JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES **August 12, 2026**

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 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
David Bouknight, Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Michael Luongo, Town of Swansea
Elise Partin, City of Cayce
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

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 6/10/26 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) Election of Officers. Mr. Nicholson asked for nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. Ms. Cindy Campbell made the motion to keep the current slate of officers. Mr. Frank Shumpert as Chairman, Mr. Joseph Hardee as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jay Nicholson as Treasurer and Ms. Stephanie Morton as Secretary. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item six (6) FYE 2025 ACFR. Mr. Ashton Blocker gave a presentation to the board and highlighted some items in the ACFR. Mr. Jay Nicholson thanked the Finance staff for all their hard work.

The Chairman addressed item seven (7) 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 eight (8) Executive Session regarding economic development update, property acquisition-Edmund, main office improvements and personnel matter. Mr. Joseph Hardee made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Troy Bivens 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.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item nine (9) regarding possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Troy Bivens made a motion to proceed with the Edmund property acquisition as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. David Bouknight made a motion to approve $500,000 in office improvements as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Michael Luongo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item ten (10) regarding announcements. Mr. Jay Nicholson stated that the next Commission meeting will be held on September 9th. The Capital District golf tournament will be held September 14th at Valhalla Woods Gold Club in Columbia. The Commission Christmas party is planned for Thursday, December 3rd at Lexington Country Club.

As there was no other business, Mr. Bobby Keisler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David Bouknight seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

Executive Report

August 12, 2026

SCIIP
South Carolina
Infrastructure
Investment Program

- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
- Averaging >900kgpd
- Discussions about AMI antenna on site



- **Swansea**
- Calls with funding agencies
- Meter project completed end of June
- SRF awarded additional $988K
- Swansea Sewer Rehabilitation Projects in scope development and design



Staffing changes/Promotions

Engineering

Asset Manager: Jason Brummer

Customer Service

Billing Lead: Sara Teem

Finance

Business Process Manager: Madeline Zimmerman

Staffing changes/Promotions - Operations

Crew 1:

Supervisor: Trent Stafford

Utility Operator I: Eric Goodwin (Dispatch Alternate & Meter Read)

Utility Tech I: Brandon Whittle (Meter Read Alternate/Fill in)

Utility Tech I: To be Filled (Candidate has been sent an offer letter)

Crew 2:

Supervisor: David Curry

Utility Operator I: Ben McCartha (Dispatch Alternate)

Utility Operator I: Lee Storey (Meter Read)

Utility Tech I: Will Hopkins (Meter Read)

Crew 3:

Supervisor: Tevin Copeland

Utility Operator I: Kyle Force (Dispatch Alternate)

Utility Tech I: Jesse Carwell (Meter Read Trainee)

Utility Tech I: Chris Foreman (Current Probationary employee)

Maintenance Crew:

Supervisor: Mike Coffey

Utility Operator III: To be Filled (Candidate has accepted offer)

Utility Operator I: Dalton Sease

Utility Tech I: Austin Eargle

Construction Crew/Special Projects (Dig Team):

Construction Crew Supervisor: Adam Harmon

Utility Operator II/Lead Alternate: Joseph Hardee

Utility Tech I: To be Filled (interviews ongoing)

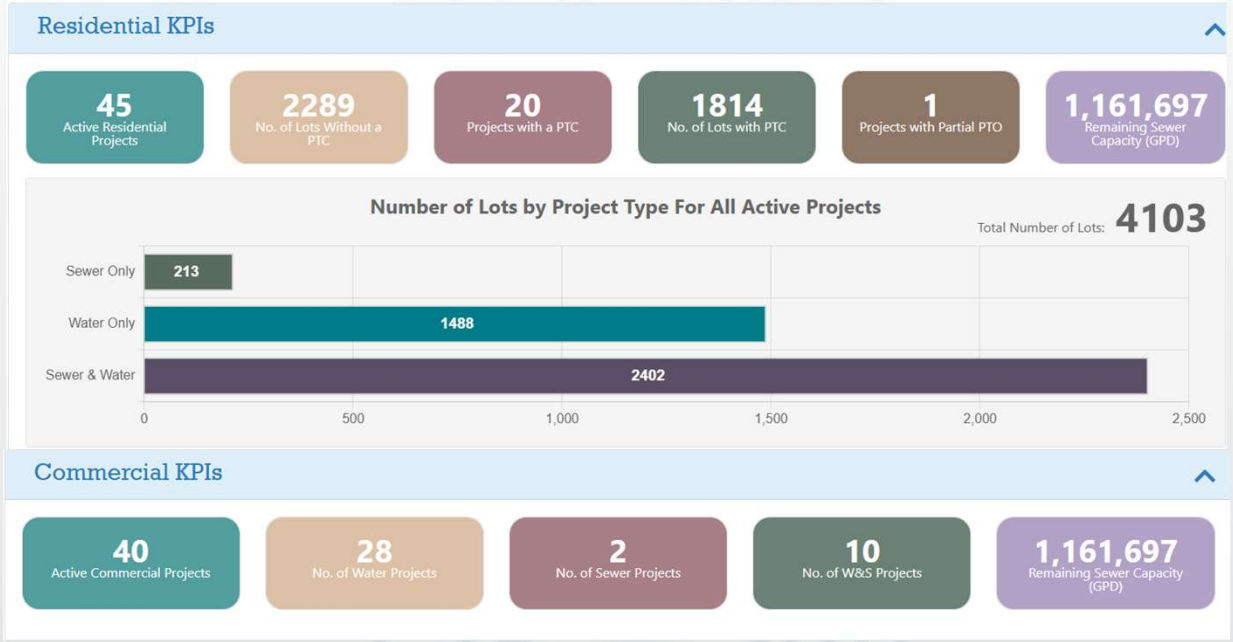
Utility Tech I: To be Filled (interviews ongoing)

Administration:

Operations Administrative Lead: Melinda Lee

Operations Administrative Assistant: To Be filled

Engineering & Construction



Capital Improvements Program

Project	Engineer	Contractor	Cost	Update
WATER				
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 mo
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank W	Hazen	TBD	$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Waiting on Railroad Permit
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sa	CBG, Inc.	$917,843 Project Bid	Project has been completed. Need to request Reimbursement
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	GH Smith	$734,880 Project Bid	Project has been completed. Need to request Reimbursement
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phas	Michael Baker	TBD	$1,137,925 Grant Amount	Received 90% Plans
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veat	TBD	$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Have received 90%. Making some final comments
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	LJ	$1,641,268.20 Construction	LJ is the contractor and is under construction
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic	Highfill	LAD	$355,450 Bid	LAD is starting work this week
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	Complete Ut	$424,206 Bid Amount	Construction Complete
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	Just received 90% Planms
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	$400,000 Engineers Cost Estimat	Waiting on plans from Ardurra
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	Core & Main	$650,000 Estimate	Project complete. Waiting on final meter inventory
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hu	TBD	$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	T&H is working on plans
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	Hazen	TBD	$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Signed Agreement with Hazen
Cardiff Watermain Replacement	In-House	Shady Grove	$29,999 Bid Amount	Shady Grove will begin work in the next two weeks.
SEWER				
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	Shady Grove	$2,380,000 Bid Amount	Bid Project - Shady Grove Low Bid. Waiting on Property
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	$1,811,250 TM Estimate	Out for Bid Bids September 8
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase	AECOM/GHD	Wile Easton	$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 Improvm	GHD	TBD	$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning Es	GHD is working on the design
Swansea SSES	TBD	TBD	$338,000 Grant Award Amount	Have to put out an RFP
Swansea Cleanout and Pump Station U	TBD	TBD	$988,000 Grant Award Amount	Received a proposal from Ardurra on 8/11/26
FACILITIES				
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD	Have received the PER from Cace
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD	Have received pricing from Cohn
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Sm	$86M	DES has issued permit for GMP 4
Southside Sewer Plant	Hazen	N/A	TBD	Had kickoff meeting with Hazen
South Operations Campus	N/A	N/a	TBD	Property Under Contract

JMWSC at a Glance	FY25 Growth	Previous YTD	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	26-Jun	FY26 Growth	Previous YTD	26-Jul	FY26 Growth
Customer Data																		
Water customers	3.16%	3.49%	21,094	21,078	21,122	21,219	21,267	21,396	21,411	22,289	22,423	22,479	22,531	22,597	7.45%	3.16%	22,695	0.46%
Sewer customers	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	7308	7398	7434	7498	7508	7952	8067	8126	8182	8238	14.67%	5.83%	8336	1.34%
New water only	169	294	41	11	12	8	9	29	16	17	11	8	3	13	178	169	6	165
New water/sewer	469	352	17	18	14	67	26	25	28	58	72	17	16	27	385	469	81	358
New sewer only	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	8	4	10	47	23	0	37
Total new customers	**661**	**646**	**58**	**29**	**26**	**75**	**35**	**54**	**44**	**84**	**99**	**33**	**23**	**50**	**610**	**661**	**87**	**560**
Start accounts			279	240	225	201	185	236	160	165	213	183	282	318			289	
Close accounts			81	93	66	67	43	76	61	52	74	68	98	118			120	
Meters read (AMR)			21222	21226	21298	21368	21444	21495	21549	21593	22490	22645	22735	22759			22836	
Meters unread (AMR)			75	132	98	86	107	90	109	122	117	88	82	116			104	
Disconnected/nonpmt			110	146	75	104	n/a	119	79	81	153	48	68	37			123/16	
Remain disconnected			25	6	7	16	n/a	16	8	24	40	16	23	6			38/5	
Water Quality Complaints																		
Taste/odor/color			0	1	0	0	5	4	2	1	6	7	2	2			1	
Pressure			6	4	3	7	4	3	9	7	6	10	6	9			10	
Total			6	5	3	7	9	7	11	8	12	17	8	11			11	
Customer Call Activity																		
Calls Presented											1525	1718	1705	2040			1893	
Calls Answered											1253	1324	1161	1428			1501	
Calls Abanoned											272	138	123	139			143	
Flow Data (MGD)																		
Water avg daily flows			8.33	6.62	8.03	6.65	5.66	5.63	5.79	5.87	6.56	9.37	8.85	9.31			10.10	
previous year			9.02	7.27	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.20	7.50	7.37			8.33	
Sewer avg daily (combined)			1.71	1.773	1.625	1.621	1.636	1.639	1.615	1.686	1.747	1.453	1.639	1.733			1.665	
previous year			1.48	1.76	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62			1.71	
Current projects																		
Residential			42	41	42	42		40		38	37		42	45				Res lots
Commercial			32	33	33	32		32		38	37		38	40				w/s w
JMWSC			25	25	25	25		25		25	25		25	27				2,402 1,488
Total projects																		
Locates received			1223	1271	1254	1258	1133	978	1212	1092	1384	1514	1095	1095			1082	
Locates marked			850	874	820	964	961	722	829	802	1094	939	750	964			876	
Total LF marked			92,850	112,510	98,810	108,510	61,810	57,810	89,310	57,160	62,110	64,920	56,230	78,310			63,820	

Revenues/Expenses thru mar 2026	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	27,264,866	26,326,133	104%
Operating Expenses*	15,150,049	17,440,530	87%

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



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