

RE: OTHER MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

WATER SUPPLY PLAN

Mr. Schmitt read a press release regarding the Regional Water Supply Plan for Greene County and the Town of Stanardsville. (See Attachment "H") Copies will be available online or at the Planning Department.

Mr. Schmitt said this has been done well in advance of the deadline and puts the County in a good position in resolving water concerns. Public comment is welcomed.

BUDGET

The Chairman proposed the Board direct staff to send notice to departments to prepare a relatively "flat" budget with provisions for a 5 and 10 percent reduction. This includes no capital improvements and no increased staff. He also suggested staff be instructed to prepare a list of non-essential budget requests for review by the Board.

RAPIDAN SERVICE AUTHORITY

Mrs. Allen reported that the Lydia Spring System was closed on December 3. Sixteen of the seventeen residences had successfully dug wells at that time.

RSA is advertising a rate increase proposal to finance an upgrade of the Wilderness Sewage Treatment Plant. The proposed rate is \$11.39 per thousand gallons. Greene County's rate is currently \$6.58. An increase from \$10,000 to \$12,500 in availability fees for the Wilderness Plant will also be considered at a public hearing in February. Greene County currently charges \$10,000 for availability fees.

EDA

Mrs. Allen said the groundbreaking ceremony for Wal-Mart was a success. She noted the EDA put together an impressive proposal to ensure Wal-Mart was built sooner rather than later and is taking the same approach with CVS with hopes for the same level of success.

The EDA will be moving their office to the Tourism Center in Ruckersville in February. Current office space will be sublet until their lease expires in 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mrs. Allen said the Planning Commission continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. ALLEN

The Chairman presented Mrs. Allen with a plaque in honor of her eight years of service on the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Allen then presented the Board with a framed picture of the Courthouse taken prior to the explosion in 1979.

December 8, 2009

### **Regional Water Supply Plan for Greene County and the Town of Stanardsville**

After the drought of 2002, the State of Virginia issued regulations requiring every local or regional jurisdiction in the State to prepare a Water Supply Plan for their area. Since Greene County and the Town of Stanardsville together represent a regional jurisdiction, the deadline for the Plan submission is November 2, 2011. However, the Plan has been developed to such a degree that it is being issued for public comment and is being forwarded to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for comment well before the deadline for final submission. W.W. Associates is the engineering firm used by the County for preparation of the Plan.

The Plan contains a number of elements. It describes the existing water resources and uses in the County. It describes the conditions such as geologic, hydrologic, meteorological, etc. as they exist in the region. It assesses the projected water demand and describes water management actions for efficient use of water, water conservation, reduction of water losses, and drought response and contingency planning. The Plan addresses the water needs for the region out to 2050 and identifies potential alternatives to address projected deficits in future water supplies. The alternatives are wells to enhance short term supply and a reservoir (either pumped impoundment or on-stream reservoir) for long term supply. Potential reservoir sites are identified in the Plan.

The alternatives cited in the Greene County Regional Water Supply Plan are continuing to be assessed, with investments being made in further engineering and environmental evaluations. This work is expected to further refine the alternative reservoir site analysis and lead to a Joint Permit Application with DEQ and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a water supply reservoir.

The Greene County Regional Water Supply Plan referred to above will be available for viewing on the County Web page, [www.gcva.us](http://www.gcva.us). A paper version will be available in the Planning and Zoning Department at the County Administration Building, 40 Celt Road, Stanardsville. A CD of the Plan may be obtained at the Planning and Zoning Office for \$5. Comments regarding the Plan are requested by February 26, 2010 and may be sent to Mr. Barry Clark, County Administrator, P. O. Box 358, Stanardsville, VA 22973 or by e-mail to [bclark@gcva.us](mailto:bclark@gcva.us).