



**Public Works and Engineering Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Gary L. Richardson, Chairman
Dewey G. Galeas, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
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 - Internal 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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to orders at 10:32 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

The Invocation was held at the previous committee meeting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the previous committee meeting.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Richardson declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) November 22, 2022

Vice Chairman Galeas made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 Public Works and Engineering Services Committee. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Water Utility

(I1a1) Agreement with Yancey Power System for main switchgear upgrades at the Jim Blanchard WTP

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an agreement

with Yancey Power System for main switchgear upgrades at the Jim Blanchard WTP.

(I1b) Engineering Services

(I1b1) PUBLIC HEARING regarding abandonment of John Deere Parkway Right-of-Way

At 10:35 a.m. the Chairman opened the public hearing. Shawn Smith of Cranston Engineering was available to answer any questions on behalf of John Deere. There being no public comment, the Chairman closed the hearing.

(I1b2) PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Establishment of Street Light Districts for Highland Lakes Sec 1C, River Island Sec 3 Ph 2C3, Somerset @ Williamsburg Ph 8, River Oaks Ph 2, Tillery Park 1A, Tillery Park 1B, and Crawford Creek Sec 10

At 10:42 a.m. Chairman Richardson opened the public hearing on the proposed street light districts for Highland Lakes Sec 1C, River Island Sec 3Ph2C3, Somerset at Williamsburg Ph8, River Oaks Ph2, Tillery Park 1A, Tillery Park 1b and Crawford Creek Sec 10. Having no public, the hearing was closed.

(I1b3) Resolution 22-41 through 22-47 to establish Street Light Districts in Highland Lakes Sec 1C, River Island Sec 3 Ph2C3, Somerset @ Williamsburg Ph 8, River Oaks Ph 2, Tillery Park 1A, Tillery Park 1B and Crawford Creek Sec 10.

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Debate Agenda Street Light Resolutions 22-41 Highland Lakes Sec 1C, 22-42 River Island Sec 3 Ph2C3, 22-43 Somerset at Williamsburg Ph8, 22-44 River Oaks Ph2, 22-45 Tillery Park 1A, 22-46 Tillery Park 1B and 22-47 Crawford Creek Sec 10 and authorization for Georgia Power to proceed with installation per their proposals.

(I1b4) Safety Lighting Proposals from Georgia Power to Provide Safety Lighting at the intersections of Tanner Ct @ Evans to Locks Rd, Blue Ridge Dr @ Blue Ridge Crossing, Tillery Park @ Baker Place Rd and William Few Parkway @ Euchee Creek Trail Crossing

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda safety lighting proposals from Georgia Power to provide safety lighting at the intersections of Tanner Court @ Evans to Locks Rd, Blue Ridge Dr @ Blue Ridge Crossing, Tillery Park @ Baker Place Rd and William Few Parkway @ Euchee Creek Trail Crossing.

(I1b5) Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power for the new Savannah Rapids Pavilion Upper Parking Lot Lighting

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the lighting services agreement with Georgia Power for the new Savannah Rapids Pavilion upper parking lot with an \$18,000 upfront cost and \$3,096 annual utility cost.

(I1b6) Bid# 2022042-Bid2710, Striping Contract with Peek Pavement Markings, LLC for River Watch Pkwy

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and striping contract to Peek Pavement Markings, LLC. for River Watch Parkway in the amount of \$111,646.35; 22315.32.015.

(I1b7) Change Order No. 1 with Reeves Construction Company for White Oak Business Park Road Extension, Phase 2

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda change order number 1 with Reeves Construction Company for White Oak Business Park Road Extension, Phase 2 in the amount of \$120,032.71; 1011510.544025.

(I1b8) 2023 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application with Georgia Department of Transportation

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda of the 2023 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application with Georgia Department of Transportation and

authorization for the Chairman to execute all required documents.

(I1b9) Construction Contract with ER Snell Contractor, Inc. for the Horizon South Pkwy (SR388) Widening Project, PI# 0008351, Bid 2022035-BID3313

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and construction contract with ER Snell Contractor, Inc. for the Horizon South Parkway Widening Project in the amount of \$22,312,902.86; 91309.24.015.

(I1b10) Independent Contractor Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an independent contractor agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services at the Bill Dorn Road site in the amount of \$8,900; 22520.32.090.

(I1b11) Adoption of the updated Columbia County Engineering Division Construction Standard Specifications and Details

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda updated Columbia County Engineering Division Construction Standard Specifications and Details.

(I1b12) Acceptance of Improvements for Lot 6 at Gateway Square (Parcel 062 2923)

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of improvements to include the sanitary sewer system and the permanent utility easement for Lot 6 at Gateway Square parcel 062 2923 associated with these improvements as specified and depicted on a plat for Lot 6 at Gateway Square prepared by James G. Swift and Associates dated November 09, 2022.

(I1b13) Acceptance for Improvements for Highland Lakes Sec III

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda acceptance of improvements for Highland Lakes Sec III to include the road, storm, water and sewer systems along with the right of way and easements associated with these improvements as specified and depicted on a plat prepared by H&C Surveying, Inc. dated November 08, 2022 with a two year warranty period from the date of written acceptance as the as built drawings contingent upon staff's approval.

(I1b14) Acceptance of Improvements for Hickory Woods Subdivision in the City of Harlem

Approved forwarding to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of improvements for Hickory Woods Subdivision in the City of Harlem to include the water and sanitary sewer systems and the easements associated with these improvements along with acceptance of the fee simple dedication of parcel shown as 231 Black Oak Drive as specified and depicted on a plat prepared by Echols Surveying & Construction Services dated October 24, 2022 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 year to date Water Utility budget report.

(K1b) Water and Sewer Construction Projects Report

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

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Personnel, (M1a) Personnel A and (M2a) Property A

Member Duncan made a motion to forward to the December 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Personnel A and Property A. Vice Chairman Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 a.m. Chairman Richardson adjourned the meeting.

Signature on File

Gary L. Richardson, Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk