



**Public Works and Engineering Services Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Tuesday, October 24, 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 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  
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 8:34 a.m.*

**B. INVOCATION**

*The Invocation was held at the prior Committee Meeting.*

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the prior 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) September 26, 2023**

*Vice Chairman Couch made a motion to approve the September 26, 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**

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. DEBATE AGENDA**

**(I1) New Business**

**(I1a) Engineering Services**

**(I1a1) Independent Contractor Agreement with The Development Group for Abatement and Demolition of Remaining Structures on the Furrys Ferry Road Widening Project**

*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with The Development Group for abatement and demolition of a shed off parcel 0771024 and an abandoned mobile home off parcel 077122 in the amount of \$47,336.40; 91312.24.050.*

**(I1a2) Independent Contractor Agreement with Ardurra for the Chastain Place Turn Lane Project**  
*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with Ardurra for the Chastain Place turn lane project in the amount of \$84,900; 91332.22.010.*

**(I1a3) Agreement with the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. for Water Level Monitoring associated with the Lakeside Park 319(h) Grant Project**  
*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an agreement with the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. for water level monitoring associated with the Lakeside Park 319(h) grant project in the amount of \$5,750; 5215200.601100.*

**(I1a4) Independent Contractor Agreement with Benesch for the Euchee Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail Project**  
*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with Benesch for the Euchee Creek Greenway multi-use trail project in the amount of \$53,775; 22420.32.010.*

**(I1a5) Acceptance of permanent easement from River Island Property Owners Association, Inc., parcel 081237 and Blackstone Investors, LLC., parcel 081002C for sidewalk improvements along Blackstone Camp Road.**  
*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of permanent easement from River Island Property Owners Association, Inc. parcel 081237 and Blackstone Investors, LLC. parcel 081002C for sidewalk improvements along Blackstone Camp Road.*

#### **(I1b) 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.*

**L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION**  
*Chairman Richardson recognized the Columbia County Leadership participant.*

### **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

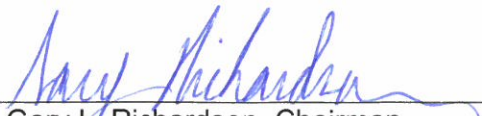
**(M1) Property**  
*Approved forwarding to the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners Executive Session Agenda Property A and Property B.*

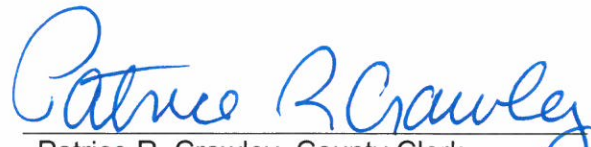
#### **(M1a) Property A**

**(M1b) Property B**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.*

  
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Gary L. Richardson, Chairman

  
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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk