

**EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 14th, 2026
4:15 P.M.**

Present: A.J. Ford, Jr., Nathan Pilgreen, Russell Wade and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, Curtis Moses, Linda Hammett, Shane Abercrombie and Danielle Harkins.

Mr. Ford called the meeting to order. Mr. Wade led the group in prayer.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 12th, 2026 meeting.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that bids were opened on Tuesday, July 7th @ 10:00 AM for the front-load garbage truck. Each bid was scanned and sent to all Jurors. A hard copy was also placed in the packets. The following bids were received:

- River City Hydraulics \$365,936
- River City Hydraulics \$339,167
- River City Hydraulics \$360,926
- Bruckner's \$372,851
- Bruckner's \$372,275
- Pac-Mac \$367,500
- Siddons-Martin \$376,926

All of the packets were reviewed for specs and truck availability. The bid from Siddons-Martin had all the requested specs. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to recommend to the full jury to accept the bid from Siddons-Martin in the amount of \$376,926 with a delivery date after 1/1/27. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of a commercial grade zero turn mower to be used at the Road Department and Maintenance Departments. **No action was taken.**

Mr. Ford addressed the committee regarding the safety boot policy and asked how many boot inspections had been conducted since the policy was implemented. Employees of the Road and Landfill Departments were previously issued vouchers allowing them to purchase safety boots from Thomas Nursery in an amount not to exceed \$200. Several employees have reportedly complained that the boots available at Thomas Nursery are uncomfortable.

The Jury plans to issue new vouchers in December. Employees will be permitted to purchase boots from a store of their choosing, provided the boots have steel or composite toes.

Mr. Ford asked Mr. Davidson whether the Landfill operators and drivers were wearing the boots. Mr. Davidson confirmed that all employees were wearing boots but stated that he did not know

whether they were approved safety boots. Mr. Ford stated that he would contact Scott Williams the following day to determine whether Road Department employees were wearing the required boots.

Mr. Ford emphasized the importance of employees wearing proper personal protective equipment, particularly when the equipment has been purchased by the Jury. **No action taken.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Ford declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Wade and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 14th day of July, 2026.

A.J. Ford, Jr., Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer