

Floyd-Floyd County PSA
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting
February 17, 2026

Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney called Tuesday, February 17, 2026, board meeting to order at 5:05pm. In attendance was Director Will Griffin, Director Jerry Boothe, Director Trent Cox and Director Rick Parrish. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Attorney Janet Murrell, and Engineer Matt Gross.

Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney said the first thing on the agenda is nomination for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Administrative Assistant positions. He stated that Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuc and Director Bruce Turner could not be here tonight, so do we want to continue with voting or wait. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said when she spoke with Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch she wanted to move forward with the vote as she did not want to postpone this. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney said it is best when we are all here, but sometimes that is hard to do so we will move forward with the voting.

Attorney Janet Murrell said she opens the floor for nominations for Chairperson for the PSA Board. Director Will Griffin nominated Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney for the position. Attorney Janet Murrell asked if there were any other nominations. Attorney Janet Murrell closed the floor and said we have a nomination on the floor, would anyone like to make a motion. Director Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Director Will Griffin to appoint Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney as Chairman of the PSA Board. Attorney Janet Murrell asked all those in favor of the motion to say yes, all replied yes, any opposing say no, none opposed motion carried.

Attorney Janet Murrell opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson for the PSA Board. Director Will Griffin nominated Director Trent Cox for the position. Attorney Janet Murrell asked if there were any other nominations. Attorney Janet Murrell closed the floor and said we have nomination on the floor, would anyone like to make a motion. Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Jerry Boothe to appoint Director Trent Cox to Vice Chairman of the PSA Board. Attorney Janet Murrell asked all those in favor of the motion to say yes, all replied yes, any opposing say no, none opposed motion carried.

Attorney Janet Murrell opened the floor for nominations for Administrative Assistant for the PSA Board. Vice Chairman Trent Cox nominated Teresa Conner for the position. Attorney Janet Murrell asked if there were any other nominations. Attorney Janet Murrell closed the floor and said we have nomination on the floor, would anyone like to make a motion. Vice Chairman Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Director Jerry Boothe to appoint Teresa

Conner to continue as Administrative Assistant of the PSA Board. Attorney Janet Murrell asked all those in favor of the motion to say yes, all replied yes, any opposing say no, none opposed motion carried.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked everyone to take a look at the minutes and entertained a motion for approval. Director Rick Parrish said there is a typo on front page for Daivs (Davis). Director Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Jerry Boothe to approve the January minutes as amended. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant went over the account payables for January. Any questions please just ask. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he sees where we hauled sludge and asked was the drying bed working good now. Superintendent Patrick Nicola stated that it was after they put the pallets in there. Chairman Mike Maslaney asked do we still need a cover or are we good for now. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said for right now we seem to be good.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said we were over budget for income and under budget in expenses. We are still just over budget on two-line items. Chairman Mike Maslaney asked if we were over on income that much because of the new connection in sewer. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner stated yes. Director Rick Parrish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Trent Cox to approve the January financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Attorney Janet Murrell said she made all the changes to the personnel policy that has been mentioned and just needed to vote on approval. Director Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Jerry Boothe to approve the personnel policy that was revised by Janet Murrell. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Superintendent Report:

Water Break- We received a call about 10am on Feb 3, about a water break between Chic's Antiques and the old school monastery. Arriving on site, it was determined the source of the water was a 2-inch water main break. After speaking with Matt and Eli, the building owners who had concerns about the structural integrity of the basement walls and foundations, we decided to cap the line just after the last meter before the break and disconnect the line across the street at the intersection of Harris St and 221. By doing this we were able to abandon the old galvanized 2-inch water line that was under 221 without excavating between the two buildings. During the repair at the last meter location for the old school monastery, we discovered the 2-inch line was Teed off at the end of a 6-inch schedule 40 line. We cut out the 2-inch T, capped the 6-inch main and added a ball valve at the meter for flushing. We do not know how much schedule 40 is in the ground but we do know at some point it changes over behind the Mexican restaurant to something else, possible C900.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said that Eli reached out to her about filing an insurance claim. Patrick and I sat down and filed a claim with all the questions that were asked online. A couple of days later the insurance company sent an email asking about 10 more questions which we went through and answered. After we sent that back the insurance rep sent back an email that claim would be denied because we were not negligent on our part. They stated that the belongings that were in either building the owner of them should have their own insurance to cover that. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said that she reached out to Eli and said that he needed to submit a claim to their insurance company. She stated that our insurance said we could do a \$10000 no default if we want to and pay their deductible, but they have to submit proof of coverage that they have. I have reached out to Eli a couple times to find out what their deductible is but have yet to receive that amount. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said that she sent all the information over to Attorney Janet Murrell for her to review and suggest. Attorney Janet Murrell said she asked the question of have we done this before and how much would it raise our insurance. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner did forward that to the PSA insurance, and the reply was as far insurance going up if any it would be a small amount and that we have done this in the past and sent over documentation of when. Attorney Janet Murrell said she thinks it is something that the board needs to discuss and decide on, just keep in mind that anytime you submit a claim insurance goes up. Attorney Janet Murrell said that maybe the sewer issues in the past were more our fault than this was. The decision of the board was to wait until we hear from Eli and see what happens.

Water/Sewer adjustments- Last month we discussed the bill adjustment percentages for water and sewer due to a customer water break. Now that I have had time to think about it, I have some changes I would like to make. Attached are both what was approved at the last meeting and my recommendations based on not just the water loss but the amount of time we invest in looking for the leaks and helping the customers through the repair process. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he just feels 75% is too much and would like to drop to 50% and on B2 changed to set an amount. Attorney Janet Murrell said the last sentence you would need to change it to say maybe up to 25%. Vice Chairman said A1 and B1 needs to say, "water will be adjusted 75% of the water loss over the average consumption based on the last three bill cycles". Vice Chairman Trent Cox said that he would think that if the leak was outside less would be forgiven than inside the house. Attorney Janet Murrell said whatever is decided it needs to be the same for everyone. Attorney Janet Murrell also said it would be easier to read if you separated water and sewer. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said however the board feels it needs to be. Director Will Griffin suggested making a table and bringing it to the next board meeting.

Updates/Notes:

Advertising again the addition of Chlorine into the system in our next mailing.

-We will be sending out cross connection letters next month; did we want to send a mailer out about the addition of chlorine. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he thinks that more of Council and BOS as you might get more calls than the rest of the board. Attorney Janet Murrell said she would suggest that a mailer gets sent out about it and be upfront about it. The board decided that Superintendent Patrick Nicola and Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner make a flyer and send to Chairman Mike Maslaney, Vice Chairman Trent Cox and Attorney Janet Murrell for review and approval. Make sure all the board knows when we start chlorination and also contact Dr. Cromer Superintendent for school system.

Projects Progress Report (see engineering report)

Attached are Water Loss and Sewer Reports

Engineer Report:

VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects

Route 221 –The sewer crossing is all that remains on this contract.

Well 6 – The filters have been installed and the initial fill and backwash completed. The building heat and electrical has been completed. The chemical feed tanks and pumps have been placed at the Well buildings but have not been tapped in yet.

Sweeney – Retainage is being held until all three projects are complete at the request of VDH.

Slaughters Pump Station:

The Contractor has submitted the submittals for this project and they have been reviewed.

Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement

The final switchover is waiting on the electrical panel and coordination of installation/service switching.

Outstanding VDH Grants:

In accordance with our conversation with VDH and the email sent by VDH, the PFAS funding application is held up in conjunction with the EPA federal funding. VDH gets an allotment from them that is then divided into several pools. The PFAS funding is coming from the emerging contaminant pool, and this pool has been held up.

