

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 14, 2026

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, January 14, 2026, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston
David Bouknight, Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Hazel Livingston, Town of Lexington
Michael Luongo, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Elise Partin, City of Cayce
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Gene House, Operations Manager
Barry Leaphart, Operations	Anthony Self, Engineering
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Melinda Lee, Operations
Madeline Zimmerman, Finance	

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Troy Bivens 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 11/12/25 meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Troy Bivens seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) regarding oath of office for new Commissioners. The Chairman introduced Mayor David Bouknight as the new Commissioner for Town of Batesburg-Leesville, Mr. Michael Luongo as the new Commissioner for Town of Swansea, and Ms. Elise Partin as the new Commissioner for City of Cayce. The Secretary read the oath to swear in the new Commissioners, and they all responded and agreed to uphold the oath.

The Chairman addressed item six (6) 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, Economic Development contract and tap fee consideration for DES special project. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. David Bouknight 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 approve the Tap Fee adjustment for the DES Special Project as discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Hazel Livingston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item nine (9) announcements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the WEASC Capital District Annual Awards meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th at the Town of Lexington. The Swansea community meeting will be held at 6:00pm on January 20th at the high school. The next Commission meeting will be held on February 11th but could possibly be postponed to another date because of Lexington County Night conflict.

As there was no other business, Mr. Tem Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hazel Livingston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.



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Executive Report

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- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
- PTO issued 12/9/2025
- B-L Consent lifted 1/12/2026

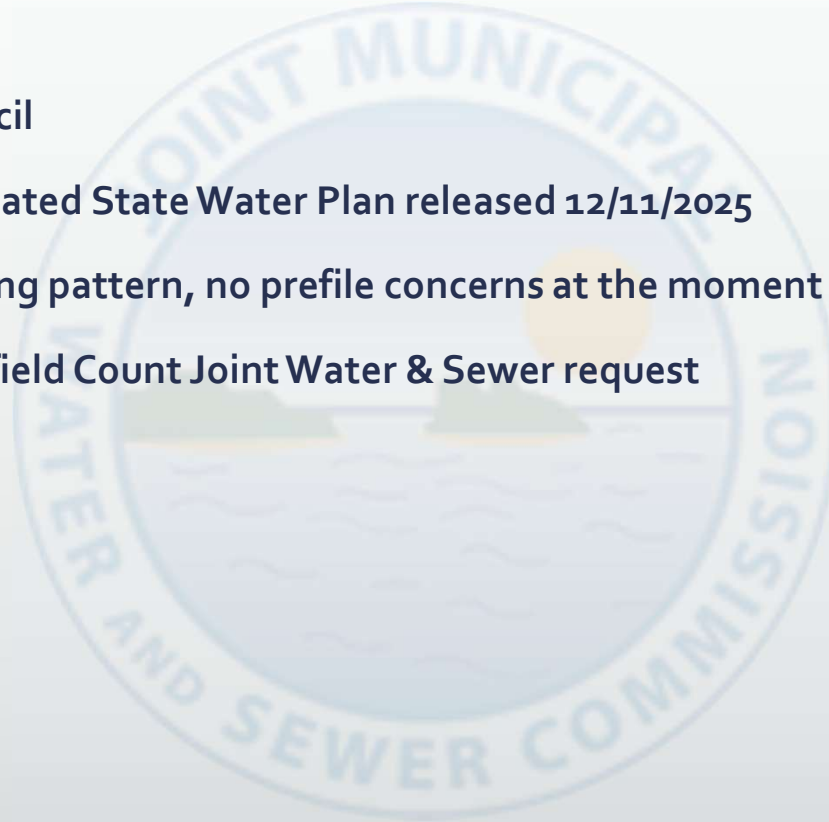


- **Swansea**
- USDA waiver approval received 12/16/2026
- Community meeting 1/20/2026
- New Lease Agreement commences 2/1/2026



Professional Engagement

- Saluda River Basin Council
- Governor's WaterSC updated State Water Plan released 12/11/2025
- WUC – pre-session holding pattern, no prefile concerns at the moment
- EPAC next week re: Fairfield Count Joint Water & Sewer request

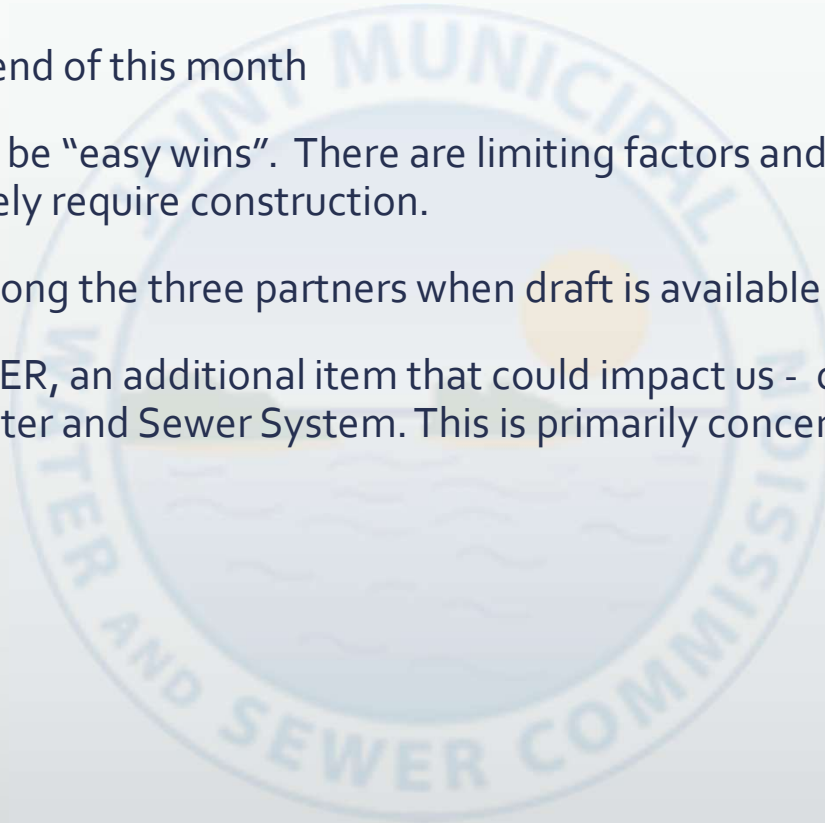


Water Plant Progress

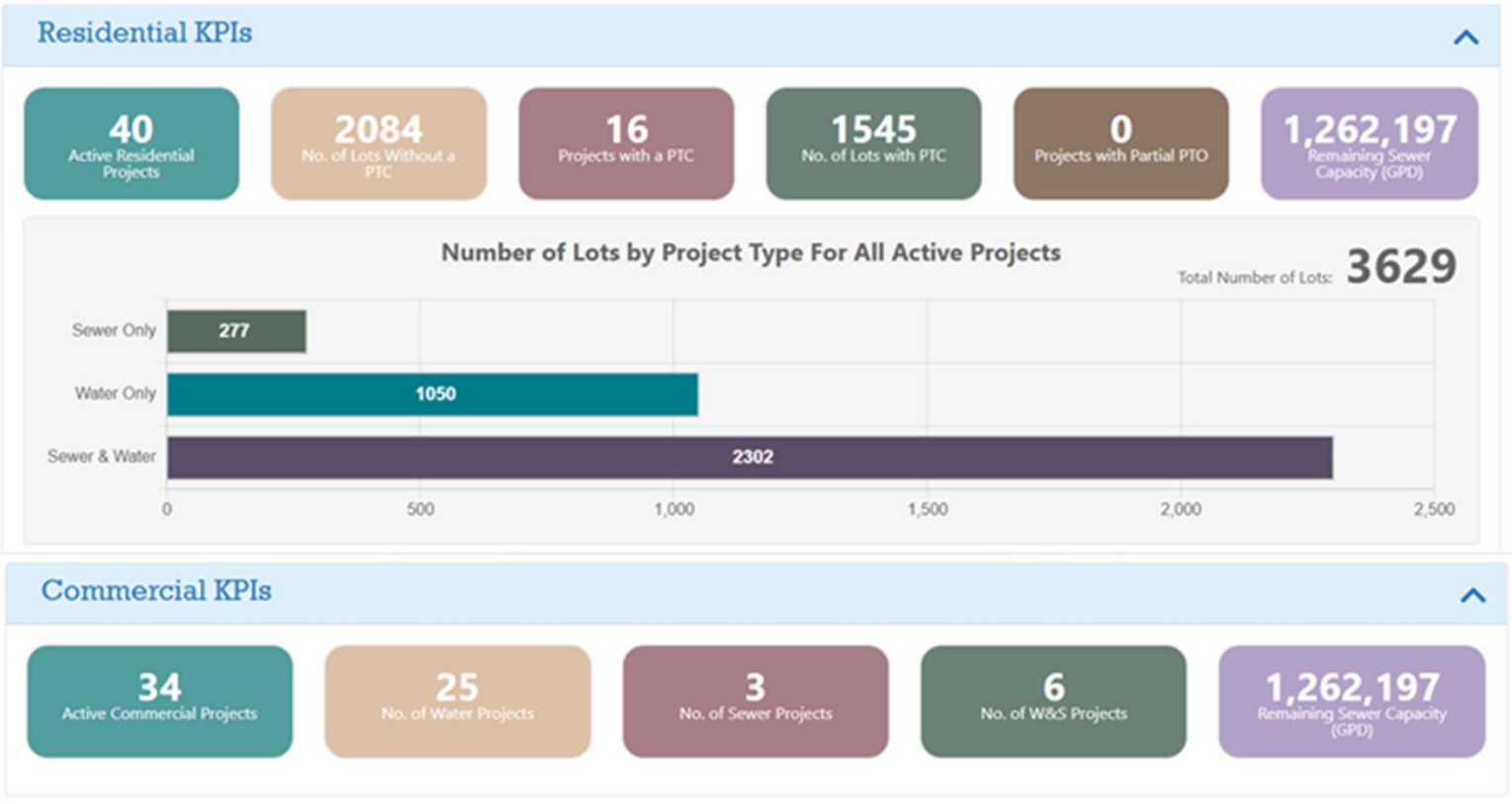
- Work on the pre-treatment and filtration components are done, with the exception of some minor structural work within the existing settled water flume. We have two more shutdowns scheduled for that to be complete.
- Work continues on the raw water pump station improvements. New pumps are scheduled to be delivered over the next month, along with MCCs and other electrical components. The new 42" raw water main has been completed through the new metering and injection vault. In March we'll make a tie into the existing piping though it won't be in service.
- Work on assembling the underground 60" piping for the ozone process has begun. We're waiting on the parking area to be finished for excavation work to begin on that phase. Anticipate starting in February.
- Budget wise we're on target for \$86M in construction. Schedule is looking for a late 2027 start-up.

Wastewater Plant PER

- To be completed by the end of this month
- We don't expect there to be "easy wins". There are limiting factors and expansion beyond the current rating will likely require construction.
- Anticipate discussion among the three partners when draft is available
- In conjunction with the PER, an additional item that could impact us - capacity request from Fairfield County Joint Water and Sewer System. This is primarily concerning UOD and phosphorous limits



