

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
5:45 pm

Special Meeting – Rougemont Water

Place: Rougemont Ruritan Club, 212 Bacon Road, Rougemont NC

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chair Ellen W. Reckhow, Commissioner Brenda A. Howerton, and Commissioners-Elect Fred Foster, Jr., and Wendy Jacobs; Michael M. Ruffin, County Manager; Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk; and Assistant County Managers Deborah Craig-Ray and Drew Cummings

County Manager Ruffin thanked everyone for coming out to learn more about the Rougemont Water situation. He gave a brief history of the contamination issue. The State has solicited the County's assistance in finding a solution. The City of Durham would not consider running water to Rougemont. Roxboro would consider running the water; however, the cost was in excess of \$3 million.

Mr. Cummings shared information regarding the affected properties. He explained that well systems do not provide fire hydrant pressures unless there is an elevated pump.

Mr. Mark Petermann, NC Department of Environment & Natural Resources, stated that the contamination problem may never be totally resolved. There is a chance of having to return to the site. The State is sampling active wells with residents' permission. He indicated that the State has been involved since 1992. Currently, the State provides bottled water for properties with contaminated wells.

Mr. Cummings indicated that 85 percent of the well owners are willing to participate. If residents don't connect in the initial phase and decide to connect later, they will have to bear the cost.

Mr. Peterman explained that the State has to spend \$120,000 by February 1 or risk losing the Federal funds. There is \$525,000 being committed in addition to the monies already spent. It is possible that the \$120,000 could be spent on drilling.

Mr. Cummings stated that clearer information will be forthcoming once the RFPs have been completed. All well owners will receive the results of the report.

Mr. Ruffin assured the residents that the County will meet again once there is additional information.

Manager Ruffin again thanked everyone for coming out and vowed to keep the group informed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

V. Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board