

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

August 31, 2010

Dear Residents,

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting at 9:00 AM this morning took a dramatic turn. The meeting started with an introductory presentation by Woolpert Consulting who was hired to provide Professional Services for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Development Assistance for Citrus County Water Resources.

The meeting then proceeded into a lot of discussions back and forth between Woolpert, the BOCC members, County Administrator, County Attorney and most important, public input which was overwhelmingly against the idea of outsourcing the operations and maintenance of the Citrus County Utilities. After getting all of this input and feedback, the BOCC decided it was time to listen to the public.

In a 3 to 2 vote, the Board of County Commissioners voted to abort this RFQ process and terminate all activity associated with this bid. In effect the BOCC agreed to keep all activities related to the operations and maintenance of the Citrus County Utilities under direct county control.

Commissioners Bartell, Damato, and Webb voted in the majority to terminate all activity related to this RFQ for outsourcing the operations and maintenance of the systems. Commissioners Meek and Thrumston voted with the minority to continue the process of reviewing the qualifications of the three vendors who submitted a response.

As a result of this dramatic change in direction the rest of the agenda was aborted and the three Vendors did not make any presentations.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA