

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 13, 2026

SUBJECT:

Schematic Design Plans and Preliminary Budget for the Aiken High School Batting Cages and Improvements

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The administration has completed the scope of needs for the Aiken High School batting cages and improvements. The architectural firm Method Works Architecture has utilized this scope to produce schematic design plans and a preliminary budget for the project. The estimated construction budget is \$550,000. The overall budget includes design and inspection fees for a total of \$591,100. The scope of work includes new baseball and softball batting cages, baseball bleachers, and baseball scorer's tower improvements. This project will use 2014 1% funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The architects will present the schematic design narrative and design for the Aiken High School batting cages and improvements. Preliminary construction cost estimates and architectural plans will also be distributed for the Board's review and approval at the board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Aiken High School batting cages and improvements as presented by Method Works Architecture for consent. The total budget needed is \$591,100 using 2014 1% funds.

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Aiken High School Batting Cages & Improvements SCHEMATIC DESIGN



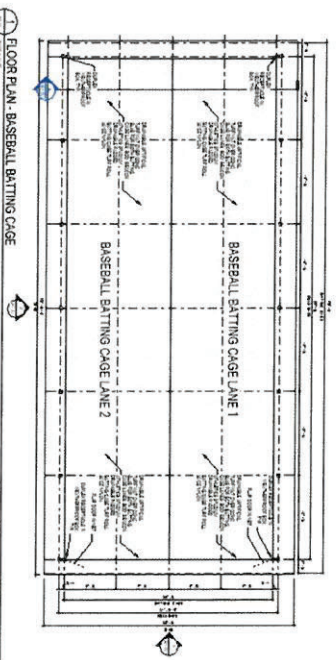
PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW



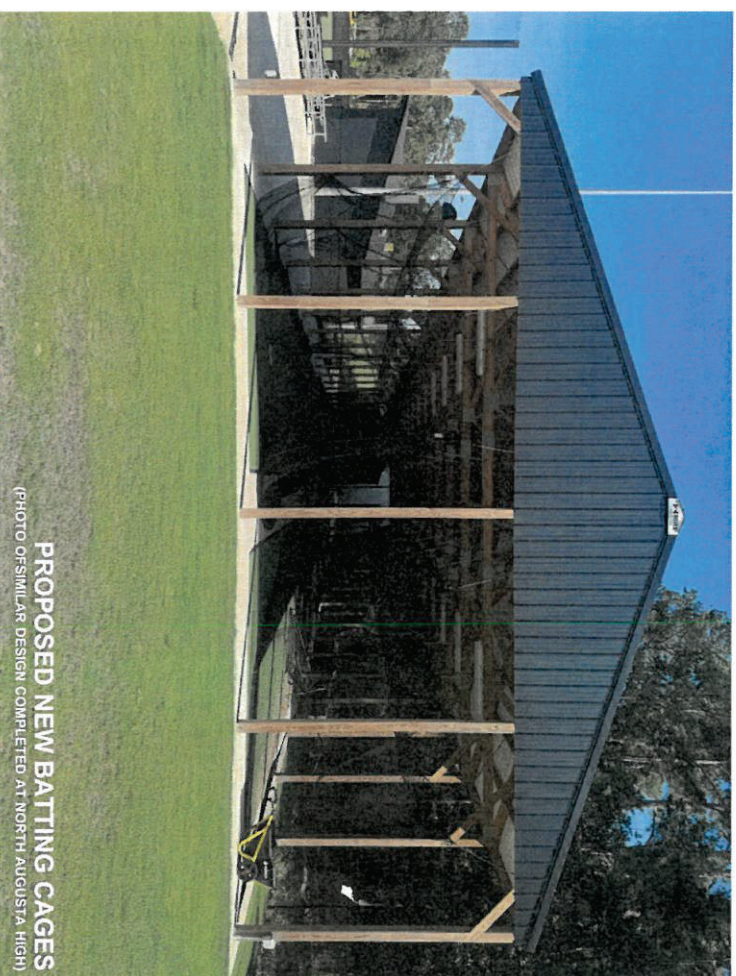
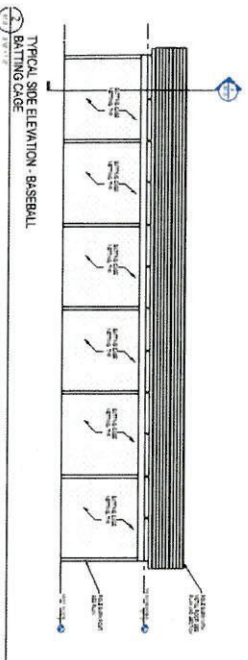
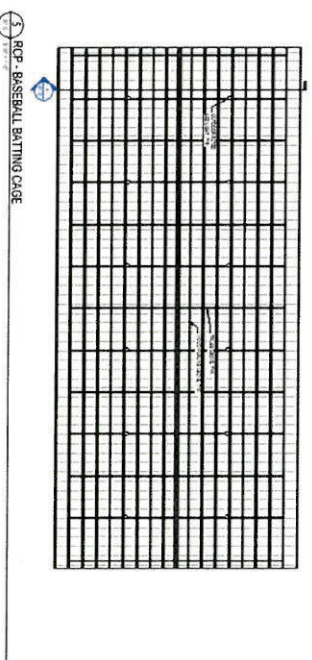
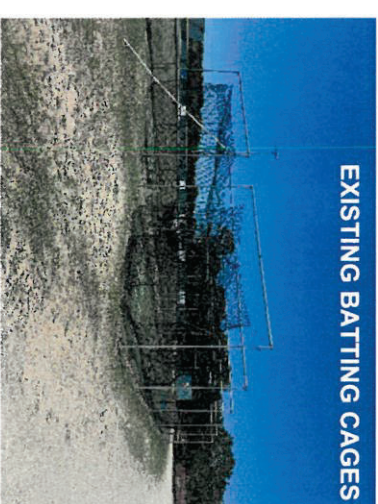
KEY

- 1 - NEW DOUBLE-LANE BASEBALL BATTING CAGE WITH POLE BARN COVER
- 2 - PAVED ADA PARKING PAD AND SIDEWALK TO BLEACHERS
- 3 - NEW BASEBALL BLEACHERS
- 4 - NEW BASEBALL BLEACHERS
- 5 - SCORING TOWER – NEW EXTERIOR STAIR; REMOVE INTERIOR LADDER TO 2ND FLOOR
- 6 - NEW DOUBLE-LANE SOFTBALL BATTING CAGE WITH POLE BARN COVER
- 7 - NEW PRE-ENGINEERED STORAGE SHED

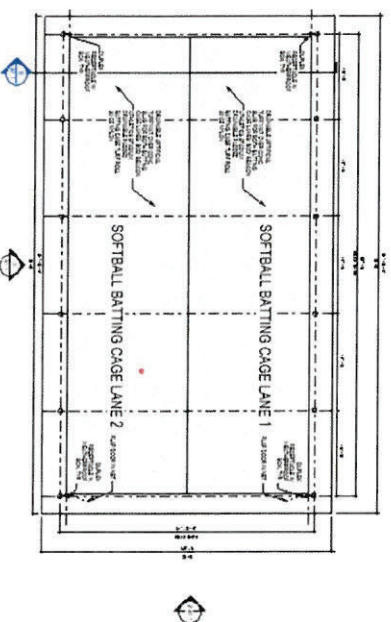
BASEBALL BATTING CAGE



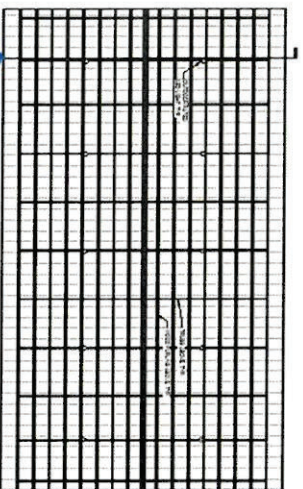
- NEW 55' LONG DUAL-LANE BATTING CAGE TO REPLACE EXISTING
- CONCRETE FLOOR SLAB WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF MATTING
- PRE-ENGINEERED POLE BARN ROOF COVERING
- OVERHEAD LIGHTS AND CONVENIENCE RECEPTACLES



