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<u>Press Release</u> <u>North Crawford County Water System</u>

January 27, 2023 I was informed that we were awarded the funds needed from the USDA Rural Development. We will move forward with the planning and development of this project. This project would not have been done without all the help of our County, State and Federal elected officials and hard-working folks.

So, we have taken a deep breath over the last few days but now it back to work. Over the next few days, weeks and months. We will be having more public meetings both here and before the Quorum Court meeting that are held in Van Buren. These meetings will be for updates on the project and to apply for AEDC funding that will help the low to moderate income households with grant and low interest loans for their homes to accept the water.

We will be getting things lined out to put the project out for bid. As you can imagine this is a huge project that consists of 66 miles of piping within 54 sq miles. We will also be looking at property for the City to acquire for towers and pump stations. We have come a long way and still have a huge honey do list to do.

Upcoming dates

- February 21th 5:30pm Crawford County Courthouse Public meeting to apply for AEDC funding.
- March 1st 6:00pm Public Meeting for update at City Hall
- May 1st 6:00pm Public Meeting for update at City Hall
- Easements in hand during summer months with Signed User Agreement Applicants.
- September 1St 6:00 Public Meeting for update City Hall
- November hopefully out to bid project.
- December 11th 6:00 Mountainburg City Council to award bidder.
- February 1, 2024 Public Meeting for update at City Hall

All of these dates are tentative but we hope to stick pretty close. In the future if Mountainburg Public Schools are closed, these meetings will be postponed.

Respectfully, Susan Wilson, Mayor