POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 23, 2026 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Gravett, John Paschal and David McElwee, County Manager Matt Denton, Assistant County Manager Connor Hooper, County Clerk Jaime Armstrong, Public Works Director Dion Senn, Airport Director Chuck Beavers, Planning and Zoning Director Misty Mason, County Surveyor Robert Cannon, Dean Tanner and Maxwell Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DELEGATES:

1. Dean Tanner to discuss Chess Jones Road.

   Mr. Tanner explained that he has been working with Assistant County Manager Hooper and Planning & Zoning Director Mason to address an issue that he has been dealing with for years pertaining to Chess Jones Road being considered a county road. He has maintained the road and will continue to do so; he is simply trying to get it documented so there are no issues in the future with regard to access to the property and the home. The Committee agreed for Assistant County Manager Hooper to further research the matter in order for them to make a more informed decision.

2. Maxwell Thompson to discuss heavy truck traffic causing issues on Carlton Drive.

   Mr. Thompson explained that, when the new development in that area was being considered, he and other residents on Carlton Drive went to the city to voice concerns regarding large trucks that would be coming through during the construction phase on the county side of Carlton Drive, which would damage the road. They were assured that they would be entering on the city side. The Committee requested that Public Works Director Senn go out to determine a solution to address the issue in order to make a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Airport Manager Beavers presented the report on Airport Operations and activities for the month. He updated the Committee on the runoff issue they have been dealing with noting that the storm water engineers and a project engineer were at the Airport today looking at some of the recent improvements done by C.W. Matthews.

NEW BUSINESS / MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Lefevers Road.

   Assistant County Manager Hooper relayed that Mr. Garrett called asking the status of the decision on Lefevers Road. Following discussion, the Committee agreed for Assistant County Manager Hooper to research the matter a little further.

2. Elder Road.

   Assistant County Manager Hooper briefed the Committee on discrepancies going back to 2024 regarding Elder Road being a county road with the final determination that it is a county road. Administration has since received a compensation request from Kirk Lindsey for work he had done under the assumption of it not being a county road. Following discussion, the Committee agreed with offering Mr. Lindsey reimbursement of $4,000.00 and installation of a driveway pipe.

3. Dean Road – Truck Traffic.

   Public Works Director Senn relayed a request from a resident to post signage for no trucks over six wheels on the Polk County side of Dean Road due to the conditions of the road and the chicken houses that are being built on the Floyd County side. Following discussion, the recommendation for signage to be posted will go before the Board for consideration at their Regular Meeting on August 04, 2026.

4. Request from Wanda Campbell to cover vehicle damages from Public Works mower.

   The Committee reviewed photos of the damages provided by Ms. Campbell that she claimed were caused by the mower. Public Works Director Senn relayed the conversation he had with Ms. Campbell noting that he advised her to call and have a police report done to which she responded that she did not have time to do that. Following discussion, it was determined that the county would not be covering the damages due to lack of proof that the county was responsible.

   County Manager Denton reviewed the proposed plan from GDOT for the bridge replacement project on Drummond Road and confirmation of funding for the Airport CIP design project to go before the Board for consideration on August 04, 2026. He also noted that the proposed FY2027 CIP has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and will be going before the Board for consideration on August 04, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned.