



**Public Works and Engineering Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Alison G. Couch, Chairman
Michael W. Carraway, Vice Chairman
Member Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Commissioner James Allen
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Leanne Reece - Financial Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
County Staff
Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Couch called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was held at the prior meeting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was held at the prior meeting.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chair Couch declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) May 27, 2025

Member Duncan made a motion to approve May 27, 2025 minutes of the Public Works and Engineering Services Committee. Vice Chair Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Couch presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Deputy County Manager

(I1a1) Georgia Department of Transportation Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Pollard House Renovation Project Roadway-Drive Connection

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Georgia Department of Transportation Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Pollard House renovation project roadway-drive connection.

(I1b) Water Utility

(I1b1) Independent Contractor Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood LLC. for the Columbia County Water Utility Sewer Model Gaps Analysis & Harlem Sewer Model

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Independent Contractor Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood LLC for Water Utility sewer model gaps analysis and Harlem sewer model in the amount of \$80,000 511.5140.533060.

(I1b2) Award Bid 2025020-BID5100 and Contract to Blair Construction for the 2025 Water System Improvements Cleaning Program Phase I

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda award bid and contract to Blair Construction for the 2025 water system improvements cleaning program phase I in the amount of \$4,021,444.78; 57037.25.015.695.

(I1b3) Award Bid 2025021-BID5100 to Hi Tech Power Systems, Inc. for the Purchase of Generac Mobile Generators

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda award bid to Hi Tech Power Systems, Inc. for the purchase of generic mobile generators in the amount of \$101,101.47; 511.5135.601080.

(I1c) Engineering Services

(I1c1) Resolution 25-06 to Amend Jones Mill Phase III Street Light District (#2024.396A) and Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution 25-06 to amend Jones Mill Phase III Street Light District 2024.396A and Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power; \$271.80 205.2050.522080 and \$7,620 205.2050.522082.

(I1c2) Lighting Services Agreements with Georgia Power to install Safety Lights at Various Locations

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power to install safety lights at the intersections of Old Evans Road at Murray Lane, Evans to Locks at King Taylor Road and four Crosswalks on Panther Crossing at an upfront cost of \$28,031.40 and annual cost of \$3,908.64; 2342710.522080.20502.

(I1c3) Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power to Upgrade Street Lighting in Various Areas - Phase II

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power to upgrade 67 street lights at Chastain Place, 122 street lights at Bartram Trail, 104 street lights at High Meadows, 43 street lights at Hampton at Baldwin Lakes, 148 street lights at Tudor Branch, 24 street lights at Pinebluff, 69 street lights at Berkley Hills, 122 street lights at Crawford Creek, 230 street lights at Canterbury Farm and 1 safety light at Canterbury Farms in the amount of \$261,909.12; 205.2050.522080.

(I1c4) 2025 Annual Renewal of Columbia County's Title VI Plan relating to Federal Assistance for Transportation Programs and Activities

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the 2025 annual renewal of Columbia County's Title VI plan relating to federal assistance for transportation programs and activities.

(I1c5) Amendment #1 to Contract 2024-3013 with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, LLC for Construction Engineering & Inspection Services

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Amendment Number 1 with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, LLC for construction engineering and inspection services.

(I1c6) Contract# 2025-3255 with Thompson Building Wrecking Co. for Property Abatement, Demolition, and Removal Services for the Hereford Farm Road Widening Project

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Contract with Thompson Building Wrecking Co for property abatement, demolition and removal services for the Hereford Farm road widening project in the amount of \$88,600; 91306.27.050.975.

(I1c7) Contract #2025-3252 with Cranston, LLC to develop Landscaping Guidelines for County Roadway Medians and Shoulders

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the contract with

Cranston, LLC. to develop landscaping guidelines for county roadway median and shoulders in the amount of \$11,900; 2342720.533035.

(I1c8) Contract #2025-3250 with Goodwyn Mills and Cawood (GMC) for Stream and Wetland Mitigation Preliminary Site Assessment Services

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda contract with Goodwyn Mills and Cawood for stream and wetland mitigation preliminary site assessment services in the amount of \$14,250; \$7,125 511.5000.544007 and \$7,125 5215200.601100.

(I1c9) Acceptance of Easements for Greenpoint PCD, LLC

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of easements as shown on the plat from H&C Surveying, Inc. dated May 10, 2025, revised June 9, 2025 for Greenpoint PCD, LLC. contingent upon staff's approval.

(I1c10) Acceptance of Easement for Waffle House, Inc.

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of a sewer easement as shown on the plat from Augusta Land Surveying, LLC. dated May 13, 2025 and revised on May 15, 2025 for Waffle House, Inc.

(I1c11) National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) Agreement

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda National Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program Agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute.

(I1d) Other Committees

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. STAFF REPORTS

(K1) Water Utility

(K1a) Year to Date Budget Report

Water Utility Director Gordon presented the year-to-date budget report.

(K1b) Water and Sewer Construction Projects Report

Water Utility Director Gordon presented the water and sewer construction projects report.

(K2) Engineering Services

(K2a) Roadway Projects Report

Engineering Services Director Titus presented the roadway projects report.

(K2b) Roadway Resurfacing Report

Engineering Services Director Titus presented the roadway resurfacing report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

M. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Couch adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.



Alison G. Couch, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk