

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2009

Date Submitted: June 4, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Mike Stewart

Subject: Request Board Consideration to Review the Panacea Area Water System Agreement with Wakulla County

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board consideration to review and make a decision on the outdated Agreement between Wakulla County and the Panacea Area Water System (PAWS) (Attachment #1).

Background:

The County and PAWS has had a long standing agreement concerning their water system and our sewer system and the collection of fees. The issue of whether or not they would cut-off the sewer in the event a customer that has PAWS water and County sewer has never been resolved. In addition PAWS has been overcharging the County for many months for the billing of the sewer customers even after being noticed that this violation was occurring.

Analysis:

Eutaw Utilities has made a number of attempts to negotiate an agreement with PAWS to no avail. The County needs to decide how to handle the overcharge by PAWS and how to settle the dispute over the need of the County to have PAWS cut-off the sewer service for those customers who choose not to pay their sewer bill.

Options:

1. Negotiate a new agreement with PAWS.
2. Break our agreement with PAWS.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Existing Panacea Area Water System Agreement