Meeting with Wendell Hunt with Williams Pipeline re: Bluegrass Pipeline

The Commissioners met at 10:03 a.m. with Wendell Hunt of Williams Pipeline to discuss the Bluegrass Pipeline. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Wendell Hunt, and Mayor Dave Smith.

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order. He stated that this was a unique situation due to his private practice relationship with landowners. Due to that relationship he would be abstaining from any decisions the Commissioners make regarding the pipeline.

Mr. Kiger stated a thank you was received from Mr. Aumaugher for the survey permissions previously granted.

Mr. Hunt stated that the purpose of the meeting was to formally introduce the project and company. Williams focuses on natural gas transportation and gathering. They are currently focusing on the production of the Utica and Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Lines. Williams’ main office is in Pittsburg and the company employs roughly 4,700 individuals. The Northeast does not have enough refining for all of the gas liquid from the Utica and Marcellus shale. This pipeline is part of the solution to send the liquid gas to the gulf coast for refining. Williams started looking at this pipeline project roughly one year ago. The project calls for 1,100 miles of pipeline (60% of which already exists). Williams is working with Boardwalk Pipeline Partners who already owns the existing pipeline from Kentucky on south.

Mr. Davis stated that it appeared they would be tracking the Rockies Pipeline until Route 104 and asked if that was an existing corridor.

Mr. Hunt stated that 70% of the proposed route is currently existing corridor. They currently have individuals out in the field seeing if the proposed route would work. They are trying to stay away from National Forests and Parks. Those permissions require an Act of Congress.

Mr. Hunt stated that the line would carry 200,000 barrels a day.

Mr. Levacy asked what the size of the line would be.

Mr. Hunt stated it would be a 24-inch line.

Mr. Davis asked if the open commitment period could change the size of the line.

Mr. Hunt stated that it could change. The open season was to open June 1st but has been pushed back and would be closed by July 31st. Currently the project production for the areas would produce 1,200,000 barrels a day. The Bluegrass Pipeline will only carry 200,000 barrels a day. Other competing lines have either been created or
proposed. The Bluegrass line’s capacity could be doubled by adding additional pumping.

Mayor Smith asked if the pressure was kept high in order to keep the gas in a liquid state.

Mr. Hunt stated that the pressure was kept high to maintain the flow, not to keep the gas in a liquid state (as the gas would stay in a liquid state).

Mr. Levacy asked what the pressure would be.

Mr. Hunt stated it was currently slated for 600 psi but could be 1,200 psi.

Mr. Levacy stated that he had heard of some concerns regarding the high pressure levels.

Mr. Davis responded that the pressure levels would be consistent with the other lines already in place.

Mr. Levacy stated he personally was not concerned with the levels, but wanted to be able to answer any questions he received.

Mr. Hunt stated that most of the line would be rural.

Ms. Brown asked what the depth of the line would be.

Mr. Hunt responded that it would be at least a 3-foot cover with more for roadways and bodies of water.

Mr. Kiger asked how often the line would be inspected.

Mr. Hunt stated he was not sure how often liquid lines needed inspected but that interstate lines had to be inspected every 7 years and that there would be regular monitoring (electronic and flyovers).

Mr. Davis stated that there should be cathodic protection of the lines.

Mr. Hunt stated that there would be cathodic protection and while the Department of Transportation required inspections every 7 years, the monitoring would be more frequent.

Mr. Davis stated that would be shutoff valves and frequent flyovers with the electronic monitoring being constant.

Mr. Kiger asked if Mr. Hunt could email him a copy of the map.

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Mr. Hunt stated that he could.

Ms. Brown asked what ethane was used for.

Mr. Hunt stated it was used for any type plastic and also synthesized for gas, fertilizer, glycols, and methane.

Mr. Davis asked about FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regulations associated with the project and if they would be seeking approval for the areas south of Hardinsburg, Kentucky and not north of Hardinsburg.

Mr. Hunt stated that was correct. The Boardwalk Pipeline must get approval to take the line out of natural gas service. There is no central agency overseeing the entire line, but there are many pieces to the puzzle. FERC does have regulations over rates. All permitting outside of FERC still needs to be done; however there is no lead agency to oversee this and get other agencies to move quickly.

Mr. Hunt stated that he has been with Williams since 2006 and started as an engineer before going to law school and doing government affairs and outreach (which he has been doing since 2002).

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Hunt who would be contacting landowners after this meeting.

Mr. Hunt stated that land surveyors and environmental individuals would be contacting landowners in order to request survey permissions.

Ms. Brown asked if there were any other partners for the Bluegrass Line joint venture.

Mr. Hunt stated it was just Williams and Boardwalk, however there may be other entities for financing.

Mr. Hunt stated that if anyone had questions or concerns to feel free to contact him.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Hunt for his time.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 10:41 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis
The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., with review session at 9:00 a.m. on the same day.

Motion by:  
Seconded by:

that the June 6, 2013, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on June 11, 2013

Steven A. Davis  
Commissioner

Dave Levacy  
Commissioner

Mike Kiger  
Commissioner

Rachél Elsea, Clerk