



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Connie M. Melear
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 Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Melear gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) June 18, 2024

Vice Chair Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Manager Johnson requested to change Item I1a1 from Second Reading to First Reading due to some changes to the wording of the Ordinance. Chairman Duncan presented the agenda with the requested change.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

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

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Columbia County Community Connections Agreement

Approved the Columbia County Community Connections Agreement.

(H1b) Contract Renewal Number 1 with Conference Technologies International for Justice Center Audio Visual Solution

Approved Contract Renewal Number 1 with Conference Technologies International for Justice Center audio visual solution in the amount of \$13,300; 1011005.533035.

(H1c) Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Augusta Consolidated Government

Approved the Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Augusta Consolidated Government.

(H1d) EMT Clinical Instruction Memorandum of Agreement with Gold Cross EMS, Inc.

Approved the EMT Clinical Instruction Memorandum of Agreement with Gold Cross EMS, Inc.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Natty BBQ Company LLC dba Smoke & Barrels

Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License for Natty BBQ Company LLC dba Smoke & Barrels.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) Contract Renewal Number 1 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for the Periodic Maintenance of Hydraulic Model for 2025

Approved Contract Renewal Number 1 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for the periodic maintenance of hydraulic model for 2025 in the amount of \$18,000; 511.5125.601090.

(H3b) Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power to Upgrade Street Lighting in Various Areas - Phase I

Approved the Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power to upgrade street lighting in various areas - Phase I.

(H3c) Award Bid and Construction Contract to CaJenn Construction for the Pheasant Run Stormwater Rehabilitation Project Phase 1

Approved awarding the bid and construction contract to CaJenn Construction for the Pheasant Run Stormwater Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$655,122; 5215200.601100.

(H3d) Award Bid and Construction Contract to Southeast Pipe Survey Inc. for the Pheasant Run Stormwater Rehabilitation Project Phase 2

Approved awarding the bid and construction contract to Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. for the Pheasant Run Stormwater Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 in the amount of \$614,837; 5215200.601100.

(H3e) Award Bid and Construction Contract to Reeves Construction for TIA 2 Group 3 Resurfacing

Approved awarding the bid and construction contract to Reeves Construction for TIA 2 Group 3 resurfacing in the amount of \$7,591,554.35; 91329.24.015.

(H3f) Independent Contractor Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. for the Eucree Creek Greenway - All Remaining Phases Improvement Project

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. for the Eucree Creek Greenway in the amount of \$21,100; 91329.24.010.984.

(H3g) Resolution 24-33 and Intergovernmental Lighting Agreement with Georgia Department Of Transportation for Roundabout Lighting at the Intersection of Columbia Rd and Louisville Rd

Approved Resolution Number 24-33 and Intergovernmental Lighting Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for roundabout lighting at the intersection of Columbia Road and Louisville Road.

(H3h) Resolution 24-34 and Project Delivery Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Clary Cut Rd/Old Union Rd Alignment with Roundabout on SR221

Approved Resolution Number 24-34 and Project Delivery Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Clary Cut Road/Old Union Road alignment with roundabout on SR221.

(H3i) Title VI Plan Annual Renewal for Transportation 2024

Approved Title VI Plan annual renewal for transportation 2024.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) Ordinance Number 24-01 Adopting Chapter 22 Business and Business Regulations, Article IX Hotels and Motels - *First Reading*

Commissioner Skinner a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance Number 24-01 Adopting Chapter 22 Business and Business Regulations, Article IX Hotels and Motels. Vice Chair Melear seconded

the motion. County Manager Johnson explained that Section 22-177 Length of Stay changed to 30 days in a 31 day period. Since the wording changed, the ordinance started over with the First Reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) RZ24-06-06, Master Sign Plan, 4200 Belair Frontage Road, Tax Map 080 Parcel 006, 6.05 +/- acres and currently zoned C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the master sign plan for property located at tax map 080 parcel 006. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a2) RZ24-06-07, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-C (Community Commercial), 5607 Columbia Road, Tax Map 050 portion of Parcel 002G, 3.37 +/- acres out of a total of 360.9 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural, S-1 (Special), and M-2 (General Industrial)).

Beth Connell stated her concerns as to why this rezoning should be denied.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the rezoning from R-A to C-C for property located at tax map 050 portion of parcel 002G with the following conditions:

1. Provided the proximity to a State Route, the County will require a letter of intent to permit from GDOT prior to preliminary plat approval.
2. Channelizing islands and a 2' raised center island on William Few Parkway are required to prevent left turn movement from the right in/right out driveways per GDOT's Driveway and Encroachment Manual.
3. An extension of the existing right turn lane on William Few Parkway serving southbound traffic will be required.
4. A full-width overlay of William Few Parkway extending to the limits of their respective impacts will be required (approximately 500± linear feet).

Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a3) VA24-06-08, Variance to Sections 90-139 Buffers & screening & 90-147 (g)(10)(b) Use Provisions, 5607 Columbia Road, Tax Map 050 portion of Parcel 002G, 3.37 +/- acres out of a total of 360.9 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural), S-1 (Special), and M-2 (General Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the variance for property located at tax map 050 portion of parcel 002G by removing the required structural buffers against the western property line with the following condition:

1. A 10' landscape strip in compliance with county code is required along the western lot line of the proposed development and quarry access road.

Vice Chair Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a4) VA24-06-07, Variance to Section 90-135 Signs, 755 and 780 Innovation Parkway, Tax Map 029 Parcel 024A and Tax Map 028 Parcel 027B, 52.95 +/- acres and 11.68 +/- acres respectively, and currently zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for the variance for property located at tax map 029 parcel 024A and tax map 028 parcel 027B to increase the allowed size and number of directional signs. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I3) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Personnel

(M1a) Additional Supplement for District Attorney

Vice Chair Melear made a motion to approve an annual additional supplement for District Attorney Bobby

Christine in the amount of \$12,000. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2) Property

(M2a) Ronald & Andrea Allen parcel 042156d to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Euchee Creek interceptor project.

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$2,900 to Ronald & Andrea Allen parcel 042156d to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Euchee Creek interceptor project.

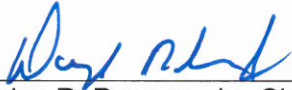
Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2b) Nidhi & Adarsh Gulati parcel 060045C, Robert McSpadden parcel 067099A, Louis Phipps parcel 067012 and Eric Stewart parcel 060035 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$17,100 to Nidhi & Adarsh Gulati parcel 060045C, \$52,400 to Robert McSpadden parcel 067099A, \$40,000 to Louis Phipps parcel 067012 and \$53,700 to Eric Stewart parcel 060035 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Chairman Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk