

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

Present: Ronna Rowe Garrett, Vice Chairman (VIRTUAL)
Donald L. Porter, Secretary
Christopher G. Davis, Treasurer (VIRTUAL)

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

Absent: Richard W. King, Chairman
Faith Phillips, Assistant Cumberland County Manager (VIRTUAL)
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Commissioner Donald Porter called the meeting of April 8, 2026, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Porter led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Christopher Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of March 25, 2026
- B. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2026.08 – Resolution of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to Direct the Filing of an Application for State Loan Assistance
- C. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2026.09 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “Transformers, Overhead 2202 KVA, totaling 75” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC no longer has any use for the Equipment, that the Equipment should be

sold at this time, and that the estimated value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

- D. Approve Sole Source Recommendation. PWC’s Electrical Engineering and Construction Department seeks approval to purchase specific equipment pursuant to a sole source exception to the competitive bidding requirements. North Carolina law allows an exception from the competitive bidding requirements for “Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.” NCGS §143-129(e)(6). Such an exception is only available in this instance if the Commission approves the purchase.

The request is specifically to authorize a one (1) year sole source agreement with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms for the purchase of Distribution Transformers (Overhead, Single-Phase Padmount, and Three-Phase Padmount) manufactured by Electric Research Manufacturing Company (ERMCO) of Dyersburg, Tennessee for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029.

- E. Approve construction award for the Coating Repairs to the 1 MG Clinton Road Elevated Water Storage Tank to Utility Service Co., Inc, Perry, GA, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$600,500.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

Coating Repairs to the 1 MG Clinton Road Elevated Water Storage Tank is budgeted in 002.0620.0435.650009.9999999999

Bid Date: March 24, 2026

<u>Conforming Bidders</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Utility Service Co., Inc, Perry, GA	\$600,500.00
Viking Painting, LLC, La Vista, NE	\$665,250.00
D & M Painting Corporation, Washington, PA	\$951,840.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on February 19, 2026, with a bid opening date of March 24, 2026. Bids were solicited from three (3) vendors, and three (3) bids were received. **SDBE / SLS PARTICIPATION:** Utility Service Co., Inc., Perry, GA is not a small local or SDBE business. Utility Service Co., Inc., does not anticipate any small local or SDBE spend.

- F. Approve purchase award recommendation for purchase of the Materials Contract for Construction Operations and Storms to Crowder Trucking LLC, Fayetteville, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$264,700.00 and forward to City Council for approval.

Rebid Materials Contract for Construction Operations and Storms is budgeted in 002.0621.0435.800020.9999999999

Bid Date: March 12, 2026

Conforming Bidder

Total Price

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- H. Approve Interlocal Agreement by and between Fayetteville Public Works Commission and Fayetteville State University to collaborate in connection with a U.S. Department of Energy–grant funded Building, Training and Assessment Center (“BTAC”) program, which constitutes a public undertaking within the meaning of G.S. 160A-460.

END OF CONSENT

III. GRAY’S CREEK WATER MAIN EXTENSION UPDATE

Presented by: Christopher Rainey, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Water Resources
Allen J. Riddle, Water Resources Engineer III

Mr. Christopher Rainey, PWC’s newly appointed Water Resources Interim Chief Officer introduced Mr. Allen (AJ) Riddle to update the Commission on the Gray’s Creek Water Main Extension.

Mr. Riddle stated he will provide a project overview, project budget, schedule, status and look forward.

