



**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM**

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 11/8/2023 Meeting Date: 11/16/2023

Name: David Kraus / Liz Ott Department: BCC Administration

**1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:**

This is a Public Hearing to adopt Resolution 2023R-66 that establishes water and sewer rates.

On 9/21/2023, the Board authorized staff to send out notices with the October utility bills outlining proposed adjustments to the water and sewer rates. Notices were sent to the Fort White water customers about the rate increase approved by the Town of Fort White. Notices were sent to the Ellisville customers proposing new sewer rates and setting a Public Hearing for November 16, 2023. The Resolution sets new sewer rates for Ellisville and restates all other utility charges.

**2. Recommended Motion/Action:**

Approve Resolution 2023R-66

**3. Fiscal impact on current budget.**

This item has no effect on the current budget.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023R-66**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER MONTHLY  
SERVICE CHARGES, RESTATING OTHER UTILITY  
CHARGES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the County provides water and wastewater services in the unincorporated area of the County known as the Designated Service Area per Ordinance 2010-01 and provides water service to customers in the Mason City area;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners authorized a rate study that was conducted by the Florida Rural Water Association and the board has reviewed that rate study;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners previously established utility rates on August 19, 2010 in Ordinance 2010-11, codified at section 118-550 et seq of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, and which rates are subject to change by adoption of a Resolution in accordance with code section 118-552(b);

**WHEREAS**, by this Resolution the Board desires to adjust rates as provided in the rate study and, for the sake of clarity, restate all utility charges in order to maintain a single rate sheet for all constituents receiving utility services from the County; and

**WHEREAS**, utility customers were notified on the first week of October 2023, by mail, of the proposed fee and rate changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida that the Board hereby restates and amends the water and sewer rate schedule for the County's utility services as follows.

**SECTION 1: WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AMENDED AND RESTATED**

The Water and Sewer Charges set forth in Chapter 118, Article IV, Division 5 are restated and amended as follows (stricken items are deleted; underlined terms are inserted):

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**SECTION 118-554. – Monthly water, sewer and miscellaneous service charges**

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(c) All water and sewer Customers will pay monthly usage charges with respect to each gallon of water used. The base facility charges and monthly usage charges shall be as set forth below until amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

(1) *Water service rates*

	Charge	Meter Size	Rate	
<b>Ellisville Residential</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes 0-3,000 gallons)	Various	\$26.86	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.51	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Ft. White Residential</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes -3000- gallons)		\$28.76	
	Volumetric Charges	3,001 – 5,000	\$4.36	(per 1,000 gals. Above 3,000)
		5,001 – 7,000	\$4.56	(per 1,000 gals. Above 5,000)
		7,001 – 10,000	\$4.80	(per 1,000 gals. Above 7,000)
		10,001 and up	\$5.09	(per 1,000 gals. Above 10,000)
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes 0-3,000 gallons)	Various	\$24.17	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.04	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Master Metered Multifamily Residential</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes -0- gallons)	¾"	\$26.86	
		1"	\$26.86	
		1 ½"	\$26.86	
		2"	\$26.86	
		3"	\$26.86	
		4"	\$26.86	
		6"	\$26.86	
		8"	\$26.86	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.51	(per 1,000 gals. above base)

<b>Ellisville Commercial</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes -0- gallons)	¾"	\$26.86	
		1"	\$53.37	
		1 ½"	\$98.40	
		2"	\$152.41	
		3"	\$277.24	
		4"	\$458.50	
		6"	\$865.40	
		8"	\$1,379.15	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.51	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Ft. White Commercial</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes -3000- gallons)		\$39.26	
	<u>Volumetric Charges</u>	<u>3,001 – 5,000</u>	<u>\$7.86</u>	<u>(per 1,000 gals. Above 3,000)</u>
		<u>5,001 – 7,000</u>	<u>\$8.21</u>	<u>(per 1,000 gals. Above 5,000)</u>
		<u>7,001 – 10,000</u>	<u>\$9.04</u>	<u>(per 1,000 gals. Above 7,000)</u>
		<u>10,001 and up</u>	<u>\$11.37</u>	<u>(per 1,000 gals. Above 10,000)</u>
<b>Fire Hydrant</b>	Base Facility Charge (includes -0- gallons)		\$26.86	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.51	(per 1,000 gals. Above base)
<b>Irrigation</b>	Base Facility Charge (includes -0- gallons)	¾"	\$26.86	
		1"	\$43.93	
		1 ½"	\$80.99	
		2"	\$125.44	
		3"	\$228.18	
	Volumetric Charge		\$4.51	(per 1,000 gals. above base)

(2) Sewer service rates.

	Charge	Meter Size	Rate	
<b>Residential</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes 0-3,000 gallons)	Various	\$54.64 <u>\$58.50</u>	
	Volumetric Charge		\$3.15 <u>\$3.37</u>	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes 0-3,000 gallons)	Various	\$54.64	
	Volumetric Charge		\$3.37	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Master Metered Multifamily Residential</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes 0 gallons)	¾"	\$54.64	
		1"	\$54.64	
		1 ½"	\$54.64	
		2"	\$54.64	
		3"	\$54.64	
		4"	\$54.64	
		6"	\$54.64	
		8"	\$54.64	
	Volumetric Charge		\$3.37	(per 1,000 gals. above base)
<b>Commercial</b>	Base Facility Charge (Includes -0- gallons)	¾"	\$69.05 <u>\$73.93</u>	
		1"	\$162.76 <u>\$174.27</u>	
		1 ½"	\$318.96 <u>\$341.51</u>	
		2"	\$506.33 <u>\$542.13</u>	
		3"	\$943.59 <u>\$1,010.30</u>	

		4"	<del>\$1,568.38</del> <u>\$1,679.26</u>	
		6"	<del>\$3,130.14</del> <u>\$3,351.44</u>	
		8"	<del>\$5,003.89</del> <u>\$5,357.67</u>	
	Volumetric Charge	I	<del>\$3.15</del> <u>\$6.09</u>	(per 1,000 gals. above base) No Maximum
		II	<del>\$3.62</del> <u>\$7.17</u>	(per 1,000 gals. above base) No Maximum
		III	<del>\$4.10</del> <u>\$8.44</u>	(per 1,000 gals. above base) No Maximum
<b>Dump Station</b>	Flat Rate		<u>\$100.00</u>	

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**SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY**

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. The rates and fees set forth herein shall be implemented with the next water and sewer utility billing cycle.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida in its regular session on this sixteenth day of November 2023.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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ROCKY FORD, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:

**ATTEST**

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Joel F. Foreman, County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk