

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 10, 2025

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, September 10, 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
Viola McDaniel, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
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

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 08/13/25 meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Joseph Hardee 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 six (6) Executive Session regarding SC Ethics briefing, Swansea Operating Agreement, Economic Development contract. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Lancer Shull 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 seven (7) regarding possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to authorize Mr. Jay Nicholson to negotiate a tiered rate

structure as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Tim James seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) announcements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the Commission's GIS Analyst, Mr. Jason Brummer will be presenting at an ArcGIS conference in Columbia this month, and again next month in Utah. Mr. Biff Blocker and his wife Meridith are expecting their new baby on Friday, September 12th. The next Commission meeting will be held on October 8th.

As there was no other business, Mr. Tem Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Troy Bivens seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.



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Executive Report

September 10, 2025

Legislative/Regulatory Update



- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
 - JMWSC Booster Station set last week
 - Startup testing/flushing to begin early October
 - Project is 4-6 weeks from complete
 - Potential ribbon cutting end of October early November
- **Swansea**
 - Proposed long-term agreement discussion this meeting
 - AMI finalists being evaluated
 - \$2M grant from RIA, and \$2M SRF Principal Forgiveness; both contingent on long-term agreement
 - Additional \$116,500 from RIA for further evaluation



Legislative/Regulatory Update



Professional Engagement

- Conferences/Meetings
- Saluda River Basin Council
- Governor's WaterSC group meets on the 25th
- WUC meets next week



Workforce

- **Training and Education**
 - Confined space training held in August
- **Staffing**
- **Operations**
 - Additional hires are performing well
 - Newly designated Dig Team is making excellent progress
- **Engineering**
 - Backflow position started last week
- **Customer Service**
 - New hire started this week
- **Finance**
 - Senior accountant applications received



Operations

- **Tank Maintenance**

- All up to date; S Congaree scheduled for washout 9/22

- **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 10% complete

- **Sewer Collections**

- One SSO in August (1000 gal)
- Several sites with pumps recently repaired or replaced

- **Operations campus improvements master plan**

- Cohn Construction finalizing the DB contract (anticipated to be within approved budget with added scope)

Engineering & Construction

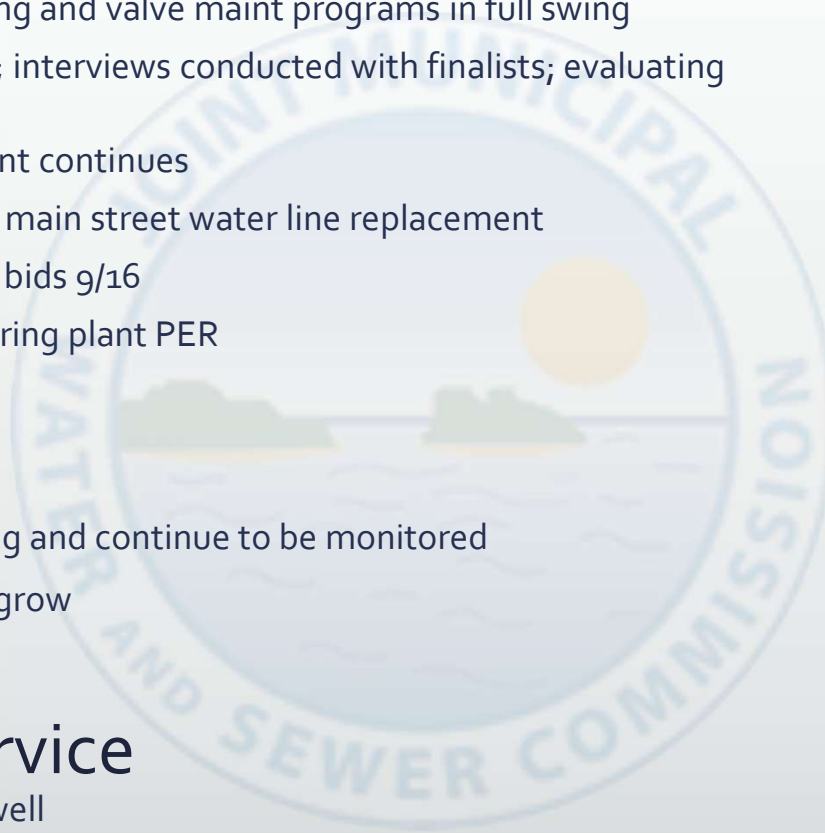
- CMMS – CityWorks flushing and valve maint programs in full swing
- AMI meter RFPs received; interviews conducted with finalists; evaluating the remaining two
- Project Portal development continues
- CBG low bidder on Pelion main street water line replacement
- Land of the Lakes project bids 9/16
- Cayce/ American Engineering plant PER

Finance

- Investments remain strong and continue to be monitored
- ACH rollout continues to grow
- Audit season in full swing

