

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 8, 2025

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, October 8, 2025, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion
Joseph Hardee, Vice-Chairman - Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree
Tim James, City of Cayce
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Hazel Livingston, Town of Lexington
Viola McDaniel, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Gene House, Operations Manager
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Ashton Blocker, Finance
Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.	Barry Leaphart, Operations
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Sara Teem, Customer Service
Melinda Lee, Operations	Anthony Self, Engineering
Ray Jones, Parker Poe	

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Joseph Hardee gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item four (4) regarding consideration of minutes from the 09/10/25 meeting. Mr. Lancer Shull made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) Executive Report. Mr. Jay Nicholson presented an informal report to the board. A full copy of the report is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item seven (7) Executive Session regarding SC Ethics briefing, Swansea Operating Agreement, Economic Development contract and a personnel matter. Mr. Troy Bivens made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Coming out of Executive Session the Chairman stated that the only motion made during Executive Session was the motion to come out of Executive Session.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) regarding possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to authorize Mr. Jay Nicholson to enter the proposed contract with Town of Swansea as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Tim James seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Mayor Viola McDaniel recusing herself from the vote.

The Chairman addressed item nine (9) announcements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the next Commission meeting will be held on November 8th.

As there was no other business, Mr. Tim James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.



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Executive Report

October 8, 2025

Legislative/Regulatory Update

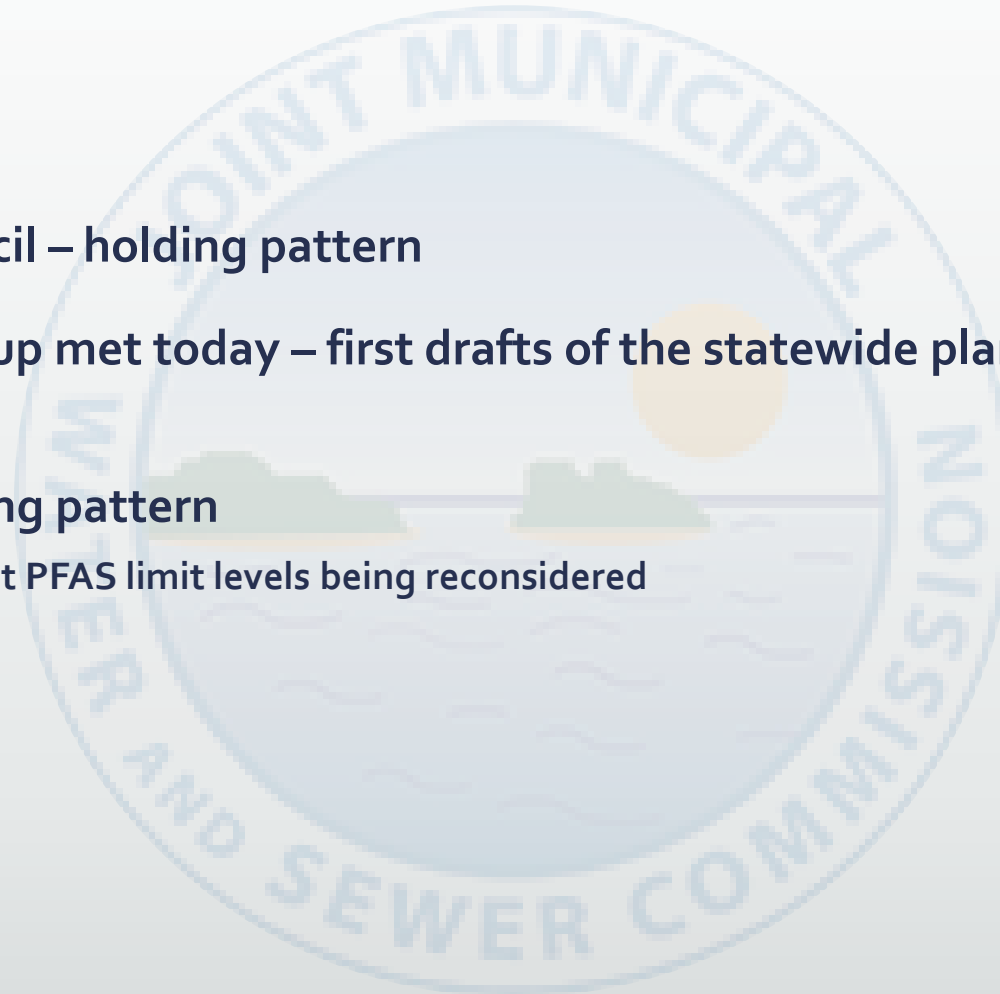


- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
 - JMWSC Startup testing/flushing this week
 - B-L station startup next week
 - Potential ribbon cutting early November
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- **Swansea**
 - Draft agreement ready for consideration
 - AMI finalists being considered
 - Federal government shutdown has us stalled pending USDA waiver requirement



Professional Engagement

- Conferences/Meetings
- Saluda River Basin Council – holding pattern
- Governor's WaterSC group met today – first drafts of the statewide plan being deliberated
- WUC – pre-session holding pattern
 - Some speculation about PFAS limit levels being reconsidered



Workforce

- **Training and Education**

- WEFTEC – Anthony Self
- SCARC conference - Jason Brummer
- Joint Asset Management workshop – Jason Brummer

- **Staffing**

- **Operations**

- Additional hires are performing well
- Newly designated Dig Team continues making excellent progress

- **Engineering**

- Full staff
- New entry level position being considered

- **Customer Service**

- Full staff

- **Finance**

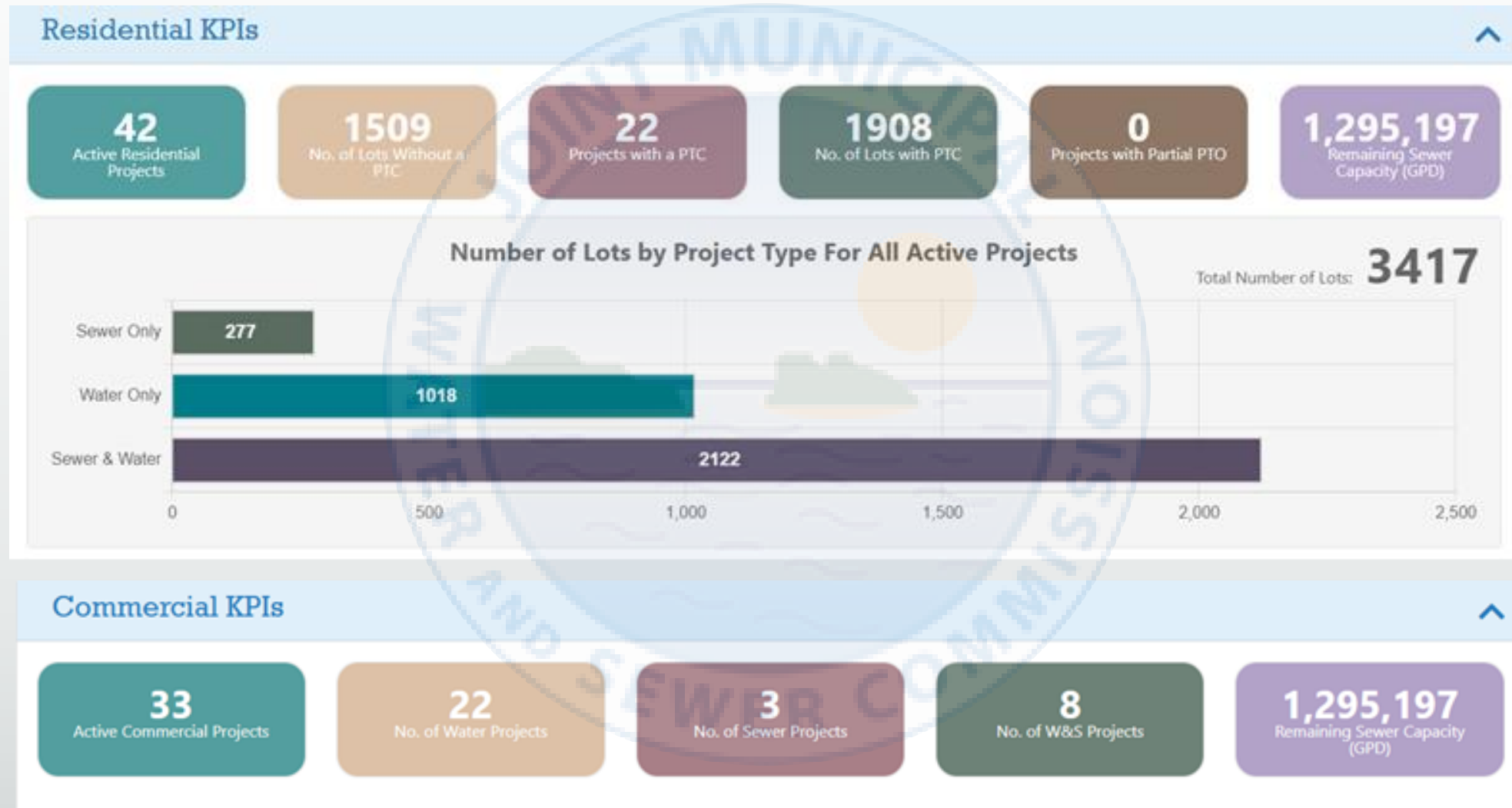
- Senior accountant position remains open



Operations

- **Tank Maintenance**
 - S Congaree scheduled washout this week
- **Water Quality**
 - Stable throughout
- **Systems**
 - All stations in full operations with regular maintenance and replacement of critical parts scheduled
 - Hydrant and Valve maintenance zones 1 - 6 complete with zone 7 at 60% complete
- **Sewer Collections**
 - One SSO in September (700 gal)
 - Several sites with pumps recently repaired or replaced
- **Operations campus improvements master plan**
 - Cohn Construction has sent the AIA DB contract

Engineering & Construction



Capital Improvements Program

WATER					
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	TBD	\$ 650,000.00	Estimate	Narrowed down to Badger or Neptune meters. Currently setting up a trial period with Neptune to confirm comp
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwel	\$ 5,104,605.48	Constructi	Pressure test of lines at tank site week of 10/6. Looking to chlorinate tank week of October 19
Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilit	\$17,921,854.75	Constructi	Pump Station Startup beginning on 10/7.
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Cicle	Highfill	LAD	\$ 355,450.00	Bid	Bid September 9th. LAD is low bid, SCDOT will make award.
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Ve	TBD	\$ 4,000,000.00	Engineer's	B&V completed a basis of design report to be reviewed on 10/8.
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000.00	SRFL	LoanAr Easement appraisals receieved. 90% Plans and permitting expected week of 10/13.
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$ 2,046,812.50	GrantAwar	Highfill working on PER. About to send out survey letters to property owners. Water Calculations to be complete
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	TBD	\$ 1,645,100.00	Engineer's	Bids recevied September 16th. L-J, Inc was low bid at \$1,641,268.20. NOA issued and awaiting contract docum
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$ 512,000.00	Engineer's	Meadowfield bid pushed back to December 2025.
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Bake	TBD	\$ 1,815,321.00	Engineer's	Waiting on SCDES for approval
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Bake	TBD	\$ 1,137,925.00	GrantAmor	Engineer waiting on survey to be completed and is putting final touches on PER draft.
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and S	CBG, Inc	\$ 917,843.00	ProjectBid	Documents sent to funding agency for approval. Will set up precon in near future.
Platt Springs Road Water Main	GMC	TBD	\$ 6,000,000.00	MasterPlai	GMC is working on 100% Plans for route on opposite side of Platt Springs. Last met on 9/16 for 90% review.
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$ 400,000.00	EngineersC	Adurra Submitted to Southeast Crescent for Funding on July 18
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	TBD	TBD	\$ 9,345,000.00	MasterPlai	Need to Determine Engineer
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and F	TBD	\$ 7,800,000.00	MasterPlai	Have proposal from T&H
		Est. Tot:	\$84,651,911.73		
SEWER					
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	\$ 1,232,250.00	TMEstimat	Received survey, preliminary forcemain alignment under review.
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	TBD	\$ 1,800,000.00	Engineer's	Received 90% plans from GHD. Looking at different pumps for backup pump. Property appraisal requested for a
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady G	\$ 1,000,000.00	Engineer's	Wetwell work/pipin nearly complete. Electrical needs to be completed then SGC will come back to drop in sec
Longs Pond/Two Notch Sewer Improvments	TBD	TBD	\$ 1,500,000.00	Preliminar	Received survey from Edisto. Requested Proposal from GHD and Hazen for design.
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase 2	AECOM/GHD	Wile Ea	\$ 2,255,440.90	CO4	Submitted NOT to SCDES. Signed Final Change Order
Swansea Sewer Rehab	Adurra	TBD	\$ 4,000,000.00	GrantAwar	Received \$2M SCIIP and \$2M SRF Working on a Proposal with Adurra
		Est. Tot:	\$11,787,690.90		
FACILITIES					
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD		Cayce has signed a contract with American Engineering to complete PER
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD		Cohn has sent AIA for approval
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Whartor	TBD		Waiting on Approval of Final GMP for Ozone

JMWSC at a Glance	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	FY25 Growth	Previous YTD	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	FY26 Growth	Previous YTD
Customer Data																	
Water customers	20,530	20,563	20,598	20,648	20,681	20,733	20,784	20,843	20,952	21,031	3.16%	3.49%	21,094	21,078	21,122	0.44%	0.70%
Sewer customers	6,894	6,909	6,937	6,988			7,091	7,142		7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	7308	1.80%	1.56%
New water only	11	28	12	19	10	19	4	8	28	15	169	294	41	11	12	64	26
New water/sewer	10	7	40	23	23	33	37	39	79	64	469	352	17	18	14	49	124
New sewer only							10	12	1	0	23		0	0	0	0	
Total new customers	21	35	52	42	33	52	51	59	108	79	661	646	58	29	26	113	150
Start accounts	189	210	148	200		199	168	167		252			279	240	225		
Close accounts	46	59	60	47		63	38	90		100			81	93	66		
Meters read (AMR)	20,706	20,816	20,768	20,804			20,902	20,992					21222	21226	21298		
Meters unread (AMR)	87	127	81	90			130	79					75	132	98		
Disconnected/nonpmt	158	138	na	199			na	105					110	146	75		
Remain disconnected	27	23	na	36			na	15					25	6	7		
Water quality complaints																	
Taste/odor/color	4	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		0			0	1	0		
Pressure	3	1	3	5	3	3	8	3					6	4	3		
Total	7	1	4	5	5	5	8	4		5			6	5	3		
Flow Data (MGD)																	
Water avg daily flows	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.50		7.37			8.33	6.62	8.03		
previous year	8.20	7.80	6.02	5.35				6.20	7.50	8.64			9.02	7.27	7.51		
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62			1.71	1.773	1.625		
previous year	1.52	1.42	1.46	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.61	1.502	1.6	1.49			1.48	1.76	1.58		
Current projects																	
Residential	43	46		44			46	46					42	41	42	Res lots	
Commercial	34	34		39			38	39					32	33	33	water	sewer
JMWSC	9	9		9			11	11					25	25	25	3,140	2,399
Total projects	86			92			95	96									
Locates received	915	1356	1110	978	1224	1111	1295	1179		1296			1223	1271	1254		
Locates marked	595	866	861	563	783	703	752	656		750			850	874	820		
Total LF marked	52,815	115,890	81,510	52,910	54,810	52,710	55,920	56,280		54,410			92,850	112,510	98,810		

Revenues/Expenses thru sep 2025	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	7,196,930	26,326,133	27%
Operating Expenses*	2,850,060	17,440,530	16%

*Direct operating revenues/expenses only. Does not include debt service and depreciation information.



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