



Walton County Water Department
Walton County Board of Commissioners

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Water Rate Study

We put out for bid a Water Rate Study to determine that pricing is adequate to cover current operations and future operations as we transition to the Hard Labor Creek Water Treatment Plant. This study will include the anticipated cost to run the plant, the cost of the water, debt service, and long-range capital needs. Prior to putting it out to bid, we had Jacobs quote the project since they are the engineer for the water plant. Their quote came in at \$75,000. Based upon this cost, we put the study out to bid. We received three bids:

Raftelis (A large national firm out of North Carolina.)
Their quote was \$65,000.00

NewGen Strategies & Solutions (A large national firm out of Texas with an office in Atlanta)
Their quote was \$49,654.00

The Shpigler Group (A smaller firm out of Atlanta). Their quote was \$40,000

Based upon discussions with some of the clients of the firms, I am recommending we go with the low bidder of Shpigler Group. Their clients have been pleased with the end product and have re-engaged them to keep the Study current. Shpigler Group is a much smaller shop than the other two, but the comment that was given by a couple of their customers was that they are very detailed, and because of their size, they are very responsive, and you are working with the principals of the company. The company president is intimately involved in the process and has over 25 years of experience with over 300 system engagements. The three man team that will handle the engagement has 53 years of experience combined in utility consulting, rate studies, and economic modeling.

Morris Jordan

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