



Minutes

Public Utilities and Transportation Committee

Caucus Suite 204

April 15, 2026

8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Allison Waters, Committee Chair, Board of Commissioners
Mike Burnes, Committee Co-Chair, Board of Commissioners
Jamie McCord, County Manager
Bruce Ivey, Public Utilities & Transportation Division Director, Special Projects Manager
John Carroll, Airport Manager
Tim Shuler, Assistant Utilities Administrator, Water
Michael Skeen, Public Works Director
Ben Brooks, Assistant Public Works Director
Mark Welsh, County Engineer
Charles Hankins, Manager, Rome-Floyd Recycling Center
Amy Dawkins, Communications Manager
John Bailey, Assistant Clerk

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.

II. Review Minutes from February 18, 2026 Meeting.

The minutes were approved by common consent

III. Public Participation

IV. Order of Business

1. Engineering

- a. Bennet Way SE – acceptance for maintenance
- b. Busby Lane SE – acceptance for maintenance

Mr. Welsh reported that the issues of concern have been fixed and recommended the requests be sent to the Board of Commissioners.

2. Public Works

- a. Public Works Facility Update

Mr. Skeen said now that analysis of the site has been done, he does not feel that it is an ideal site for the project. Mr. McCord and Mr. Ivey recommended Public Works look at another location.

- b. Faster & Fuelmaster Update

Mr. Skeen reported that the installation is complete and they are working out small bugs in the system.

c. Paving/LMIG & SPLOST/2026 LRA Funding

Mr. Skeen reported that nine miles of paving has been completed so far this year. He also reported that June 15 is the deadline for the LRA application

d. 2026 Milling Contract update

Mr. Skeen reminded the committee that the project was outsourced to Northwest Georgia Paving and the company has nearly completed the project in Shannon.

e. Foster's Bend Road

The committee discussed underlying issues with a portion of Foster's Bend Road and Mr. McCord said if they choose to move forward with the project it would need to be outsourced because of the potential sap on local time and resources. Mr. McCord said it would be paid for through LRA or SPLOST funds and said Public Works will put together a RFP for the project.

f. GA EPD Rubberized Asphalt Grant 2026 - Turner Rd.

Mr. Skeen reported that the bid opens on the Turner Road project on May 5 and expects recommendations to go before the board that month.

3. Recycle/Solid Waste

a. Event/Project Updates

Mr. Hankins discussed the potential of increasing public education regarding recycling after a series of false social media posts regarding recycling programs.

b. Remote Site Restrooms

Mr. Hankins reported there are no updates on the restroom projects.

4. Water

a. Project Updates

Mr. Shuler reported that the Texas Valley project is complete and gave an overview of the water line relocations which will be a result of the Chulio Road widening project.

5. Airport

a. Corporate Hangar Update

Mr. Carroll reported that the hangar is nearly complete.

b. Airshow Update/Airshow Agreement Discussion

Mr. Carroll reported that the recent Wings Over North Georgia Airshow was successful and made a few suggestions for changes in any new agreements for future airshows at the airport.

c. 7/25 On Airport Obstructions

Mr. Carroll said they are waiting for the grant on this project.

d. Taxiway Bravo West

Mr. Carroll reported target dates for this project are June for advertising the project and July for a GDOT bid.

e. Georgia Tech Training Automotive Competition Team

After discussion, Mr. Carroll recommended denying a Georgia Tech request to utilize a decommissioned runway portion to test team vehicles. Mr. Carroll said benefit does not outweigh the liability of the request.

f. Rome Aviation Lease Revision

The committee discussed current terms and a proposal to amend the lease.

g. Localizer Repair Update

Mr. Carroll presented estimated to update the localizer system.

6. County Manager's Report

a. Bicycle Ride Across Georgia

Mr. McCord and Mr. Skeen discussed road utilization during the Bike Ride Across Georgia in late May.

7. Chief of Staff's Report

a. Twin Lakes Road

Mr. Ivey discussed a request for a mirror on Twin Lakes Road as well as line-of-sight issues on that road. Mr. Skeen said the county has allowed permits to place visibility mirrors at locations in the county but has not installed any. The committee recommended conducting a traffic study and engineering analysis to assess sight distances.

8. Chairman's Report

V. Other Business

Mr. Skeen reported that he would like to bring a sidewalk removal and replacement project for the Jamestown Community to the committee at a later date.

VI. Adjourn

With no other business, the committee adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

****Next Meeting, June 17, 2026**