

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026
8:30 AM

Present: Richard W. King, Chairman
Ronna Rowe Garrett, Vice Chairman
Donald L. Porter, Secretary
Christopher G. Davis, Treasurer

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager (VIRTUAL)
Kirk deViere, Cumberland County Commission Chairman/Liaison
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Media (VIRTUAL)

Absent: Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager
Faith Phillips, Assistant Cumberland County Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Richard King called the meeting of March 11, 2026, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman King led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of February 25, 2026_
- B. Adopt PWC Ordinances – PWCORD2026-01 through PWCORD2626-04
 - PWCORD2026-01 establishes a \$55.6 million CPF for various electric infrastructure projects to be funded with the Series 2025 Revenue Bonds.
 - PWCORD2026-02 establishes an \$83.1 million CPF for the non-Annexation water and wastewater projects to be financed with the Series 2025 Revenue Bonds.
 - PWCORD2026-03 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 28-29 CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2025 Revenue Bonds issuance.
 - PWCORD2026-04 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 32-34 CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2025 Revenue Bonds issuance.

The above ordinances will be effective upon adoption.

END OF CONSENT

III. THE SOUTHEASTERN PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Presented by: Steve Yost, North Carolina’s Southeast President

Mr. Yost, The NC Southeast President, stated it is a pleasure to be here today. He provided some background of the Southeastern Partnership. Colonel Donald Porter (PWC’s Board Member) is very familiar with his organization and what they do in regional economic development. He stated PWC is as is Robert Van Geons who is very tied into what they do and vice versa.

He stated the NC Southeast is a 20-county regional economic development organization, partnering with public and private organizations, like PWC who was one of their first private investors when they converted to this public/private model in 2012-2013. Mr. Yost noted, PWC’s former CEO was on their board for a number of years.



Our Mission

North Carolina’s Southeast (NCSE)
A Public-Private Partnership

We facilitate economic development in our region through innovative marketing, capacity building, advocacy, and collaborative regional initiatives—

- JOB CREATION
- CAPITAL INVESTMENT
- REGIONAL PROSPERITY



NCSE REGION

- #1 State for Business (CNBC, 2025)
- Workforce Development (Site Selection, 2026)
- Largest Manufacturing Workforce in the Southeast (Lightcast, 2025)



WORKFORCE
930,000+
population: 1.9M

DEMOGRAPHICS
38
younger than state & US median

MILITARY
7
defense-driven talent pipeline

PORTS
2
Wilmington & Morehead City

He stated though NC is rated the #1 state to do business, they have to do their job at the NC Southeast to market our regional assets in the Southeast Region.

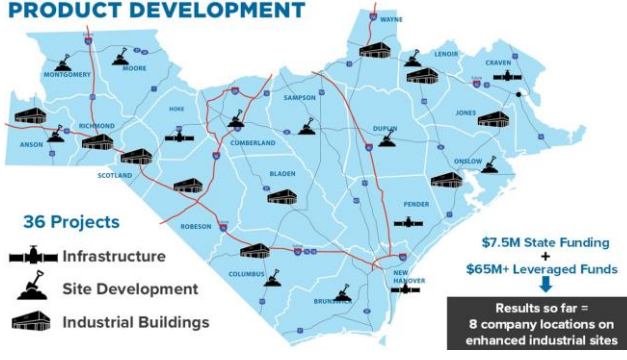
PRIVATE INVESTORS



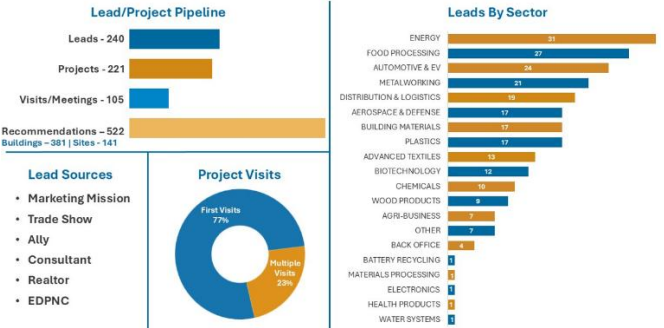
COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS



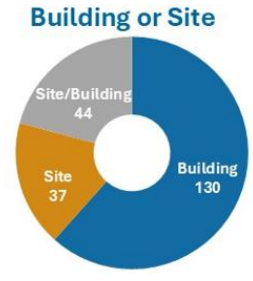
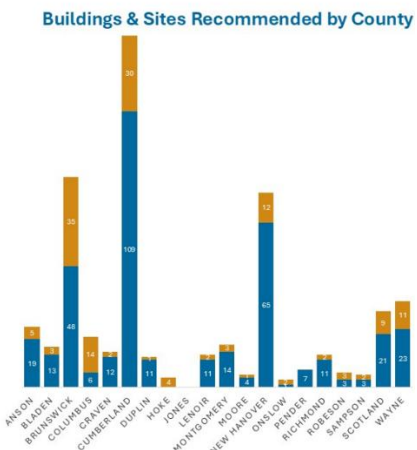
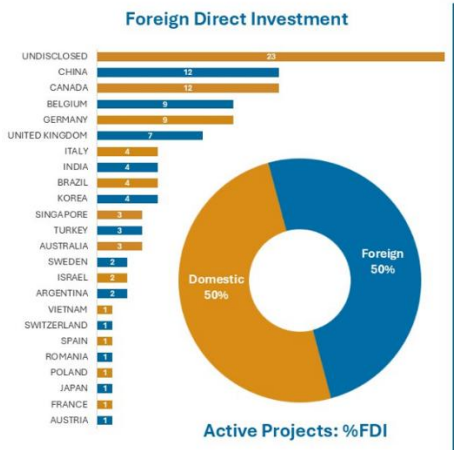
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



2024-25 MARKETING METRICS



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Mr. Yost stated they are active in advocacy on behalf of the NC Southeast Region.

Advocacy

Board Resolution of Opposition or Proposed Inter-basin Transfer Request (Resolution signed – February 19, 2025)

He explained why their board acted.

- Fuquay-Varina has requested approval to permanently transfer 6.17 million gallons per day from the Cape Fear River Basin to the Neuse River Basin.
- The removed water would not be returned to the basin.
- Over 500,000 residents and major industries in southeastern North Carolina rely on this supply.

Board Resolution of Support for I-685 Fayetteville Route
(Resolution signed – May 22, 2025)

Why did their board take action.

- To Strengthen Regional Economic Competitiveness
 - The corridor supports manufacturing growth and recruitment of high-wage industries.
- To advance a Federal Recognized Priority Corridor
 - I-685 fulfills Congress’s designation of a high-priority Interstate connection between I-85 and I-95
- To Support Fort Bragg & Military Communities
 - Improved connectivity benefits one of the world’s largest military installations and the families it serves.

Following Mr. Yost’s presentation, he responded to questions and comments from Commissioners.

IV. FAYETTEVILLE/CUMBERLAND COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FCEDC) UPDATE

Presented by: Robert Van Geons, FCEDC President & CEO

Mr. Robert Van Geons, FCEDC President and CEO thanked the board for the opportunity to be here today. He stated he appreciates the partnership with Mr. Yost, who does not take credit for a lot of the work he does in the background.

Mr. Van Geons stated his board comprises ten voting and three Ex-Officio Members. Directors are appointed by Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, the Fayetteville City Council, and the Community Development Foundation.



He stated their charge is expansion of the tax base. That is great and good. It provides the revenue for our municipalities to provide education and services, so they do not come out of the residential taxpayers, but ultimately it's about growing the companies we have to increase employment and attracting new and better paying jobs here. So, we do work to recruit new private sector employers. He stated they want to recruit new private sector employers and help the companies we have here grow.

Primary Activities

- Supporting & Growing Existing Businesses
- Recruiting New Private Sector Employers
- Identifying and facilitating new Real Estate Development
- Marketing our community to Business Decision Makers
- Maintaining Database of Available Industrial, Office and Commercial Properties
- Provide customized research and data to elected officials, clients, and community partners
- Assist municipalities in achieving their development goals
- Share potential funding and grant resources with businesses and partners
- Collaborate with allies to advance community goals
- Special Projects & Initiatives

Our Value Proposition

- #6** Largest City & County in the Carolinas
- 1.5M** People Within a 60-min Drive
- \$2.4B** In Federal Prime Contracts
- 31 yrs.** Median Age
- 130k+** County Civilian Labor Force
- 5,000+** Active Job Seekers in the County
- 7,000+** Soldiers Transitioning into the Workforce Each Year
- 80k+** Veterans & Military Spouses
- #37** Most Diverse City in America
- 85+** Native Languages Spoken
- 38k+** Students Enrolled in Local Colleges & Universities
- 300k+** Attendees Each Year at Our Local Festivals
- 500+** Restaurants, Breweries, Coffee Shops



Where Accessibility & Affordability Converge



Fayetteville's centralized location on I-95 ("Main Street" of the East Coast) provides easy and cost-effective access to your customers and supply chain. We're located right in the middle of NYC and Miami.



3 Hour Drive	
Raleigh - 1 Hr.	Richmond - 3 Hr.
Wilmington - 1 Hr. 30 Min.	Charleston - 3 Hr. 10 Min.
Columbia - 2 Hr. 20 Min.	Norfolk/Newport - 3 Hr. 30 Min.
Charlotte - 2 Hr. 30 Min.	Savannah - 3 Hr. 40 Min.
Morehead City - 2 Hr. 50 Min.	
5 Hour Drive	
Washington D.C. - 4 Hr. 30 Min.	Jacksonville - 5 Hr. 20 Min.
Baltimore - 5 Hr. 10 Min.	Asheville - 4 Hr.
Atlanta - 5 Hr. 10 Min.	
8 Hour Drive	
Philadelphia - 6 Hr. 30 Min.	Columbus - 7 Hr. 50 Min.
Chattanooga - 6 Hr. 50 Min.	Pittsburgh - 8 Hr.
Orlando - 7 Hr. 20 Min.	Tampa - 8 Hr. 20 Min.
Montgomery - 7 Hr. 20 Min.	Cincinnati - 8 Hr. 20 Min.
New York - 7 Hr. 50 Min.	

What We Do

➤ Secure Jobs & Investment

Since January 2017:

\$1.38B INVESTMENT

5,000+ NEW JOBS

➤ Support Existing Industry

Expansions



Booz Allen Hamilton
Joint Tech Acceleration Facility
Ribbon Cutting

Local & State Grants



Phillip's Towing Services, Inc.
\$120,000 Building Reuse Grant

Networking & Collaboration



Transportation & Logistics
Quarterly Meetings

➤ Market Fayetteville & Cumberland County Through Domestic & International Events



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Parker Poe Trip to
Paris/France



SelectUSA Investment Summit



IEDC Leadership & Annual
Conferences



Trade Dept. Roadshow -
Netherlands and Belgium

Projects Announced



Project Aero
300+ Jobs
\$867M Investment



STS of Fayetteville
\$2M+ Investment



Amazon: Opened July 2024
1,000+ Jobs
\$125M Investment



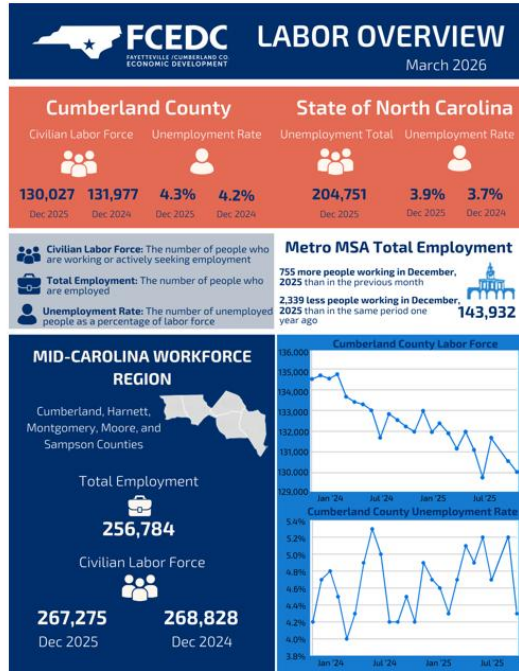
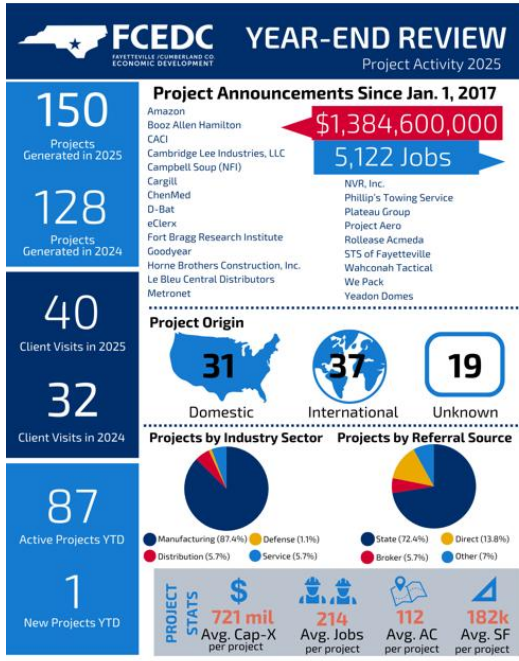
NVR: Opened June 2024
150+ Jobs
\$25M Investment



Yeadon Domes
72 jobs
\$4.6M Investment



Rollease Acmeda
50 jobs



Mr. Van Geons stated that they are seeing of concern is a decline in the labor force participation. That is what has driven our lower unemployment rate. There are not more people employed, there are less people in the labor force.

2026 Business Development

22 Projects 8 Project Visits

Diversifying the Economy

- Drones
- ATVs
- Transmission Cables
- Pharmaceuticals

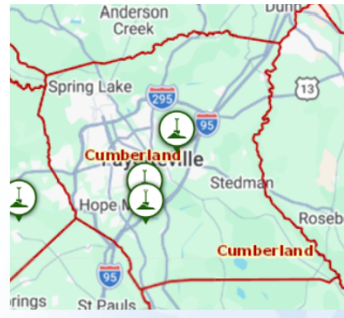
Projects On The Move

- Elsinore
- Double Green
- Tight
- Forerunner
- Superman

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The need for competitive product

- Only 2 sites >100 acres publicly available with industrial grade infrastructure
- Significant NG upgrades underway from Piedmont Natural Gas
- Regional conversation to water & sewer service is encouraging
- Without sewer service, transformative economic development projects are nearly impossible.



Key Corridors include 401, I-95, Hwy 24 and Hwy 87

Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives

- Facilitated Black Voices Museum Community Input & Planning Process
- Launched Can Do Performance Financing Program
 - Awarded initial applicants
 - Hosted information sessions for Round 2 applicants
 - Currently reviewing Round 2 applications in partnership with CEED

FCEDC FAYETTEVILLE / CUMBERLAND CO. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- Establish a regional defense innovation hub that bridges the gap between commercial technology innovators and the military, enabling the rapid identification, development, and adoption of commercial technologies
- Provide opportunities for the 7,000 highly trained soldiers who transition at Ft. Bragg each year
- Add to the 850+ contractors who performed \$2.4 B of Prime Contracts in our County last year

611 W. Russell Street – Innovation Center

Coalition Blvd off All American Freeway & I-295

Economic Development Initiatives include:

- Bringing I-685 to Cumberland County
- Megasite Goal – 850 acres
- Next Generation Workforce Development
 - Strengthen the workforce ecosystem by building collaborative capacity, support, and thought leadership with alignment from multiple organizations.
 - Raise career opportunity awareness among parents, educators, students, and community leaders.
 - Retain and grow the labor force through placemaking and services to newcomers.
 - Target at-risk and disconnected youth with intensive services
- Can Do Carolina Investment Fund

- Protecting the Economic Opportunity Asset that is the Cape Fear River
- Increasing our FDI efforts with allied nations – now is the time to invest in mutually beneficial relationships

Mr. Van Geons thanked PWC for our support and responded to questions and comments from Commissioners.

V. 2ND QUARTER (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025) FINANCIAL RECAP
Presented by: Rhonda Graham, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Graham, Chief Financial Officer stated she will discuss the following:

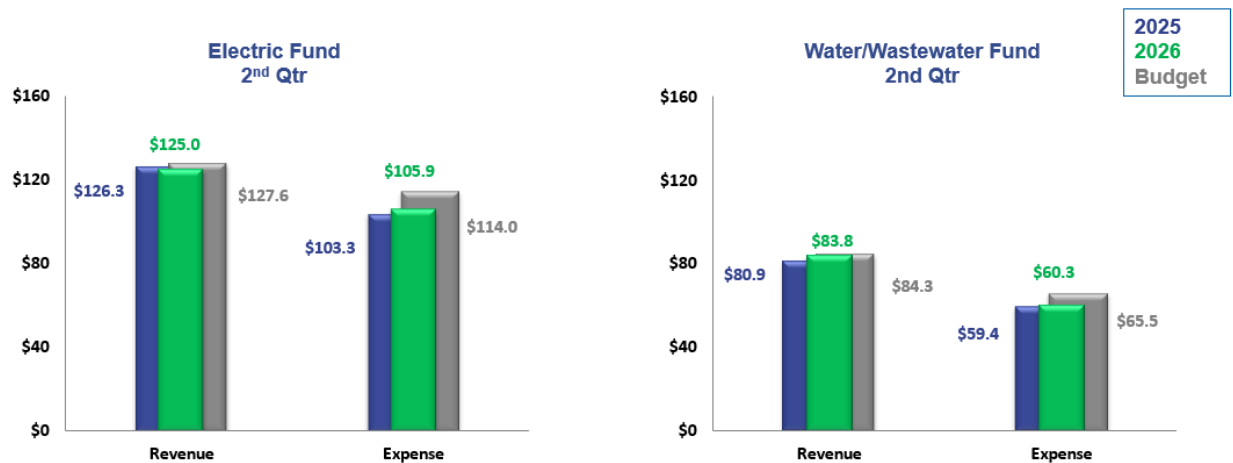
FY 2026 Q2 Financial Performance (ended December 31, 2025)

- Financial Impacts
- Revenue & Expense Results
- Multi-Year Trends/Comparisons
- Capital & Debt Service
- Overall Financial Health
- Unrecoverable Receivables
- Q&A

FY2026 Q2 Summary

- Electric revenue 2.0% below budget mitigated by lower expense
- Water/Wastewater revenue 0.6% lower than budget offset by lower expenses
- PFAS Settlement increased \$2.5m
- Change in net position better than budget for both funds
- Capital spend in General Fund - \$21.3m compared to 41.6m budget
- 205 days cash on hand to mitigate debt service

Total Revenue and Expense



Revenue and expense below budget in both funds while W/WW revenue higher than prior year.

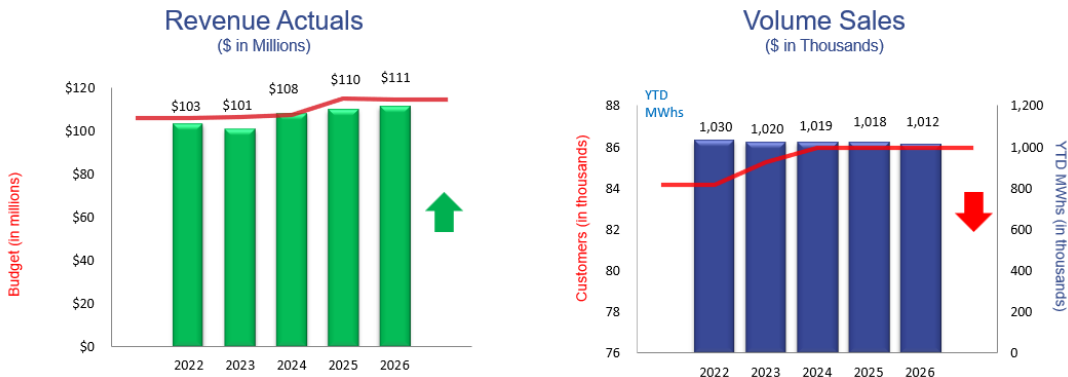
FY2026 Q2 Performance Against Budget

(Major Areas, \$K)

Electric Revenue	▼	2.0%	\$ 2,556
Electric Power Supply & Maintenance	▼	6.2%	\$ 4,113
Coal Ash	▼	0.2%	\$ 4
Electric G&A Expense	▼	20.5%	\$ 3,312
Electric Other Operating Expense	▼	2.3%	\$ 691
Electric Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)		0.0%	\$ -
Electric Change in Net Position	▲	73.3%	\$ 5,557
Water & Wastewater Revenue	▼	0.6%	\$ 482
Water/Wastewater G&A Expense	▼	22.9%	\$ 3,745
Water/Wastewater Other Operating Expense	▼	3.0%	\$ 1,455
Water/WW Aid, Grants, SDF, PFAS	▲	238.7%	\$ 5,223
Water Change in Net Position	▲	47.3%	\$ 9,941
Days Cash Reserve	▲	205	
Net Bad Debt		<1.0%	

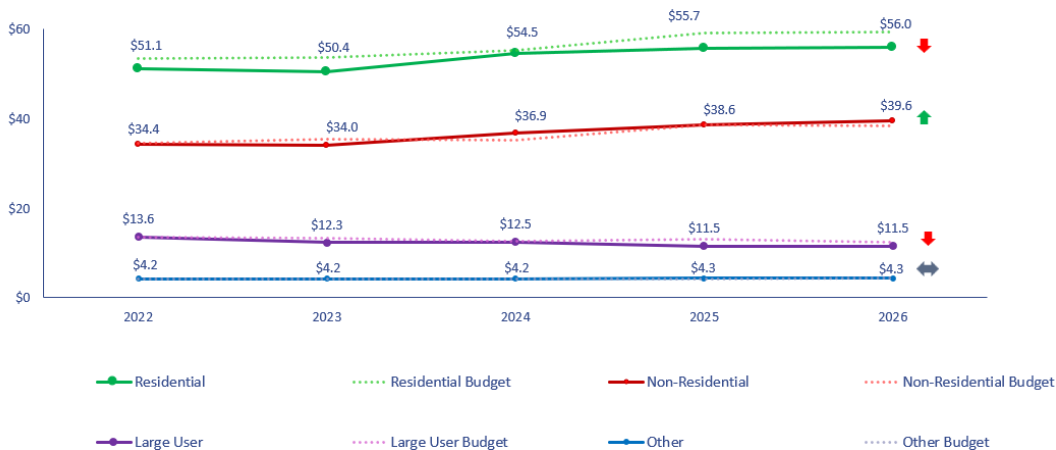
Strong net position reflects timing of operating expenditures and receipt of customer contributions.

FY2026 Q2 Electric Sales Trends



Electric Revenue up 1.1% and Sales down .6%, respectively due to rate adjustment and milder weather.

FY 2026 Q2 Revenue by Customer Class



Energy kWh sales decreased slightly year over year with Residential and Larger User classes lower than budget.

Electric Q2 Multi-Year Comparison (\$K)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Electric Sales Revenue	\$ 103,245	\$ 100,851	\$ 108,071	\$ 110,071	\$ 111,329
Percent Change		-2.3%	7.2%	1.9%	1.1%
Other Revenue	\$ 17,041	\$ 16,468	\$ 21,166	\$ 16,249	\$ 13,694
Percent Change		-3.4%	28.5%	-23.2%	-15.7%
Power Supply & Maintenance	\$ 73,270	\$ 78,658	\$ 75,547	\$ 62,434	\$ 61,802
Percent Change		7.4%	-4.0%	-17.4%	-1.0%
Coal Ash	\$ 1,732	\$ 1,889	\$ 3,899	\$ 2,525	\$ 1,519
Percent Change		9.1%	106.4%	-35.2%	-39.8%
G&A Expense	\$ 9,998	\$ 10,206	\$ 11,231	\$ 12,382	\$ 12,867
Percent Change		2.1%	10.0%	10.2%	3.9%
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 21,457	\$ 21,780	\$ 23,851	\$ 25,999	\$ 29,696
Percent Change		1.5%	9.5%	9.0%	14.2%

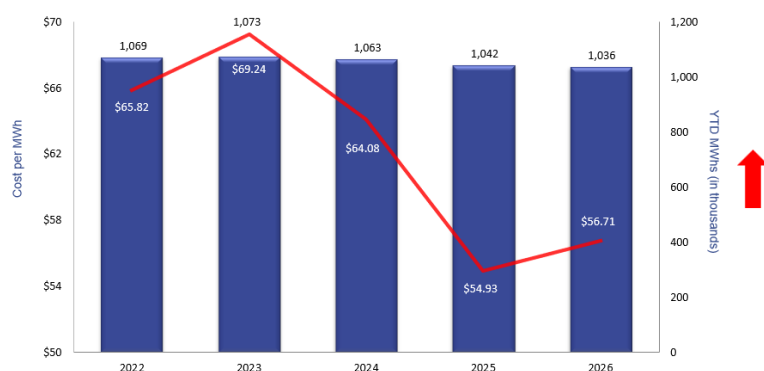
Lower Power Supply costs partially mitigated lower revenue

Electric Q2 Year Over Year Comparison

(\$ in Thousands) (Percent of Revenues)	Year to Date				
	Budget		Actual	Last Year	
Total Sales Revenue	\$ 114,504	-3%	\$ 111,329	\$ 110,071	1%
Total Other Revenue	13,076	5%	13,694	16,249	-16%
Power Supply and Maintenance	(65,915)	-6%	(61,802)	(62,434)	-1%
Coal Ash	(1,523)	0%	(1,519)	(2,525)	-40%
Available Operating Revenues	\$ 60,142	3%	\$ 61,702	\$ 61,361	1%
Other Operating Expenses	(46,536)	-9%	(42,532)	(38,381)	11%
Operating Results	\$ 13,606	41%	\$ 19,170	\$ 22,980	-17%
Aid to Construction & Grants	10	-80%	2	23	-91%
Intergovernmental Transfer	-	0%	-	-	0%
City PILOT/Econ Dev	(6,033)	0%	(6,032)	(5,985)	1%
Change in Net Position	\$ 7,583	73%	\$ 13,140	\$ 17,018	-23%

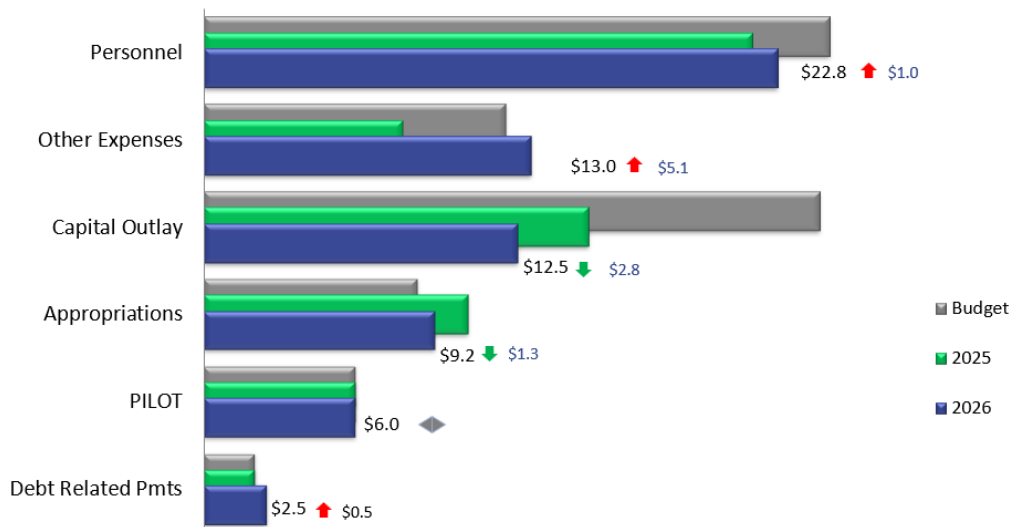
Lower operating expense positively affected change in net position compared to budget.

Multi-Year Q2 Purchased Power Trends



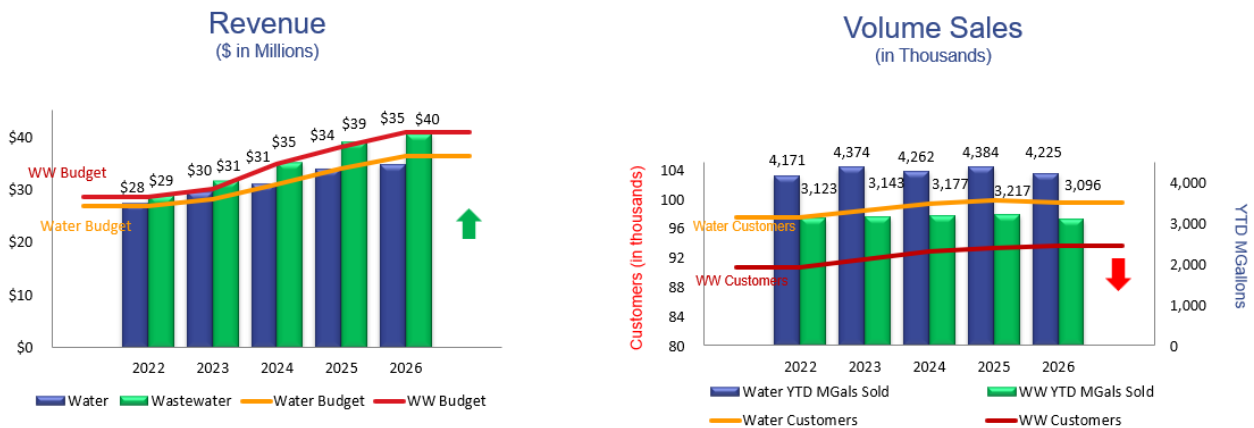
Power Supply Contract amendment (BWGP Demand Credit) in FY25 significantly reduced cost. Cost per MWh increased in Q2 driven by DEP capacity and transmission costs

FY 2026 Q2 Electric Fund Expenditures (\$M) Excluding Power Supply



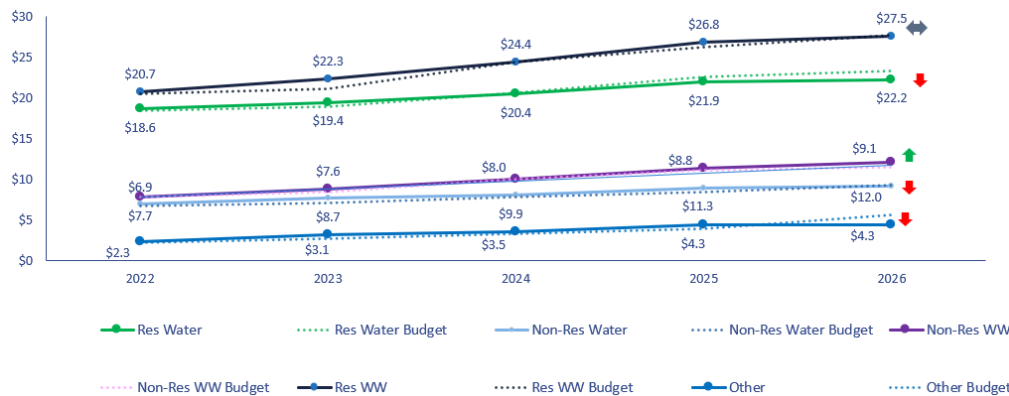
While less than planned, Personnel Services remains largest expenditure.

FY 2026 Q2 Water/Wastewater Sales



Water and Wastewater revenue up 2.2% and 3.4% respectively with Water and Wastewater volume sales down 3.6% and 3.8%

FY 2026 Q2 Revenue by Customer Class (Water/Wastewater, \$M)



Overall Water and Wastewater sales increased year over year. Residential Water, Non-Residential Water and Other fell short of budget.

Water/Wastewater Q2 Multi-Year Comparison (\$K)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Water Sales Revenue	\$ 27,425	\$ 29,420	\$ 31,014	\$ 33,866	\$ 34,650
Percent Change		7.3%	5.4%	9.2%	2.3%
Wastewater Sales Revenue	\$ 28,711	\$ 31,337	\$ 34,861	\$ 38,826	\$ 40,178
Percent Change		9.1%	11.2%	11.4%	3.5%
Other Revenue	\$ 4,130	\$ 4,718	\$ 6,961	\$ 8,179	\$ 9,018
Percent Change		14.2%	47.5%	17.5%	10.3%
G&A Expense	\$ 9,896	\$ 10,123	\$ 11,593	\$ 12,359	\$ 12,634
Percent Change		2.3%	14.5%	6.6%	2.2%
Other Operating Expense	\$ 38,808	\$ 42,690	\$ 44,083	\$ 47,029	\$ 47,681
Percent Change		10.0%	3.3%	6.7%	1.4%
Aid, Grants, SDF, PFAS	\$ 3,899	\$ 6,120	\$ 6,833	\$ 6,418	\$ 7,410
Percent Change		57.0%	11.7%	-6.1%	15.5%

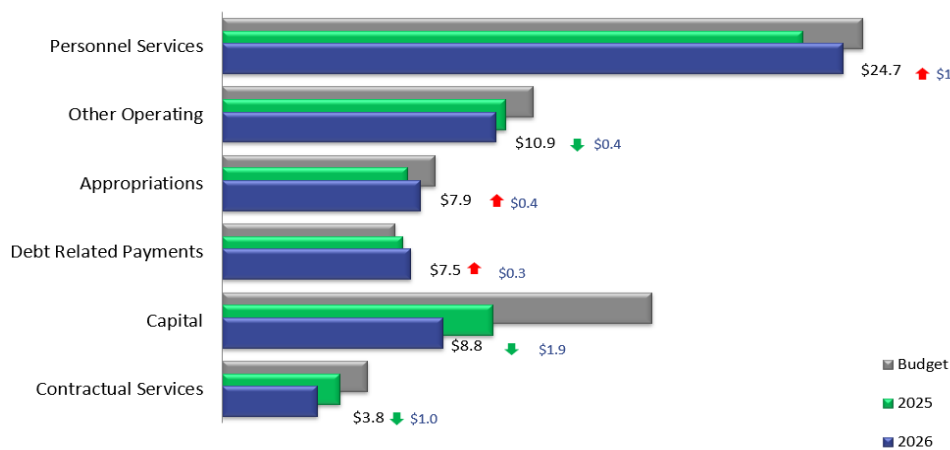
PFAS award increased \$2.5M and expenses are slightly higher from prior year.

Water/Wastewater Q2 Year Over Year Comparison

(\$ in Thousands) (Percent of Revenues)	Year to Date				
	Budget		Actual	Last Year	
Total Sales Revenue	\$ 76,965	-3%	\$ 74,828	\$ 72,692	3%
Total Other Revenue	7,363	22%	9,018	8,179	10%
Total Operating Expenses	65,516	-8%	60,315	59,388	2%
Operating Results	\$ 18,812	25%	\$ 23,531	\$ 21,483	9%
Assessments, Aid, Grants, SDF	2,183	123%	4,858	6,418	-24%
PFAS Settlement	5	50940%	2,552	0	0%
Change in Net Position	\$ 21,000	47%	\$ 30,941	\$ 27,901	11%

Net position improved as a result of rate adjustment, lower operating expenses, PFAS settlement and customer contributions.

FY 2026 Q2 Water/Wastewater Fund Expenditures



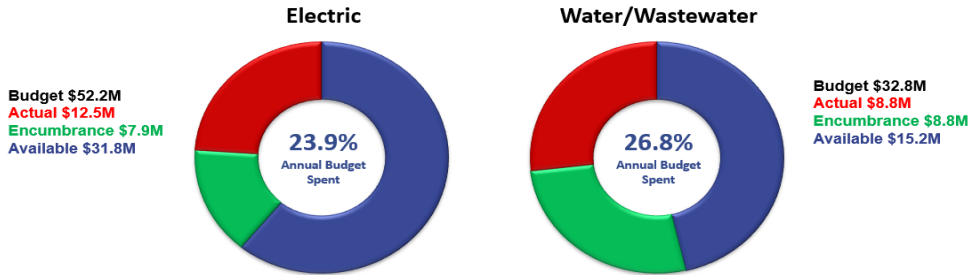
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Capital Expenditures and Debt Service

(\$ in Thousands) 2nd Quarter FY 2026	Year to Date		
	Budget	Actual	Last Year
Electric Systems Division	\$ 21,415	\$ 10,546	\$ 13,274
Water Resources Division	13,500	6,722	8,784
Legal Division	620	409	152
Customer Division	1,299	909	728
Financial Division	3,638	2,401	1,918
Information Technology Division	1,108	339	1,196
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 41,581	\$ 21,326	\$ 26,052
Electric Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and Other Finance Costs	2,008	2,473	2,020
Water Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	-	-	-
Interest and Other Finance Costs	6,934	7,474	7,200
Total Debt Service	\$ 8,941	\$ 9,948	\$ 9,219

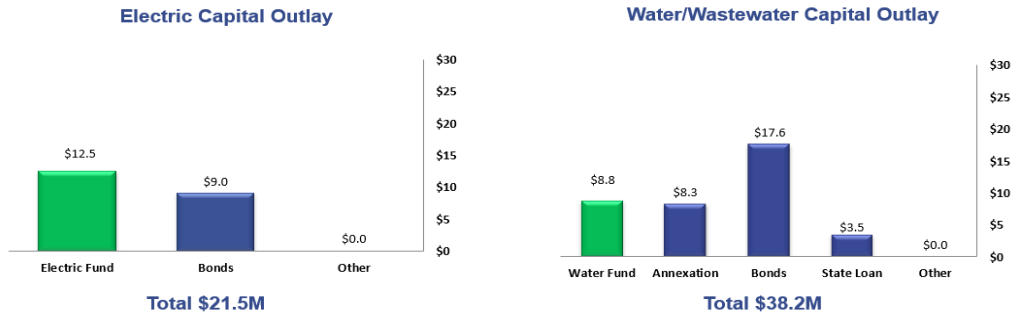
Project timing driving capital variance

FY 2026 Q2 General Fund Capital Expenditures



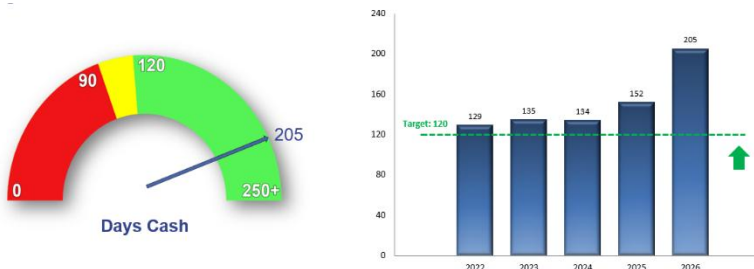
45% of total General Fund capital spent or encumbered through the end of the 2nd quarter

FY 2026 Q2 Total Capital (General Fund & CIP) (\$M)



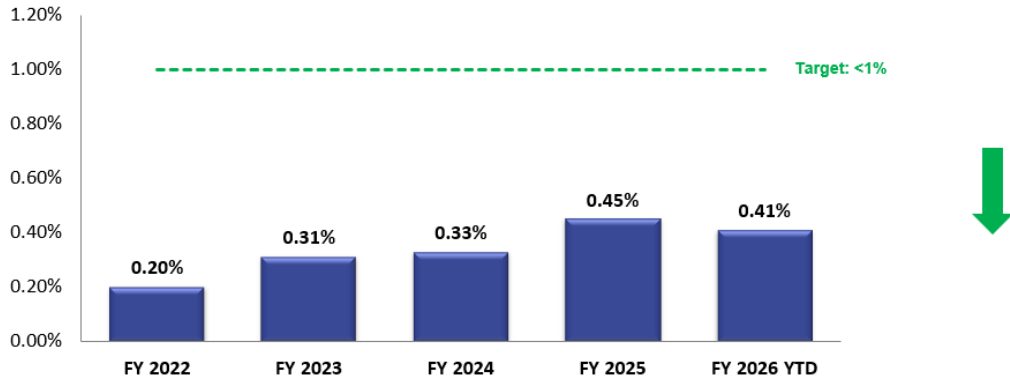
In addition to General Fund capital spend (\$32.3M), and additional \$38.4M spent in other funds.

FY 2026 Q2 Financial Health



Current cash levels allow PWC to maintain current and future bond ratings, cover upcoming debt service and fund future projects.

FY 2026 Q2 Unrecoverable Accounts Receivable



Slight decrease in Bad Debt driven by decreased sales revenue

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Commissioners thanked Ms. Graham for the in-depth FY2026 Q2 Report

VI. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Graham provided the General Manager Report on Mr. Bryant’s behalf.

Safety

The PWC team continues to focus on employee and general public safety. With the recent environmental and seasonal changes such as daylight savings time and spring like weather it is vitally important that everyone continues to focus on the work at hand to eliminate distractions. Focusing on the task in front of us, utilizing defined safe work practices, proper personal protective equipment and the correct tools, procedures for the job. We not only work safely, but also efficiently in delivering the best-in-class electric water and wastewater services to the customers.

People

PWC team members remain our most valuable asset. With nearly three quarters of the PWC fiscal year behind us, leaders continue to coach and develop team members enhancing knowledge skills and abilities to improve productivity while also enhancing communications and recognition.

Community and Customer Engagement

The PWC annual water treatment changeover began on Sunday, March 1st. This temporary month-long change is an annual requirement by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

for all public water systems that normally use chloramines for disinfectants. Throughout March, all residential and wholesale customers may notice a slight chlorine smell or experience temporary changes in water taste or appearance. These effects are normal and not harmful and PWC will continuously monitor disinfected levels to ensure safety and reliability. Hydrant flushing may occur during this period which can cause temporary low pressure or mild discoloration. These content conditions are cosmetic only and go away as the system is flushed. Customers may visit faypwc.com for more details related to the annual water treatment changeover process.

Running the Business

You have heard much already about the state of PWC'S business in receiving the FY2026 Q2 Financial Update moments ago. Staff is currently preparing the FY2027 budget with a focus on enhancing project planning and execution to result in an even better overall financial performance. The draft budget will be presented to you in the coming weeks for your consideration and adoption later this spring.

VII. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

County Chairman/Liaison Kirk deViere

Commissioner deViere invited the PWC Commission and CEO to the State of the County address on Monday evening at 06:00 P.M. at the historic courthouse where the county will celebrate a hundred years at that historical courthouse, if you have never been there, it is a pretty amazing facility. Also, in collaboration with the FCEDC, the County will hold an Infrastructure Summit on March 26th @ 9am at FCEDC. It will focus on the economic corridors mentioned in the previous presentation. He stated our partners will be at the table for some conversations that lead to actions across this community. PWC is already a part of it, and he appreciates the staff's efforts. The chairman should receive an invitation to this collaboration if he has not already received one.

The county will be doing Town Halls in April for our Eastover and Cedar Creek Districts. As they move forward in this regional water and sewer approach, they are having conversations to created these districts in Stedman area and Cedar Creek district.

He spoke to the point Mr. Van Geons discussed earlier regarding lagging behind in infrastructure. He stated with great partners like PWC and others, we can grow as a community. We cannot lift ourselves out of the Tier 1 status unless we invest in our infrastructure. He stated PWC's role is to be responsible to our rate payers, and to be a good partner for the county which we have been. He ensured more will be coming on this initiative and he appreciates Robert Van Geons leadership.

Commissioner deViere also requested a snapshot update on IBT in the near future.

Council Member/Liaison Derrick Thompson

Council Member Thompson stated the mayor had the State of the City Address last night, and to be clear, the city is strong. And we are strong, strong with collaboration. The mayor talked about how we get there. We get there together. He discussed the County Commissioners. He discussed our schools and our health department. All that is needful so we can grow as a city.

Council Member Thompson stated Mr. Yost talked about how North Carolina is the number one state for business. Council Member Thompson believes we are in the top three to top five for growth. We have to make sure that we capitalize on that growth. He believes Brunswick is one of the fastest growing counties in the southeastern part of North Carolina. How do we capitalize on what we have, which is one of the largest military installations on that growth. The answer is infrastructure.

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter thanked Mr. Yost and Mr. Van Geons to be in attendance today. He also thanked our liaisons (Chairman deViere and Mayor Pro Tem Thompson) for being a constant presence at our meetings. They could have chosen others to be our liaisons, but they took on this responsibility themselves, and it does not go unnoticed.

Commissioner Porter also noted March is National Women’s History Month.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

No Comments

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated on a lighter note, Spring is coming and there is nothing finer than to be in Carolina. It is tournament time. She loves Spring in North Carolina.

She also noted Women's Day was just a few days ago and if you have a mama, a wife, a sister, a daughter, give her a thank you, a shout out to what she does for you, your family, and the company, the business. Acknowledge all the women in the room especially on the executive staff. Thank you so much for what you do.

Commissioner Richard King

Commissioner King stated he has heard the discussion regarding infrastructure from Mr. Yost and Mr. Van Geons. Let us turn it around and make it happen. He appreciates everyone’s efforts and their attendance.

VIII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. PO Report – February 2026
- B. Personnel Report - February 2026
- C. Payments by Payment Type – February 2026
- D. Career Opportunities
- E. Approved N.C. Department of Transportation Encroachment Agreement(s):
 - Encr. #19965 – install 100 LF of 8” epoxy-lined RJDI sanitary sewer pipe @ Chanticlear Ct (SR4182) and Redspire Ln (SR4180).
 - Encr. #19966 – install 60 LF of 18” epoxy-lined RJDI sanitary sewer pipe @ King Rd (SR1108 and Marcelle Dr (SR4668)
- F. Actions by City Council during the meeting of February 23, 2026, related to PWC:

- Approved Bid Recommendation – Annual Contract for Overhead Distribution

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.