

Water deal in line in Madison

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Village to provide water service for new middle school

Lake County commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding with Madison Village and Madison Schools to provide water service for the new middle

school.

The school construction site is at 6079 Middle Ridge Road, which is part of the county's jurisdiction for water service.

The agreement made Thurs-

day would allow the village to provide the water service.

The purpose of the memorandum of understanding is so the new school could remain a customer of Lake County and benefit from the rate struc-

ture, while receiving its water supply from Madison Village.

Lake County Sanitary Engineer Al Saari said the agreement is like a pass-through situation and the

school benefits because it does not have to spend money to build a water line extension connecting to the county's water system.

Instead, the school would pay a connection fee of

\$88,125 to the village, which receives its water from the county.

"The village benefits by being able to collect a fee from the school — basically getting money for an existing line that is already there," Saari said.

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The school also benefits from the county's lower rate structure that is currently \$3.49 per 100 cubic feet, he said.

"If they were a village customer in 2012, they would pay \$5.84 per 100 cubic feet and the village's rate goes up

every year," Saari said.

The county benefits as it sells water to the village, which will provide water to the school through the village's infrastructure.

Part of the agreement also includes a waiver that if a county water line or one constructed by a developer in a nearby area where it currently doesn't exist, such as on Dayton Road, then the

school would have to pay its fair share of that cost, Saari said.

That way, adjacent property owners would not have to pay additional fees if the school was exempt.

The school also would have the option to become a county or village customer if new water lines were constructed by the county or a developer, he said.