

## ATVG Welcomes New President

The Association of Tennessee Valley Governments voted in a new slate of officers at their October Board meeting in Gatlinburg, TN. Larry Vickery of Calhoun, GA took over as President of ATVG at the conclusion of their meeting.

Vickery is currently the Electric Director for the City of Calhoun, Georgia. He is the Mayor's representative and has participated with ATVG as a member of the Board of Directors since 2005. Larry has more than 35 years of experience in Local Government Administration, Electric Distribution and Bulk Power Supply. His background with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, a Joint Action Public Power supplier, has provided ATVG's Executive Board with added perspective on many issues facing TVA. He participates in industry, community and church activities and has most recently served as the Chairman of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce.

When speaking of the upcoming year Vickery said: "Through the ATVG meetings, I have realized that what we sometimes do or have done in Georgia may not be the best solution to a situation or even the best practice. The Valley's seven state participation by government representatives, TVA personnel, in combination with ATVG's support of local governments offer needed perspectives on administration, education and efficiency in many areas. The management of river issues, the understanding of power supply efficiency, environmental stewardship, and more importantly, the preservation of the economic engines that drive our communities affect us in the present and will continue to affect us for generations to come. We need successful communication among all of these multi-state principle groups to assure that Valley dynamics continually work together. I look forward to my time as President and to expanding our relationships through ATVG."

Larry lives in Calhoun with his wife Carol. They have two children and 4 grandchildren.