

**Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission**  
**April 20, 2026**  
**Minutes**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, April 20, 2026, at the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street.

Present were Commissioners Paige Sultemeier, Derek Morgan, 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, Jerry Roegner, Debbie Putman, Johnny Lunsford and Brent Dobler. Robert Frazier with the Frazier Law Firm was in attendance. Nate Ernest and Grant Goings were in attendance from Garney Construction.

Chairman Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. He then opened the Public Forum. With no participants, he then closed the Public Forum.

Chairman Carmichael then called for action on the minutes from the March 16, 2026, Water and Sewer Commission meeting. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 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 March 2026 was up 1.6% from March of 2025 at \$1,388,878. Fiscal year total net income in the Water department was \$5,636,376 at 57% of Budget. Water consumption was up 7.9% at 215,985,969 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 5.8% year over year. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 75%. Water revenues are 67% of budget and expenses are 73% of budget. Capital spend is 41% at \$4,396,283.

The Sewer department billed revenue for the month of March 2026 is up 12.6% from March 2025 at \$1,854,452. Fiscal year total net income in the Sewer department was \$7,991,058 at 86% of Budget. Sewer consumption was up 8.4% from March of 2025 at 195,133,900 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 18.8% year over year. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 75%. Sewer revenues are at 78% of budget and expenses are at 73% of budget. Capital spend is 40% at \$19,252,186.

Unrestricted cash reserves for March 2026 in Water are \$28,562,418 and in Sewer are \$28,436,126. Restricted funds in Water are \$2,931,586 and in Sewer are \$1,407,238. Total restricted and unrestricted cash reserves are \$61,337,367. Impact and access fees collected in March 2026 totaled \$172,700. YTD actuals are 42% of FY25 total and 27% of the FY26 budget. The twelve-month rolling average for unaccounted for water stands at 9.2%.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the Engineering Reports. Brian began by discussing how RWU is streamlining the New Meter Service application process with a goal of being able to set a new meter within 5-7 business days from the date of an application. He then gave an update on the RPCF solids handling facility which now shows the two dryers in place. The project is on schedule. He then went over the list of large contracts that are upcoming, including the selection of the CMAR for the RPCF Capacity Improvements. He

ended his presentation by going over the current project status information and development plan trends.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Todd Beaver to present the Rogers Pollution Control Facility reports. Todd stated that the Phosphorus is looking good, but the plant struggled with weak filters this month due to experiencing higher industrial loading as can be seen on the surcharge billing. Overall, the plant was operating well within all imposed limits. Construction coordination has been high between the fiber and dryer projects. He then spoke about some of the maintenance items we have experienced this year, specifically the grinder pumps in front of the centrifuge units and how he made decisions between re-building and replacement. The plant was able to hire a former employee that returned to the area after moving out of state that results in an employee that is immediately productive. The plant treated 377.7 MG in March including approximately 98.7 MG of I&I. The average daily flow for the month was 12.2 MGD. These flows included 5.21" of rain over 8 events. The historical average rainfall for March is 3.5".

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the bid results for the Sewer Improvements - Chateau Drive to 24<sup>th</sup> Street project. After presenting a map of the proposed construction area and the issue this project will address, he presented the bid summary. RWU received three bids. Although staff has not had experience working with the low bidder, their qualifications appear to be in order, and the City of Bentonville provided an overall positive assessment of recent work performed on a significant waterline relocation project. Commissioner Sultemeier and Carmichael requested that RWU remain in constant contact with the residents that are affected. Staff recommends the award of the bid for Sewer Improvements – Chateau Dr. to 24<sup>th</sup> St. to On Point Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$953,613.08. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sultemeier. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the renewal of Property Insurance for RWU. This insurance is provided by Cincinnati Insurance, and the agent is The ANKR group, formerly Rogers Insurance. After minor updates (reductions) from last year's property list, the quote was slightly lower than last year's. This is the third year of a three-year rate lock. RWU staff recommends approval of property insurance renewal with The ANKR Group for \$94,248 with a \$10,000 deductible and with optional earthquake coverage costing \$7,588 for a combined premium of \$101,836. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, motion carried.

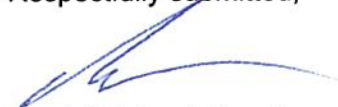
Chairman Carmichael then recognized Johnny Lunsford to present RESOLUTION 26-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ITRON TEMETRA ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SOFTWARE, SERVICES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING RELATED AGREEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Lunsford explained that RWU currently utilizes Itron Field Collection Services (FCS) software. This software is being phased out by Itron and is being replaced with new software known as Temetra. United Systems is the sole source distributor for Itron Water Products in the State of Arkansas. This new software is a cloud-based service and will allow RWU customers to access a portal to see their historical daily usages and many other items such as high usage alerts. The cost of the initial software transition is \$47,985 and the annual subscription charge is \$22,968.75. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ITRON TEMETRA ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SOFTWARE, SERVICES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING RELATED

AGREEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 26-12 passed.

Chairman Carmichael then stated that his two-year term as Chair of the Water and Sewer Commission officially ends at the end of this meeting. The Commission needs to decide on a new Chair to serve for the next two years. Commissioner McClure nominated Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath to be the Chair of the Rogers Water and Sewer Commission for the next two years. Seconded by Commissioner Sultemeier. All in favor, motion carries. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath is the new Water and Sewer Commission Chairman and will begin her service at the regular May meeting.

Chairman Carmichael then thanked Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath for her willingness to serve as well as all the other Commissioners for their willingness as well. He then asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McClure. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary  
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