Project Overview

- ▶ Provide Water to Alderman Road and Gray’s Creek Elementary Schools
- ▶ 10,800 LF of 16-inch Water Main and 6,700 LF of 12-inch Water Main

Project Budget

- ▶ State Appropriation: \$11,820,000
 - Design Fee: \$1,313,490
 - Easements: \$61,142
 - Construction: \$7,539,657
 - High Pressure Zone Project: \$2,111,000
- ▶ Total: \$11,025,289

Construction Schedule

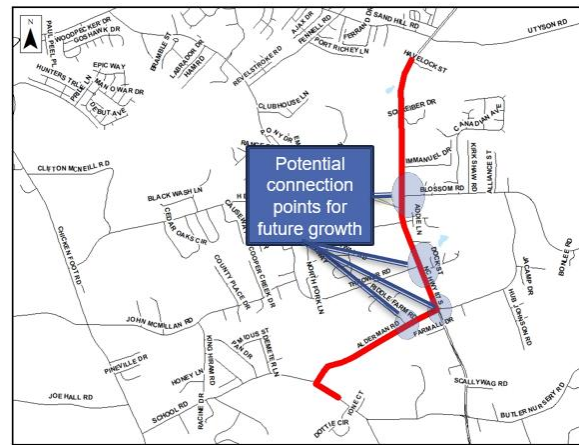
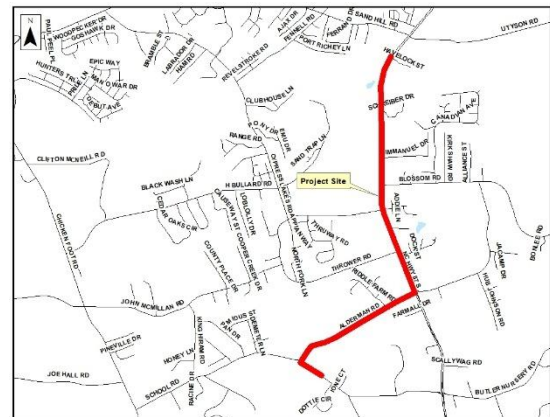
- ▶ Notice to Proceed: November 17, 2025
- ▶ Project Completion: Summer 2026

Project Status

- ▶ Construction is 60% complete
 - NC 87 installation ongoing
 - Alderman Road to School Road complete
 - Restoration in progress
- ▶ PWC Cumberland County Wholesale Water Agreement Executed

Looking Forward

- ▶ Facilities moving to operations
- ▶ Supporting Cumberland County in their pursuit of a County-wide Water District
- ▶ Poised for future growth and development



Commissioner Garrett asked about the expected completion date of the summer of 2026. She asked if Mr. Riddle anticipates any issues with the expected completion date. He stated we presently have 60% of the water main installed, with the benefit of good weather. Installation is ongoing and the restoration process is beginning now. We are preparing for paving, so he does not believe we will have issues with our timeline.

IV. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety

Mr. Bryant stated the safety of our PWC team members and the public that we get to serve continues to be a top priority.

Mr. Bryant stated at the last Commission meeting held on March 25th, he emphasized the need to document near misses. Near misses are those unplanned events that do not result in an actual injury, illness, property damage, or environmental harm. In addition to documenting and sharing our near misses to improve upon PWC's safety performance, he is requesting each of us to make safety personal. Every day, each of us is confronted by a potential safety incident. Mr. Bryant went on to state unfortunately, many of these potential safety incidents have become normalized, meaning abnormal or harmful actions that have become accepted as commonplace, natural or even normal.

We must normalize adherence to safe work practices. Normalize alert and defensive driving and normalize providing constructive feedback to keeping one another safe, as well as normalizing receiving that constructive feedback and not being taken offense. He encouraged all if you see something, say something.

People

We will celebrate Line Workers across North Carolina. PWC's Lineworker 'Appreciation Day is scheduled for Monday, April 13th. National Line Workers Appreciation Day will be celebrated on April 18th. We appreciate not only our line workers but also the back-office team members and staff that make those line workers available to do the work that they do. Mr. Bryant stated we really appreciate everything that they do keeping the lights on and being on the front lines of keeping Fayetteville's homes and businesses safely powered each day.

Community Engagement/Customer Engagement

Here at PWC, we are kicking off our inaugural Give Back charitable giving campaign this Friday. We are hosting our own meal packing event. We are hosting our own meal packing event. The meals of hope that we pack will be provided to food banks here in the local community to support community efforts in feeding the hungry. Additionally, PWC's United Way Day campaign typically held in the fall is now Give Back Day and it is coming up on April 16th. On this day team members will get the opportunity to make their financial donations and commitments to United Way among other nonprofits, meet local nonprofits, and participate in some giveaway and other activities to help bolster excitement around giving back to our community.

Running the Business

As a reminder, we switched to our springtime of Time of Use rates April 1st. We continue to urge customers shift their electric consumption to after 06:00 pm and before 3pm daily to get the best benefit and lowest electric rates at PWC.

V. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

County Commission Chairman/Liaison Kirk deViere

County Chairman deViere pointed back to the briefing regarding the Grays Creek Water Main Extension. There was a mention of a county wide district. He stated it is multiple districts including the Grays Creek District, where we are addressing access to clean, safe, regulated drinking water across the county.

He stated they held a town hall recently in Stedman at Stedman Elementary School for our East Central District. It was very well attended with between 70 to 80 people there. They were an engaged community about their community and access to clean, safe drinking water in that community.

The County participated with Robert Van Geons of the Economic Development Corporation and co-hosted an Infrastructure Summit around economic development. So, we are focused on those main corridors for economic growth, the I-95 corridor, 87, 401, HWY 24 corridors. He appreciates PWC being there as an active partner in growth in those corridors. He believes it was a good conversation to bring our partners from not only our county but outside the county to talk about how we grow those corridors and put a plan into action versus just talking about a plan. They have a 90-day turnaround on those for our next steps.

Mayor Pro Tem/Liaison Derrick Thompson

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated he wants to emphasize something the CEO mentioned, which is community engagement. He is impressed with how his (PWC's) employees are coming out and emphasizing to the southwest part of Fayetteville, either it is about the rate heights or it is about how they conserve on their energy during these in between months (March and April) So when you put that information out there residents receive it in a positive way that shows that you're doing something positive. He appreciates it and he is looking forward to more of that.

Liaison Thompson stated he has seen three times in the past three weeks in the Southwest part of Fayetteville, it just goes to show, if we keep them informed, they have less questions.

Second is he wants to be reminded when Light Up Navajo comes around again. He wants to be part of the project.

Commissioner Porter stated he appreciates that Mayor Pro Tem Thompson and County Chairman deViere takes the time to be present at our Commission meetings. They could have appointed someone else, but you hear and you get it from us firsthand.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated she has been on the board five years now and we have been talking about Gray's Creek for a long time, so she loves the progress on the projects, so thanks to Misty Manning, Chris Rainey, and AJ Riddle for their leadership and getting some of that done just to start.

She appreciates the information on Lineworkers Day. It is one of her favorite days. She also congratulated Marc Tunstall on a great career. He has announced his retirement for later this summer. And equally important and thrilling is Misty Manning is going to step into that role and Chris Rainey is going to step into Misty's role on an interim basis.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

No Comments

Commissioner Donald Porter

No Comments

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Personnel Report – March 2026
- B. Career Opportunities
- C. Approved N.C. Department of Transportation Encroachment Agreement(s):
 - Encr. #19105 – install. 10 -75’ steel poles and 2 – 80’ steel poles to replace old existing poles @ SR2210 (Wilkes Rd) to the end of SR12337 (Tyson Marine Rd)
 - Encr. #19107 – install. 2-2” conduit @ SR1104 (Strickland Br. Rd.) & SR1107 (Fisher Rd.)
- D. Actions by City Council during the meeting of March 23, 2026, related to PWC:
 - Public Hearing Regarding Ph 5 Annex. Area 29 Prelim. Assessment Resolution
 - Public Hearing Regarding Ph 5 Annex. Area 30 Prelim. Assessment Resolution
 - Public Hearing Regarding Ph. 5 Annex. Area 31 Prelim. Assessment Resolution

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Christopher Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.