POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2026 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners John Paschal and David McElwee, County Manager Matt Denton, County Clerk Jaime Armstrong, Public Works Director Dion Senn, Airport Director Chuck Beavers, Building Official Brian McCray, Planning and Zoning Director Misty Mason, Paul Coley, Kirk Lindsey, Dean Tanner, and R.L. (Fuzz) Morgan.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Paschal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

DELEGATES:

1. Paul Coley to discuss potential 3-way stop.

   Mr. Coley explained that he is here to request potentially adding a 3-way stop to address a dangerous section of road near Lindsey Chapel Church. Public Works Director Senn described his plan of action to resolve the issue to which Mr. Coley and the Committee were in agreement of moving forward.

2. Kirk Lindsey to discuss Elder Road property.

   Mr. Lindsey stated he is requesting compensation for work that has been done and a portion of what he thought was his property on Elder Road prior to it being confirmed as a county road. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to table the matter until the September meeting to ensure that they have done their due diligence in researching every angle in order to make a more informed recommendation to the Board for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chess Jones Road.

   Mr. Tanner explained that he would like to divide his property on Chess Jones Road. He is requesting that Chess Jones Road be properly declared as a county road in order to ensure that he has right-of-way to his property prior to subdividing. Following discussion, as in the previous matter, the Committee agreed to table the matter until the September meeting to ensure that they have done their due diligence in researching every angle in order to make a more informed recommendation to the Board for consideration.

2. Lefevers Road.

   County Manager Denton provided details on the history of Lefevers Road being taken on as a county road based on his knowledge.

NEW BUSINESS / MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Surplus of Esom Hill and Blooming Grove Fire Stations.

   County Manager Denton informed the Committee that Assistant County Manager Hooper has recommended surplusing the properties with the notation that it would be best to demo the Esom Hill Station prior to selling the property due to the condition of the building. Following discussion, the Committee recommended this go before the Board for consideration at their Regular Meeting on September 01, 2026.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Airport Manager Beavers presented the report on Airport Operations and activities for the month.

Building Official McCray informed the Committee that he received the estimates on the courthouse bathrooms renovations and he will get with Assistant County Manager Hooper to review these.

Mr. Morgan expressed his concerns and frustrations over the issues with the Abner Drive stormwater project.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned.