

Town of Branchville
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing
April 14, 2016

The Public Hearing for CDBG for the Town of Branchville was held on April 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. A notice was placed in the Times and Democrat newspaper on April 7, 2016 with the time, date, and place of the meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson. Mayor, Council, along with all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Guests were welcomed by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson. Mayor Dickson turned the public hearing over to Jeff Derwort, Community & Economic Development with Lower Savannah Council of Governments to preside. Community & Economic Development Manager

Jeff Derwort stated "This is the public hearing held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6pm for application to be submitted tomorrow, April 15 to South Carolina department of Commerce for the Community Development Block Grant program." Jeff also reviewed the announcement that is required for waste water system improvements for the town of Branchville. Amount requested from CDBG \$747,500. with local match funding of \$74,750 for county penny tax with the total project being \$822,250. This grant will address critical needs at waste water treatment plant that have recently been uncovered. Some improvements include rehabilitating wet well, adding pumps to meet capacity requirements, rehabilitating the contact chamber, and adding or rehabilitating chlorinators or sulfonators, improvements to those are these components are at the end of their useful lives. William Metts is providing engineering services for the project.

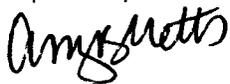
William Metts stated that there has been an audit of the waste water plant. The baffles have collapsed and fallen into the lagoon. Somethings have short circuited. The design life is 20 years when it installed in 1995 and now is at the end of its life. We do not need chlorine emptying into the river. Sliding doors between the chambers can not be moved. The Grant will help to insure that the water is not leaving the system contaminated. Pumps at the pond will be upgraded. To prevent from having to do 2 samples done each month and costing the town double for sampling, the contact chamber must be reconfigured.

Jeff Derwort stated that after grant submission, the decision will be known June or July. The town's portion will be due as project continues on items like engineering costs and administrative costs.

Mayor Dickson stated that the grant will help in the growth of Branchville. The town does not have the money to pay for repairing the infrastructure on the waste water plant. For our town's people, we do not want to increase taxes or water bills.

Adjournment: Jeff Derwort concluded the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Metts

Clerk of Court in the absence of Jenny Elliott, Town Clerk/Treasurer