District No. 1 - Ronald Williams District No. 2 - Dewey Weaver District No. 3 - Jody DuPree District No. 4 - Stephen E. Bailey District No. 5 - Scarlet P. Frisina After years of bungling and millions spent, only hours before the meeting, this is what the county comes up with.



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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dale Williams, County Manager

**DATE:** March 25, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Ellisville Water Utility Rate Studies

There is no explanation why the County has not provided the e mails received regarding this hearing and the rate studies, other than it is business as usual by the "good ole boys" that run this infamous county.

As you are aware, Columbia County authorized two (2) water utility rate studies. The two study providers are Florida Rural Water Association and an independent contractor, Mike New. Copies of the studies are attached for your review.

Final rates adopted for the Ellisville Utility will be adopted by Resolution. The Board of County Commissioners has the right to establish the final rates regardless of the study findings. No final rates have been established.

Based upon comments in the March 11, 2010 Public Hearing, several members of the Board wanted to see what rates would be proposed. While no final rates have been established, the studies would indicate the following to be <u>maximum</u> rates. Most likely, the adopted rates will be less.

Base Rate (per ERC) \$11.00

Water Consumption Charge \$2.55/1,000 gallons

(NOTE- If a conservation rate structure is adopted, rates could range from \$1.70 to \$4.29 per 1,000 gallons depending on quantities used.)

Impact Fees (per ERC) \$1,900

(ERC=Equivalent Residential Unit)

Tap Fees (per ERC) \$ 250

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.