Other Business

Chairman Mike Maslaney said that he knew the Charter was on everyone's mind, so I would like for Director Jerry Boothe and Director Will Griffin to give us an update. Director Jerry Boothe stated the County sent an approved charter to the Town, it is not for 10 years it is only for 4 years, and that was the best himself, and BOS Chairman Joe Turman could do. Director Jerry Boothe stated that there were 3 options. First option is if the Town agrees to the 4 years, then they can sit down and talk about MOU, second option the Town can send a different number back to the County or third option you can stand on the 10 years. It is whatever Town Council decided to do. Director Jerry Boothe said he was not speaking on anyone else's behalf, but he was tickled to get the 4 years. Director Will Griffin asked Director Jerry Boothe could himself and Chris Bond of Town Council come and sit in on one of the County Boards executive sessions so that you can tell us how you arrived at 4 years. Director Jerry Boothe said 4 years from April is not anyone's election year. Director Will Griffin said at the last meeting they had we all talked about 10 years then 5 years and then 4 years. Director Jerry Boothe said in 5 years that it will be put in an election year. Director Will Griffin said we had asked for a reference to the MOU within the charter so that we got something to lean on and that was not in there, so we will definitely respond to the County. Director Will Griffin said that they were meeting with an attorney out of Roanoke to talk about options and try to loop Attorney Janet Murrell in that conversation. Director Will Griffin said we will figure it out, but it did not seem like anything the four of us talked about at the last meeting made into the Charter that was sent over. Director Jerry Boothe said after we had our joint meeting with the PSA, three things came out of it and they were 10 years, financial obligation of the County and what the Town can do. After the meeting with the four of us those were still the same three things and there was nothing me or Joe could use to negotiate with the group. Once he seen it was going to the four years Director Jerry Boothe jumped on board and said let's do this to get the ball rolling. Director Jerry Boothe said that the Town might want to talk with Attorney Janet Murrell or whoever the attorney is that they are speaking with tomorrow, that it is his understanding that if there is not a Charter in place the first of April, the PSA still operates and let employees know that. The downside is you cannot take out any more loans without a charter and possibly grant applications. Director Rick Parrish said how do you take out a loan with a four-year charter. Director Jerry Boothe said you took one out with 18 months. Director Will Griffin said that it was taken out in the fifty-year Charter, and they knew it was going to expire when we sent it to them. Director Rick Parrish said he doubts they expected a fifty-year charter to drop to a four-year charter. Director Rick Parrish also stated that he thinks it is a shame to turn something as important as the charter is to a political issue. Director Will Griffin said he does not know where politics is and the rationality of going from a fifty-year charter all the way down to a four-year charter. Director Will Griffin said that is why he is asking for the County Board of Supervisors to let himself and Chris Bond into one of their closed sessions. Director Jerry Boothe said he would mention it, but he does not make those decisions. Director Will Griffin said if we want to get it to April an extension, he feels like the BOS is going to have to invite them inside where everyone can talk freely so that we can understand why you are making the decision you are. Director Jerry Boothe said it all comes back to what has been discussed numerous times. There are three BOS members that have to sell this to the people in their district, and we have used the

arguments etc. but still have those to sell it to and that is the politics of it. Director Will Griffin said the BOS is going to have convince them a little more than just saying we decided four years here it is. Director Will Griffin said he has asked and he knows that if Director Jerry Boothe goes the BOS and says I know we are in closed session but there is a need for diverging some of this to get to a certain point, there is nothing wrong with that and we need to drop the shield somehow. Director Jerry Boothe said he does not know how much can be discussed in closed sessions going forward since we adopted the charter that we sent to the Town because it is an FOIA document now. Director Will Griffin said he does not feel he is getting a lot of help to get to the finish line. Director Trent Cox said the MOU is supposed to be in there as well, correct? Director Jerry Boothe said yes, the MOU is good as long as the parties who agree to this are still in office. Director Will Griffin said he does not sign a charter without understanding that there is going to be an MOU. Director Jerry Boothe says he understands that. He also said there is some that thinks that if we cannot agree on the charter what are we going to do on the MOU. Director Jerry Boothe said the Town is not able to have a long-term financial obligation. Director Will Griffin said that is not true, we are not able to fulfil a long-term obligation that would match the County. Director Jerry Boothe said basically what was said is that the Town could not match the County but in five years you did not know what the situation would be. Director Will Griffin said that it is not correct that it said there needs to be an acknowledgement in the MOU that the Town cannot match the County in a long-term financial obligation as in dollar for dollar. Director Will Griffin said that if you take out the ARPA funds that have been given, take out the loan forgiveness, and we have matched you or maybe even exceeded you in contributions. Director Will Griffin said he does not want to set that as a precedent and then when it gets time for someone else to decide how much we can do, they look at what we have done and say well you continue to do that and we cannot. Director, Will Griffin, said we have worked hard to put ourselves in the financial spot to be able to do what we have. Director Will Griffin said he never said they could not do a financial obligation; we just cannot match what the County does. Director Jerry Boothe said he would see Kim Chiddo tomorrow. Director Will Griffin said the Town will respond but ten years is not that long and we owe it to the community, the PSA staff and the partnership between Town and County to do more than four years and that is how majority of Town Council feels. Director Jerry Boothe said he does not know if we can get there, with Director Will Griffin saying if you cannot then you need to bring us into the room and talk to us about it and say this is why we cannot do this. If you can convince the Town Council that four years is the best way then we will probably sign four, but no one has explained it to us. Director Jerry Boothe said he will see what he can do. Director Will Griffin and Director Jerry Boothe said we will figure it out.

Chairman Mike Maslamey thanked both Director Will Griffin and Director Jerry Boothe for being open and honest. Director Jerry Boothe said at the joint meeting Levi Cox and himself on the BOS were not that far apart from trying to set aside funds for emergencies for the PSA and that it is one of the big things of making sure when something breaks down it can be paid for to be fixed. Chairman Mike Maslamey said is correct and one of the priorities here.

Chairman Mike Maslamey entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Rick Parrish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Trent Cox to adjourn. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.