

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

WORK SESSION

October 4, 2012

Chairman Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. Members present included Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Board Member Dean Stringer and Board Member David Lathem. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, Finance Director Judy Davis, Authority Engineer Joe Leslie, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, Water Manager Stacy Jenkins and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News and Smith Lane Residents.

Chairman Ehrhardt said the agenda items will be switched so that the Smith Lane agenda item is first.

Agenda

Providing Smith Lane Water Service under the Neighborhood Water Policy

Manager Klerk explained that many of the wells have run dry or are starting to run dry on Smith Lane off of North Apple Valley Road. Seven residents representing three of the seven households came before the Authority Board requesting water service. Manager Klerk stated four households had signed the water service request petition. Manager Klerk said this project would be done under the Neighborhood Water Policy.

Resident Jim Palette said many of the wells are providing insufficient water. He said it limits their water use.

Engineer Leslie presented two options for providing water. Option #1 - Install a 2-inch PVC line to central location near final services with no fire protection. The probable cost would be \$6,608.00. Option #2 - Install a 6-inch PVC line to high point and install a fire hydrant. Continue to the central location near final services with 2-inch PVC. The probable cost would be \$17,156.00. The Authority's recommendation is Option #1; provide a 2-inch PVC line installed by the Authority, approximately 2060 feet long. Engineer Leslie stated this falls under the Neighborhood Water Policy and he wanted to get these residents water as quickly and inexpensively as possible.

Manager Klerk said the project is contingent upon four residents signing the water service agreement and paying a minimum of \$250.00 down with the remaining balance of the tap fee (\$1,290) paid within one year.

Finance Director Davis pointed out that paragraph six of the Neighborhood Water Policy addresses emergency situations and Smith Lane probably falls under that.

Engineer Leslie said the Authority would run the water line down Smith Road and install the meter boxes. He stated the Authority would then set the meter and the customer is responsible for running the line from the meter to the house.

Finance Director Davis stated billing of an account starts when the meter is set.

Chairman Ehrhardt informed the visitors that a vote would be taken at the called meeting following the work session and the Authority would be in touch with them.

No action was taken.

Presentation of Construction Bids for Galilee Church Road Bridge/River Boring Project

Manager Klerk refreshed everyone's memory about the bore under the Middle Oconee River at Galilee Church Road. He said the bids have come in and Engineer Leslie would present the results.

Engineer Leslie presented the bids and discussed the project. He stated the Authority accepted the low bid of Griffin Brothers. The price is expected to range from \$115,380 if the bore encounters no rock, to \$189,340 if the entire bore goes through rock.

Engineer Leslie said the project will relocate a 12-inch line currently hung on the Galilee Church Road Bridge. The Department of Transportation is about to replace this bridge, that is why the line needs to be relocated.

No action was taken.

Member Lathem asked for clarification on the Wayne Farms situation. Manager Klerk said Wayne Farms contacted Engineer Leslie wanting temporary relief until April of 2013.

Engineer Leslie said he informed them that the Authority has no provision in our system to allow for the purchase of temporary capacity. He said it would take a board decision to change it.

Manager Klerk said he does not recommend doing this. He stated it could open the door for other businesses wanting to do the same thing and he is not comfortable at all with it. He said Toyota will be eating up capacity and there are other possible ventures down the road that are in line before Wayne Farms and the Authority has always sold capacity on a first-come, first-served basis. Manager Klerk said there are issues that could arise with the EPD if Wayne Farms caused an upset at our wastewater treatment plant and we just can't take that chance.

Engineer Leslie said he told Wayne Farms they could fill out an application and submit it to the Authority under our industrial plan. He stated they have not submitted anything yet.

Chairman Ehrhardt adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary