

Rural Water/Wastewater Ad Hoc Committee

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The Rural Water/Wastewater Committee will begin meeting on/or about March 13, 2024, and will report their findings to the Full Commission no later than September 10, 2024.

Subject matter to research will include, but not be limited to:

- Wastewater capacity in rural areas
- Wastewater options in rural areas other than traditional individual septic systems
- Neighboring or existing utility capabilities to serve rural areas
- Potable water infrastructure currently in rural areas and existing utility expansion capabilities

The Committee will be tasked with developing cost and timeline analysis of various options as well as feasibility. The Committee may and should conduct frequent meetings (twice monthly at least) to explore options, hear from professionals and citizens, conduct research and, if necessary, take field trips to research and observe existing solutions in other geographically similar areas.

Reimbursement for any expenses may be approved by the Mayor for submission to Budget and Finance for approval as needed.

The goal of this committee is to create a framework of potential options Coffee County may pursue to mitigate groundwater contamination, unsanitary conditions, and excessive costs to citizens in the future wherever possible. In addition, the Committee will create a framework of potential options and a preliminary cost analysis of providing potable water to rural residents as well as the sustainability of existing groundwater wells and the capacity for future predictable expansion of traditional wells with as much geographic certainty as the Committee may uncover.