

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission
February 17, 2026
Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, February 17, 2026, at the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street.

Present were Commissioners Paige Sultemeier, Travis Greene, Kathy McClure, Jene' Huffman-Gilreath and Chairman Jerry Carmichael. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Aaron Short, Jered Sigmon, Brian Sartain, Jennifer Hoffman, Todd Beaver, Johnny Lunsford, Jerry Roegner, Debbie Putman, Jeremey Waterhouse, and Brent Dobler. Casey Wilhelm with the City of Rogers, Tim Mays with ESI Engineering, Robert Frazier and Derek Morgan were also in attendance.

Chairman Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and opened the Public Forum portion of the meeting. A scheduled attendee was running late so in the interest of time; Chairman Carmichael closed the Public Forum and then come back to the Public Forum when the schedule guest was present.

Chairman Carmichael then called for action on the minutes from the January 20, 2026, Water and Sewer Commission meeting. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026. Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the financial reports. Billed revenue in the Water department for January 2026 was down 6.5% from January 2025 at \$1,407,167. Water consumption was up 0.2% at 226,557,421 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 3.9% year over year. The Water department reported a net income of \$85,067 for January 2026 and YTD income of \$4,354,733. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 58%. Water revenues are 53% of budget and expenses are 57% of budget. Capital spend is 35% at \$3,757,846.

The Sewer department billed revenue for the month of January 2026 is down 4.0% from January 2025 at \$1,810,134. Sewer consumption was down 0.7% at 188,764,000 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 16.9% year over year. The Sewer Department reported a net income of \$439,071 and a YTD income of \$5,621,846. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 58%. Sewer revenues are at 59% of budget and expenses are at 58% of budget. Capital spend is 30% at \$14,151,205.

Unrestricted cash reserves for January 2026 in Water are \$27,504,472 and in Sewer are \$22,844,746. Restricted funds in Water are \$3,064,592 and in Sewer are \$1,672,473. Total restricted and unrestricted cash reserves are \$55,086,283. This is an increase of \$590,482 from January 2025. Impact and access fees are \$127,000 less than in January 2025. Only \$66,000 in impact and access fees were collected in January 2026. Jered then proposed that we look at new and/or different presentations for our summary reports that better illustrate and give better context to the financials. Unaccounted for water stands at 9%.

Mr. Sigmon then gave the Commission a Summary of Funds for the period ending December 31, 2025. Total funds in Water are 31,325,028, in Sewer they are 24,748,456 for a total amount of \$56,073,484. He then stated that the interest income that RWU received in calendar year

2025 was \$2,191,016. He informed the Commission that the required minimum reserves in the Water and Sewer departments per our Investment and Depository Committee policy are \$12,086,000 and \$9,334,000. At year end RWU had \$17,796,570 more than the minimum reserve requirement in Water and \$12,932,539 more than the minimum reserve requirement in the Sewer department.

Chairman Carmichael then re-opened the Public Forum section of the meeting and introduced the Mayor of the City of Rogers, Greg Hines. The Mayor recognized Commissioner Travis Greene for his 18 years of service to the Rogers Water and Sewer Commission. After a short speech about Commissioner Greene's service, the Mayor then presented Commissioner Greene a Key to the City of Rogers to thank him for his service.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the Engineering Reports. Brian began by updating the Solids Handling project. The mechanical and electrical systems are now under construction and over 90% of the dryer parts are now onsite. RWU received two bids last week that will be brought up later in the meeting. The Lakewood and Biltmore generators are now up and running and the Oak street 52nd to Dodson extension is complete. Fourth street between Oak and Olrich will begin shortly. RWU reviewed 107 sets of plans last month. This is down from 150 a few months ago. Time will tell if this is an actual trend. It could also be due to the actual plan review process. RWU will monitor this closely.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Todd Beaver to present the Rogers Pollution Control Facility reports. Todd stated that the plant is operating very well. The surcharges show a slight increase over last year. It would appear that this is accomplishing what was intended. The FOG Inspections are routine. There was a change in the Health Department's food truck policy that does not allow them to have secondary containers for on-site water or wastewater storage. RWU will communicate this new policy while monitoring food trucks in our area. RWU received TCQ's engineering proposal and will continue working with them throughout this process. The plant treated 286.6MG in January including approximately 7.6MG of I&I. The average daily flow for the month was 9.2MGD. These flows included 1.06" of rain over four events. The historical average rainfall for January is 2.51", so additional inflow is not from rain.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present RESOLUTION 26-05 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY INSURANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Sigmon explained that RWU currently has a three-year rate lock with our existing provider and we would like to renew the existing contract to take advantage of that rate lock. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-05 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY INSURANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 26-05 passed.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present RESOLUTION 26-06 AMENDING THE POLICY ON DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE ROGERS WATER UTILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Sigmon presented the calculations for the proposed minimum reserves in both the Water and Sewer departments. The proposed minimum reserves for Water in 2026 will be \$12,086,000, an increase of \$1,382,000. The proposed minimum reserves for Sewer in 2026 will be \$9,334,000 and increase of \$285,000. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-06 AMENDING THE POLICY ON DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE ROGERS WATER UTILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 26-06 passed.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the approval of Banking and Depository Institutions for Rogers Water Utilities. Staff conducted an annual review of the financial condition of the current depositories. In satisfaction with that requirement, staff request that the following banking institutions be designated as RWU depositories: Arvest Bank, Bank OZK, BOK Financial, Centennial Bank, Chambers Bank, First National Bank of Fort Smith, First Western Bank, Huntington Bancshares (formerly Cadence Bank), Regions Bank, and Simmons Bank. Commissioner McClure made a motion to accept these institutions as RWU depositories, seconded by Commissioner Sultemeier. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present RESOLUTION 26-07 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING RELOCATION FOR A SEWER LINE AT 1902 S. 12TH STREET IN ROGERS, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Brian explained that a house under construction was built in an existing sewer easement. A stop work order was issued. Upon further inspection, RWU would like to re-route this sewer as it is a candidate for replacement. A cost share is proposed between the homeowner and RWU. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-07 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING RELOCATION FOR A SEWER LINE AT 1902 S. 12TH STREET IN ROGERS, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner Sultemeier. All in favor, Resolution 26-07 passes.

Chairman Carmichael then called for a motion to enter an Executive Session for Resolution 26-08 regarding IT. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to move this agenda item from number 5 under New Business to number 8 under New Business (to move to the last item on the agenda). Seconded by Commissioner Greene. All in favor, Item is moved.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain who then introduced Tim Mayes, P.E. with Engineering Services Inc. to present the bid tabulation for the 8" Water Main Replacement – Hwy 12 East. Mr. Mayes briefly discussed the project and the complex permitting process involved when dealing with not only the Arkansas Highway Department/Department of Transportation, but also the United States Army Corps of Engineers as both have jurisdiction over portions of this project. Environmental studies and highway crossings simply took some time to complete. Two bidders turned in bids. After doing our due diligence, it is ESI's and RWU's recommendation that RWU execute a notice of award with Boyles Construction in the amount of \$2,093,875.52. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Aaron Short to present the bid results on the Blossom Way Emergency Repair project. Mr. Short presented an illustration showing the alignment of the piping replacement. After discussion with the low bidder, it was confirmed that the contractor was confident that they would be able to complete the work. Staff recommend awarding the Blossom Way Emergency Repair project to Ground Zero construction for the bid amount of \$992,084.50. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to award the bid to Ground Zero Construction in the amount of \$992,084.50. Seconded by Commissioner Greene. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then stated that Commissioner Greene has completed his two-year term on the Water and Sewer Commission's Depository and Investment Committee. Chairman Carmichael then asked if any other Commissioner would volunteer to Chair this Committee. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath responded that she would be willing to serve as the next Chair of the Depository and Investment Committee. Commissioner McClure made a motion to

designate Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath as the next Chair of the Depository and Investment Committee, seconded by Commissioner Sulzemeier. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael the called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss RESOLUTION 26-08 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE SCADA REDEPLOYMENT PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner McClure. After reconvening from the Executive Session, Chairman Carmichael entertained a motion for Resolution 26-08. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-08 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE SCADA REDEPLOYMENT PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, Resolution 26-08 passes.

With no further business, Chairman Carmichael thanked Commissioner Greene for his service along with Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath and Johnny Lunsford. He then called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Greene. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary
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