Engineering & Construction



Capital Improvements Program

WATER				
Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilities	\$17,921,854.75 Construction CO2	Received PTO Working on punch list
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwell	\$5,104,605.48 Construction CO1	Received PTO Working on punch list
Platt Springs Road Water Main	GMC	TBD	\$6,000,000 Master Plan Estimate	GMC is working on 100% Plans for route on opposite side of Platt Springs. Will need to modify due to school force main
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Main	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Waiting on 90% Plans. SRF PER has been approved
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sam	CBG, Inc.	\$917,843 Project Bid	Pre-Con held on 11/5/25.
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	TBD	\$734,880 Project Bid	Bid December 16 low bid GH Smith at \$734,880
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,137,925 Grant Amount	Have supplied us with 30% Drawings. Have made comments on PER
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veatch	TBD	\$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	B&V working on plans
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	TBD	\$1,641,268.20 Construction	Pre-Con 11/10/25, Customer Information Meeting 11/13/25
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Circle	Highfill	LAD	\$355,450 Bid	LAD will be doing work. Invoice by SCDOT
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$424,206 Bid Amount	Complete Utilities was the low bid.
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	Highfill has provided us with PER for review. Working with SCDES to nail down scope of project
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$400,000 Engineers Cost Estimate	Received funding from Southeast Crescent
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	TBD	\$650,000 Estimate	Working with Neptune on Scope
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hut	TBD	\$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	Held a kick-off meeting on with T&H on January 7
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	TBD	TBD	\$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Need to Determine Engineer
SEWER				
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady Grov	\$1,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Lake Murray Electric is completing electrical work.
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	TBD	\$1,800,000 Engineer's Estimate	Received 90% plans from GHD. Looking at different pumps for backup pump. Property appraisal requested for acquisition.
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	\$1,232,250 TM Estimate	Received survey, preliminary forcemain alignment under review.
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase 2	AECOM/GHD	Wile Eastor	\$2,255,440.90 CO4	Working on closing out the project
Swansea Sewer Rehab	Adurra	TBD	\$4,000,000 Grant Award Amount	Received \$2M SCIIP and \$2M SRF Working on a Proposal with Adurra
Longs Pond/Two Notch Sewer Improvments	TBD	TBD	\$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning	GHD is working on the design
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 is working on design
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Sr	\$86M	DES has issued permit for GMP 4

JMWSC at a Glance	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	FY25 Growth	Previous YTD	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	FY26 Growth	Previous YTD
	Customer Data																
Water customers	20,648	20,681	20,733	20,784	20,843	20,952	21,031	3.16%	3.49%	21,094	21,078	21,122	21,219	21,267	21,396	1.74%	1.28%
Sewer customers	6,988			7,091	7,142		7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	7308	7398	7434	7498	4.37%	2.95%
New water only	19	10	19	4	8	28	15	169	294	41	11	12	8	9	29	110	85
New water/sewer	23	23	33	37	39	79	64	469	352	17	18	14	67	26	25	167	194
New sewer only				10	12	1	0	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Total new customers	42	33	52	51	59	108	79	661	646	58	29	26	75	35	54	277	279
Start accounts	200		199	168	167		252			279	240	225	201	185	236		
Close accounts	47		63	38	90		100			81	93	66	67	43	76		
Meters read (AMR)	20,804			20,902	20,992					21222	21226	21298	21368	21444	21495		
Meters unread (AMR)	90			130	79					75	132	98	86	107	90		
Disconnected/nonpmt	199			na	105					110	146	75	104	n/a	119		
Remain disconnected	36			na	15					25	6	7	16	n/a	16		

Water quality complaints

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec
Taste/odor/color	0	2	2	0	1		0	0	1	0	0	5	4
Pressure	5	3	3	8	3		5	6	4	3	7	4	3
Total	5	5	5	8	4		5	6	5	3	7	9	7

Flow Data (MGD)

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec
Water avg daily flows	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.50		7.37	8.33	6.62	8.03	6.65	5.66	5.63
previous year	5.35			6.20	7.50		8.64	9.02	7.27	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62	1.71	1.773	1.625	1.621	1.636	1.639
previous year	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.61	1.502	1.6	1.49	1.48	1.76	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65

Current projects

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	Res lots
Residential	44			46	46			42	41	42	42		40	water
Commercial	39			38	39			32	33	33	32		32	sewer
JMWSC	9			11	11			25	25	25	25		25	3,352
Total projects	92			95	96									2,579
Locates received	978	1224	1111	1295	1179		1296	1223	1271	1254	1258	1133	978	
Locates marked	563	783	703	752	656		750	850	874	820	964	961	722	
Total LF marked	52,910	54,810	52,710	55,920	56,280		54,410	92,850	112,510	98,810	108,510	61,810	57,810	

Revenues/Expenses thru dec 2025	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	13,905,629	26,326,133	53%
Operating Expenses*	6,949,065	17,440,530	40%

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



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