

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**Special Called Meeting**

***April 12, 2019***

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Rodger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer - Vice Chairman met in a Special Called Meeting at 10:00 am on Friday, April 12, 2019 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Lee Newberry – County Attorney, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director and Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director, Majority Leader Jon Burns, Representative Bill Hitchens, Senator Jack Hill, Mrs. Ann Purcell, Mr. L.N. Manchi, Mr. Mark Lastinger and Mr. Todd Long (*on the phone*)

**I - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Corbitt called the Special Meeting to order at approximately 10:12 am.

**II - INVOCATION**

Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

**III - PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The Pledge was sounded in unison.

**IV - AGENDA APPROVAL**

Vice Chairman Kieffer made a motion to approve the agenda as read.

Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman recognized the legislative leaders in attendance: Majority Leader Burns, Senator Hill, Representative Hitchens and Mrs. Ann Purcell.

**V - DISCUSSION**

**DISCUSSION ON THE EFFINGHAM PARKWAY (01):**

Mr. L.N. Manchi with Moreland Altobelli gave an overview of the proposed changes with Effingham Parkway. The cost of concrete has increased over the years from approximately seventy (\$70.00) dollars per square foot to one hundred ten (\$110.00) dollars per square foot (*based on cost estimate, non-published*). The revised project cost has escalated over the past couple of years

from \$44 million to \$58 million. The increase is mostly related to the six (6) bridges designed for this project to avoid wetland impact and GDOT unit cost.

It was noted the right of way acquisition phase is at approximately fifty-five (55%) percent and engineering is at approximately seventy-five (75%) percent. The earliest let date is July 2020, latest being January 2021. The wetland cost is approximately \$17,000 - \$18,000 per wetland credit resulting in a total cost of \$3.4 million. The wetland acreage is approximately ten (10) acres.

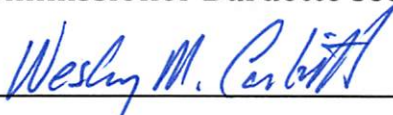
Options for reduction in construction cost were: to reduce bridge lengths or remove bridges which would allow for additional wetland impacts and realign & redesign. The Board was not interested in the changes or delay of the construction. Mr. Manchi also conveyed the risk of design changes, including disapproval of the practical alternatives review process, risk of potential minimal cost in reduction due to delays and higher preliminary engineering cost to the county.

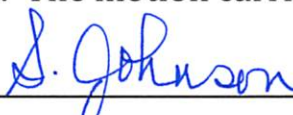
There were a few questions about of Mr. Manchi by the Board related to wetland credits, project completion cost and vendor requirements.

#### VI - ADJOURNMENT

At 11:14 am, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

  
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Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk