

Mercer County Public Service District
241 Mercer Springs Road
Princeton WV 24740
Monthly Board Meeting
November 6th, 2025

Prayer by Stacy Fowler
Meeting Opened By Chairman Kennett at 10:00am

Bill Winfrey is absent. Chairman Kennett gave an update.

Rt. 19 agreements are completed. Chairman Kennett sent a message to Bill Winfrey about the right away for the Building located in Lake bottom.
Vest Electric has completed the Electrical install. Inspection took place yesterday Nov. 5th, 2025. He will complete the remainder of the quoted work soon.

There are 36 easements for McComas. Title work is complete for 15.
Leo inquired to Jack Ramsey if the shutdown would trickle down to the PSD as far as easements or title work? Jack replied that it shouldn't at this time and to proceed where we can.

Jack Ramsey, El Robinson

Matoaka is almost done. Jack will send out a Spread Sheet for final expenditures.
Once these current items are completed, there will be a remaining balance of \$2,767.67
Leo inquired if the surplus could be spent on safety equipment such as: Cones, Signs, Fire Extinguishers?
Jack asked Leo to send him a list of safety equipment and he would look it over.
Region One will be the final check written from this account for \$170.00. When this check is written it will close this account. This amount is already accounted for in final expenditures.

Regional Project

EL Robinson has completed Phase A1 and A1A. They are waiting on comments from the EPA.
They are waiting for a couple of permits to be signed. Jack will send them directly to Mike.
Jack has spoken to Barbra Bridges.
Design is complete.

McComas

Design is complete. 15 or 36 easements are completed. All permits are in place. There is no DOH BOND yet. Jack feels we should hold on this. .
Hannah Hill states that Emerald Energy will be handling the Right-Of-Ways.

Rt. 19.

In holding pattern until funding is available.

Leo inquired to Commission President Bill Atcher if he had met with Parkways about the bridge crossings. President Archer explained that he has and they would like to see some designs. He stated that The Turnpike has no representation in Mercer County.

Leo inquired if they could hang the new 6 inch line so that the projects could get connected. President Archer stated that he would be meeting with the Governor sometime soon and would try to talk to him about it.

Leo states that if the PSD can get the exemption on those 3 areas, it would help the PSD's projects immensely.

McComas:

It was inquired if a public meeting with McComas should be set up? Jack recommended having a Notary available at the next public meeting to work on easements and recommended all listed property owners come to the meeting.

Regional Sewer:

Leo inquired if another public meeting would be necessary?

Jack thinks that we will but doesn't feel we are at that point yet. Jack will advise when he feels this time is approaching.

Region One:

Hannah: McComas: Flood Notices were Published yesterday,

All right- of- ways have been approved and proceeding.

Leo and Mike want to look them over before approving.

Right of ways will be handled by EMERALD ENERGY of Kentucky.

ESRI-

We have to funds to pay need approval on payment

DEP/EPA

They are out. Furloughed No update today.

Leo inquired if the sign limits are all based on appraisals?

Hannah Hill clarified that those amounts are not all for right ways, that they are for different aspects.

Right-away cost is \$1,350.00 per easement.

The PSD Board members feel this is a very high price.

Bill Archer: President County Commission.

President Archer states that the costs for the Jail Bills have gone up. He stated that the Commission is dealing with things that are not tied to infrastructure projects. The Commission is watching closely. He states that there is a need to get services to underserved areas. He appreciates the PSDS dedication to these projects. A lot of them are moving forward. The assistance of Region one is incredible.

President Archer stated that the Commission is thankful for the work being done.

Stacy Fowler-Thomas Litton

Pochanantas water replacement project.

He has gotten questions from contractors about license requirements.

If the General Contractor has the appropriate licenses; and hires a Sub-contractor that has a WV license, will that be okay, or will they have to obtain or have a VA license to proceed.

The next meeting is NOVEMBER 12.

Bids open DECEMBER 14.

Leo inquired of Stacy about the potential Shut Down of Virginia Department of Health, and if it would affect WV. Stacy stated that it shouldn't. It will affect Virginia.

Leo Inquired if the Furloughed workers would be paid or brought back, Stacy replied that everyone received the same letter. Furloughed with no answers until the government reopens.

Stacy states that funding is good until the end of March.

IF prices are still good then, they may extend their prices or they may not. Stacy states that it is a wait and see situation.

Cornbread Ridge:

Commissioner Puckett has requested to see what can be done on this project to move it forward.

Brickyard: Funding is still being sought.

Oakvale: Has had a few requests for service, But the current prices are too high to justify connection. Looking at approximately 5 hundred thousand per customer. At this time it can not be done.

IJDC has a current cap of 350 Thousand. It has been asked of them to look into that cap number.

Lashmeet Boundary Extension For water only. Sewer is in the works.

American water isn't sure if they can provide an O&M for it.

Leo States: There is an O&M now that can be extended to them. This will be temporary until the Regional Project is complete. We want to do this once and not have to do it again when the

Regional Project is complete. Leo Inquired if an agreement would be necessary for sewer lines through Lashmeet.

Stacy Fowler stated that he wasn't sure they understood that it would be temporary. There is no need for a boundary adjustment for sewer as the PSD already has the sewer rights and lines under their control.

Mike stated that American water will have to be involved to establish rates with the PSC.

Stacy stated that if AM water takes it, they will do the Billing and send it forward to process. If the adjustment isn't permanent, it will be a lot of cost to make the agreement, create a new PSD, amend the agreement, then dissolve the agreement. Nothing can be done with it today, it did not come through in time to put it on the agenda.

Public Comments:

Rosco Odle asked about what happens with Aerial lines if the bridges get rebuilt?

Stacy Fowler states that they have to be kept active the entire time. They can not shut it down.

Leo states that there are two (2) on RT. 19, and the RT can not be shut down to do bridge work.

An alternative line would be necessary on the temporary bridge. The new lines would be built then the service transferred over once the bridge becomes operational.

Personal Changes:

We have a new Employee: Falicay Hammack: Part Time Status With Roy Gerwig at the Matoaka Plant.

We are glad to have her on board. She will be processing for OIT.

Bill to be paid/Drawdowns

Motion to accept the contracts as presented for McComass, Invoices, Drawdown of Thomas & Liton

Mike made Motion

Leo 2nd

Approved

The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

December 4th 2025