



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7TH STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors, Chairman, Ross Walker III, called the regular meeting of the Upper Burrell Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: The following members of the Council responded to roll call:

Present: Ross G. Walker, III, Chairman -
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Vice Chairman
Scott Brown, Supervisor

Also present: Michael Moore, Engineer
Melissa A. Cortileso, Secretary
Steve Yakopiec, Solicitor

Opening of Bids - None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Carol Howard, 705 Lower Drennen Road and Sally Wise 1033 Lower Drennen Road, presented the Supervisor's with pictures of the road condition of Lower Drennen Road along with a petition signed by residents of Lower Drennen Road to get the road fixed ASAP. Vice Chairman Slahtovsky stated he is aware of the condition of the road. Several residents spoke on behalf of the road condition stating, you can only drive 5 mph due to the potholes, drainage is a big issue, the bus will not go down the road to pick the kids up, it stops on Route 780 which is a hazard and new guardrails are needed. It was stated that in the area of 1025 – 1033 Lower Drennen Road the road is collapsing, potholes are being filled with the water still in them and in a few days the patch is gone, the last time the road was done was about 30 years ago, cars are being ruined. Slahtovsky stated that currently the township has a grant to get 5-6 cross drains done along with adding an additional new cross drain, also looking into replacing using cold patch with hot patch and they will get the potholes addressed as soon as possible. Chairman Walker stated he reach out to Senator Pittman to see if there are any emergency funds available to get work done on the road. It was asked what the resident can to do to help, Walker stated that when the income surveys are distributed it would help to fill them out and return them.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Motion passed 3-0.



CORRESPONDENCE –

Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortileso, to review the correspondence from the month.

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky that the township received a grant for the purchase of a new backhoe and is expected to be delivered next week, the backhoe will also come with a thumb attachment that will help in removing trees. It was asked who to call when there is a tree down, Walker replied always call 911. The time spent for the month was cleaning up storm debris, patching, and doing maintenance on the winter equipment and winter storm clean-up will be coming up soon.

George Richard, Hunter Hill Road asked if a third person has been hired yet to the Road Department.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported there were 90 calls for service for the month of March. Chief Pate stated he is currently looking for grants and donations for the purchase of body cameras, new tasers were purchased last year and he is also looking to get new guns for the department. George Richard, Hunter Hill Road, asked if he should file a report for destruction of property due to someone continually turning around on his property and tearing it up. Chief Pate stated yes, file a report, he will not send a car down to park there but has the technology to find out who is doing it.

EMC REPORT –

Dave Knox, stated the county held its first quarterly meeting. Sometime in May in Zone 2 there will be emergency exercises completed, this will take place at the Washington Township Firehall, and all supervisors and first responders are encouraged to attend.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Mike Moore stated no schedule has been set yet for the paving of Menk Road but it should be coming up soon and will let the residents know.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None**ZONING HEARING BOARD – None****SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Yakopec stated that he was been charged with along with Michael Moore to draft a Data Center Ordinance. Yakopec stated the Ordinance is not presentable yet, but they have a rough draft and need to formulate it some more and it makes sense to attend the May meeting with TECfusion first before finishing up the Ordinance.



NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to purchase a new CAT 420-07 Backhoe Loader from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Inc. (Co Star vendor) in the amount of \$122,090.00 using the LSA Category 4 grant monies received.
- B. A motion was made by Brown seconded by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of March 2026.

11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,089,831.86
Receipts	103,613.17
Expenditures	136,641.34
Closing Balance	\$ 1,056,803.69

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,375.00
Receipts	756.90
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 2,131.90

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 6 02,060.56
Receipts	950.00
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 603,010.56

STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 241,108.09
Receipts	117,317.81
Expenditures	6,201.71
Closing Balance	\$ 352,224.19

Open to the Floor

Allen Uhler, Turkey Ridge Road, asked if there is a chance to get help from EQT with the roads. Uhler stated at last month's meeting he submitted information to the solicitor on Data Centers. Uhler asked if TECfusion applies prior to the May meeting what happens and he also stated the ordinance needs to be as stringent as possible. Supervisor Brown stated that he has really been looking into this, and he stated a lot of the information contradicts itself. Uhler started to go see the site in Virginia and Uhler also asked if the County had any involvement.

Mrs. Baxter, Irwin Drive asked what all have you found out to draft the ordinance. It was stated that the township has a draft ordinance and has been gathering information from other communities. Questions were asked where the water will come from, does a subdivision need done. Uhler asked if Protect PT has been of any help. Solicitor Yakopec stated he has a call in to Jim. Uhler also asked to consider a 180-day moratorium put in place within the ordinance.

Gene Symionof, Baxter Drive, stated that in the year 2029 it will be the 150th Anniversary of Upper Burrell Township and stated you may want to start now to get a celebration in place.

Marcella Moore, Lincoln Blvd., stated that there is a tree resting against the bridge in Lincoln Beach. Chief Pate stated he did see that and did contact PennDot Allegheny County. Marcella stated maybe



next time when discussing projects, you should mention the cost that may help put things in more prospective.

Chairman Walker introduced new Supervisor Scott Brown to the residents and stated that Scott is working very hard for the township.

Dan Myers, Barnview Drive, asked about the status of the property on Oak Lake Road, it was stated that a hearing is coming up next week.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 7:51 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



