

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

WORK SESSION MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2008

Chairman Bicknell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present included Chairman Hunter Bicknell, Board Member Rob Jordan, and Board Member Andy Goodman. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney's Paul Smart and Jason Dean, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Chief Wastewater Operator Mark Dudziak, Finance Director Judy Davis and Board Secretary Denise Nation. Also present was Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News and Rob MacPherson with Prime Engineering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Jordan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to consult with county attorney on pending litigations.

Member Goodman seconded the motion.

The motion carried with no objection and with all board members present voting.

At 6:15 p.m. Member Goodman made a motion to adjourn the executive session.

Member Jordan seconded the motion.

The motion carried with no objection and with all board members present voting.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

Bear Creek Uniform Rate – Oconee Water Purchase

It was discussed by the board to wait until the next scheduled meeting of the Upper Oconee Water Basin, which is scheduled of April 15, 2008, to make any decisions as to selling water to Oconee County.

No action was taken.

SPLOST Surplus Dollars

Authority Manager Klerk stated that in the past 2 years the Authority had laid 34 miles of water main in Jackson County.

Manager Klerk also stated that the Authority needed to use the bonded portion of SPLOST and would like to use it for the Gainesville Connection and the chlorination stations. The approximate cost of each is \$100,000. This would leave about \$100,000 in the bonded SPLOST. He further stated that it is very crucial as to where bonded SPLOST money can be used.

Prime Engineer Rob MacPherson stated they are re-looking at several areas and that Water Service Supervisor Stacy Jenkins will be going out and testing some of the lines over the next several weeks.

No action was taken.

Wholesale Water Rate Modification

Chairman Bicknell stated that the Authority needed to re-look at their water rates.

Authority Manager Klerk stated that we needed to sell water. He asked if we wanted to actively seek selling more wholesale water. He further stated that the Authority needed to bring some consistency to the wholesale water rates. Manager Klerk stated that this could be done by using a base cost and also having a minimum of what they purchase.

Chairman Bicknell stated that right now we have Jefferson, Braselton and Hoschton buying water from us and we needed to have the same consistent rates for all.

No action was taken.

Center Water Tower

Manager Klerk stated that the water tank located in Center has not been used since 2000. Water Service Supervisor Jenkins received a price for Madison County of \$15,000 for them to come and remove the tank.

Chairman Bicknell stated that we may need to put this out for bid to see if anyone else would want to buy it. Also, Chairman Bicknell stated that we may need some kind of agreement drawn up by our attorney's stating in it that we would not be liable if anyone was hurt removing the tank and also that the tank could be inspected and would be sold as is.

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No action was taken.

On-Demand Engineering

Manager Klerk stated that Prime Engineering will still carry the main load for the Authority.

Being able to contact other engineering firms on special occasions or emergencies would help out the Authority.

Attorney Paul Smart stated that the Authority could have engineering firms remit applications to be kept on file by the Authority and on a case by case project, someone could be pulled from the applications. Attorney Smart stated that he would look further into this and would look into drawing up some type of resolution that the Board could adopt. He further stated that he would try to have this ready by the Regular Board Meeting on April 17.

No action was taken.

There being no further items of discussion, this work session as adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Denise P. Nation, Board Secretary