POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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, Mike Kirkpatrick, and R.L. (Fuzz) Morgan.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DELEGATES:

1. R. L. Morgan to discuss storm water issues.

   Mr. Morgan shared more recent photos taken of the flooding on his property and asked County Manager Denton if there were any plans to address the stormwater and flooding issues in his neighborhood stemming from Collard Valley Road. County Manager Denton explained that significant funds were invested in design plans for improvements and a good faith effort was made to address the issue but the problem they are facing is lack of cooperation from the neighbors to allow the improvements to be made. The Committee discussed alternative options to possibly relieve the runoff and flooding.

2. Mike Kirkpatrick to discuss flooding issue in subdivision of off Collard Valley Road.

   Mr. Kirkpatrick stated his issues are directly related to Mr. Morgan's. He also shared photos and videos of flooding on his property as well as photos and videos of flooding on his neighbor's property since they were unable to attend. Following discussion, the Committee relayed to Mr. Morgan and Mr. Kirkpatrick that they will have the Public Works crews get started on cleaning out the ditches and work on the right-of-ways with Administration continuing their efforts to find a permanent solution to resolve the issues.

3. Kem Weaver to discuss water and power issues in the county.

   Mr. Weaver was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lefevers Road.

   The Committee advised County Manager Denton to speak with the remaining Board members on their position of accepting it as a county road or not.

2. Elder Road.

   The Committee agreed to reimburse Mr. Lindsey $5,500.00 for unnecessary expenses incurred for improvements to his parcel along Elder Road based on it incorrectly being designated as a private access roadway back in 2025 instead of county right of way.

NEW BUSINESS / MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager Denton informed the Committee that Public Works Director Senn has had to change the way he is doing things due to being two operators short in the department adding that they are going to be advertising the positions again in attempt to fill them as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Airport Manager Beavers presented the report on Airport Operations and activities for the month. He updated the Committee on the meeting that he and County Manager Denton attended regarding the storm water issues they have been dealing with at the Airport noting that C.W. Matthews is going to clean out the pond at their expense and that Mr. Cochran appears to be aware of this based on his earlier conversation with him.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned.