



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
Commissioner Alison G. Couch
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
County Staff

Chairman Duncan joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.
Vice Chairman Melear was not present.

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Couch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Skinner gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Commissioner Couch declared a quorum with three Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) May 21, 2024

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Addition of Item I3a Resolution Number 24-35 Creating and Activating the Greater Augusta Joint Development Authority; Providing for the Membership of the Authority; Providing a Restriction of the Operation of the Authority and Related Matters

County Manager Johnson requested to add Item I3a to the agenda. Commissioner Couch presented the agenda with the requested addition.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Columbia County Fire Rescue 2024 Boot Drive Check Presentation to Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections

Chief Willis presented checks from the 2024 Boot Drive Proceeds to the Burn Foundation and Community Connections.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Senior Center Donation

Approved a Senior Center donation in the amount of \$375; 2250301.433019.01717.

(H1b) UGA Contract for Extension Services Office Personnel

Approved the University of Georgia Contract for Extension Services office personnel for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$228,832.71; 1011514.533035.

(H1c) Independent Contractor Agreement with Ashton Pawl for the Senior Center Ceramics Instructor

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Ashton Pawl for the Senior Center ceramics instructor.

(H1d) Renewal 3 with Columbia County Cares, Inc. for Lease of Facility

Approved Renewal 3 with Columbia County Cares, Inc. for lease of facilities.

(H1e) Renewal 4 with Georgia Glamping Company, LLC. for Long-Term Glamping Sites

Approved Renewal 4 with Georgia Glamping Company, LLC. for long-term glamping sites.

(H1f) Renewal 4 with the Professional Disc Golf Association, Inc. for Management of Disc Golf Center in Wildwood Park

Approved Renewal 4 with the Professional Disc Golf Association, Inc. for management of the Disc Golf Center in Wildwood Park.

(H1g) Library Services Agreement with the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System

Approved Library Services Agreement with the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System and a budget adjustment in the amount of \$488,225.68.

(H1h) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services for Patriots Park Gymnasium Upgrades

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services for Patriots Park Gymnasium upgrades in the amount of \$319,259.40; 22450.32.015.

(H1i) Service Agreement with the City of Harlem for the Oliver Hardy Festival

Approved the Service Agreement with the City of Harlem for the Oliver Hardy Festival in the amount of \$3,000; 2242200.533081.

(H1j) 2026 NJCAA D1 Women's Soccer National Championship Contract

Approved the 2026 NJCAA D1 Women's Soccer National Championship contract in the amount of \$6,000; 2242200.533081.

(H1k) Amendment to Ticketmaster Licensed User Agreement and Updated Data Processing Terms

Approved the amendment to the Ticketmaster Licensed User Agreement.

(H1l) Request to purchase a Fire Pumper SO#146874 from E-One Manufacturing.

Approved the purchase of a fire pumper from E-One Manufacturing in the amount of \$833,437; 28610.38.090.

(H1m) Request to purchase a Fire Pumper SO#147826 from E-One Manufacturing

Approved the purchase of a fire pumper SO#147826 from E-One Manufacturing in the amount of \$865,541; 28610.38.090.

(H1n) Request to purchase a 100' Aerial Platform Truck from E-One Manufacturing.

Approved the purchase of a 100' aerial platform truck from E-One Manufacturing in the amount of \$1,934,752; 28625.38.090.

(H1o) Service Agreements with Columbia County Community Connections and The Burn Foundation of America for the 2024 Boot Drive Collections

Approved Service Agreements with Columbia County Community Connections and The Burn Foundation of America for the 2024 Boot Drive Collections.

(H1p) Appointments to the Region VI EMS Council

Approved the reappointment of Dr. Richard Schwartz for a 3 year term and appointing Fire Services EMS Chief Ray Blessing to fill the unexpired term of Jeremy Wallen ending June 30, 2026 to the Region VI EMS

Council.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Renewal Number 2 with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC for Refuse Services

Approved Renewal Number 2 with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC. for refuse services.

(H2b) Renewal Number 2 with A-Com Security Company, LLP dba Acom Integrated Solutions for Fire and Intrusion Monitoring Services

Approved Renewal Number 2 with A-Com Security Company, LLP. dba Acom Integrated Solutions for fire and intrusion monitoring services.

(H2c) Renewal Number 1 with Northwest Exterminating Co., Inc. for Exterminating Services

Approved Renewal Number 1 with Northwest Exterminating Co. Inc. for exterminating services.

(H2d) Renewal Number 1 and Change Order with Otis Elevator Company for Elevator Maintenance

Approved Renewal Number 1 and Change Order with Otis Elevator Company for elevator maintenance in the amount of \$59,824.50; 1011008.533035.10086.

(H2e) Change Order Number 3 with Ardurra, formerly ZEL Engineering for the Jim Blanchard and Clarks Hill Water Treatment Taste and Odor Engineering project

Approved Change Order Number 3 with Ardurra, formerly ZEL Engineering for the Jim Blanchard and Clarks Hill water treatment taste and odor engineering project in the amount of \$36,000; 57037.25.015.646.

(H2f) Paymentus Client Services SOW - Migrating to Cayenta Billing System Amendment #4

Approved Paymentus Client Services SOW - migrating to Cayenta Billing System Amendment 4 in the amount of \$6,500; 511.5100.533060.

(H2g) Approval of the Purchase from Southern Flow for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition NIDS for the Water Treatment Plant

Approved the purchase from Southern Flow for supervisory control and data acquisition NIDS for the water treatment plant in the amount of \$75,480; 511.5105.601081.

(H2h) Change Order 2 with Harris Utilities for Cayenta Billing Software

Approved Consent Agenda Change Order 2 with Harris Utilities for Cayenta Billing Software in the amount of \$183,600; 511.5100.601090.

(H2i) Purchase of Three 30kw Generators from Native Instinct, Inc.

Approved the purchase of three 30kw generators from Native Instinct, Inc. in the amount of \$129,164.05; 511.5135.601081.

(H2j) Award BID# 2024012-BID5100 - REBID Sugar Creek Booster Pump Station and Contract to Rehab Construction Company, Inc.

Approved awarding the bid and contract to Rehab Construction Company, Inc. for the Sugar Creek booster pump station in the amount of \$1,991,862.88; 57037.25.015.675.

(H2k) Resolution 24-29 and Project Delivery Agreement (IGTIA2402321) with Georgia Department of Transportation for Resurfacing of 6 Various County Roads

Approved Resolution 24-29 and Project Deliver Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for resurfacing 6 various county roads.

(H2l) Traffic Signal Installation and Associated Equipment Purchase for the Intersection of Harlem Grovetown Rd and Old Louisville Rd

Approved traffic signal installation and associated equipment purchase for the intersection of Harlem Grovetown Road and Old Louisville Road in the amount of \$45,000.

(H2m) Agreement with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. for the Fiscal Year 2024 Safety Striping Project B

Approved Agreement with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. for Fiscal Year 2024 Safety Striping Project B in the amount of \$55,816.01; 2342710.522137.

(H2n) Award Bid and Construction Contract to HD Construction for the Butterfield Ct Detention

Pond Expansion Project

Approved the bid and construction contract to HD Construction for the Butterfield Ct detention pond expansion project in the amount of \$878,024.25; 28711.38.015.

(H2o) Underground Easement to Georgia Power at 223 Dublin Loop (Parcel # 051 1409)

Approved the Underground Easement to Georgia Power for parcel 0511409.

(H2p) Acceptance of Easements for Hanover Place Revised Plat

Approved the acceptance of easements for Hanover Place revised as shown on plat from James G. Swift and Associates dated April 26, 2024 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2q) Acceptance of Easements for Warriors Walk Townhomes

Approved the acceptance of easements for Warriors Walk Townhomes as shown on the plat from Echols Surveying & Construction Services dated April 03, 2024, contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2r) Acceptance of Improvements for Whispering Pines Section 6

Approved the acceptance of improvements for Whispering Pines Section 6 as depicted on the plat by H&C Surveying, Inc. dated April 15, 2024.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) RZ24-05-03, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), 7131 Bill Dorn Road, Tax Map 009 portion of Parcel 010, 4 +/- acres of an overall 25.49 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural). - *Postponed from May 21, 2024*

Olivia Carpenter requested additional safety measures be added to protect the neighboring property.

Applicant Jake Martin stated he understood the conditions.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the rezoning from R-A to S-1 for property located at tax map 009 portion of parcel 010 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. Targets shall not be placed within 50 feet of property lines.
 2. Targets shall not be oriented towards adjacent properties, whether developed or undeveloped, unless the targets are at least 75 feet from the property line. In all other cases, shooting lanes must parallel the property lines or be oriented towards the interior of the site.
 3. A solid fence with a minimum height of 8 feet shall be installed along the eastern property line parallel to the proposed target range location. The fence must be continuous for the entirety of the range from the shooting line to a point 75 yards from the shooting line. No targets shall be located on this range in areas not parallel to the fence. The remainder of the east property line shall have a natural buffer as proposed by the applicant.
 4. The privacy fence in condition 3 and the proposed natural buffer must be installed prior to the range being reopened.
 5. The ranges shall be utilized only during daylight hours. No artificial lighting on the site is permitted.
- Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I2a1) Resolution 24-30: Fee Schedule Amendment for Columbia County Performing Arts Center - *First Reading*

