

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker  
Clay Browning (Chair)  
Alisha Beck  
Bradley Smith  
RaShonda Croskey  
Jerry (Gator) Sapp  
Tim Stanley  
Hattie Taylor  
Jeff Patterson (Vice Chair)  
Jeff Barnes

Others Present:

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk (Absent)  
Ashley Wills, City Clerk  
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent  
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney  
Larry Tibbs, City Manager  
Paul Carlisle, County Manager  
Al Brown, Operator

**ROLL CALL:** Given By Browning.

**ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Invocation given by Taylor and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Stanley.

**ITEM 2: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

None.

**ITEM 3: DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE BALLFIELD LIFTSTATION AND THE  
NEW MOORE HAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

**Tibbs** states this is just a continuation from the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that meeting Dobb's handed out a pamphlet. At one point in time the School Board was in discussion about the lift station. They agreed at that point and time to fund the upgrades to the Ball Field lift station. However, at that

time there was no development cost. Recently we have some prices on the lift station and the price has jumped significantly.

**Dobbs** states the School Board has so much money to work with. And the School Board is not saying they do not want to pay anything, but this is a big number, and they need some help with it. They just want to open the discussion to see if there are any grants that can help assist or anything.

**Browning** states they made the statement sitting right where you are. All of our budgeting/ plans were based on that. What did they anticipate?

**Dobbs** states I was not involved at that time, so I do not know what that was. They do only have about 400-500 students there. So, if you figure out the flow and the capital connection fees are. They told me they expected to pay the capital connection fee.

**Beck** states when they agreed to pay it, we did not have any type of quote or anything.

**Browning** states no.

**Patterson** states what all does this lift station serve.

**Greg. G** states everything south of U.S Hwy 27. The commercial's on 27, the Court House, Moore Haven Apartments, River Gardens, and the school.

**Patterson** states one of the big discussions about the School I remember when this started was there was not going to be any more capacity and now, we are finding out this may not be the case.

**Greg. G** states this specific lift station was the first one put in town, it is 30 years old. It is essentially falling apart. The Town has since installed new panels and pumps to allow that to continue to run temporarily. Installed was the same size pumps and panels with the realization that we are going to have to increase the capacity of that and they can reuse those pumps and panels in another lift station in Town while waiting for this increase. As far as capacity goes, my next question is would the existing property where the school is, will that be reused?

**Dobbs** state there will not be two School sites; they are going to use that property for administration offices.

**Greg. G** states out of those three existing lift stations the school is the largest user.

**Patterson** states what should the upgraded capacity be?

**Greg. G** states what we are looking at is future additions/ development. What has happened over the years to your system is the pressure in the force main has gone up substantially. There have been a few more lift stations added since this one was built. So, over the years as more lift stations are added the system pressure goes up in the force main. Consequently, the pumps have to be more horsepower to overcome that pressure.

**Patterson** states I would like to see more quotes than just two that we got 5 minutes before the meeting.

**Greg. G** states we do have the plans completed on the expansion. We have not bid that publicly it was just done with our own selection of contractors, but it should be representable with what is out there.

**Carlisle** states I think we should do a formal bid with formal specs and let contractors bid on it. The County's purchasing policy would not just let you go out and get quotes. And then we can have a discussion about what the Schools and CCPWA'S portions are. I recommend not considering anything we have a formal bid.

**Browning** states I agree.

**Tibbs** states how does the General Contractor factored into this?

**Dobbs** states the School Board hired a Construction Manager. So, this Manager is the one who actually has gone out and got these bids. We are working under that Construction Manager role.

**Carlisle** states ninety-nine percent of the time when a Construction Manager does it, they add a management fee on top of that. If this board decides it wants to go out and bid to have it done it would be some cost savings there.

**MOTION:** By Patterson to approve sending the Ballfield lift station out to bid, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried 9:0

**ITEM 4: REQUEST AWARD PHASE 6 SEPTIC TO SEWER TO DENCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$864,084.00:**

**Tibbs** states we did prepare a public notice in place to bid for this project. This is for Phase 6, the sites that were missed. Primarily on Railroad and in that area. The advertisement closed on 06/13/2025 at 2pm. We received two bids, one from Denco in the amount of \$864,084.00 and from Go underground in the amount of \$871,466.00. These bids did go to the Engineers to review which came back with a recommendation letter that states Denco is the apparent lowest and responsive bidder for the project.

**MOTION:** By Decker to award the Phase 6 septic to sewer to Denco in the amount of \$864,084.00, seconded by Smith.

Motion Carried 9:0

**ITEM 5: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:**

Brown states from our last emergency meeting we had the motion put forward to get all the equipment and getting it contracted for the Wastewater Plant. Since that had been in place we

spoke about lead time being 4 to 6 weeks, we did meet at the plant to see what all was going on plus Simmons already had things lined up to be ordered. This past week equipment has started coming in, we received four pumps show up two are raz pumps and two are transfer pumps. We went to check blower motors; two blowers were bad on Phase One. On the west side of the Plant, we have three larger blowers. We run two of those blower's full time and rotate that third blower. But two of those blowers have also come in but have not been installed yet due to getting rust off the old ones to remove them. Go Underground came out and completed about 80% of their work. They got the volt that discharges the wastewater to the wetlands completed, replaced volt check valve, replaced the gate valve that was broken, they fixed an air leak and replaced some pressure valves. There are some butterfly check valves that have to be replaced but there is a lead time on that equipment. The coils showed up Friday. So, now we can get the actuators put onto the valves and the Plant will start working in automation like it is designed to do.

**Smith** states since we are spending all this money on equipment for the Plant. I think we should set a high standard for these maintenance guys that are supposed to be maintaining it.

**Brown** states with being said I would love to sit with Simmons and put together a program to follow. I do plan on retiring; I will stick with the city until you get a new operator. I do recommend getting two operators so one gets a break because that Plant requires to operate 7 days a week.

**Carlisle** states we met with US Water they run Sewer and Water Plants all over the Country. We have a meeting set on Wednesday to meet with US Water and Tibbs to see what it would take from them to come in and take over running the Plant. It may be expensive but what we have run into has put us in a position where we are not in compliance. I am not saying it is going to happen, but I would like to see what the process is and have the information.

**Browning** states if I am not mistaken Greg. G, did you just create a check list for the maintenance?

**Greg. G** states we came up with a shopping list of components we saw that needed to be replaced. As far as coming with a maintenance procedure other than what is in the manuals, which has always been a part of the plan. We have not done anything differently.

**Carlisle** states is there a check list of things they are supposed to do in the building there?

**Simmons** states there is a daily check list of things they are supposed to clean/ wash and back wash.

**Browning** states can we get Greg. G to look at that and sit down together and see what all needs to be done daily/ monthly/ annually

**Brown** states yes.

**ITEM 6: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:**

**Schrum** states the lift station on Daniels Rd has been online effective since last Wednesday. The Contractor is completing some final punch list items.

**Greg. G** states Denco was just awarded the contract. So, we will start putting together the pre-construction meeting and we can kick that off in the next few weeks. We are working with your GIS sub-contractors. I will put together the plans and specs for the Ballfield lift station so we can get some bids on it.

**Tibbs** states we had a meeting with them last week. They plan to be here the second week of July to do some training here.

**ITEM 7: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:**

**Vanassche** states our projects are on the budget. The Wastewater Treatment Plant extension is in, and the Moore Haven Water Treatment Plant is in at 50%. On my way here as I know the budget has not been presented to the Governor yet. So, we are still waiting to see if there is going to be a veto or not. We did work with the Governor's office and through the process we made sure they had everything they needed. They are aware we have applied for grants for these projects for many years and were never funded. The production of property taxes is still going to be an issue. The House put together a whole panel for the Committee to look at through the summer. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the new budget year, which is when the Grant Portal will start to open up. When the Portal opens up what would you like for me keep asking for, the ones we did not get? That would be Washington Park and Countryside Medows. They are ready to go the only thing we might need is the current cost.

**Tibbs** states yes.

**Patterson** states are there any grants that would help us get sewer to the county line?

**Vanassche** states that usually the Economic Development Grants are tied to job creation, and they usually want a commitment.

**ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:**

**Tibbs** states I did hand out a list of what we have spent so far on things that were purchased which totaled about \$315,000.00.

**ITEM 9: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:**

None.

**ITEM 10: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:**

None.

**ITEM 11: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

**ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,222.47:**

**MOTION:** By Stanley to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$156,222.47, seconded by Croskey.

Motion carried.

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley.

Motion Carried.

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**Ashley Wills, Deputy Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

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**Clay Browning, Chairman**