School Board eyes $7 million WCMS renovations

by Erin Harrison

Renovations at Worth County Middle School was the main topic at a 3-hour School Board work session last week.

This work session was to hear presentations from three different contracting companies to bid on overseeing this site.

Worth County Board of Education held a called meeting on Nov 2. The only topic on the agenda was the renovation of Worth County Middle School. The Board heard presentations from three different contracting companies to bid on overseeing this site.

This is a remodel of 139,754 sq ft of Worth County Middle School in a time frame of 5 months, with a budget of $7 million. The remodel is planned to take place in Spring 2027 and to be completed prior to school starting in August 2027.

BARBER CONTRACTING

According to their presentation, Barber Contracting has worked within 16 school districts. They have an estimated network of 1200 subcontractors with 500 being within our region. Within the last 3 years, they have worked 5 jobs in Worth County.

Cecil Barber with Barber Contracting states he and his team are "remodeling specialist."

Their approach to working around building occupancies is by having nighttime and weekend labor from March-May to complete the project by August 2nd, 2027.

He also stated his team would use fencing and lock-offs to keep construction areas secure and to limit noise and dust in the work areas. Nighttime work would be cleaned and the area presentable for the next days school use.

The company states they have no other large projects currently for the same time frame as this remodel. When asked why they should be chosen, John Barber, Project Manager, says, "we are a 4 generation, family-owned business. We are on the job every day to oversee productivity. We are hands-on, every step of the way. There is no job that is too small. We are remodeling specialist with over 87% of our jobs being remodel jobs."

JCI

The second presentation was by JCI Contractors out of Moultrie. They have been in business for 37 years. Over 90 of their projects have been on K-12 Campuses with campus occupied construction.

Their approach is to utilize local subcontractors and be familiar with local landscape and daily activities. Jack Loyd, Vice President, said they do offer some self-performing jobs such as masonry and concrete. This means they can do those jobs themselves and without hiring sub-contractors.

Loyd said to be fair to other subcontractors who may place bids, they submit their bids with a 48-hour approach prior to open bidding for transparency and to eliminate any foresight of other bidders' money.

If the remodel of the middle school began in April, this would be 119 days of construction and would also require night work.

They would work at the school in phases. Phase 1 would be the 3 annex buildings from April 1st-30th, phase 2 would be the 6th grade wing working from May 1st-20th. Phase 3 would be the final phase of all other areas beginning May 21st with estimated completion before school started in August.

Before the presentation concluded, Ashby Autry, Director of Marketing, did bring attention to this being the 9th year of their Skills Challenges that are held at Southern Regional. She stated JCI supports our students and work-based learning programs that are partnered with JCI through our school system. She also states there are 476 kids signed up for this event with 30 of them being from Worth County Highschool.

PARRISH CONSTRUCTION

The last presentation was Parrish Construction. Britt Sutton, Director of Business Development, and Jeremy Bennett, COO, are no strangers to Worth County and our schools. Their team has been working on projects in our school system since 2016 when there was HVAC work done at our Middle School. They also worked within WCPS in 2017, and within WCHS and CTAE in 2018. Their approach is regular working hours with limited nighttime and weekend work. They would begin with the unoccupied pods during school times and move productivity to the other wings of the school in the summer. If hired, they would like to begin site-work as early as March to allow the allotted time for the project to be completed by early August 2027. Mr. Bennett says, "Daytime operations deliver best values and best quality of work. You don't want to come to work the next day to hear about things that happened while you weren't here, and you don't want the expenses of overtime and shift differentials for nighttime workers."

Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love debut new shirt for chemo patients

The Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love are partnering with the Phoebe Cancer Center Boutique to fund port shirts for all newly diagnosed chemotherapy patients.

The initiative reflects a shared commitment to providing comfort, dignity, and compassionate support throughout cancer care.

Chemo port shirts are specially designed with discreet access points that allow nurses to reach a patient's port without requiring them to fully undress.

The shirts make treatments more comfortable, more convenient, and less stressful for patients.

Providing one at diagnosis ensures patients are prepared for treatment from the very beginning.

Every dollar raised through our donors and Lights of Love supporters goes directly toward helping local cancer patients.

For someone newly diagnosed, a port shirt may seem like a small gesture, but it can make a meaningful difference in their comfort and experience throughout treatment.

The generosity of our community is making an immediate, tangible impact in the lives of our neighbors, and that is the true power of giving," said Parker Douglas, Director of the Phoebe Foundation.

By providing port shirts at no cost, the Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love are taking away one additional financial burden for patients and families already facing a great deal.