Customer Service

- SpryPoint is functioning well
- Staff development continues



Capital Improvements Program

Project	Engineer	Contractor	Cost	Update
Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilities	\$17,921,854.75 Construction CO2	Installation of Main is Complet Pump Station Start-up Week of October 5
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwell	\$5,104,605.48 Construction CO1	Finalizing Tank - Looking to chlorinate week of October 19
Platt Springs Road Water Main	GMC	TBD	\$6,000,000 Master Plan Estimate	90% Plan Meeting October 16
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Main	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Survey Complete Hazen completing plans and PER Sent Easement off for appraisals
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sampson	TBD	\$1,364,641 Engineer's Estimate	Project Bid - CBG Low Bid at \$917,843
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,815,321 Engineer's Estimate	Waiting on SCDES for approval
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,137,925 Grant Amount	Signed Agreement for engineering with Michael Baker
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veatch	TBD	\$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Signed Agreement with B&V and received survey from Edisto Surveying
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady Grove/Collins	\$1,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Breaker Panel came in damaged. Watitng on replacement
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	TBD	\$1,800,000 Engineer's Estimate	Singed agreement with Gorman Rupp \$695,500. Received quote from Godwin for backup Working on property acquisition
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	\$1,232,250 TM Estimate	Gave Highfill Approval to proceed with HWY Portion August 4
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	TBD	\$1,645,100 Engineer's Estimate	Bid Opening October 16
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase 2	AECOM/GHD	Wile Easton	\$2,255,440.90 CO4	Submitted NOT to SCDES. Signed Final Change Order
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Cicle	Highfill	TBD	\$512,000,000 Engineers Estimate	Signed MOU with SCDOT In Contract Project Bids September 9
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$345,000 Engineers Estimate	Signed MOU with SCDOT In Contract Project Bids September 9
Swansea Sewer Rehab	Adurra	TBD	\$4,000,000 Grant Award Amount	Received \$2M SCIIP and \$2M SRF Working on a Proposal with Adurra
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	Signed Engineering Proposal with Highfill. About to send out survey letters to property owners
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$400,000 Engineers Cost Estim	Adurra Submitted to Southeast Crescent for Funding on July 18
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	TBD	\$650,000 Estimate	RFPs received August 7 (seven received)
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD	Cohn is working on GMP
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hutton	TBD	\$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	Have proposal from T&H
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	TBD	TBD	\$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Need to Determine Engineer
Longs Pond/Two Notch Sewer Improvmnts	TBD	TBD	\$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning Estimate	Edisto has completed the route survey but we have not received it
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Smith	TBD	Waiting on Approval of Final GMP for Ozone
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD	Cayce has signed a contract with American Engineering to complete PER

JMWSC at a Glance	Aug-24	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	FY26 Growth	Previous YTD
Customer Data																	
Water customers	20,507	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	0.23%	0.59%
Sewer customers	6,887	6,894	6,909	6,937	6,988			7,091	7,142		7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	1.50%	1.46%
New water only	10	11	28	12	19	10	19	4	8	28	15	169	294	41	11	52	15
New water/sewer	45	10	7	40	23	23	33	37	39	79	64	469	352	17	18	35	114
New sewer only								10	12	1	0	23		0	0	0	
Total new customers	55	21	35	52	42	33	52	51	59	108	79	661	646	58		87	129
Start accounts	172	189	210	148	200		199	168	167		252			279	240		
Close accounts	60	46	59	60	47		63	38	90		100			81	93		
Meters read (AMR)	20,586	20,706	20,816	20,768	20,804			20,902	20,992					21222	21226		
Meters unread (AMR)	104	87	127	81	90			130	79					75	132		
Disconnected/nonpmt	58	158	138	na	199			na	105					110	146		
Remain disconnected	6	27	23	na	36			na	15					25	6		
Water quality complaints																	
Taste/odor/color	2	4	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		0			0	1		
Pressure	11	3	1	3	5	3	3	8	3		5			6	4		
Total	13	7	1	4	5	5	5	8	4		5			6	5		
Flow Data (MGD)																	
Water avg daily flows	7.27	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.50		7.37			8.33	6.62		
previous year	9.20	8.20	7.80	6.02	5.35				6.20	7.50	8.64			9.02	7.27		
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.76	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62			1.71	1.773		
previous year	1.49	1.52	1.42	1.46	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.61	1.502	1.6	1.49			1.48	1.76		
Current projects																	
Residential	43	43	46		44			46	46					42	41	Res lots	
Commercial	31	34	34		39			38	39					32	33	water	sewer
JMWSC	9	9	9		9			11	11					25	25	3,134	2,281
Total projects	83	86			92			95	96								
Locates received	999	915	1356	1110	978	1224	1111	1295	1179		1296			1223	1271		
Locates marked	735	595	866	861	563	783	703	752	656		750			850	874		
Total LF marked	53,260	52,815	115,890	81,510	52,910	54,810	52,710	55,920	56,280		54,410			92,850	112,510		

Revenues/Expenses thru aug 2025	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	4,988,987	26,326,133	19%
Operating Expenses*	2,337,162	17,440,530	13%

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



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