

Koyukuk Activity Report

General Information:

The only activities we've had with Koyukuk this quarter have been our phone calls trying to set up a meeting with the Council. We did not want to go out there without a definite meeting being set up. They have not held their election, nor have they been able to obtain a quorum to set a Council meeting to re-schedule one. The Mayor has been out of state and difficult or impossible to contact. Messages have been left, few have been answered. DCED staff in the Fairbanks office have tried in vain for the past three months to set up a joint Council meeting with RUBA, DCED, and RMW personnel in regards to the City administration and the upcoming flush haul system.

A community meeting is still needed to discuss a possible dissolution, or at least determine what services residents want and are willing to support. The school principal has recently corresponded with the City Council regarding charges for Kaltag water and sewer services. Both RUBA and RMW agree that the current status of Koyukuk's school usage would definitely lend itself to a per gallon charge as is being suggested by the principal. Therefore, the RUBA/RMW are actively encouraging the Council to initiate the new charge.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — Financial statements and budget were brought current through the 3rd quarter of 1999. Contact has been sporadic from the point and the community has had its share of problems.

Accounting Systems — To repeat from last quarter—**Still inadequate**. More centralization needed. Community needs to work with the hand (MFRKS) system before any additional attempts are made to computerize the system. Staff still fails to see the relevancy between the various components of the accounting system. It is unlikely that significant improvement will be seen in this area with current staffing and Council attitudes.

Tax Problems — Starting small but still building during the Fall of 1999.

Personnel System — At some point the community needs to accept some responsibility for its actions. Repeated training of personnel and the drawing of organizational charts have yielded very little benefit to date.

Organizational Management — Very poor and inconsistent.

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Leadership/Governance — This has actually declined during the quarter. The community has seen its share of tragedies and grief but the Council members have either been out of town or slow to act on the issues at hand.

Operation of Utility — No real status change since last quarter.

Ranking 1 = Inadequate
 4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements
 7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems			X
Tax Problems		X	
Personnel System	X		
Organizational Management	X		
Leadership/Governance	X		
Operation of Utility	X		