Funds raised through Phoebe Foundation donors and Lights of Love supporters directly benefit local cancer patients, and every donation helps improve the experience of those receiving care close to home. This initiative is just one example of community generosity, making an immediate difference for neighbors.

"This donation demonstrates the power of community philanthropy in enhancing the patient experience. It reinforces our commitment to treating every patient with compassion, dignity, and respect. We are deeply grateful to the donors and supporters who made this possible," said Lori Nurmi, Phoebe Director of Clinical Oncology.

The Phoebe Cancer Center Boutique offers a multitude of services for cancer patients and survivors, including mastectomy care, wigs, hats, and scarves, and compression and support wear. Call 229-312-0042 to make an appointment with the boutique.

This year's Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony at the Phoebe Cancer will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

If you'd like to make a Lights of Love donation in honor or memory of someone, visit www.lights-of-love.org or call 1-877-312-4483.

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WORTH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CHARLES BROWN, Plaintiff, vs. LYDIA S. BROWN, Defendant. Civil Action No. 26CV0083

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION

To: LYDIA S. BROWN, By order of the Court for Service by Publication dated the October 13, 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of May, 2026, CHARLES HOOVER, filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher A. Flowers, at P.O. Box 70875, Albany, Ga. 31708 an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the 13th day of October, 2026. You are advised that a hearing has been scheduled for December 15, 2026 at 09:30 a.m. before the Honorable Melanie B. Cross. Further, you are advised that you have the right to appear at said hearing. WITNESS, the Honorable Melanie B. Cross Judge of Worth County Superior Court. This the 28th day of October, 2026.

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Worth County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: 231 Hwy 300 Warwick, GA 31796.

Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 11-25-26

Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 201 N Main St. Sylvester, GA 31791

Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

Vehicle Make: Honda Year: 2002 Model: Civic Vehicle ID#: 1HGES15572L031601 Vehicle License #: SCY0246 State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #: 26-0724AV

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet Year: 2013 Model: Malibu Vehicle ID#: 1G11E5SA2DF171143 Vehicle License #: 50DPER State: FL
Magistrate Court Case #: 26-0729AV

Vehicle Make: Ford Year: 1992 Model: Explorer Vehicle ID#: 1FMCU22X1NUC49619 Vehicle License #: SLU7518 State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #: 26-0728AV

Vehicle Make: Buick Year: 1999 Model: LeSabre Vehicle ID#: 1G4HP52K2XH457037 Vehicle License #: YNJ279 State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #: 26-0725AV

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a)(2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at 231 Hwy 300 Warwick, GA 31796.

The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: Ford Year: 2013 Model: F150 Vehicle ID #: 1FTFW1CF1DFD22292 Vehicle License #: YLU064 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Cadillac Year: 2006 Model: DTS Vehicle ID #: 1G6KD57Y76U103684 Vehicle License #: XEU430 State: GA

Vehicle Make: GMC Year: 2017 Model: Terrain Vehicle ID #: 2GKFLUEKXH6199830 Vehicle License #: CWR9536 State: GA

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

ABC Wrecker & Recovery LLC
PO Box 120
Warwick, GA 31796

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CITY OF POULAN, GEORGIA FY 2025 (LRA), 2026 (LMIG & LRA), & 2027 LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) SWE PROJECT #25-3587 LEVELING AND RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO: CHURCH STREET

Separate, sealed Bids will be received for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the installation of Leveling and Resurfacing Improvements to Church Street located in the City of Poulan, Georgia. All improvements will be funded by the city's Fiscal Year 2025 (LRA), 2026 (LMIG & LRA), and 2027 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG). Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 pm (local time), Thursday, November 19, 2026, at which time bids will be opened and read.

The meeting will be held at the City of Poulan Council Room located at 208 West Broad Street, Poulan, Georgia 31781 and will be opened to the public. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the attention of Shanna Entrekin, City Clerk for the City of Poulan at P.O. Box 69 or 204 Hunton Street SW, Poulan, Georgia 31781. Proposals received after the designated time will not be considered. The City of Poulan may select a successful low bidder after evaluation of all bids.

The Scope of Work Includes:

Leveling and Resurfacing Improvements to Church Street from Tabernacle Street to Flint Street (0.715 Miles)

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in favor of the City of Poulan in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the lump sum bid for the complete work: such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded a Contract, will promptly enter into a Contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bonds as provided by the law and approved by the Attorney for the City of Poulan Performance Bond shall be equal to 100 Percent (100%) of the contract amount and Payment Bond shall be equal to 100 percent (100%) of the Contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Poulan, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the Contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the Contract.

