

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

MARCH 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Dave Hamalainen, Chris Erickson, Becky Squibbs, Curt Wercinski and Clerk Heidi Latvaaho. In attendance was Town Board Supervisor Mike Erjavec.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as printed, made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- None at this time.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report- Chairman Vest responded that the report seems about the same. Clerk Latvaaho added that a few of them have been paid and some larger balances were paid in February. She is currently working with Gilbert to get the Gilbert resident certified to the taxes. Discussion regarding the process.

February Water/Wastewater Report- Chairman Vest questioned the I&I discovered over on Long Lake Shores Road. Not sure entirely what happened as the owners live in the Twin Cities, but water was discovered going into the sewer and the cabin was filled with moisture in the windows. Their well pump was shut off.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Sewer Rate Change- No updates.
  - Sump Pump Letter- Approximately 32 left to respond. Will continue to work on.
  - Generators for Lift Stations- Town Foreman Jason Latvaaho has been working on since last year and has a request out to Hometown Electric for an estimate. Chairman Vest added that any right-of-way issues should be looked at and may need easements. Discussion that current lift station easements are 20 feet. Discussion regarding space and location. Commissioner Wercinski added that there are generators that are available on skids as an option for mobility if needed. Clerk Latvaaho will share those concerns with the Foreman.
  - Fire Department Interdepartment Loan- The Fire Department made some updates to their chassis assembly project and with those updates, the price increased by \$70,000.00. The previously presented loan request was approximately \$230,000.00, but also didn't include reimbursement for chassis trade in. The new amount requested is \$269,564.98 at 4.5% for 10 years with payback every six months. The Town Board has approved proceeding with the purchase and would like approval from the PUC for the higher amount from the 4M Sewer Savings. Commissioner Erickson was only concerned that if the PUC needed it, that they could call back the loan. The payment would come from the Capital Equipment Fund.
- **Motion to approve the additional amount, made by Commissioner Erickson and supported by Commissioner Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **PUC Billing Clerk Vacancy and Secretary-** Clerk Latvaaho informed the Commission that 4 applications have been received and hoping to have an individual hired end of April or beginning of May.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**– Financials were provided for December through February. Revenues and expenditures vary from month to month, but overall remain relatively close. There are no large expenditures that are expected. Clerk Latvaaho reminded the PUC that there are a significant number of residents on quarterly billing which would affect the revenues. She has also combined the 4M Sewer Fund and the Assessment Savings into one account. The Fire Department payment would go to this account. Discussion regarding the Assessment Savings history and how there is a balance.

- **Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report, made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner Wercinski. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Vest questioned that previously they have discussed Mediacom and streetlights. Clerk Latvaaho added that there should be just the one quarter left to pay for the Joint Cable Board as she believed April 9<sup>th</sup> was the date the letter to exit the Joint Powers was submitted. She waits until she receives the Franchise Fees from Mediacom before she pays the Joint Cable Commission bill. Now the PUC will have the Franchise Fees accumulate in the PUC. Years ago, funds in the PUC paid the streetlights, but with the cost of being on the Cable Commission, Building and Grounds has been paying those bills.

- **Motion to adjourn, made by Commissioner Hamalainen and supported by Commissioner Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved 4-14-2024

Heidi Latvaaho



Town of Fayal Clerk/Treasurer