

FS 125.3401(8) The alternatives to the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract, and the potential impact on utility customers if the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is not made

Alternative 1: Liberty County keep the systems and has a commitment to a major investment in all the systems as identified in the Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Significant rate increases each year will be required as determined by the County's Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Example – By 2031, residential rates with 4,000 gallons in usage will exceed \$84 per month compared to a \$42 bill from Talquin.

Alternative 2: Agreement with the City of Bristol for a Water and Sewer District.

Alternative 3: There are for profit organizations such as US Water Services Corporation and Sunshine Water Services. Negative impacts would be loss of a democratically elected board to a constituent base.

Special Note – of the fifteen counties in Florida with a population of less than 25,000, only three own any water systems.

- Calhoun, Union, Franklin, Glades, Jefferson, Dixie, Gilchrist, Holmes, Taylor, Washington, Lafayette, and Madison – ZERO
- Gulf County – One system on Cape San Blas that was recently purchased from a private for profit operator.
- Hamilton County – One system on I-75 that serves commercial and industrial customers near an interstate exit on I-75.
- Liberty County – Five systems