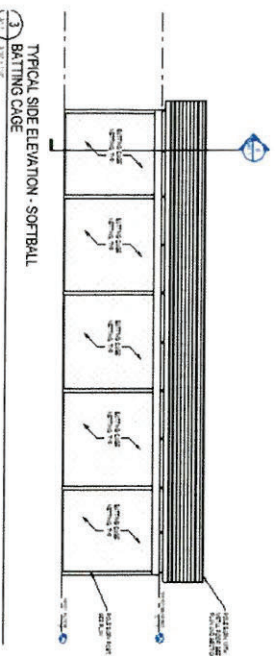
SOFTBALL BATTING CAGE



1 FLOOR PLAN - SOFTBALL BATTING CAGE

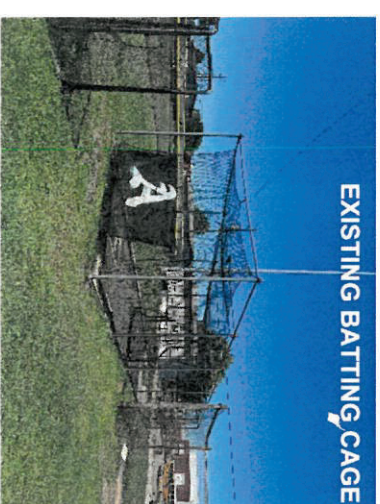


2 RCP - SOFTBALL BATTING CAGE

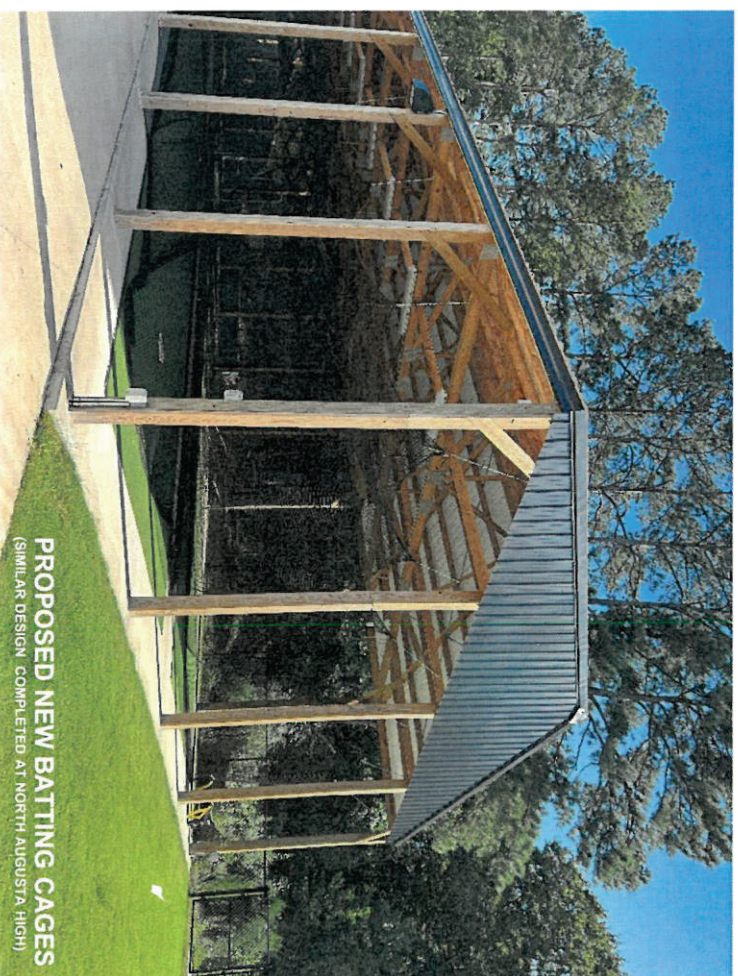


3 TYPICAL SIDE ELEVATION - SOFTBALL BATTING CAGE

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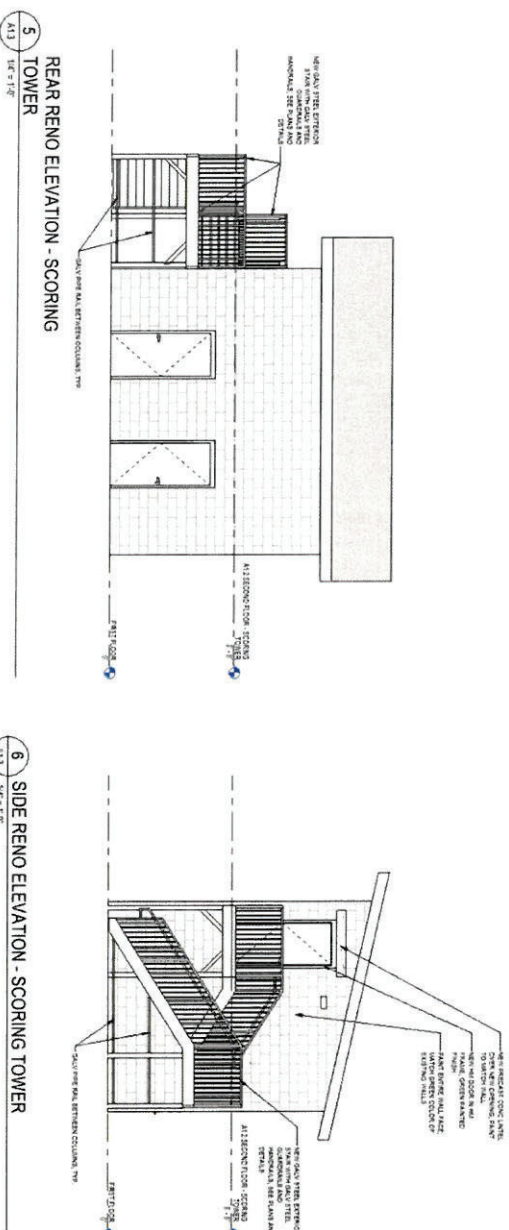


EXISTING BATTING CAGE



PROPOSED NEW BATTING CAGES
(SIMILAR DESIGN COMPLETED AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH)

BASEBALL SCORING TOWER



- NEW EXTERIOR STAIR AND NEW DOOR TO ACCESS 2ND FLOOR OF THE EXISTING SCORING TOWER
- REMOVAL OF EXISTING INTERIOR SHIP'S LADDER TO 2ND FLOOR; ACCESS HOLE IN FLOOR TO BE FILLED IN
- MINOR ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING WORK
- MINOR CONCRETE WORK & FOOTINGS FOR NEW STAIR

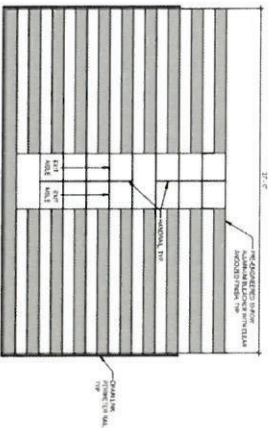


EXISTING BASEBALL SCORING TOWER



RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED STAIR AT SOFTBALL SCORING TOWER
(NEW STAIR AT BASEBALL TO BE SIMILAR)

BASEBALL BLEACHERS



PLAN AT PRE-ENGINEERED BASEBALL BLEACHERS

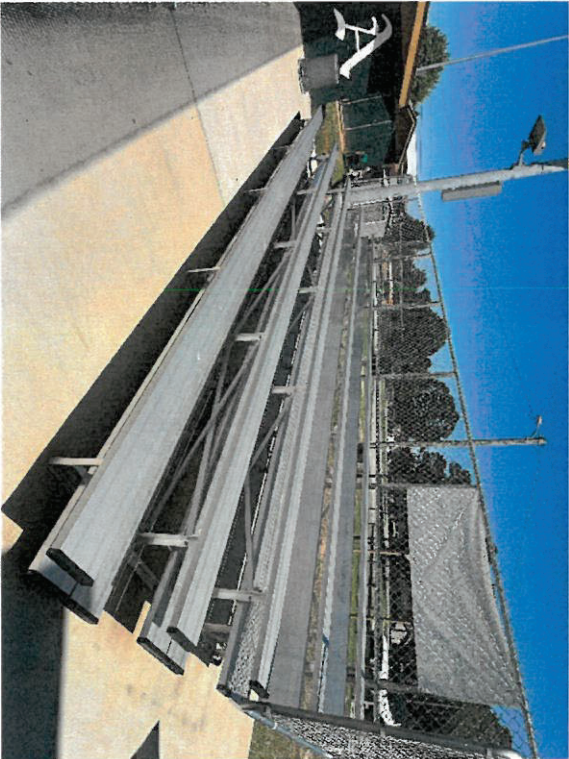
- GENERAL NOTES - PRE-ENGINEERED BLEACHERS:**
- BASIS OF DESIGN FOR PRE-ENGINEERED BLEACHERS: BSN SPORTS - ALUMINUM, NRS VIP BLEACHER
 - 27' LENGTH; 10 ROW; 144 SEATS; 4.5' CENTER AISLE WITH RAILS
 - CLOSED RISERS ON EACH ROW
 - PERIMETER FENCE RAILING
 - BLEACHERS SHALL BE PRE-ENGINEERED FOR STRUCTURAL AND CODE COMPLIANCE BY THE BLEACHER MANUFACTURER
 - BLEACHERS SHALL BE PLACED ON EXISTING CONCRETE SLABS IN SAME LOCATION AS EXISTING DETACHED BLEACHERS
 - BLEACHERS SHALL BE ANCHORED TO THE CONCRETE SLAB PER BLEACHER MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS/INSTRUCTIONS



- NEW PRE-ENGINEERED HOME AND AWAY SIDE ALUMINUM BLEACHERS TO REPLACE EXISTING BLEACHERS
- 144 SEAT COUNT; 27' OVERALL LENGTH BLEACHER
- EXISTING CONCRETE SLABS UNDER BLEACHERS TO REMAIN

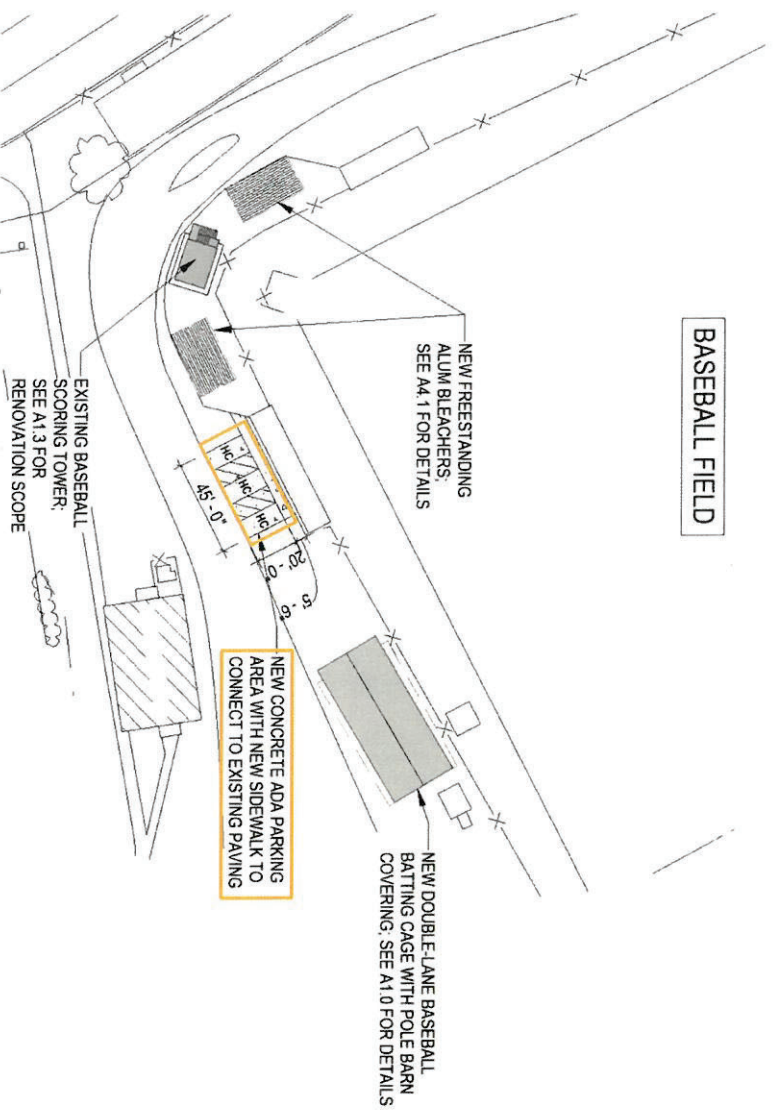


EXISTING BASEBALL BLEACHERS



PROPOSED NEW BLEACHER TYPE
(PHOTO OF SIMILAR UNIT RECENTLY COMPLETED AT SOFTBALL; BASEBALL UNITS TO BE SAME TYPE BUT LARGER)

BASEBALL ADA PARKING



- **NEW PAVED ADA PARKING AREA AT BASEBALL**
- **SIDEWALK TO CONNECT PARKING PAD WITH EXISTING CONCRETE PAD AROUND BLEACHERS**



EXISTING SITE – LOCATION OF NEW PARKING PAD

PROJECT BUDGET



AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL - BATTING CAGES & IMPROVEMENTS		
SCHEMATIC DESIGN PROJECT COST WORKSHEET		10.13.26
ESTIMATED PROJECT HARD COSTS		
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION		
New Baseball Bleachers	\$	95,000
Baseball ADA Parking	\$	35,000
Baseball Batting Cage & Pole Barn Covering	\$	140,000
Softball Batting Cage & Pole Barn Covering	\$	135,000
Storage Building	\$	30,000
Scoring Tower Stair, Interior Modifications, and new Sound System	\$	90,000
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATED COST	\$	525,000
CONTINGENCIES		
Construction Contingency	\$	25,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED HARD COSTS	\$	550,000
ESTIMATED PROJECT SOFT COSTS		
Third Party Inspections and Fees	\$	10,100
Professional Services A/E Fees	\$	31,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED SOFT COSTS	\$	41,100
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$	591,100

PROJECT STATUS & SCHEDULE

- Schematic Design and initial pricing by the General Contractor is complete.
- Pending Board approval today, the project is ready to proceed with Construction Drawing completion.
- Projected construction duration of approximately 3-4 months.
- Anticipated project completion in Jan/Feb 2027 to be ready for upcoming Baseball & Softball season.