



**Public Works and Engineering Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Gary L. Richardson, Chairman
Alison G. Couch, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Connie 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
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

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:37 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) June 27, 2023

Vice Chairman Couch made motion to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes of the Public Works and Engineering Services Committee. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Richardson presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

(G1) Proclamation recognizing Melvin Gibson for 50 years of service to Columbia County

Chairman Richardson presented a proclamation to Melvin Gibson for his 50 years of service to Columbia County.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Deputy County Manager

(I1a1) The Market Change Order 001

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda change order number 001 for The Market in the amount of \$256,419.87; 17151.37.015.

(I1a2) Rejection of the Bid #2023017-BID2720 for the Construction of Columbia County Fire Rescue 2 Replacement

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the rejection of bid number 2023017-BID2720 for the construction of Columbia County Fire Rescue 2 replacement.

(I1a3) Encroachment Agreements with River Gate Development, LLC. for Tax Map 071 Parcels 144, 143, 142, 141, 140, 139, 138 & 137

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the encroachment agreements with River Gate Development LLC. for tax map 071 parcels 144, 143, 142, 141, 140, 139, 138 & 137.

(I1b) Water Utility

(I1b1) Proposal to purchase X-8 Hydro Excavator from P&H Supply Company

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the proposal to purchase an X-8 Hydro Excavator from P&H Supply Company in the amount of \$535,655; 511.5125.601081.

(I1b2) Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC to Evaluate the Hydraulic Capacity of Jim Blanchard WTP

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC to evaluate the hydraulic capacity of Jim Blanchard WTP in the amount of \$56,000; 511.5105.533001.

(I1b3) Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC to Determine our Wastewater Pretreatment Limit

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC to determine our wastewater pretreatment limit in the amount of \$28,300; 511.5115.533001.

(I1b4) Removal of Mechanical Manager Charles Williams Category C Auto Allowance

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the removal of mechanical manager Charles Williams Category C auto allowance.

(I1b5) Adding a Cell Phone Allowance to Position Number 1838, Heavy Equipment Operator

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda adding a cell phone allowance to position number 1838, Heavy Equipment Operator.

(I1b6) Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC Periodic Maintenance of Hydraulic Model

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with GMC for periodic maintenance of hydraulic model in the amount of \$18,000; 511.5125.601090.

(I1c) Engineering Services

(I1c1) Reclassifying Winfield Hills Road to a Collector Road

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the reclassifying of Winfield Hills Road to a collector road.

(I1c2) Resolution 23-37 to Increase the Speed Limit on Knob Hill Farm Rd

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution 23-37 to increase the speed limit on Knob Hill Farm Road from 25 to 30 miles per hour.

(I1c3) Resolution 23-43 to Amend Fairfax St Street Light District (SD-102E)

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution 23-43 to amend Fairfax Street Light District, SD-102E and authorize Georgia Power to add one additional street light on a new pole and bill the county accordingly.

(I1c4) Purchase of Wetland and Stream Mitigation Credits from Yam Grandy Wetland & Stream Mitigation Bank for the Hardy McManus Rd Widening Project, PI# 0013704

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of wetland and stream mitigation credits from Yam Grandy Wetland & Stream Mitigation Bank for the Hardy McManus Road widening project in the amount of \$579,190; 91308.27.015.

(I1c5) Change Order 2 with Beam's Contracting for Flowing Wells Rd Widening

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda change order number 2 with Beam's contracting for Flowing Wells Road Widening in the amount of \$254,993.90; 91311.24.015.

(I1c6) Acceptance of Improvements and Permanent Easement for Pumpkin Center Properties, LLLP

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of improvements and permanent easement for Pumpkin Center Properties, LLLP to include the new sanitary sewer system and associated easements along the abandonment of the portion of existing system and associated easements as shown on the Easement Plat prepared for Pumpkin Center Properties, LLLP by H&C Surveying Inc dated May 30, 2023.

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 project report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

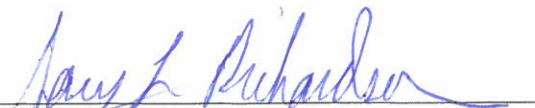
(M1) Property

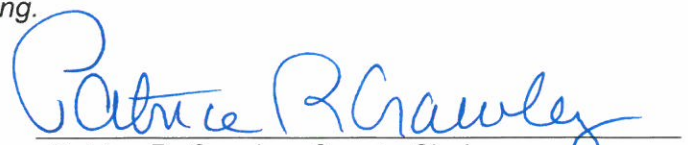
(M1a) Property A

Approved forwarding to the August 01, 2023 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Property A.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 a.m. Chairman Richardson adjourned the meeting.


Gary L. Richardson, Chairman


Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk