



## Minutes

### Public Utilities and Transportation Committee

Caucus Suite 204

February 18, 2026

8:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Allison Watters, Committee Chair, Board of Commissioners  
Jamie McCord, County Manager  
Bruce Ivey, Public Utilities & Transportation Division Director, Special Projects Manager  
John Carroll, Airport Manager  
Steve Hulse, Utilities Administrator, Water  
Tim Shuler, Assistant Utilities Administrator, Water  
Michael Skeen, Public Works Director  
John Bailey, Assistant County Clerk

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.

#### II. Review Minutes from December 17, 2025 Meeting.

The minutes were approved through common consent.

#### III. Public Participation

#### IV. Order of Business

##### 1. Engineering

###### a. NPDES Report

Mr. McCord and Mr. Ivey reviewed the report.

##### 2. Public Works

###### a. Public Works Facility Update

Mr. Skeen updated the committee on the Public Works Facility project and asked to recommend to outsource a core drilling project for the Geotech around the facility site to get a better idea of how much rock is on the property.

###### b. Faster & Fuelmaster Update

Mr. Skeen said that Faster is moving quickly and should be live on March 2 and new hardware is being delivered for the Fuelmaster update.

c. Paving/LMIG & SPLOST

Mr. Skeen said there are 30 miles of paving currently scheduled for 2026, weather permitting.

d. 2026 Milling Contract

Mr. Skeen said the milling contract for several roads in Garden Lakes, Riverside and Shannon was put out for bid. He said the projects are all curb and gutter subdivisions which could, if not milled, be built up too high.

e. 2025 Striping Contract

Mr. Skeen said that Public Works has outsourced three roads for striping and two have been completed. He estimated that Wayside Road will be completed by the spring. Mr. Skeen also updated the committee on the difficulties of having a dedicated striping crew on staff.

f. Foster's Bend Road

Mr. Skeen said there is a request to pave Foster's Bend Road, but the real issue isn't paving it is the road base. He also noted that there are only a few families that live on the five-mile road. There is also timberland and a large farm. Skeen recommended outsourcing the project to reclaim full depth reclamation, which would be expensive. He quoted the cost at \$625,000. However he said that would be the best option to fix the base to support new asphalt and timber harvesting. He said if the committee wishes to pave Foster's Bend Road the county should invest in this process first. Skeen said the new roadbed will come with a 5 year warranty but would last much longer based.

**3. Recycle/Solid Waste**

a. HHW Event Update

Mr. Skeen said the February 7 event brought out 212 participants and they utilized an online signup form.

b. HHW Schedule Update

Mr. Skeen said there are three more HHW events scheduled for this year: May 9, August 8 and November 14.

c. Remote site restrooms - Mr. Hankins will be working with facilities to install 2 bathrooms at the last two sites, materials were budgeted

d. Scrap Tire Event Timeline

Mr. Skeen said they're currently planning a scrap tire event in June.

**4. Water**

a. Treatment Plant Update

Mr. Hulsey reported the water treatment plant chemical conversion was completed at the end of 2025. The generators for the project are in hand and they're waiting to test and connect them.

b. Bell's Ferry Road water line relocation

Mr. Hulsey reported that the bridge is still closed until GDOT funds the bridge repairs. The waterlines which were on the bridge were moved and are in service. The waterline connected to the bridge was taken out of service. Mr. Schuler said they hoped that GDOT would allow the opening of one lane of traffic in that lane.

c. Boulder Drive Discussion

Mr. Ivey reported that the county has taken samples of the water from the same customer. County crews replaced the service line and made other repairs for the customer who is at the high point on the water line.

- d. 2025 Project Recap
- e. Code Update - Landlord & Tennent

Mr. Ivey reported that County Attorney Virginia Harman said the state law says the county can hold a landlord responsible, so it is possible to revise the county ordinance. Further discussions with the commission would be necessary before drafting an amendment to the ordinance.

**5. Airport**

a. Corporate Hangar Update

Mr. Carroll reported the bids are still being analyzed for the hangar. The bid will be sent to the Airport Committee in March and then to the Board of Commissioners.

- b. RFP for Engineer of Record
- c. Airshow Update

Mr. Carroll reported that preparations for the air show are going well. The Air Force Thunderbirds will come from Biloxi for the event. Mr. Carroll also reported that he expects the air show will pull out the stops for the fireworks show.

d. 7/25 On Airport Obstructions

Mr. Carroll reported that submissions for the project are due on March 5.

e. Taxiway Bravo West

Mr. Carroll reported that there is \$4 million in potential funding for the project, but it is on a very tight schedule. The GDOT deadline for bids on the project is July 1. The committee agreed that Mr. Carroll should move forward.

**6. County Manager's Report**

Mr. McCord discussed the ACCG award given to Floyd County Public Works.

**7. Chief of Staff's Report**

**8. Chairman's Report**

**V. Other Business**

**VI. Adjourn**

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

**\*\*Next Meeting, April 15, 2026**