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 24-30: Fee Schedule Amendment for Columbia County Performing Arts Center. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2b1) RZ24-05-08, Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) and S-1 (Special) to M-2 (General Industrial), 5900 Sanders Drive, 897 Morris Road, and off Morris Road, Tax Map 069A Parcels 018, 019, 011, 010, and 011C, 62.66 +/- acres and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) and S-1

(Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the rezoning from R-1 and S-1 to M-2 for property located at tax map 069A parcels 018, 019, 011, 010, & 011C subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

Planning:

1. The subject parcels must be combined with parcel 069 102. A combination plat must be recorded prior to approval of any site plans or building permits on the subject parcels.
2. Ingress and egress to Morris Road shall be for emergency access only. Primary access to these parcels shall be from Wrightsboro Road.

Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b2) RZ24-05-09, Rezoning from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to S-1 (Special), 4018 Evans to Locks Road and 673 King Taylor Road, Tax Map 078 Parcels 080A & 082F, a combined 2.1 +/- acres and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Chairman Duncan joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Applicant Jeb Boggus stated the proposed use of the property.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to disapprove the request for the rezoning from R-2 to S-1 for property located at tax map 078 parcels 080A & 082F. Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan abstained. Commissioners Couch, Skinner and Carraway voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

(I2c) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I2c1) Resolution Number 24-31 Amendment of the Fee Schedule for Building Standards - *First Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution Number 24-31 Amendment of the Fee Schedule for Building Standards. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c2) Resolution 24-18, 24-19, and 24-23 to Establish Street Light Districts in Misty Meadows Ph 1, Kellarie Section 7, and Ivy Falls West - *First Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolutions 24-18 Misty Meadows Phase I, 24-19 Kellarie Sec 7, and 24-23 Ivy Falls West to establish street light districts. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c3) Resolutions 24-24, 24-25, and 24-26 to Establish Street Light Districts in Wrights Farm Sec 3, Highland Lakes Ph 2, and River Island Sec 2 Ph 3 - *First Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolutions 24-24 Wrights Farm Sec 3, 24-25 Highland Lakes Ph 2 and 24-26 River Island Sec. 2 Ph 3 to establish street light districts. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c4) Resolutions 24-27 and 24-28 to Establish Street Light Districts in Jones Mill Ph 2B and Jones Mill Ph 3 - *First Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolutions 24-27 Jones Mill Ph 2B and 24-28 Jones Mill Ph 3 to establish street light districts. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c5) Installation of a Mini-Roundabout at the Intersection of Riverwood Pkwy and General Wood Pkwy

Commissioner Carraway made a motion for staff to continue studying operations of the intersection of Riverwood Parkway and General Wood Parkway. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I3) Items Added at the Meeting

(I3a) Resolution Number 24-35 Creating and Activating the Greater Augusta Joint Development Authority; Providing for the Membership of the Authority; Providing a Restriction of the Operation of the Authority and Relating Matter

Chairman Duncan made a motion to approve Resolution Number 24-35 Creating and Activating the

Greater Augusta Joint Development Authority with the appointment of the initial members and their terms at a later date. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Property

(M1a) Marilyn & Willie Lee, Jr. parcel 067738 and Douglas McMonigle parcel 060028A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$6,400 to Marilyn & Willie Lee, Jr. parcel 067738 and \$215,000 to Douglas McMonigle parcel 060028A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Dorothy Smith, Janice Powell, Linda Kitchings, Joyce Guthke; Tinnie P. Lawrence life estate parcel 077119 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Fury's Ferry Road widening project.

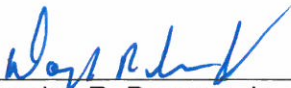
Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$75,000 to Dorothy Smith, Janice Powell, Linda Kitchings, Joyce Guthke; Tinnie P. Lawrence life estate parcel 077119 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Fury's Ferry Road widening project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Settlement Agreement with Columbia County Board of Education for parcel 072465.

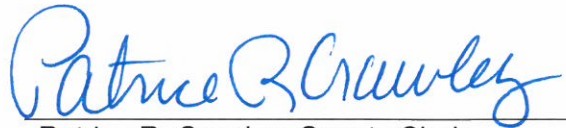
Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with Columbia County Board of Education for parcel 072465. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duncan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk