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Flagler County Utilities transfer to FGUA now one step closer

July 17, 2020 – The sale and transfer of Flagler County Utilities to the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) moved a significant step closer this week, when both the Board of County Commissioners and the FGUA Board of Directors approved separate resolutions to proceed with the transfer.

“This is a point we’ve been trying to get to for some time,” said County Administrator Jerry Cameron. “I believe that FGUA will better serve the customers of these utility systems, and bring focused, industry-specific expertise to bear where we could not.”

Flagler County Utilities has water and wastewater assets that presently serve the Beverly Beach, Eagle Lakes, and Plantation Bay areas, with almost 2,800 customers.

The agreement retires all existing debt on the utilities. It provides a seat on the FGUA Board to a designee of the Flagler County Commission. Further, FGUA has identified funding for its 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the utilities, with attention to improvements to water and wastewater treatment at the Plantation Bay facility.

At a special meeting on Monday, Flagler commissioners voted unanimously to approve the transaction documents which can be viewed [here](#). On Thursday the FGUA Board of Directors held a Public Hearing at their own noticed meeting where they also voted unanimously to execute the purchase and acquisition of the County’s utility assets, including a request for state loan funding.

As part of that loan funding, the next critical step will be the approval of FGUA’s Business and Capital Financing Plan by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The FDEP has accepted FGUA’s submittal and has placed the project on a priority list to be heard August 12. That approval would clear the way for the remainder of real estate transactions that must be satisfied before a possible closing in October.

“I have full confidence that FGUA is the answer to having a utility that provides reliable, continuous service to the residents,” Cameron said.

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