



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, August 20, 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

Commissioner Carraway 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) August 06, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting

(E2) August 06, 2024 Millage Public Hearing

Vice Chairman Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 06, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting and Millage Public Hearing as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the August 20, 2024 Agenda.

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 Chairman Melear made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) FY25 Service Agreement with Alliance for Fort Eisenhower

Approved FY25 Service Agreement with Alliance for Fort Eisenhower.

(H1b) Appointment of Cheryl Carswell to serve on the Board of Health

Approved the appointment of Cheryl Carswell to serve on the Board of Health.

(H1c) FY25 Service Agreement with Columbia County Cares, Inc.

Approved the FY25 Service Agreement with Columbia County Cares, Inc.

(H1d) Agreement between Columbia County and CSRA Regional Commission to update the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan

Approved an agreement with CSRA Regional Commission to update the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan in the amount of \$17,000.

(H1e) Annual Support Agreement and License Agreement for iasWorld Software 2024-2025

Approved authorization to pay the annual support and license agreement for iasWorld software in the amount of \$178,625; 1011005.533035.

(H1f) Cityworks Annual Maintenance Authorization of Payment 2024-2025

Approved the authorization to pay the Cityworks annual maintenance in the amount of \$111,300; 6516500.533035.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Independent Contractor Agreement with South Western Communications for Control System Upgrades at The Justice Center

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with South Western Communications for control system upgrades at the Justice Center in the amount of not to exceed \$100,000; 22810.32.015.

(H2b) Award BID#2024014-BID3000 and Contract to R.C.N. Contracting Inc. for the Columbia County's Sheriff's Office Repair Garage Shop

Approved awarding the bid and contract to R.C.N. Contracting Inc. for the Sheriff's office repair garage shop in the amount of \$564,309; 28650.38.015.261.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1a1) Resolution 24-41 Amending the Tap Fee Schedule for Water Utility - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Resolution 24-41 Amending the Tap Fee Schedule for Water Utility. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) RZ24-08-01, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), 5821 Rockford Drive, Tax Map 053 Parcel 116, 20.76 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the request for the applicant to withdraw with prejudice. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I3) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Couch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Melear made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Duncan reconvened the meeting. County Attorney Driver stated that two property matters were discussed but no action is needed.

(M1) Property

(M1a) Robert & Anita Webb parcel 067019, parcel 060009 and parcel 060010 to Patricia Smith to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$18,800 to Robert & Anita Webb parcel 067019,

\$18,700 parcel 060009 and \$900 parcel 060010 to Patricia Smith to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Jackie Hendricks parcel 073016 and Myron Fowler Jr. & Abigail Lucayn parcel 073001 for rent supplement and relocation moving expense for the Hereford Farm Road project.

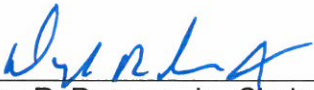
Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve \$53,718 to Jackie Hendricks parcel 073016 and \$21,571 to Myron Todd Fowler, Jr. & Abigail Lucayn parcel 073001 for rent supplement and relocation moving expense for the Hereford Farm Road project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

Rodney Byrd, Kendyl Hulum, Mark Hulum, Chris Brazell, Haley and Dylan Farmer, Judy Horne and Sandra Maran stated their concerns on the request to rezone 5821 Rockford Drive RZ24-08-01.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk