



Lawrence County
**UTILITIES | ENERGY EFFICIENCY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | **Time:** 5:00-5:29 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Denny Gillespie, Scott Franks, Delano Benefield, Dave Ray, Will Burnett, Shane Eaton, Steve Hagan, Chris Sutherland, and county resident Anthony Washburn.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Denny Gillespie, Vice-chair John Bradley, Delano Benefield, and Phillip Heatherly.

ABSENT: Barry Luffman.

- **Commissioner Franks:** a resident on North Brace Road is requesting help buying pipe for a water line extension. The water line is 2200 feet from his house, and there are two other houses between.
- Total cost for the pipe is \$21,485; just over \$7,000 per residence. Current policy provides up to \$3,000 per residence, so the request is for \$9,000.
- Summertown Utility District (SUD) will provide installation.
- **Gillespie** states that we should spend money on roads, water, and education.
- Asked about SUD's ability to provide water to more customers, **Commissioner Franks** said SUD has no problem adding customers.

Provide the \$9,000 for Materials, Pending Budget Committee Approval.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** None. **Motion failed for lack of second.**

Increase Limit to \$4,000 per Household.

Motion: Bradley. **Second:** None. **Motion failed for lack of second.**

- **Commissioner Heatherly** repeated his previous motion.

Provide \$9,000 for Materials Pending Budget Committee Approval.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Benefield.

VOTE: Delano: Yes. **Heatherly:** Yes. **Bradley:** Yes. **Gillespie:** No. **Motion passed 3/1.**

- **Franks** distributed a letter from SUD president Robert Gilliam, describing a formal request that will be made in February/March. It explains the need for a \$5 million filtration plant project and their request for a \$250,000 contribution from the county. (Letter in meeting folder)

Adjournment.

Motion: Benefield. **Second:** Heatherly.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Nancy Brewer

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