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**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Appoints a Citizens Water Committee**

Why appoint a Citizens Water Committee? To comprehensively revisit the decision process on how to provide water to the County.

This item has an extensive history associated with actions before the Board of Supervisors dating back to 2002 when the drought created concern for water supply throughout the County. This committee was proposed by Rivanna Supervisor Joe Chesser at the March 3, 2010 Board meeting. The purpose of the committee is to review the decision process and develop an alternative to supply water to Fluvanna County that can be recommended to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee is comprised of a Board Member, staff and citizen representatives from many of the organizations within the County including the Economic Development Commission, The Economic Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the Planning Commission, The Fork Union Sanitary District, Lake Monticello Owners' Association, the Fluvanna Friends for Rural Preservation, and the Fluvanna Taxpayers Association.

What is the scope of the committee? The overall purpose of this committee is:

To better include the public in the decision process concerning water supply for the County;

To revisit the decision process and identify the objectives, alternatives and proposed solution.

Some initial objectives include:

- 1.) Provide a reliable source of water to the Fork Union Sanitary District;
- 2.) Provide water to the growth areas (as shown on the Comprehensive Plan) within the County;
- 3.) Provide water to the schools in the County;
- 4.) Do not add any additional stress to the Rivanna River by using it as a long term source of water.
- 5.) Develop a water system at the least cost to the citizen's of the County;
- 6.) Provide water to those areas of the County that likely will have economic development; and
- 7.) Minimize debt payments until the system can provide revenue to pay for the debt.

What is the process for the committee?

Major Milestone Completion Times

Establish Water Project Objectives - April/May 2010

Establish Water System Alternatives using information from existing reports - May/June 2010

Select an alternative that meets the objectives - June/July 2010

What is the next step? The first meeting of the Citizen's Water Committee will be on March 25, 2010 at 7pm at the Historic Court House, 35 Court Square, Palmyra, VA. The Committee will establish regular meeting times, verify their work priorities and timeframes, and receive an overview of the history and alternatives of establishing a central water supply that have been previously examined.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this committee or the topic in general, please do not hesitate to contact John Robins with the Fluvanna County Public Works Department at 434-591-1925 or jrobins@co.fluvanna.va.us.