



**Public Works and Engineering Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Michael W. Carraway, Chairman
Jim M. Steed, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Connie Melear
Commissioner Alison G. Couch
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
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
County Staff
Members of the Media and Public

Member Douglas R. Duncan, Jr. absent

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carraway called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

Chairman Carraway declared a quorum with two members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) February 24, 2026

Vice Chair Steed made a motion to approve the February 24, 2026 minutes of the Public Works and Engineering Services Committee. Chairman Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Carraway presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Water Utility

(I1a1) Renewal Number 3 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for the Periodic Maintenance of Hydraulic Model for 2027

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Renewal Number 3 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for the periodic maintenance of hydraulic model for 2027 in the amount of \$18,000; 511.5125.601090.

(I1a2) Emergency repair of the 22H Vertical Turbine Pump

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda emergency repair of the 22H vertical turbine pump at the Blanchard Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$71,395; 511.5105.533060.

(I1a3) Encroachment Agreement with Atlanta Gas Light for the Euchee Creek Harlem Interceptor Project

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Encroachment Agreement with Atlanta Gas Light for the Euchee Creek Harlem Interceptor project.

(I1a4) Meter Reading Agreement with Jefferson Electric

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda a Meter Reading Agreement with Jefferson Electric in the amount of \$1,020; 511.5000.533035.

(I1b) Engineering Services

(I1b1) Proclaiming April 2026 as Safe Digging Month in Columbia County

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Proclaiming April 2026 as Safe Digging Month in Columbia County.

(I1b2) 2026 Amendments of the Columbia County Radar Permit for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda 2026 Amendments of the Columbia County Radar Permit and authorizing the Engineering Services Director to execute the final after all associated resubmittals and amendments are approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

(I1b3) Contract #2026-3470 with Mid State Construction & Stripeing, Inc for the FY 2025/2026 Safety Striping Project B

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and contract with Mid State Construction & Stripeing, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Safety Striping Project B in the amount of \$88,413.95; 2342710.522137.

(I1b4) Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with GDOT for the Installation of Right Turn Lanes on Wrightsboro Rd (SR 223) and Louisville Rd

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of right turn lanes at the intersection of Wrightsboro Road and Louisville Road.

(I1b5) Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with GDOT for Right Turn Lane Improvements on Washington Rd (SR104) from River Watch Pkwy to N. Belair Rd

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for right turn lane improvements on Washington Road from River Watch Parkway to N. Belair Road.

(I1b6) Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with GDOT for the Installation of "Welcome to Historic Appling" Gateway Signs on State Route 47 (US 221)

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Indemnification

and Hold Harmless Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of "Welcome to Historic Appling" gateway signs on State Route 47.

(I1b7) Project Framework Agreement with GDOT for PI 0021250 - Washington Rd Widening from William Few Pkwy to Tubman Rd

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Project Framework Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Washington Road widening from William Few Parkway to Tubman Road and authorizing the issuance of an additional \$2,031,120 purchase order to Pond & Company.

(I1b8) Bid #2026006-BID5200 and Contract #2026-3469 with Cajenn Construction & Rehabilitation Services for the 2026 Storm Water UV Lining Projects

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and contract to Cajenn Construction & Rehabilitation for the 2026 Storm Water UV lining project in the amount of \$95,659; 5215200.601100.

(I1b9) Acceptance of Improvements for Flex Space of Evans, LLC

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of improvements for Flex Space of Evans, LLC as shown on the plat by James Swift and Associates dated January 16, 2026 contingent upon staff's approval.

(I1c) 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 Water Utility 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

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Property A

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Property A.

(M2) Property B

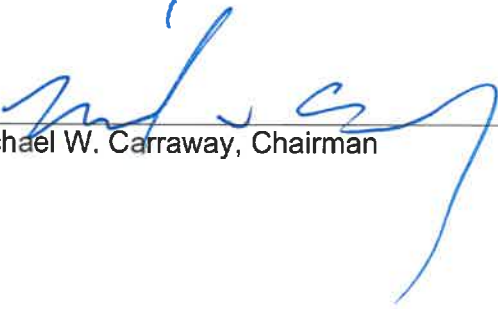
Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Property B.

(M3) Property C

Approved forwarding to the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Property C.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.



Michael W. Carraway, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk