

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 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
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Al Brown, Plant Operator

ROLL CALL:

Given By Browning.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Patterson and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Patterson.

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

None.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

July 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: By Croskey to approve July 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Barnes.
Motion carried.

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE BALLFIELD SEWER LIFT STATION EVALUATION OF HYDRAULIC MODELING:

Greg states if you have read the report essentially the bottom line is, we have added more lift stations into the force main network. Pressures build up and the individual pumps that were designed years ago are backing up. As shown, the more Lift Stations that are coming on the systems pressure backs up and it will not pump as much. The original Ball field design was at 320 GPM at 60ft ahead. Now with the existing Lift Stations that are currently tied in, you're not pumping in anywhere near 320 GPM, let alone the future flow. That's why we looked at 23-horsepower pumps instead of a 10-horsepower pump.

Browning states so, right now we don't have enough pump to add the School.

Greg states correct. You would be pumping much less than what is needed.

Browning states how hard would it be to get two 25's?

Simmons states it's just a matter of ordering them and getting them in, we would also have to look upgrading that transformer bank that runs that Lift Station.

Greg states the starters will probably have to be upsized as well.

Browning states the next question is how much is this going to cost.

Greg states if I'm not mistaken, you'll have spent roughly 70 to 75k on the pumps and controls. You can probably use the current pumps elsewhere. I just got a quote from Flight for a similar pump like that for another project and it was \$175K but that was with controls and pumps. So, roughly in the \$75k range for a pair of 23-horsepower pumps without controls.

Patterson states we can use the controls we currently have.

Greg states I'm not 100% sure. We would have to look at.

Browning states how long is the back order.

Greg states for controls it is taking about 30 to 50 weeks.

Browning states and when does the School plan on putting the kids into the new School. Because we don't have 50 weeks?

Barfield states by January 1st

Browning states if we can't get the pumps here before January 1st can we use the 10's.

Greg states yes.

Simmons states in my opinion it will hold it until we get upgraded.

Barfield states the amount your speaking of is that with the addition of the subdivision and not just the addition of the new School.

Greg states the School flows right now are about 50% of what that Lift Station pumps.

Tibbs states in the study the places that are highlighted red are for the future.

Croskey states that it should be different because they have the number of kids as 510.

Ramunni states I don't think you will focus on the number of students it's the proportional share of the cost to improve.

Browning states Barfield I think the easiest thing we need to do now is we have to go to the bigger pumps. We can work out amongst ourselves to decide who pays for what. That is Greg, Ramunni, Tibbs or Carlisle to work out. I'm more worried about getting what we need to get here, because we don't have 50 weeks.

Greseth states when we talk about proportional share if we were to not have built this new School would we have been asked to pay a proportional share.

Ramunni states it does not make a difference, the statutes states when you add to existing facilities or build new facilities.

ITEM 5: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:

Brown states the Wastewater Plant is making progress. Taylor electric came out and completed some wiring on some pumps. All the pumps are up and running. We did have a blower go out on the west side; We did a transfer. The sludge volume has increased now that we have gotten things running a little better. I did speak with Simmons regarding the emergency rental we were supposed to have for 30 days, we can send it back. The Crane came up for service, the repair that was noted was, it was deemed unsafe, and it could only be used for emergency purposes only. Simmons did send go out for quotes, but I don't think he has received anything back.

Browning states how long has the Crane been down.

Brown states about 2 months.

Greg states a good stainless Crane is about \$20K - \$25K.

Brown states I did speak with Brown from Zenon, to get them to come out and do the second Phase, I requested a 4-day visit instead of 3-days. So, the Tech can spend one day finishing Phase 1 and spend two days on Phase 2 completing the actuators and getting the H.M.I's calibrated and on the fourth day they can finish up on thing that did not get completed. They are supposed to

come to put them in mid-September. I have been speaking with the Board about getting a licensed operator, but at the end of September 30th I am going to terminate my service.

Browning states I think the best thing to do is to get a price on what we need to fix the Crane.

Brown states I will get with Simmons and work on it.

Paterson states what do you think the cost would be on renting a Crane for 3- 4 days.

Carlisle states probably \$500 to \$600 a day.

MOTION: By Patterson to allow Brown to get a rental or replacement Crane not exceeding the amount of \$7,500, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Craig A. Smith states we have a meeting this Thursday with Denco regarding Phase 6.

Browning states if you don't mind, can you attend the meetings until we get the School tied in, just in case there are any questions.

ITEM 7: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

Vanassche states we are waiting on DEP for the Wastewater Treatment Plant application to come through with a scope of work. So, we can get that contract signed. As well as the Bowden Estates one. They are both still pending in DEP's hands. On Phase 6 we are waiting on DEP's action, we asked for payment in advance of paying the invoices, we are waiting to hear back I have sent my 3rd request for a response. The delegation hearing is still set for October 1st for Glades County.

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Tibbs states we did a task for with Craig A. Smith to come with new wastewater rates and charges. We have not had an increase in sewer rates since 2007. We should schedule a joint meeting again to look over these rates because the next meeting is not until September 22nd and we will have to have the Budget before you to approve.

ITEM 9: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Carlisle states we did meet with U.S Water, we asked them to give us quotes on three different items. One is a price for them to come in and complete all the work for the Plant to get it up to speed, second would be to see if they can complete our check list and monitor and manage it and thirdly is to run the plant and managing the Lift station. They were not able to get those amounts to us by this meeting, but they are coming.

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 \$198,438.29:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$198,438.29, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Chairman