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Boone transfers water program

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The Boone County Fiscal Court on June 22 voted 3-0 to approve transferring its rural water program to the Boone County Water District but residents should not notice any changes.

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Judge-executive Gary Moore said the program is one the county began years ago. The Fiscal Court had entered into creating a rural water program so the county could more aggressively extend water to the outlying areas. He said through the years county dollars and grants were utilized to install miles and miles of water lines.

"But now the time has come where it's just much cleaner for Boone County Water District to basically assume the entire program and all of the projects," he said.

County Administrator Jeff Earlywine said the county is not giving away anything of value that it is not being fairly compensated for. He said the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the proposal in May "to add validity and authenticity, that this a good deal for the county, a good deal for the water district and a good deal for water customers throughout the county."

Earlywine said it will really streamline the operation of providing water. He said it will have absolutely no impact on water rates or service.

Commissioner Cathy Flaig was absent.

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