

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 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, Operator

ROLL CALL: Given By Browning.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Beck and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Croskey.

ITEM 2: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE 2025-2026 BUDGET:

Tibbs states this is draft of the 25-26 Budget, to the right is what is projected for the current fiscal year ending. It looks like we are going to have about \$100k of operating loss for 24-25, we had about \$57k in engineering expenses attached on detailed sheet one. Detail sheet two is repairs and maintenance at the Water Plant those expenses were a little over \$330k. Detail sheet three is for Lift Stations that were \$116k. From the rate study that was presented at the last meeting C.A.S suggested to take the base rate from \$8.00 to \$20.95 and that would generate \$537,726.00 annually and the increases commodities that has been happening should bring the usage rate up to about \$613k with all that factored in we have about \$250k that should be available for renewals and replacements.

Patterson states looking at page 2 you have the fiscal year budget 24-25 \$767,250.00 and then an actual of \$948,818.00 that is about \$180k short fall, if I am reading it correctly.

Tibbs states \$102k is the advance from CaPFA.

Patterson states we still have to pay them, right?

Tibbs states that is the balance we have not used.

Browning states online item 280.532000, we budgeted \$25k and the actual was \$35,716.00.

Tibbs states the auditors had to do extra work. Most of it had to do with us converting to Aclarian for that 24-25 fiscal year.

Patterson states I see \$7,000 for membrane cleaning; I thought we did that ourselves.

Browning states we do, but if I am not mistaken there is a company that comes in.

Tibbs states I know we have a separate contract with this company. We do the major membrane cleaning ourselves.

Patterson states if we are doing the major cleaning then why are we hiring someone else to come in and do it. Is there something specialized they do?

Tibbs states I will check into it.

Patterson states the Wastewater fees you have at \$1.5 million, when will it be passed.

Tibbs states at the meeting the other night they indicated for budget purposes to go ahead and forecast it with the rate increase included, but we will have to come back for a Special meeting.

MOTION: By Patterson to approve the 25-26 Budget as presented, seconded by Stanley motion carried.

ITEM 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Patterson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Croskey motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Clay Browning, Chairman

September 30, 2025, Special Meeting CCPWA