back on the services that they have been providing for the communities – no more road or street inspections; liability issues; asphalt patching; prep work for asphalt overlays; pipe replacement; concrete pavement and curb and gutter repair; road construction and mowing – the communities will still be able to piggy-back on the bids for asphalt and concrete; have to inform the County by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the need for asphalt or concrete; MoDOT is asking for shared funding on projects – some of the \$800,000 may be available for land purchase or utilities for Route B, M and W intersection if and when MoDOT starts on that project which will benefit the community, the schools, etc.

Snow Removal Contract – Dale Rackers – motion made by John Luebbering, seconded by Paul Stonner to approve the contract for 2016 – 2017 – all voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

October 15, 2016 – Cole County/City of Jefferson – tire and electronic Waste Collection

A resolution from the Village of Wardsville was presented to the Blair Oaks School District congratulating them on 50 years of service to the communities of Wardsville, Taos, St. Thomas and Osage Bend

**Report from Chairman Gratz:**

CCPW's Informational Meeting – reported on earlier by Mr.Rodeman

Cole County Communities Meeting on October 6, 2016 – asked if anyone was going to attend

Truck according to Mr. Frank should be delivered within 80-100 days – Dodge V-8 Automatic fully equipped with snow removal equipment – Mr.Frank will check on the possibility of leasing or purchase of and additional bobcat – suggested by Mr. Rodeman that salt/chemicals also be stored in the building in Deer Haven – will check this out further -

New Deputy -reported on earlier

**Report from Paul Rodeman – Public Works**

South Oaks Entrance – completed

Ashbury Way – stabilization done and ready to be poured – ESS will do the testing on this portion of street

Work needs to be done on the street in South Oaks Sub-Division – will try to do it next week weather permitting

**Report from Gary Frank**

Water Sample did not pass contamination on sampling station – five more samples submitted and all passed -

Will flush water lines on the north side of the Village from intersection of Routes B, M and W the last week of October – will notify users via email – Osage View Water Lines will be flushed this week

If we have another 6" or more of rain will watch storm water issue in Deer Haven Sub-Division because of creek

**Report from David Bandre'**

Did not do the CAMPO resolution – bicycles and pedestrian – Board not interested

**Ordinance No. 233 – AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A ROADWAY** – Route B Spur that connects Route B to Falcon Lane, prior to the intersection with Wardsville Road – will be renamed Falcon Lane for continuance with current Falcon Lane – A motion was made by John Luebbering, seconded by Brian Schrimpf to have first reading by title only of AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A ROADWAY – Discussion – None - All voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Rodeman, seconded by Brian Schrimpf to have second reading by title only and final passage of AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A ROADWAY – all voted in favor of motion and Ordinance No. 233 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 234 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 320.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS – EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY SIGNS, ERECTED PURSUANT TO DULY PASSED AND APPROVED ORDINANCES, NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A VEHICLE ON ANY STREET IN THE VILLAGE IN EXCESS OF THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR**

A motion was made by Paul Rodeman, seconded by Paul Stonner to have first reading by title only of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 320.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS – Discussion – John Luebbering would like for VanLoo Lane to remain as 20 mph because of the width of the street and children living on the street – Voting in the affirmative of first reading Paul Rodeman, Brian Schrimpf, Paul Stonner, Bill Gratz – John Luebbering abstaining; A motion was made by Paul Rodeman, seconded by Paul Stonner to have second reading and final passage of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 320.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS - Voting in the affirmative: Paul Stonner, Paul Rodeman, Brian Schrimpf and Bill Gratz – John Luebbering abstaining – VanLoo Lane will be posted with 20mph limits. -Ordinance No. 234 was adopted.

Old Business – Jonathan Stambaugh asked about the status of the sale of the utilities – Mr. Bandre' stated that it will either be sold or not sold by December 31, 2016 – we are still in negotiations.

Jerry Rosslan – Intersection of Steeplegate and Friendship – have spoken to Mr. Ward and Mr. Lock – Mr. Ward will give the Village an easement to correct the intersection – he has a sprinkler system and electronic wire for dogs – will get copies of the plat of Steeplegate and Friendship Road easement – Mr. Stambaugh asked if the easement was given and the property of Mr. Ward was damaged who would be responsible – damage would be on the owner of the property -

Gary Frank – cross country runners – Friendship Road and when it was foggy – hard to see – Dr. Jones will be contacted about the concern of the Board for the safety of students and residents.

Payment of Bills – A motion was made by Paul Stonner, seconded by Brian Schrimpf to pay the bills with the exception of CMPS portion concerning consultant – price per hour is questioned – the amount in question is \$915.00 – All voted in favor of motion and motion carried to approve the other bills.


A motion was made by Brian Schrimpf, seconded by John Luebbering to adjourn the meeting – all voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Stockman, Clerk

The minutes are in draft form until formally approved at the next regular session.

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2016  
REGULAR SESSION  
6:30 P.M.  
FIRE STATION  
6708 ROUTE W



The Board of Trustees may enter executive session at any time during the meeting upon a majority vote of the Board under Section 610.021, RSMo for issues pertaining to personnel, real estate, possible litigation and/or to receive advice of counsel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Gratz and a quorum was verified. Please notify the Board if you are to tape the minutes – conversation is held to a minimum.

Present: William Gratz, Paul Stonner, John Luebbering, Brian Schrimpf, Paul Rodeman, David Bandre, Shirley Stockman, Shawn Sappenfield, representing the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Deputies Owens and Goetz, Gary Frank, Rick Taube, Don Welch, Dawn Brooks and Jonathan Stambaugh

A motion was made by Paul Stonner, seconded by John Luebbering to approve the minutes as presented from the October 5, 2016 regular session. All voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

**Report from Clerk** – CAMPO – NOVEMBER 3, 2016; AMEREN MO PROGRAMS NOVEMBER 15 AND 17; Request from Resident about Farmers Market on the St. Stan Property – will ask gentleman to attend a meeting; Mr. Elliott will no longer attend the CAMPO meetings after the end of the year – appoint a representative

**Report from Deputy Owens** – firearms training this past month – about three weeks before Deputy Goetz will take over – miscellaneous law infractions – assisted individuals – 911 calls – Pikes Camp monitored -

**Report from Chairman Gratz:** introduced Mr. Sappenfield – willing offer assistance to small communities if needed – under contract with the City of Jefferson and Cole County - job to attract and retain business to the City and County - handed out the 2016 work plan for the Chamber – Continental Commercial Products now in the LL Donnelly Bldg; Modern Litho expansion and will have 50 jobs within the next several years – contact person for the Chamber is Mr. Sappenfield (634-3616) – Chamber is available to all Schools on an as needed basis.- If anyone would like a copy of their 2016 Economical Development Work Plan contact Clerk – [villageofwardsville@gmail.com](mailto:villageofwardsville@gmail.com) – Mr. Gratz made the following comment that the chamber has a transportation committee and that committee was very instrumental in getting the second bridge across the river and very instrumental in the development of the 179 corridor – transportation committee as they go thru their projects please keep the intersection of BMW on their top priority lists – contact Bill Gratz or Mr. Rodeman – from the intersection of Friendship Road and Route B there are about 6800 cars per day and most of them use the intersection of BMW– we are a part of Jefferson City from the stand point of economical development – Chamber involved with the schools on an as needed basis. Dr. Jones is on a committee with the Chamber. Lafayette Street is a part of the transportation committee and is very attractive. Clark Avenue is being completed.

Leonard Sub-Division - Mr. Welch and Mr. Rodeman visited the site which was staked – The only question is sight distance - Clerk to make sure that it is only for one house but anytime there is three (3) acres is that it has to be listed as a “small sub-division” - area does not have Village sewer or water – you can divide one lot into two lots one time - if a request for another divide then you have to ask for a replat– variance request needs to be presented to the Board for a lagoon – A motion was made by Paul Rodeman, seconded by John Luebbering to approve the preliminary pending the clarification of the one residence on property and receiving the variance request – All voted in favor of motion to accept the preliminary pending the requested items.

Cole County Communities Meeting – October 6, 2016 – - Mr. Gratz made a comment that at the August or September Meeting of the Cole County Communities Meeting representatives from all of the area schools were present which was commendable by Mr. Gratz – they each gave a presentation about their schools.

Bid for Skid Steer and Brush Cutter discussed – No longer interested in either purchase or renting equipment. A motion was made by Paul Rodeman to not buy a skid steer loader, seconded by Paul Stonner – all voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

**Report from Paul Rodeman – Public Works** – South Oaks Street Repairs Complete – Deer Haven Streets – Tarring Cracks – complete – cost below \$3,000; Ashbury Street 215 yards completed this date; has all been tested by ESS. Gary Frank reported on Steeplegate and Friendship Road Entrance – Complete – waiting on sod

**South Oaks Entrance** - CMPS stated that in the bid document we have a one year warranty to cover all damages from the last day that the pour was done. If the Village gives the contractor notification of defect within ten days then a third party will repair and the contractor will pay for this.

**Report from Gary Frank** – Flushed Lines October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – one issue on Route W but has been rectified – No other issues

Truck should be in by the middle of November – Knapheide will take care of plow, and chemical equipment – bid on State bid

**Report from David Bandre'**

Discussed new law in state law with Cole County Clerk – will have another meeting with her – the Village will comply with the law regarding a cap of \$500.00 for municipal services

Sale of Utilities – should have an asset /purchase agreement by the first of December -exhibits have to be approved – will schedule a meeting within 72 hours after approval of exhibits – will not return deposits because that if the system is sold and they want new deposits then the fixed income individuals may have an issue with the additional funds - could be expenses and maybe would not be approved by the Public Service Commission – if no deposit then they can just request one from the customer – easements have to be reviewed – Mr. Rodeman asked about timeframe for sale - probably will not be finalized until the spring of 2017 –Mr. Stambaugh asked about the rates- Mr. Bandre' stated that there the rates should not increase for two years but still has to be approved by PSC – still have to be approved by DNR, Public Service Commission – Bond Council and DNR are not opposing the sale so it is his opinion that the sale will probably go thru – we can't predict what the PSC will do –

Mr. Frank made a statement that it was said that the customers would get “better service” and he has a problem with that statement – the services that have been provided by the personnel has been the best that we can do and that the “better service” is a false statement.

Traffic tickets – have not had any because of transition of deputies and Deputy Owens illness – the Board may want to make a policy decision regarding not issuing warnings but tickets – this is something to think about – warnings appear in the Deputy computer but does not believe that there is any record of warnings in the Cole County Sheriff's office -

**Old Business** – Rick Taube easement should be eliminated after the asset/purchase agreement but before the sale of the systems – will review easement and drawings

Street Light at the edge of school on Route B – light moved to lower drive and will remain there.

**New Business** - “Jake” brakes – really loud – get description of truck, call Travis with description and time of day

**Payment of Bills** – Motion made by John Luebbering, seconded by Paul Stonner to approve the bills – all voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

**Adjourn** – motion made by John Luebbering, seconded by Brian Schrimpf to adjourn – all voted in favor of motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Stockman, Clerk

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
 Company for Certificates of Convenience and )  
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 Construct, Operate, Control, Manage and )  
 Maintain Water and Sewer Systems in and )  
 Around the Village of Wardsville, Missouri )

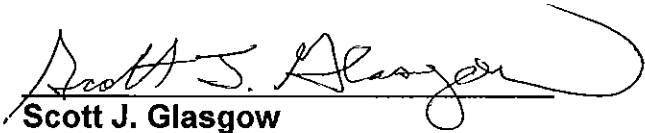
**Case No. WA-2017-0181**

**AFFIDAVIT**

State of Missouri )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Cole )

**COMES NOW** Scott J. Glasgow and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
 Scott J. Glasgow

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

JESSICA LUEBBERT  
 Notary Public - Notary Seal  
 State of Missouri  
 Commissioned for Cole County  
 My Commission Expires: February 19, 2019  
 Commission Number: 15633434

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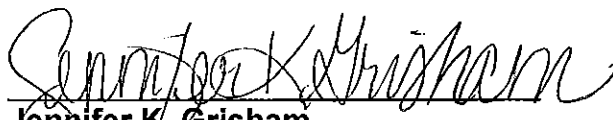
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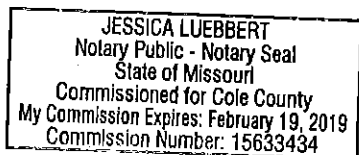
**COMES NOW** Jennifer K. Grisham and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**Jennifer K. Grisham**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



  
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State of Missouri     )  
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County of Cole        )

**COMES NOW** Amanda C. McMellen and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.


Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
Amanda C. McMellen

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

JESSICA LUEBBERT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
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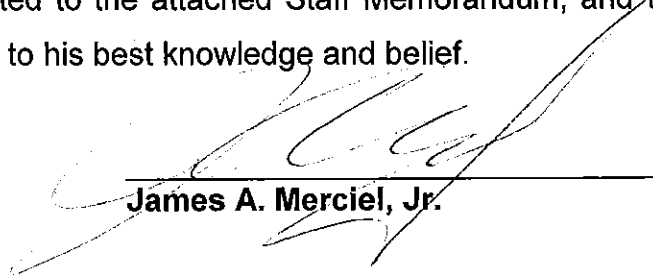
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State of Missouri )  
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**COMES NOW** James A. Merciel, Jr. and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

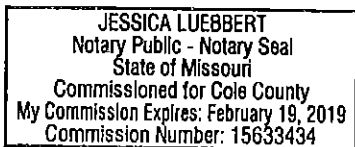
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**James A. Merciel, Jr.**

**JURAT**

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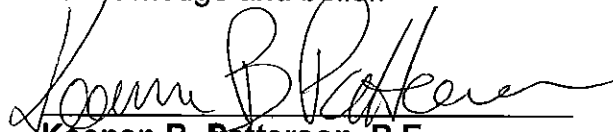
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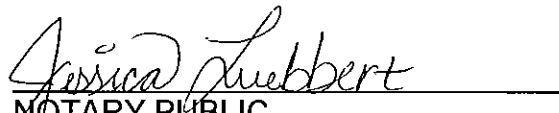
**COMES NOW** Keenan B. Patterson and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**Keenan B. Patterson, P.E.**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
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**NOTARY PUBLIC**

JESSICA LUEBBERT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: February 19, 2019 Commission Number: 15633434
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