All work on the project must be completed within 90 consecutive calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Copies of the specifications may be obtained from Statewide Engineering, Inc., 516 East Ashley Street, Douglas, Georgia 31533, 912-384-7723 for $100.00 per set for full printed specifications or $50.00 for email PDF version (non-refundable). Specifications are also on file (for view only) at the City of Poulan City Hall. All Bidders must receive a bid package from the engineer to be considered certified. Bids from non-certified Bidders will not be considered.

The Contractor shall be a current "Prequalified Contractor" with the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Contract Administration or shall be approved in writing prior to bid being opened by the owner. A copy of the Contractor's "Notice of Contractor Qualification" as issued by the Georgia Department of Transportation or a copy of an approval letter from the owner must be submitted with the bid.

The Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2021 Edition, any applicable

Supplemental Specifications, 2024 Edition, or any applicable Special Provisions, contained within this contract will be applicable to this project. All materials, workmanship, testing, etc. shall meet the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

The Owner reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive informalities, and to accept any Bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner has the right to add or to delete from the Contract once it has been awarded. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of the bids.

City of Poulan, Georgia
By:
Mayor Robert Greer

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GEORGIA,
WORTH COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of **GLENDA CARR BRAGG** deceased, late of WORTH County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This **29th** day of **October, 2026**.

CLANCY KATHLEEN BRAGG GILROY

Personal Representative for the Estate of

GLENDA CARR BRAGG, deceased

605 Mountclaire Dr. Cumming, GA 30041

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

All interested persons are hereby notified, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Section 36-37-6, that the Sylvester City Council will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the property described below. The bids will be accepted until 5:00 o'clock p.m., on November 27, 2026. All bids should be delivered to Markesha C. Bivens, Sylvester City Hall, 101 North Main Street, Sylvester, Georgia 31791, or by mail to Markesha C. Bivens, Sylvester City Clerk, P.O Box 370, Sylvester, Georgia 31791. All bids will be opened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on November 30, 2026, in the City Council Chambers. The property is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying being in Original Land Lot No. 359 in the 7th Land District of Worth County, and in Block 189 in the City of Sylvester, Georgia, said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the point where the east margin of the street designated as Albany Avenue intersects with the north margin of the right of way of Franklin Street (US Highway 82); thence go north 1 degree 59 minutes west along the east margin of the right of way of said Albany Avenue a distance of 153.8 feet to the point of beginning for the tract herein described. From said point of beginning, go thence North 1 degree 59 minutes west along the east margin of the right of way of said Albany Avenue a distance of 58 feet to a point; thence go North 88 degrees 1 minute east a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence go South 1 degree 59 minutes east a distance of 58 feet to a point; thence go South 88 degrees 1 minute west a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning; all according to a plat of survey entitled, "Plat of Survey for Thomas W. Lawhorne", prepared by G.E. Warren, Registered Surveyor on August 11, 1981, a copy of said plat shown recorded in Plat Book 20, page 66, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Worth County, Georgia, which plat is by reference incorporated herein.

Being the same property described as Tract 1 in the Quitclaim Deed of Gift from Lawhorne Properties, LLC to City of Sylvester dated October 17, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 1058, Page 25, aforesaid public records.

All bids should be stated in terms of a lump sum. The City will deliver a quitclaim deed to the purchaser. The Sylvester City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel the sale.

Please direct any questions to Chris Davis, Sylvester City Manager, City of Sylvester, at 229-776-8505.

This 2nd day of November, 2026.

Lester M. Castellow
City Of Sylvester, City Attorney
P.O. Box 190
Moultrie, GA 31776
229-985-1213, phone
229-890-1314, fax

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, WORTH COUNTY
Re: Estate of Leeo Deal

All creditors of the Estate of Leeo Deal, deceased, late of Worth County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned executrix.

This the 11th day of November, 2026.

Lisa H. Deal
Executrix, Estate of Leeo Deal
102 West King Street, Apt. 102
Sylvester, Georgia 31791

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD NOBLES, JR., late of Worth County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 6th day of November 2026.

Donald (Bo) E. Strickland, Jr.,
Attorney for Charles E. Nobles, Sr., Executor of the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD NOBLES, JR.
GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE & WILSON, LLP
P.O. Drawer 71788
Albany, Georgia 31708-1788
229-883-2441

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http://GeorgiaPublicNotice.com

Tearsheets are also available on the website for all legal notices.