

Marshall County Commissioners Council Meeting Summary

Date: June 16, 2025

Duration: 39 minutes (Public Comments & Sewer Board Discussion)

Public Comments & Concerns

Bill Woodward (Peach Road): Voiced concerns about the financial burden on homeowners due to the sewer project and the fairness of penalizing responsible residents for others' septic failures.

Jennifer Leary (Cook Lake Trail): Questioned the Sewer District's financial transparency, including the use of funds and the status of a promised \$500,000. Raised concerns about hidden bonds, which the council reports there are no hidden bonds. She is requesting to find a solution for clean water.

Tony Soria (Tomhawk Trail): Asked why meetings are not held in the evening. Was told low attendance was the reason.

Legal and Governance Discussion

Sean Surisi (County Attorney): Disagreed with the Sewer Board's legal counsel. Cited *Fox v. Green* (2006) to support the council's authority to remove board members. Warned of potential legal challenges if a seat is declared vacant and a new member appointed.

Jesse Bohannon (Council Member): Moved to remove Tom McFadden from his position as President of the Sewer Board.

Council Member Statements

Stan Klotz: Emphasized the high cost to residents (\$92,000–\$95,000 over 30 years). Criticized the board's lack of accountability and unwillingness to consider phased implementation. Advocated for alternative solutions for failing septic systems.

Adam Faulstich: Referenced a private study showing good water quality at Lake Latonka. Criticized the Sewer Board's inflexibility and Tom McFadden's leadership.

Motion and Ordinance

The commissioners moved to file an ordinance declaring Tom McFadden's seat as President of the Sewer Board vacant and to appoint a new member.

The ordinance aims to reinforce board accountability and prevent misuse of authority.

*** Stan Klotz, did want the commonwealth to be aware that this does not mean the sewer project will be abandoned but, each side needs to compromise.